



# The signal of water: stable isotopes from rain to table

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## WATer isotopeS in the critical zONe: from groundwater recharge to plant transpiration





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Aims

Collect, integrate, and synthesize knowledge

partitioning and mixing of water in

the critical zone

stable isotopes in the water

molecule





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## The critical zone

#### Top of the canopy



Groundwater

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## Activities

### Networking activities

- Meetings, workshops, etc.
- Webinars
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Challenges

Groundwater recharge rates

Vegetation water uptake and transpiration

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#### Challenges

Working groups

Groundwater recharge	WG1
Vegetation water uptake and transpiration	WG2
Residence and transit time	WG3

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#### Challenges

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## Potential to benefit the food sector

by improving the knowledge of the processes influencing the hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope signature in plants

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## Isotopic characterization of produce

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#### Events

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Find the dates and information of all meetings, workshops, seminars, webinars and the other events organized by the WATSON network

Seminar series: WATSON Wednesday

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Roots access different water sources

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Penna et al., 2020 AEE

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