

Table 2. Variable loadings of the physical and chemical variables in the principal component analysis. Bold numbers indicate strong correlation ( $\leq -0.6$  or  $\geq 0.6$ )

	PC1	PC2
EC	<b>0.99</b>	0.01
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	<b>0.97</b>	0.02
Sr	<b>0.97</b>	-0.11
Ba	<b>0.96</b>	-0.14
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	<b>0.96</b>	0.08
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>0.95</b>	-0.05
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	<b>0.91</b>	0.07
As	<b>0.90</b>	-0.19
pH	<b>0.88</b>	0.04
Rb	<b>-0.82</b>	0.46
δ <sup>2</sup> H	<b>0.73</b>	0.22
Turbidity	<b>-0.68</b>	-0.16
K <sup>+</sup>	<b>0.66</b>	0.27
P-PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>0.55</b>	0.18
U	-0.22	<b>0.82</b>
T <sub>water</sub>	-0.07	<b>0.78</b>
N-NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-0.01	<b>0.73</b>
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.14	<b>0.63</b>
Na <sup>+</sup>	0.39	<b>0.60</b>