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Highlights

- Cumulative distribution function plots are a powerful exploration data analysis tool.
- Despite different origins of waters, median values and ranges are for many elements comparable.
- High concentration of B, Be, Br, Cs, F^-, Ge, Li, Rb, Te and Zr characterise deeper-seated, mature groundwaters.
- Correlation heatmaps with dendrograms unveils unexpected elemental correlations from plumbing materials.

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