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Hydrogeochemical Conditions in Groundwater Systems with Various Geomorphological Units in Kulonprogo Regency, Java Island, Indonesia

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Abstract

Geomorphological (landform) aspects have long been known to control groundwater conditions in an area. Thus, combining the hydrogeological and geomorphological aspects (lithology, genesis, and morphology) becomes a prospective approach for understanding and delineating the hydrogeochemical processes in an area. The idea is then applied in Kulonprogo, Java, Indonesia, that consists of several landforms with minimum anthropogenic infuence, in order to identify and quantify the hydrogeochemical processes that are responsible for hydrogeochemical facies changes in each landform. The groundwater facies based on Kurlov classifcation in each landform are strongly infuenced by the water–rock interaction process as it presented in the Gibbs curve. The magnitude of saturation indices and mass transfer is also diverse that caused a distinction of hydrogeochemical facies and processes in each landform. For instance, the evolution of groundwater in the denudational hill to the fluviomarine plain occurs from Ca–HCO₃ to Na+K–Ca–HCO₃. The analysis of Durov diagram and inverse modeling—using PHREEQ—reveals that the hydrogeochemical processes that occur in most of the landform are ion exchange, weathering or dissolution, and precipitation. Further, oxidation–reduction and mixing only occur in few landforms. The further investigation from mass balance calculation that constructs from inverse modeling reveals some interesting fndings and hypotheses, such as the construction of gypsum probably found in the deeper layer on swale as a result of pyrite dissolution of 1.074×10^{-3} mmol, and it is responsible in escalating Ca²⁺ and SO₄²⁻. Another finding is that although the calcite mineral mostly related to the past-marine environment, such as in the east denudational hill, the calcite in the west part is formed as a breakdown of 3.225×10^{-3} mmol anorthite.

Keywords Hydrogeochemistry · Landforms · Minerals · Saturation indices · Mass balance modeling

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1 Introduction

Geological and geomorphological confgurations have a strong infuence on ground-water conditions (Adji and Sejati [2014](#page-31-0)). Geological configuration and rock stratigraphy control the direction of groundwater flow, type, depth, and thickness of aquifers. Lithological conditions also afect aquifer permeability and dissolved ion concentrations in the groundwater. In terms of geophysiology, morphology (the relief of the Earth's surface) and morphogenesis (the formation of landforms or other structures), both greatly infuence groundwater conditions. Morphology also controls the direction of groundwater fow because the variability of topography afects the groundwater level in an area.

Geomorphology is the study of landforms, their origin, evolution, and distribution at the surface of the Earth. Landforms have four aspects, two of which are morphology and morphogenesis. Morphology—associated with topographic conditions and reliefs—has control over the groundwater fow path and the residence time. Morphogenesis (passive)—that depends on lithology plus Earth's crust movement (tectonics)—infuences hydrogeochemical characteristics because there is a water–rock interaction between typical minerals in a landform and the groundwater. The existence of a typical mineral in each landform also indicates the typical hydrogeochemical processes. Each landform unit has diferent morphological and morphogenetic attributes, so that its boundary can be delineated from the typical characteristics of each constituent aspect. Verstappen ([1983\)](#page-33-0) explained that morphogenesis is an aspect related to the origin and the development or evolution of landforms.

Further, it is possible if there are similar or even identical landforms with diferent lithology, even in relatively narrow areas. This is caused by the typical process and parent materials in an area. In detailed observation for mapping purposes, this distinguished needs to be done by using lithology as a fnal delineator. For instance, in the case of the studied area, there are two major parent materials, i.e., volcanic rocks from Old-andesite formation and carbonate rocks from Sentolo formation. This confguration generates identical landform but with a diferent attribute, especially in terms of the lithology, where there are clayey alluvial plain and alluvial plain of carbonate gravels. Therefore, this explanation indicates that each (detailed) landform should have typical characteristics such as lithology. This idea reinforced by Huggett [\(2011](#page-32-0)), who stated that one of the geomorphological components is the constitution (the material properties) from both a physical and chemical perspective. Concerning hydrogeological conditions, this means that morphogenesis afects the permeability, porosity, infltration rate, and chemical properties of groundwater because each landform will have diferent lithology and materials. Summerfeld [\(2013](#page-33-1)) also explained that within a landform unit, there would be typical attributes (such as materials) resulting from the processes at work there. Therefore, the presence of minerals in rocks is closely related to both the regional geological formation and the geomorphology. Minerals are one of the typical attributes of a landform (Huggett [2011](#page-32-0); Zinck et al. [2016](#page-33-2)). Consequently, the spatial distribution of landforms can indicate a variety of mineral types in aquifers within an area. This information suggests that groundwater chemistry varies spatially as a consequence of the diversity of water–rock interaction processes.

The chemical composition mostly determines groundwater quality. The identifcation of hydrogeochemical properties is generally carried out by analyzing the dissolved ions, hardness, acidity (pH), fuid conductivity (EC), and alkalinity. Groundwater hydrochemistry is the key to understanding the origin, geochemical processes, hydrodynamics, and groundwater interactions with aquifers (Furi et al. [2012](#page-32-1)). Schot and van der Wal [\(1992](#page-33-3)) and Dragon and Gorski [\(2012](#page-32-2)) both explained that groundwater hydrochemistry is infuenced

by two factors: natural and anthropogenic factors. Within the list of natural factors, Khatri and Tyagi [\(2015](#page-32-3)) included the characteristics of aquifers (geology), rocks (types and processes), climate, vegetation, and even natural disasters (droughts, foods, earthquakes, and others). Anthropogenic factors, on the other hand, included human activities and land use such as agriculture, mining, industry, domestic areas, landfll sites, and others (Helena et al. [2000\)](#page-32-4). Further, there is another factor that infuences and binds both and that is the time. The availability of groundwater to fll pores in the soil and rocks within the saturation zone is one of the essential basic concepts in groundwater chemistry (Appelo and Postma [2005](#page-31-1)). Naturally, minerals on soil or rock heavily infuence the hydrochemistry of groundwater (Frape et al. [1984;](#page-32-5) Nordstrom et al. [1989;](#page-32-6) Pacheco and van der Weijden [1996;](#page-33-4) Cloutier et al. [2006;](#page-32-7) Belkhiri et al. [2011\)](#page-31-2). The contact between groundwater and minerals produces chemical reactions between the two in the form of ion transfer (Domenico and Schwartz [1998](#page-32-8); Edmunds and Shand [2008\)](#page-32-9). In accordance with the laws governing chemical equilibrium, the transfer of ions will continue until equilibrium is reached (Domenico and Schwartz [1998](#page-32-8); Appelo and Postma [2005\)](#page-31-1).

Kulonprogo area, located on Java Island, Indonesia, has several landform units. Adji and Sejati ([2014\)](#page-31-0) described the southern region of Kulonprogo in terms of several diverse landforms: denudational hills, denudational hillslopes, alluvial plains, natural levees, fuviomarine plains, beaches, and beach ridges, as well as sand dunes. Also, Santosa [\(2012](#page-33-5)) explained the diferences in observed hydrogeochemical processes within the coastal landform areas of Kulonprogo as being a result of genesis and the depositional environment in that region. In addition, the geological formations in the southern area of Kulonprogo play a role in the distribution of minerals and rocks, including breccias, sandstone, limestone, tuff, agglomerate, loam, sand, silt, and clay (van Bemmelen [1949](#page-33-6)). The consequences of complex geological and geomorphological confgurations in the region have thus caused variations in the aquifer minerals, including their types, physical properties, and chemical properties. Therefore, for that matter, this research was conducted in one of the southern Kulonprogo segments composed of diverse geomorphology and geological settings, namely denudational, fuvial, aeolian, and marine landforms that lain on Old-andesite and Sentolo formation.

Groundwater movement through the porous materials and rocks in the aquifers and close contact with the minerals provides information regarding the hydrochemical processes that take place in the studied area. Adji and Widyastuti ([2005\)](#page-31-3) have made reconstructions of groundwater movement in the studied area, by measuring the hydraulic head through the observation well/borehole. The set of 96 measurement point data was then interpolated to produce a groundwater contour map. In general, groundwater in the southern part of Kulonprogo, which became the studied area in this research, moves from the north (hilly area) to the south (coastal area)—through diverse landforms. Although the hydraulic head is not always correlated with relief, it can be said that the movement of groundwater in this area follows the slope of the relief. Theoretically, in a region that has diverse landforms, there will be a change in the chemical constituents of groundwater in a segment or corridor of groundwater fow. The study of hydrogeochemical changes along the fow path in the study area helps determine the relationship between landforms and the hydrogeochemistry of groundwater.

Therefore, the purpose of this study is to identify and quantify the hydrochemical processes responsible for changing the facies of hydrogeochemistry in the landform units in the studied area, namely the southern Kulonprogo region. Moreover, this research also focuses on geomorphological and hydrogeological fusion in determining hydrogeochemical characteristics based on geomorphological unit scale. Delineation based on geomorphological

units is expected to be able to become a big database and powerful tool—covering hydrological, geological, lithological, and other aspects—for further research.

2 Site Description

The study area is located in the Kokap and Temon subdistricts of southern Kulonprogo, at latitudes between 7° 51' 07" S and 7° 54' 57" S and longitudes between 110° 02' 51" E and 110° 06' 01" E. The study area covers 2412 km² between the hilly area (north) and the coastal area (south). The study area's altitude ranges from sea level up to 2150 m. The studied area is bounded by Serang River on the east side and Bogowonto River on the west side, both of which empty into the Indian Ocean (Fig. [1\)](#page-3-0). The study area is included in the Serang watershed having dendritic patterns. MacDonald and Partners ([1984\)](#page-32-10) explained that the hydrogeological systems at this location belong to the Water Aquifer System (WAS) and the Sand Dune Aquifer System (SDAS). The WAS consists of loose sand, gravel, clay, and fuvial clay, while the SDAS consists of fne- to medium-sized sand and loam. Both aquifers have a moderate level of aquifer productivity with hydraulic conductivities of up to 5 l/s. Meanwhile, the northern part of the study area includes the hilly area of

Fig. 1 Location and geomorphological map of the study area in Kulonprogo, Java, Indonesia. It consists of four landforms based on its genesis (distinguished on the map based on color symbol)—detailed information of each landform represented by the symbol index (slope classifcation refers to the slope classifcation from Van Zuidam [1983](#page-33-7)). The lines A, B represent the cross section in Fig. [4](#page-12-0) and C, D represent the cross section in Fig. [5](#page-13-0)

Sentolo formation (SF) and the Old-andesite formation (OAF), both of which are categorized as non-aquifers. Meteorological data between 2003 and 2016 show that the average annual rainfall in the study location was 2167.9 mm/year, with a peak in the rainy season of 386.7 mm/month, in December. The rainy season (defned as the intensity of more than 100 mm/month) lasts from October to April. The average annual temperature was 27.1 $^{\circ}$ C, with the highest temperatures in October and the lowest in July.

2.1 Geology

Kulonprogo is in southern central Java. It contains the Kulonprogo hills, which have elongated domes oriented from north to south. The hills are 64 km long (north–south) and 40 km wide (west–east). The hills are referred to as an "Oblong Dome" (van Bemmelen [1949\)](#page-33-6). The regional tectonic patterns, namely Sunda, Meratus, and Javanese, are controlling the structure of the hills (Syafri et al. [2013\)](#page-33-8). Widagdo et al. ([2018\)](#page-33-9) also explain that the "oblong dome" is composed of three ancient andesite volcanoes, including the Gadjah Volcano (the oldest volcano, located in the center of the dome), the Idjo Volcano (which is toward the south of the dome), and the youngest, the Menoreh Volcano (located north of the dome). These ancient andesite volcanoes have eroded into the form of a plateau with a relatively fat top and steep slopes. As a consequence, van Bemmelen [\(1949](#page-33-6)) classifed the northern part of the study area as the Old-andesite formation from the Upper Oligocene, with the lithology of volcanic breccia with andesite fragments, tuff, lapilli breccia, insertion of andesite lava, agglomerates, and volcanic sandstone.

Furthermore, the Kulonprogo hills complex also experienced a period of inundation during the Miocene period, which led to the development of a new formation known as the Sentolo formation (Kadar [1975\)](#page-32-11). This formation is formed from a shallow sea deposition environment located non-conformably above the Old-andesite formation and the Jonggrangan formation. Based on observations from planktonic foraminifera, Harsono [\(1968](#page-32-12)) estimated that the Sentolo formation was formed around in the Miocene or Pliocene. The Sentolo formation is located east and southeast of the Kulonprogo hills and contains wavy to steep hills. The Sentolo formation is composed of sandstone, marl, and limestone conglomerates, which indicate a deeper neritic zone.

2.2 Geomorphology

Based on the genesis, the landforms in the study area can be grouped into four geomorphological groups, namely denudational, fuvial, marine, and aeolian (Fig. [1](#page-3-0)).

2.2.1 Denudational (Denudational Hills and Denudational Hillslope)

The denudational hills in the study area are divided into two units, the denudational hills of the Old-andesite formation and the denudational hills of the Sentolo formation. The terminology is based on the dominant process at work, namely mass wasting (Hadmoko et al. [2010\)](#page-32-13). Additional evidence that confrms that the hills in the study segment are included in the form of denudational land comes in the form of dendritic-shaped river patterns, intensive erosion and landslide processes, and the parent rocks that are exposed.

The denudational hills of the Old-andesite formation are located in the northwest part of the study area and have a lithology of andesite breccia and agglomerates, while the denudational hills of the Sentolo formation are located in the northeastern part of the study segment and have a marl limestone lithology. The hills have steep morphology with slope rates from 30 to 70%. Eroded or transported materials from the denudational hills are deposited to the lower part (in the south), forming denudational hillslope and alluvial plains. Meanwhile, denudational hillslope located at the south of the denudational hillsides has slope rates from 8 to 25% within a relatively narrow area. Denudational hillslope is divided into two units, namely "hillslope denudational," composed of material from the Old-andesite formation, and "denudational hillslope," material from the Sentolo formation. In this area, rock outcrops are rarely found because deposits from the upper slope have covered them.

2.2.2 Fluvial (Alluvial Plains and Fluviomarine Plains)

The fuvial landform in the study area is divided into two parts, namely the alluvial plain and the fuviomarine plain. They are deposited non-conformably with rock layers, which are generally older. Morphologically, Adji and Sejati [\(2014\)](#page-31-0) described these units as fat with a slope from 0 to 3%. The composition of materials in these units, sourced during a period of fuvial deposition, is a mixture of gravel, sand, mud, and clay. The material is transported via the river and deposited laterally. By defnition, an alluvial plain lies beneath denudational hills and denudational hillslopes, while a fuviomarine plain is located to the south of an alluvial plain. Santosa [\(2012\)](#page-33-5) explained that the terminology used for a fuviomarine plain is based on its genesis within a marine depositional environment following the discovery of marine clay deposits, fossils of shallow marine molluscs, and brackish, or even salt, water that was trapped in this area.

2.2.3 Aeolian (Sand Dune)

The aeolian landform found in the research area is of the sand dune type, composed of fne-to-rough sand. Sand dune is a topographic formation formed by sand deposits transported by the wind (King [1972;](#page-32-14) Sunarto [2014\)](#page-33-10). The material is loose and formed from transportation by fuvial energy emptying into the sea, from marine energy deposited on the coast, and from wind force (aeolian) forming the sand dune.

2.2.4 Marine (Beach Ridge, Swale, and Beach)

The marine landform types in the study area include beach ridge, swale, and beach. The beach ridges are divided into two forms, namely old-beach ridge and young-beach ridge, and between them is a swale. The swale is a former lagoon and back-swamp where the dominant materials are clay or fne sand. The clay layer in this landform is the result of the weathering of silicate minerals, such as orthoclase and quartz that also found in the denudational and alluvial plain of Old-andesite formation. Also, as a result of the decay of vegetation in ancient lagoons, peat is also found in the deeper layer. The beach type in this area is formed by wave processes working on clastic materials such as sand. The clastic material in this landform is a fne-grained to coarse sand material with a lot of iron ore content. Iron ore minerals in the form of wustite give the impression of dark color on the beach.

3 Materials and Methods

The two important sources of data during this research were fownets and landform maps. Flownets and the distribution of landforms were used to determine the location when sampling the groundwater for hydrogeochemical analysis. Reconstruction of the fownets was carried out by measuring groundwater levels (hydraulic head) in 107 observation wells and boreholes scattered evenly throughout the study area in late 2017. The dataset was then interpolated using three-point problem method to create equipotential lines (groundwater contour) and its fowlines (Richardson et al. [1992](#page-33-11); Winter et al. [1998](#page-33-12); Todd and Mays [2005](#page-33-13); Kresic [2006\)](#page-32-15). The fowlines from groundwater contour map then generated important information to determine the fow path for this research. In general, groundwater movement patterns based on hydraulic head data (in this research) are not much diferent from the research conducted by Adji and Widyastuti ([2005](#page-31-3)).

Landform mapping was created by interpreting topographic data (Shuttle Radar Topography Mission), geology map, and remote sensing imagery—satellite imagery from Sentinel-2 and Aerial Photography using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Phantom, DJI, China) taken on December 17, 2017. The three types of data were then overlaid and delineated in several stages: (1) global delineation to distinguish the appearance of mountains, hills, and plains; (2) delineation based on second-order relief, to divide the units based on origin, for example, whether volcanic or structural processes; (3) delineation based on third-order relief, to highlight fuvial, glacial, solitary, marine, aeolian, organic, and denudational landscapes; (4) delineation based on fourth-order relief, by division according to formation elements or attributes such as residual, erosional, and depositional processes; (5) delineation of slopes using the van Zuidam ([1983\)](#page-33-7) classifcation; (6) delineation based on the lithology and materials (as a detail attribute). The symbol associated with each landform unit refers to the ITC classifcation according to the color of the landform genesis (van Zuidam [1985](#page-33-14)).

The sample points were determined from the direction of groundwater fow and the distribution of landforms. There were twelve sampled wells in this study representing each landform unit and the fow path (Fig. [2](#page-7-0)). Groundwater samples were stored in a cleansed and sterilized polyethene bottle. Observation wells were pumped for a specifc time to reach the actual groundwater storage area before being sampled. As is presented in Table [1,](#page-8-0) the pumping took 12–25 min to get the actual groundwater (shown by stable the psycho-chemical parameters) with a pumping debit around 25–30 l/min.

Groundwater samples were directly measured in the feld according to pH, electrical conductivity (EC), total dissolved solids (TDS), and temperature using a portable water checker (HI 98130, Hanna, USA) for EC, pH, and temperature. Also, the EDTA feld titration method (1.11,110.0001 and 1.11,109.0001, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) was used to obtain values for Ca^{2+} and HCO_3^- ions, while other ions were analyzed in the laboratory: the volumetric method was used for Mg^{2+} and SO_4^{2-} , the flame photometry method for Na⁺ and K⁺, the titration method using AgNO₃ for Cl[−], the spectrophotometric method for NO_3^- , the inductively coupled plasma (ICP) method for Mn^{2+} , Al^{3+} , and $Si⁴⁺$, and finally, atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) for Fe_(tot). All laboratory tests complied with the APHA 2012 and Indonesian National Standard (SNI-2009) procedures. Besides, standard methods in the feld also refer to Nielsen and Nielsen [\(2006\)](#page-32-16). Samples of the cations were acidified to $pH < 2$ with $HNO₃⁻$. All samples were stored in a cool box with dry ice to keep the temperature close to 4° C. All water samples were directly placed and tested in the laboratory.

Fig. 2 Flow path map shows three observed fow paths in this research (T11–T5; T12–T8; and T1–T2). There are two major directions of groundwater fow, i.e., north to south (hilly area—fuviomarine plain; old-beach ridges—beach) and south to north (old-beach ridges to fuviomarine plain). Both mineral and groundwater sampling carried out in each landform

Code	Landforms	Pump-	Observed parameters ^a			
		ing time (min)	pH	EC (μ S/cm)	TDS (mg/l)	Tem- perature $({}^{\circ}C)$
T11	Denudational hill (West)	15	6.74	417	285	28.5
T ₁₀	Alluvial plain (West)	12	6.82	472	333	29.2
T6	Fluviomarine plain (West)	17	6.90	719	505	28.2
T5	Old-beach ridge (West)	20	6.98	1083	762	27.3
T ₁₂	Denudational hill (East)	12	7.12	528	417	31.7
T9	Alluvial plain (East)	13	7.28	785	547	28.2
T7	Fluviomarine plain (confluence point)	12	7.14	1070	751	27.6
T ₈	Fluviomarine plain	21	7.84	885	622	27.1
T1	Fluviomarine plain	13	7.37	356	248	27.9
T4	Old-beach ridge	20	7.64	208	143	28.0
T ₃	Swale	23	8.17	272	191	29.9
T ₂	Young-beach ridge and sand dune complex 25		8.57	275	190	28.9

Table 1 The length of pumping time based on observation parameters to obtain actual groundwater storage

^aThe values of the parameters observed were recorded under the original conditions in the field. The final value was justifed when the value has stabilized for at least three times in a row

The results of the hydrochemical analysis were calculated with the charge balance error (CBE) formula to know the accuracy or rate of equilibrium deviation. The CBE formula is as follows:

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E = [(\Sigma mc - \Sigma ma)/(\Sigma mc + \Sigma ma)] \times 100\% \tag{1}
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where *E* is the rate of equilibrium deviation in percent (%); $\sum mc$ is the cation total in meq/l, and ∑*ma* is the anion total in meq/l. Hiscock and Bense [\(2014](#page-32-17)) proposed that the maximum acceptable percentage rate of equilibrium deviation was 5%, though up to 10% can still be tolerated. The hydrochemical data of each sample are shown in Table [2](#page-9-0).

Samples of rocks and materials were taken from every landform unit between two sample well points (Fig. [2\)](#page-7-0) using a portable drill device with a drilling depth of circa 1.5 m through a mini-pit and/or directly from an outcrop using a geological hammer. Samples were then tested using the X-ray difraction (XRD) method (SmartLab, Rigaku, Japan) to determine the minerals contained in each sample. The XRD formula to interpret the diagrams is:

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n\lambda = 2d\sin\Theta\tag{2}
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where *n* is diffraction order (1), λ is the wavelength, *d* is the thickness of the unit cell, and Θ is the diffraction angle. The value of *d* calculated from the formula is the key to interpreting the results and determining the minerals within each sample. Figure [3](#page-10-0) shows the result of XRD analysis in observed landforms. The interpreted result was then calibrated by the petrographic thin section method conducted by Adji and Widyastuti ([2005\)](#page-31-3).

Groundwater facies was classifed by using the Kurlov method. Kurlov determines the facies based on its anion and cation concentrations—beyond 25% of the total ion content in meq/l (Zaporozec [1972](#page-33-15)). For mapping (symbology) purposes, the hydrogeochemical facies

Table 2 Hydrogeochemical data of groundwater samples (in ppm)

Fig. 3 XRD graph in observed landforms, from upper left to lower: **a** aeolian and sand dune complex, **b** swale, **c** old-beach ridges, **d** alluvial plain; then from upper right to lower: **e** west fuviomarine, **f** east fuviomarine, **g** beach, and **h** outcrop that found in west alluvial plain in Sentolo Formation

could be reported in the form of a fraction (for mapping symbol), with anion content in the numerator and cation content in the denominator. TDS information was placed before the fraction with an "M" symbol (standing for "mineralization"). In contrast, additional information such as temperature (T) , electrical conductivity (EC) , and pH , is located after the fraction. The hydrochemistry data were also plotted in the Durov diagram. This diagram could determine the facies and provide the initial guess of the occurred hydrogeochemical process—by observing the plot trendline in a flow (Chilingar [1956;](#page-31-4) Lloyd and Heathcote [1985;](#page-32-18) Younger [2007](#page-33-16)). The upper triangle is plot location for cation, while the left triangle for the anion. The unit for the chemical constituent in this diagram is meq/l. The middle

square is the place of the intersection point between two plots from the triangles, and it becomes the main object to interpret the result. Two additional boxes, in the lower and right side, provide information such as pH and total dissolved solids.

Through a knowledge of the thermodynamic tendency of each solution for dissolving or precipitating minerals (Alpers and Nordstrom [1999](#page-31-5); Nourtier-Mazauric et al. [2005\)](#page-32-19), saturation indices (SI) can be used to determine the conditions of minerals in the groundwater. The value of the SI can also determine the current status of any ongoing process or reaction using the formula:

$$
SI = \log (IAP/KSP)
$$
 (3)

where SI is the saturation index, IAP is a condition that is a non-equilibrium state between reacted elements, and KSP is a mineral equilibrium constant. If the SI is positive, it indicates supersaturation with the mineral tending to precipitate out from the solution. On the other hand, a negative SI indicates undersaturation and the tendency of the solution (water) to dissolve the minerals. Equally, an SI value of zero indicates apparent equilibrium.

Furthermore, the mass balance reaction was used to determine the mass balance of minerals that either dissolved or precipitated in the fow path between the initial point and the fnal point. This type of modeling is also called inverse modeling (Plummer et al. [1983](#page-33-17); Alpers and Nordstrom [1999](#page-31-5); Adji and Widyastuti [2005](#page-31-3); Kresic [2006\)](#page-32-15). Inverse modeling is a quantitative approach that can calculate mass transfer or mass balance as a result of contact between mineral and groundwater (water–rock interaction). The principle of mass balance is:

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(4)
Initial solution composition + "reactant phase" \rightarrow final solution composition + "product phase".
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Calculation of inverse modeling was assisted by the software programs NETPATH (Plummer et al. [1991](#page-33-18); El-Kadi et al. [2011](#page-32-20)) and/or PHREEQC interactive codes (Parkhurst and Appelo [1999](#page-33-19)). The programs could be used to fnd the mass transfer from ions that have reacted from upstream to downstream or from the initial point to the fnal point. The data needed in mass equilibrium analysis are mineral and groundwater chemical constituents. Inverse modeling sometimes provides a lot of possible results. If this happened, the selection of the models resulted from inverse modeling is determined by the net of the hydrochemical constituent of two observed points and matching it from the saturation indices data. In this research, inverse modeling is not only for calculating the magnitude of saturation indices and mass transfer but also as verifcation to Durov diagram—in terms of the possible hydrogeochemical process that occurred in an observed point.

4 Results and Discussion

4.1 Hydrogeochemical Facies using Kurlov Method

Figures [4](#page-12-0) and [5](#page-13-0) show the cross section of landforms at fow path 1 and fow path 2, while Table [3](#page-13-1) shows the hydrogeochemical characteristics based on a Kurlov classifcation. Three flow paths became the focus of interest in this research.

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Genesis	Denudational	Fluvial	Fluviomarine	Marine	Marine	Marine and Aeolian	Marine
Landform	Denudational Hill	Alluvial Plain	Fluviomarine Plain	Old Beach Ridge	Swale	Young Beach Ridge and Sand Dune	Beach
Formation	Old Andesite	Alluvium	Alluvium	Alluvium	Alluvium	Alluvium	Alluvium
Lithology	Andesitic Breccia. Andesite, Agglomerate, Tuff Lapilli, Tuff Breccia	Gravel and Clay	Clay and Loam	Clay and Silt	Sandy Clay	Clay, Loamy Sand, and Sand	Sand
Minerals	Albite, Anorthite, Augite, Biotite, Hornblende, Ilmenit, K-Feldspar, Magnetite, Quartz, Zircon	Albite, Anorthite, Diaspore, Ferrihydrite, Halloysite, Kaolinite, Quartz, Zircon	Albite, Anorthite, Augite, Ferrihydrite, Kaolinite, Quartz	Albite, Cristobalite, Halloysite, Quartz, Kaolinite	Ferrihydrite, Orthoclase. Pyrite, Quartz, Wustite. Zircon	Albite, Cristobalite, Ferrihydrite, Orthoclase, Ouartz	Wustite
Morphology	Steep (30 - 70%)	Flat (0 - 2%)	Flat (0 - 2%)	Gentle (2 - 7%)	Gentle $(2 - 7%)$	Gentle (2 - 7%)	Flat (0 - 2%)
Electrical Conductivity	Fresh water (500-600 µS/cm)	Fresh water (400-750 µS/cm)	Slightly - Moderately Saline (450 - 2.300 uS/cm)	Fresh water $(100 - 600 \,\mu\text{S/cm})$	Fresh water $(250 - 300)$ μ S/cm)	Fresh water $(100 - 300 \,\mu\text{S/cm})$	Fresh water (100 - 300 µS/cm)
Facies of Hydrogeo- chemistry	Na+K-Ca-HCO3	Na+K-Mg-Ca-HCO3	Na+K-Ca-HCO3	Mg-Ca-Cl-HCO3	Na+K-Ca- NO3-HCO3- $SO42-$	Na+K-Ca-HCO3	not tested

Fig. 4 Cross section of landforms attribute in fow path 1 (the location of the cross sections and their view direction are shown in Fig. [1\)](#page-3-0)

- The first started on the western side, with an initial point located on the denudational hill of the Old-andesite formation and the west beach ridge, and a final point on the fluviomarine plain;
- The second flow was located in the eastern side, with an initial point on the denudational hill of the Sentolo formation and the south-eastern fuviomarine plain, and fnal point on the middle fuviomarine plain which became a confuence of the discharge in this fow;
- The third fow was located in the southern part of the study area where the initial point was on the old-beach ridge with two final points, namely in the eastern side of the fluviomarine plain and the young-beach ridge, and the sand dune complex (Fig. [2\)](#page-7-0).

4.1.1 Flow Path 1

Groundwater in the denudational hills of the Old-andesite formation (T11) is included in the alkali–calcium–bicarbonate facies $(Na^+ + K^+ - Ca^{2+} - HCO_3^-)$ and changes to magnesium–calcium–bicarbonate alkali (Na⁺ + K⁺–Mg²⁺–Ca²⁺–HCO₃⁻) in the western alluvial plain (T10). The Mg^{2+} increased significantly in the west of alluvial plain (T10) due to the mineral infuence from the weathered Old-andesite material (augite, biotite, and hornblende). Groundwater from the western alluvial plain to the fuviomarine plain (T6) also experienced facies changes into calcium–bicarbonate alkali $(Na^{+} + K^{+} - Ca^{2+} - HCO_3^{-})$. In this landform, there was a significant increase in Na⁺ and

Fig. 5 Cross section of landforms attribute in fow path 2 (the location of the cross sections and their view direction are shown in Fig. [1\)](#page-3-0)

No. of samples	Landform units	Kurlov classification
Flow 1		
T ₁₁ .	Denudational hill (West)	Alkali-calcium-bicarbonate
T ₁₀ .	Alluvial plain (Barat)	Alkali-magnesium-calcium-bicarbonate
T6.	Fluviomarine plain	Alkali-calcium-bicarbonate
T5.	Old-beach ridge (West)	Alkali-magnesium-calcium-chloride-bicarbonate
Flow 2		
T ₁₂ .	Denudational hill (East)	Calcium-bicarbonate
T9.	Alluvial plain (East)	Calcium-bicarbonate
T7.	Fluviomarine plain	Alkali-calcium-bicarbonate
T8.	Fluviomarine plain	Alkali-calcium-bicarbonate
$Flow\,3$		
T1.	Fluviomarine plain	Alkali-calcium-bicarbonate-sulfate
T4.	Old-beach ridge (East)	Alkali-bicarbonate
T3.	Swale	Alkali-calcium-nitrate-bicarbonate-sulfate
T ₂ .	Young-beach ridge and sand dune complex	Alkali-calcium-bicarbonate

Table 3 Hydrogeochemical facies at the observation point based on the Kurlov classifcation

was followed by Ca^{2+} , all anions, and metals except for K^+ and Mg^{2+} . The groundwater in the old-beach ridge (T5), with facies of alkali–magnesium–calcium–chloride–bicarbonate $(Na^+ + K^+ - Mg^{2+} - Ca^{2+} - Cl^- - HCO_3^-)$ also changed when it went through to the fuviomarine plain (T6), showing there was a decrease in the Mg2+ and Cl− dominance.

4.1.2 Flow Path 2

The denudational hills of the Sentolo formation (T12) are characterized by calcium–bicarbonate $(Ca^{2+} - HCO_3^-)$ facies. The content of Ca^{2+} and HCO_3^- in this unit was very high (above 50%) because it was composed of limestone and sandstone dominated by calcite minerals. Based on the conceptual model created by Blanchette et al. ([2010\)](#page-31-6), groundwater in T12 and T9 is included in phase one so that Ca^{2+} and $HCO_3^$ content at these points becomes the major content. The calcite dissolution process will be investigated and explained in the saturation indices and inverse modeling section. Apart from fuctuations in the dissolved ion content, groundwater in the eastern alluvial plain (T9) did not undergo the evolution or changes in the hydrogeochemical facies from the recharge region and was also characterized by the calcium–bicarbonate facies $(Ca^{2+}-HCO_3^-)$. This revealed that there was a strong influence from the recharge area, which contained a predominance of calcite minerals. In addition, the hydrochemical facies of the second stream experienced signifcant changes when passing through the eastern fuviomarine plain (T7 and T8). These changes were characterized by alkali–calcium–bicarbonate facies ($Na^+ + K^+ - Ca^{2+} - HCO_3^-$). The increase in Na^+ and K^+ in this unit highlighted the abundance of clay minerals.

4.1.3 Flow Path 3

The old-beach ridge in the eastern part of the study area (T4) contains alkali–bicarbonate facies ($Na^+ + K^+$ –HCO₃⁻). This was characterized by the relatively high (more than 50%) percentage of $HCO₃⁻$. That indicates that any rainwater that fell as recharge in this area did not experience advanced hydrogeochemical processes. This was supported by the relatively low concentration of TDS. Furthermore, from the eastern oldbeach ridge (T4), groundwater facies changed into alkali–calcium–bicarbonate–sulfate $(Na^{+} + K^{+} - Ca^{2+} - HCO_3 - SO_4^{2-})$ facies in the southern fluviomarine plain (T1) and alkali–calcium–nitrate–bicarbonate–sulfate $(Na^+ + K^+ - Ca^{2+} - NO_3^- - HCO_3^- - SO_4^{2-})$ facies in the swale (T3). The groundwater facies in the swale (T3) was the most complex when compared to the other units owing to an increasing concentration of Ca^{2+} , NO₃⁻, and SO_4^2 ⁻. The SO_4^2 ⁻ concentration was associated with the presence of pyrite, the result of the decay of organic matter in the past.

Meanwhile, Ca^{2+} and SO_4^{2-} in the southern fluviomarine plain (T1) increased quite considerably, followed by other ions. This is thought to be due to the length of time it takes groundwater to fow down the gentler incline, as indicated by the increase in TDS values. Groundwater in young-beach ridge and the sand dunes complex (T2) had alkali–calcium–bicarbonate facies ($Na^+ + K^+ - Ca^{2+} - HCO_3^-$). A reduction in NO_3^- and SO_4^2 ⁻ occurred significantly in this area, while HCO_3^- , Na^+ , K^+ , Al^{3+} , and Fe _{(total}) all increased.

Fig. 6 Fluctuation (evolution) of groundwater chemical constituent. The upper graphs show the cation concentration, while the lower graphs show the anion concentration. *X*-axis informs the fow path (points), and *Y*-axis informs the concentration in meq/l

Fig. 7 Mechanism controlling groundwater chemical constituent in Gibbs curve. The chemical constituent of groundwater strongly afected by rocks (minerals)—where the dots located in the middle of the Gibbs curve. The point of each fow path represented by the colored shape and red circle represents the frst fow path, the blue circle represents the second fow path, and the green circle represents the third fow path

4.2 Hydrogeochemical Characteristics

The line graph in Fig. [6](#page-15-0) provides information about the changes of major ion in observed groundwater along fow paths. In terms of its chemical constituent, this graph authenticates the groundwater evolves from one landform to another—the changes of groundwater constituent at the study site strongly infuenced by typical mineral abundance in each landform. For instance, the concentration of Ca^{2+} in the denudational hill and alluvial plain at the eastern side is more saturated than the others. It is because of the abundance of calcite from the limestone that commonly found at the Sentolo Formation. This argument is strongly supported by the Gibbs curve in Fig. [7](#page-15-1) that shows the hydrogeochemical conditions at the study site greatly infuenced by the water–rock interaction process (rock dominance). Further, it seems that this research is also supporting the thought from Blanchette et al. ([2010\)](#page-31-6) that stated hydrogeological and geological setting (including the mineral property that its abundance correlated with the geomorphological setting) has an impact on the chemical composition of groundwater.

Hereinafter, this curve also shows the dominance process in the fow corridor sequentially. The frst and second fows that geomorphologically classifed as hilly and plain area tend toward rock dominance to evaporation dominance. This could be interpreted that the groundwater in the fuviomarine plain—as the fnal point of groundwater fow—is relatively old. The evaporation in this landform mostly triggered by the vegetation and loss of soil moisture by the sunlight (approximately 9–11 h per day). Luo et al. ([2018\)](#page-32-21) explained that most of the shallow groundwater experienced the evaporation process in their study. This is similar wherein the groundwater on this plain is relatively shallow and as a fnal spot of the groundwater from the northern region. Nevertheless, at the third fow (coast area), the process is quite diferent, where it leans to the precipitation dominance from rock dominance. Even though possibly there is an evaporation process that occurs, however, the groundwater mostly recharged directly by rainwater. It is supported by its TDS that relatively low with the tendency of precipitation dominance. This is the uniqueness of the coastal area from the standpoint of its hydrogeological characteristics—where this region is categorized as a local aquifer by MacDonald and Partner ([1984\)](#page-32-10) and Santosa [\(2012\)](#page-33-5).

Next, Fig. [8](#page-17-0) shows the hydrogeochemical characteristics based on the Durov diagram. From the fgure, it can be seen that the hydrogeochemical pH characteristics in the study area indicated a relatively neutral (6.5–8.7). On the other hand, the TDS was relatively varied, from 148 to 717 mg/l. It can be revealed that physicochemical characteristics (EC and TDS) of the recharge area (denudational hills) down toward the transition-discharge area (alluvial plains and fuviomarine plains) that experienced an upward trend. This was probably due to the residence time being longer in the transition and discharge zone compared to the groundwater in the recharge area, resulting in more intensive water–rock interaction in those areas.

To extend this argument, taking account of Darcy's law ([1856](#page-32-22)), the velocity of groundwater fow in transition and discharge area is relatively slower than in the recharge area. It is mostly afected by the hydraulic gradient (∇H) which is steeper (higher) in the recharge zone, particularly in the observed area (∇H recharge>∇H transition & discharge). Moreover, in terms of hydraulic conductivity that is a function of both the porous medium and the fuid properties (Gray and Miller [2004](#page-32-23)), the average hydraulic conductivity in the observed recharge area is relatively higher than the rest area. The average value of hydraulic conductivity (de Marsily [1986](#page-32-24)) in the recharge

Fig. 8 Durov diagram for hydrogeochemical characteristics in the study area. The trend from the frst (T11, T10, T6, and T5) and second fow (T12, T9, T7, and T8) plot points is relatively moving from the left to the right side—indicating there is an ion exchange process in these fow paths. In contrast, the third fow path (T1, T4, T3, and T2) is relatively moving from the lower right to the upper left—indicating there are reverse ion exchange and mixing processes. The red circle represents the frst fow path, the blue circle represents the second fow path, and the green circle represents the third fow path

area, which mostly contains consolidated media, is from 10−5 to 10−9 m/s for the eastern part (i.e., sandstone and limestone) and 10^{-9} – 10^{-13} m/s for the western part (i.e., andesite breccia). On the other hand, for the transition and discharge that contains loam, silt, and clay, the hydraulic conductivity is from 10^{-9} to 10^{-13} . Therefore, the condition of hydraulic gradient and hydraulic conductivity associated with the residence time is afecting chemical constituent due to water–rock interaction results. Another fact, even though the hydraulic gradient in the coastal area is relatively gentle and fat, however, the value of hydraulic conductivity is quite higher than the other landforms, around 10−1–10−5 m/s (a mixture of sand, gravel, silt, and loess). So that, the residence time in these landforms is relatively short—due to the hydraulic conductivity—and the condition of the chemical constituent is also non-complex.

The EC of groundwater in the denudational hills of Old-andesite formation (T11) and Sentolo formation (T12) was 328 μ S/cm and 205 μ S/cm, respectively. Groundwater in this area was therefore categorized as freshwater (Rhoades et al. [1992](#page-33-20)), a conclusion reinforced by the relatively low TDS levels, namely 168 mg/l and 205 mg/l. This

characteristic is typical for the recharge area. The concentration of alkali $(K^+$ and $Na^+)$ and Mg^{2+} in the denudational hills of the Old-andesite formation was relatively high. On the other hand, in the denudational hills of the Sentolo formation, the Ca^{2+} and $HCO_3^$ levels were high. Although the locations of the two hill clusters are relatively close, the hydrogeochemical conditions of the two hill are discrete due to mineral constituent. Given that mineral is a typical attribute of a geomorphological unit, it can be said that hydrogeochemical conditions can be determined by geomorphological units. This fnding shows that a delineation of an area based on its landform can provide derivative information about the quality of groundwater resources. This can be a powerful and efficient tool for regional planners, such as the government, to comprehend the condition of

Fig. 9 Hydrogeochemical facies and their processes in the study area

Table 4 The saturation indices of minerals in each landform unit

the region's natural resources, including hydrogeochemical conditions, through geomorphological mapping.

Groundwater in the fuviomarine plain in T7 had a relatively high TDS and EC value compared to the other fuviomarine units (T1, T6, and T8)—because it was the confuence of the groundwater discharge (Figs. [2](#page-7-0), [9\)](#page-18-0). In general, the Durov diagram provides an initial conjecture of hydrogeochemical processes—qualitatively from the trend plot, namely ion exchange (on flow paths 1 and 2), reverse ion exchange (on flow path 3), and mixing, also on fow path 3. The verifcation of this conjecture and the calculation of the mass balance (quantitatively) will be presented in inverse modeling section.

4.3 Saturation Indices

The distribution of minerals in the aquifers and their saturation indices are presented in Table [4](#page-19-0). Samples representing the hydrogeochemical conditions in the denudational hills were divided into two samples, namely T11 (Old-andesite on the west side) and T12 (Sentolo formation on the east). The diference between these is to do with their minerals: the Sentolo formation is dominated by carbonate minerals, whereas the Old-andesite formation is dominated by minerals from volcanic processes. This condition increases the pH in T12. Conversely, K+levels in T11 are higher than in T12 because of the interaction between groundwater and K-feldspar minerals in the rock. In T12, the saturation indices of calcite minerals were still on the undersaturated (dissolution) phase.

Samples from alluvial plain units were divided into two samples, namely T10 (alluvial plain, afected by the materials from the Old-andesite formation) and T9 (alluvial plain affected by the materials from the Sentolo formation). The $SiO₂$ content in T10 increased compared to the recharge area (T11), probably because of the presence of other dissolved silica minerals, such as anorthite. In the eastern alluvial plain (T9), the saturation indices with respect to calcite, diaspore, and most of the silicate minerals came out as saturated. At the same time, the anorthite and wustite were still undersaturated. At this point, there was also an increasing concentration of Al^{3+} and SiO_2 due to the dissolution of anorthite (undersaturated).

Groundwater samples in the fuviomarine plain were carried out at T6 (west fuviomarine plain), T7 and T8 (east fuviomarine plain), and T1 (south fuviomarine plain). The saturation indices of fuviomarine generally show that most of the silicate minerals, oxides, and hydroxides were supersaturated (precipitation) with regard to albite, quartz, kaolinite, cristobalite, and diaspore. Meanwhile, the anorthite (silicate) mineral was still unsaturated (dissolved). Groundwater samples in the old-beach ridge, namely T5 and T4, were dominated by silicate minerals so that the saturation indices show that most of the silicate minerals were supersaturated (precipitated). This was indicated by the relatively high level of $SiO₂$ in comparison with other landforms units. Groundwater from the old-beach ridge is not only fowing southward—the swale (T3) unit—but also to the fuviomarine plain in the north. At this location, the minerals found are categorized as silicates (orthoclase, pyrite, quartz, and zircon) and oxide-hydroxide minerals (ferrihydrite and wustite). The saturation indices indicate that silicate minerals such as orthoclase and quartz were supersaturated (precipitated). The primary reasons were the high content of $SiO₂$ in groundwater carried away from the old-beach ridge and the dominance of silicate minerals in the swale. In comparison, oxide-hydroxide minerals such as wustite are dissolving (undersaturated).

The T2 point represents groundwater at the young-beach ridge and sand dune complex. This unit is similar to the minerals in the old-beach ridge, which are dominated by silicates

such as albite, cristobalite, orthoclase, and quartz. Oxide minerals and ferrihydrite, in particular, are also found in this unit. The saturation indices in the young-beach ridge and sand dune complex show that the silicate mineral was supersaturated (precipitated). This is because the concentration of $SiO₂$ in this area is relatively high. The concentration of Fe _{(total}) at T2 increased from the previous point, T3 (swale), because of the ferrihydrite dissolution.

4.4 Inverse Modeling for Hydrogeochemical Process

Table [5](#page-24-0) shows the mass balance reaction based on inverse modeling results for each fow path in the study area. Further, Fig. [9](#page-18-0) denotes the facies and hydrogeochemical processes in each of the landforms in the form of a map. The results of inverse modeling at fow path 1 (denudational hills of the Old-andesite formation T11—alluvial plain T10) show that minerals such as albite, diaspore, ferrihydrite, and anorthite were undersaturated (dissolution). Consequently, some of the hydrochemical constituents—Ca²⁺, Na⁺, HCO₃⁻, Fe(_{total}), and $SiO₂$ —were increasing in the alluvial plain (T10). The dissolution of albite explains the escalation of $SiO₂$ and $Na⁺$, while the dissolution of albite would increase the concentration of Na⁺, and the dissolution of ferrihydrite would do the same for Fe($_{total}$). Based on the model, it would take 6.45×10^{-3} mmol of albite to produce 6.45×10^{-3} mmol of Na⁺, while increasing the concentration of Fe($_{total}$) by 3.225 × 10⁻³ mmol would be caused by the dissolution of 3.225×10^{-3} mmol of ferrihydrite.

Additionally, there is a unique fnding at this path where a derivative process occurs, namely dissolution of calcium–bicarbonate as a result of the breakdown of anorthite. The calcium–bicarbonate then produces calcite, carbon dioxide, and water. Subsequently, calcite could break down into Ca^{2+} and HCO_3^- that increasing the alkalinity and Ca^{2+} in this path. The interesting thing is that the calcite found in T10 does not originate from the sedimentation process as in the denudational hills of the Sentolo formation (T12) and the eastern alluvial plain (T9); in fact, it is a derivative process from anorthite.

The chemical constituents of the alluvial plain (T10) show that Al^{3+} had decreased from the previous measurement point (T11). Nevertheless, the inverse model shows there was a release of as much as 3.225×10^{-3} mmol of Al^{3+} as a product of the dissolution of diaspore. There are several possibilities that could explain the decline in Al^{3+} concentration. The first is that Al^{3+} can be deposited with water molecules to form gibbsite. The second possibility is that Al^{3+} was precipitated together with ortho-silicic acid and water to form kaolinite. Ortho-silicic acid can be found in T10 as a result of the dissolution of quartz, although the concentration of dissolved quartz is smaller than precipitated quartz due to the dissolution of some minerals such as albite. Furthermore, quartz in T10 can react with hydrogen gas to produce $SiO₂$ and water, a reaction that would also explain the increasing concentration of $SiO₂$ in T10.

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The inverse model in the fow path from T10 (alluvial plain) to T6 (fuviomarine plain) shows that albite, anorthite, and pyrite were dissolving, while quartz, kaolinite/halloysite, and ferrihydrite were being precipitated. Here there was an increasing amount of Ca²⁺, Na⁺, HCO₃⁻, and Al³⁺ concentration and a decreasing amount of SiO₂ triggered by the release and exchange of ions between groundwater and minerals. The SO_4^2 ⁻ rose due to pyrite reduction, with the inverse modeling results concurring that the pyrite was dissolving to produce 8.27×10^{-4} mmol ferrihydrite, 1.654×10^{-3} mmol SO_4^{2-} , and 1.654×10^{-3} mmol hydrogen. Iron underwent oxidation, from + 2 ions in the pyrite to $+3$ ions in ferrihydrite, while sulfur was reduced, from -1 in the pyrite to – 3 in the SO_4^2 ⁻. Therefore, at T6 there was a pyrite reduction process causing dissolved SO_4^2 ⁻ levels in the groundwater to rise. Further, the increasing concentration of Fe _{(total}) could also occur due to the released Fe _{(total}) into the groundwater owing to the weathering or dissolution of ferrihydrite.

The path from T5 (old-beach ridge) toward T6 (fuviomarine plain) generates inverse modeling showing that the minerals on the dissolution phase were anorthite and ferrihydrite, while albite and kaolinite have been on the precipitated condition. The chemical constituents in T6, which has decreased from T5, were Mg^{2+} , K⁺, and SiO₂. Precipitation of 5.586 \times 10⁻⁴ mmol albite in this system requires 1.1172 \times 10⁻³ mmol SiO₂ and 5.586×10^{-4} mmol Na⁺. The reduction of SiO₂ in this system can be caused by this reaction. This system also produces a lot of kaolinite/halloysite, such as the results of precipitation of kaolinite/halloysite due to the dissolution of gibbsite and as a result of dissolving of anorthite.

The results of the inverse modeling for the fow path from T12 (denudational hill of the Sentolo formation) to T9 (alluvial plain) show varied results. Dissolution occurred in diaspore, ferrihydrite, albite, anorthite, wustite, and calcite. The minerals produced in this system were gibbsite, quartz, and kaolinite/halloysite. Chemical constituents which have increased were Ca²⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, HCO₃⁻, Al³⁺, and Fe(_{total}), while Mn²⁺ and SiO₂ have decreased. The increase in Ca^{2+} and HCO_3^- in this system (T9) possibly occurred due to the dissolution of calcite. Based on the mass balance calculation, the dissolution of 1.591 \times 10⁻³ mmol of calcite would be relinquished as much as 1.591 \times 10⁻³ mmol of Ca²⁺ and HCO₃⁻. The 3.182 × 10⁻³ mmol albite mineral at T9 dissolved to produce 1.591×10^{-3} mmol kaolinite/halloysite, 6.364 \times 10⁻³ mmol quartz, and the release of 3.182×10^{-3} mmol Na⁺. The dissolution of albite was one of the causes of the increasing concentration of Na⁺ in this unit. The increase in Al^{3+} occurred because of the dissolution of the diaspore, where Al^{3+} was released at a level of 1.591 × 10⁻³ mmol. The increase in Fe(_{total}) also occurred due to the dissolution of 1.591×10^{-3} mmol ferrihydrite.

The inverse modeling in the fow path from T9 (alluvial plain) to T7 (fuviomarine plain) reveals a varied mineral response in which halloysite, ferrihydrite, and albite undergo a dissolution process, while precipitation occurs in quartz, diaspore, and anorthite. The chemical constituents that increased in this system were Na⁺, K⁺, HCO₃⁻, Fe(_{total}), and quartz, while Ca^{2+} and Al^{3+} declined. In this model, kaolinite/halloysite initially dissolved because of it is undersaturated, producing 3.899×10^{-3} mmol gibbsite. However, due to the dissolution of albite (which also produces kaolinite/halloysite products), this mineral ended up being precipitated. The dissolution of albite was also responsible for the 3.899×10^{-3} mmol increase in Na⁺. The increase in Fe³⁺ and Al³⁺ was still ongoing at this point due to the dissolution of ferrihydrite and diaspore, both of which dissolved by as much as 1.9495×10^{-3} mmol (which also occurs in T9).

The inverse modeling from T8 (fuviomarine plain) to T7 (fuviomarine plain, the confuence point) suggests that the minerals diaspore and albite were dissolving, while kaolinite/halloysite, quartz, and ferrihydrite were precipitating. This saw an increase in Al³⁺, SiO₂, Na⁺, and Fe(_{total}). The increase of Al³⁺ occurred due to the dissolution of diaspore, releasing 1.224 \times 10⁻² mmol Al³⁺ to the groundwater. Quartz had been on the dissolution phase at this point, but the dissolution of albite led to increased precipitation of quartz. The dissolution of albite minerals was also responsible for increasing $Na⁺$ by 2.448×10^{-2} mmol. In this flow path, the model showed precipitation of ferrihydrite and a resulting fall in Fe _{(total}) concentration. However, since T7 was the confluence point, where there was some recharge from the other groundwater systems (T9), which caused the dissolution of ferrihydrite minerals and an overall rise in Fe _{(total}) concentration.

Further examination reveals that the mixing process is likely to occur in the fuviomarine plain, especially in the eastern part. The frst reason is that the fuviomarine plain is supplied by two groundwater from diferent geomorphological units (and, of course, from two types of groundwater). This unit becomes the assembly point of groundwater movements, as evidenced by electrical conductivity that relatively high (up to $2300 \mu S/cm$). Referring to Mazor et al. ([1993\)](#page-32-26), which explains that the mixing process between two types of water can induce minerals, the minerals in this unit have a diferent response in terms of its saturation condition. The impact, which is also becoming the second reason, is that the water–rock interaction process in this unit has a diferent magnitude between groundwater coming from the alluvial plain and old-beach ridge. Therefore, the combination of information from the fow net data and inverse modeling shows the possibility of mixing in the fuviomarine plain.

The inverse modeling provides evidence that the dissolution of ferrihydrite, albite, and anorthite minerals and the precipitation of halloysite and quartz occurred in the fow path from T4 (old-beach ridge) to T1 (fuviomarine plain). Meanwhile, kaolinite and cristobalite were in the equilibrium phase. Hydrochemical data of groundwater at T1, if compared to T3, saw an increase in Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , HCO_3^- , Al^{3+} , and Fe _{(total}), while SiO_2 ions have decreased. The results of the inverse modeling in the T3 (Swale) toward T2 (young-beach ridge and sand dune complex) revealed that ferrihydrite and albite minerals were undersaturated, while quartz was supersaturated. The chemical constituents which fuctuated due to the mass transfer process from minerals were SiO_2 , $Fe_{(total})$, Na⁺, and Al³⁺.

Inverse modeling of the groundwater system from T4 (old-beach ridge) to T3 (swale) generates that ferrihydrite and pyrite were dissolving, while wustite had been saturated. The ions that fluctuated due to the process of water–rock interaction at T3 were SO_4^{2-} s and Fe _{(total}). This is because the minerals in the swale landform were mostly composed of Fe(_{total}) and SO₄^{2–}. Although ferrihydrite dissolution occurred in this unit, the decrease in Fe _{(total}) content was caused by the massive deposition of wustite, which required more iron resulting in a deficit of iron in groundwater. The increase in SO_4^2 levels in the swale was relatively signifcant due to the predominance of the pyrite in this unit. In terms of the uplifting of Ca^{2+} , Machusak and Kump [\(1997](#page-32-27)) explain that the concentration of alkalinity and $Ca²⁺$ in groundwater is also likely to be caused by a combination of aerobic metabolism, carbonate dissolution, and SO_4^2 ⁻ reduction. The model is not suitable to explain the rise of Ca^{2+} in swale because reduction did not occur and no carbonate minerals found in this unit (its existence is still limited to the hypothesis).

There is a unique fnding in this unit that the secondary minerals will be formed due to the dissolution of the mineral pyrite, namely gypsum, as explained by Logan and Nicholson ([1997\)](#page-32-28) in their conceptual model. Gypsum chain reaction can trigger an upsurge in SO_4^2 ⁻ and Ca^{2+} content (Abdel Wahed et al. [2015](#page-31-7)). Furthermore, Ca^{2+} binds HCO_3^- to calcite, which can cause a decrease in $HCO₃⁻$ content. Recalling the hydrogeochemical data in the swale unit (Table [2](#page-9-0)), the formation of gypsum and calcite should occur due to an increase in Ca²⁺ and SO₄^{2–} levels that are quite massive and a decrease in HCO₃[–] levels. If this happens, then one of Machusak and Kump's ([1997\)](#page-32-27) arguments related to the increase in Ca^{2+} due to calcite dissolution is suitable for this unit. However, XRD results from the drilling of minerals as deep as two meters did not reveal any of these minerals. There are two possibilities that can occur in this unit. First, the formation of calcite and gypsum is located in a deeper layer (more than two meters below the surface). Another possibility is that the formation has not or did not occur, where the dissolution of pyrite directly releases iron into the groundwater system, as is presented in inverse modeling result (Table [5\)](#page-24-0). The formation of gypsum seems to be a very rational explanation. According to Li ([1995\)](#page-32-29), the dissolution of gypsum is responsible for simultaneously increasing Ca^{2+} and SO_4^{2-} levels.

5 Conclusions

The research area in the southern part of Kulonprogo consists of several geomorphological units, namely denudational hills, alluvial plain, fuviomarine plain, old-beach ridge, swale, young-beach ridge and sand dune complex, and beach. In general, the variety of hydrogeochemical processes that occur in each geomorphological unit is responsible for the typical hydrogeochemical characteristics. The particular landform layout has an impact on the direction of groundwater fow in the study area due to the morphological characteristics of each unit. In terms of vertical extent, the altitude of denudational hills is comparatively higher than subsequent units, namely alluvial plains, etc. Therefore, the direction of groundwater movement in the research area fows from north to south regionally. However, if it were reviewed locally, the groundwater movement would be seen to start from the denudational hills and fow toward the fuviomarine plain in a north to south direction. The beach ridge, on the other hand, has a slightly higher elevation than the surrounding units (swale and fuviomarine plain) so that the direction of fow is toward the north, from the old-beach ridge to the fuviomarine plain.

Each geomorphology unit also infuences the residence time of groundwater, because one of the most important aspects of geomorphology is the slope. This is indicated by the concentration of TDS, which tends to be highest at the groundwater's endpoint, such as at the fuviomarine plain (T5, T6, T7, T8, T9). These areas have a fat slope rate compared to the recharge area (denudational hills—T11 & T12). This phenomenon does not happen in beach ridge, swale, sand dune complex, and beach, however, which are included as a local aquifer recharging directly via rainwater, leading to a TDS value that is quite low.

The variety of landform units also controls the existence of minerals and their distribution. This is due to passive morphogenesis, where each landform is closely related to its constituent lithology and geological formation. In this study area, there are three major geological formations: (1) Old-andesite formation that provides volcanic genesis information in the past where the constituent material is mainly old volcanic rocks such as andesite; (2) Sentolo formation which indicates marine depositional conditions in the past leading to limestones as a result of marine organism transformation; and (3) alluvium formation which is a landform composed of alluvium material from upstream.

The consequence of the varied geomorphological aspects (landforms) is that the groundwater in each landform has a typical hydrochemical constituent's characteristic of the hydrogeochemical processes happening there. The hydrogeochemical processes that occur in denudational hills toward alluvial plains are the dissolution of hydroxideoxide (wustite and ferrihydrite), albite, diaspore, calcite, and gibbsite. Consequently, there is a tendency toward increasing concentrations of Na⁺, quartz, Fe(_{total}), Ca²⁺, and Al^{3+} . The process of ion exchange on albite and diaspore and the reduction process in the form of half-reaction in ferrihydrite (if Fe^{2+} is formed) also occurs in this unit. The dissolution of albite is still continuing in the fow path from alluvial plains to fuviomarine plain, and this causes an increase in $Na⁺$ and $SiO₂$, leading to quartz minerals being precipitated. Oxide-hydroxide minerals such as ferrihydrite are also being dissolved, leading to an increase in Fe _{(total}) concentration.

Groundwater from the old-beach ridge to the fuviomarine plain witnesses the dissolution of ferrihydrite, which causes an increase of Fe _{(total}); albite also dissolves, causing an increase in $Na⁺$ and $SiO₂$ and the precipitation of quartz. Similarly, in the fluviomarine plain, groundwater from the old-beach ridge to the swale, young-beach ridge, and sand dune complex, also experienced a dissolution of oxide-hydroxide minerals, in particular, ferrihydrite and pyrite, that increases the concentration of Fe^{3+} . Fe^{2+} levels, on the other hand, decrease because wustite tends to precipitate out. Na^+ and $SiO₂$ also increase due to the dissolution of albite. Also, the mixing process between two diferent hydrogeochemical facies, which occurs in the fuviomarine plain, is responsible for changing the chemical constituents in water.

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