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List of Abbreviations

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| asl | above mean sea level |
| AUB | American University of Beirut |
| BGR | German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources |
| DE | Deuterium Excess |
| CDR | Council for Development and Reconstruction |
| CFC | Chlorofluorocarbon, anthropogenic tracer of the hydrosphere |
| DOC | Dissolved organic carbon |
| EC | Electric conductivity |
| ESCWA | Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia |
| GMWL | Global Meteoric Water Line |
| GPS | Geo positioning system |
| GW | Groundwater |
| KfW | Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau |
| LMWL | Local Meteoric Water Line |
| MAPAS | Company operating Jeita Grotto, Jeita (Keserwan) Lebanon |
| MMWL | Mediterranean Meteoric Water Line |
| MoEW | Ministry of Energy and Water |
| MWL | Meteoric Water Line |
| SWE | Snow water equivalent |
| SLAP | Standard Light Antarctic Precipitation |
| TC | Technical cooperation |
| VSMOW | Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water |
| WEBML | Water Establishment Beirut and Mount Lebanon |

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0 Executive Summary

This report presents the results of isotope hydrological and hydrogeological investigations of the Technical Cooperation (TC) “Project Protection of Jeita Spring” (implemented by BGR and CDR). They are part of the hydrogeological investigations carried out in the effort to determine the groundwater catchment and the water balance within this catchment for Jeita Spring, which are documented in [MARGANE et al. \(2013\)](#).

For the stable isotope investigations water samples of rainfall from six different elevations (104 samples), of snow (85 samples), of stalactite drips from Jeita cave (111 samples) and of six major springs in the catchment discharging from two different aquifers (665 samples) were taken. With this the stable isotope investigation in the Jeita catchment is one of the most comprehensive studies in the Middle East. It was only feasible due to the fact that BGR had the required infrastructure in place to carry out the sampling and analysis.

Based on the large number of rainfall samples from different elevations and rainfall events, the local meteoric water line (LMWL) for Mount Lebanon could be modified. It became clear that each rainfall event has a very different isotopic composition depending on the provenience of the air mass (trajectory). The correlation of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ with elevation follows equations with parallel slope. The stable isotope content (δD , $\delta^{18}\text{O}$) of all springs behaves very similar over time, exhibiting a seasonal variation and a clear elevation effect. As already confirmed by CFC, SF_6 and $\text{He}/^3\text{H}$ analyses ([GEYER & DOUMMAR, 2013](#)), stable isotope analyses also point to a relatively short mean groundwater residence time of a few years only ([MARGANE et al., 2013](#)).

The comparison of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values from springs and from snow/rainfall shows that the mean catchment elevation of Jeita Spring must be higher than 1,400 m asl. However, the J4 outcrop area has a mean elevation of only 1,016 m. Therefore Jeita Spring (as Kashkoush Spring too) must have a major contribution from groundwater that was recharged at higher elevations, i.e. in the Upper Aquifer (C4). This confirms the assumption of major surface water infiltrations in the outcrop area of the uppermost C4 in Nahr Ibrahim, Nahr es Salib, Nahr es Msann and Nahr es Zirghaya and is in line with other major findings of the BGR project ([MARGANE et al., 2013](#)). Based on stable isotope analyses, it is assumed that the share of groundwater coming from the Upper Aquifer must be more than 30 %, which confirms previous assumptions based on differential surface water flow measurements ([MARGANE, 2012a, 2012b](#)).

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1 Introduction

The technical cooperation project “Protection of Jeita Spring” of Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) and Lebanon started in July 2010 and will be finished at the end of 2014. The main aim of the project was to reduce the pollution risks for the drinking water supply of the city of Beirut. The Jeita Spring in Lebanon is the main water resource for Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, with about 4 Mio inhabitants. Expanding urbanization and a strong increase in scattered residential areas with more than 200,000 inhabitants bear a high risk of water pollution in the Jeita Spring catchment.

Stable isotope values measured at the BGR isotope laboratory in Hannover were included into the scope of the project to obtain more information on groundwater catchment elevation and residence times of the major springs in the study area. BGR has a long tradition on implementing isotope methods for technical cooperation studies in the ESCWA region. See e.g. [WAGNER AND GEYH \(1999\)](#) for a summary of work and an introduction to isotope methods for groundwater studies. Isotope hydrological methods provide additional information for water resources management especially in karst environments ([NUR OZYURT et al., 2008](#)). Earlier isotope studies on elevation effects and Mediterranean precipitation were reported ([IAEA 2005](#)), for Syria (Anti Lebanon Mountains) (e.g. [KATTAN et al., 1997](#); [AL-CARIDEH, 2011](#)), and Lebanon Mountains (e.g. [AOUAD-RIZK et al., 2005](#); [SAAD et al., 2005](#)).

An interpretation of stable isotope composition, variability and relative differences monitored since March 2011 continuously in daily, weekly or monthly time series for five springs in the Jeita catchment (e.g. catchment elevation effect, seasonal effect) were conducted and are presented in this report. Detailed investigations of isotope input signals through precipitation and especially during winter snow accumulation were conducted as well.

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2 Study site and methods

Jeita Spring is the main water resource for the Greater Beirut Area and provides drinking water to about 2 Mio inhabitants. Expanding urbanization and a strong increase in scattered residential areas with more than 200,000 inhabitants in the Jeita groundwater catchment bear a high risk of water pollution of Jeita Spring. Jeita Spring is located in the Nahr el Kalb valley in central Lebanon about 5 km east of the Mediterranean coast line and about 15 km north of Beirut. Prior to the hydrogeological investigations of the BGR project, the groundwater (GW) catchment of the Jeita Spring was not well investigated and the source of the water unknown. Based on a large number of tracer tests, geological mapping and long-term monitoring of physical and chemical parameters from all major springs, the GW catchment could be delineated (MARGANE et al., 2013). It has a size of 405.9 km² and is very different in shape from the surface water catchment. Elevations reach from 60 m a.s.l. at Jeita Spring to 2,628 m a.s.l. at Mount Sannine. Jeita Spring discharges from the Lower Aquifer (J4; Jurassic) but this Lower Aquifer is recharged through riverbed infiltration by water originating from the Upper Aquifer (C4; Upper Cretaceous). The main springs discharging from the Upper Aquifer and contributing to the discharge of Jeita Spring are: Assal, Labbane, Afqa and Rouaiss. Kashkoush Spring was monitored because in the beginning it was unclear whether its catchment is connected to the Jeita catchment (see Table 1). It could, however, be proven, that Kashkoush spring has no connection at all with Jeita Spring. Due to the high level of karstification the catchment is characterized by a high infiltration and relatively low retention capacities.

The climate of the study site is characterized by a Mediterranean and semiarid type close to the semiarid/arid zone (Israel/Palestine/Jordan) (VERHEYDEN et al., 2008). Long-term average rainfall in the Jeita catchment is approximately 1,450 mm/a. Rainfall distribution in the GW catchment reaches from slightly over 900 mm/a at Jeita to around 2,100 mm/a near Dome du Mzaar/Mount Sannine. Rainfall occurs mainly during the period between October to April. In the high mountains, at elevations > 1,800 m asl, mainly as snow between December and March. There are significant differences in the rainfall pattern which have a tremendous impact on the formation of snow and thus on the recharge to groundwater.

During the water year 2010/11, the main rainfall occurred during the time period between 6 December and 12 March. Due to the low temperatures in December, most of this precipitation fell as snow at higher elevations and stayed until April. Although there was a minor snowmelt at the beginning of February, snow was again accumulated due to heavy snowfall starting 16 February. This snow lasted until mid April 2011. Even though total rainfall was relatively high, discharge of Jeita Spring during this water year ($3.7 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ or 115 Mio m³) was below average ($5.5 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ or 172 Mio m³).

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During water year 2011/12, the main rainfall started on 31st December and lasted until 17th February. Snowmelt started in mid February. Despite the fact that total annual rainfall in this water year was below average, spring discharge in Jeita (183 Mio m³) was above average. During water year 2012/13, there were a number of short but intensive rainfall periods during: 09th to 12th November, 05th to 11th December, 20th to 22^{sd} December and 05th to 10th January. Rainfall almost ceased on 19th February. Snowmelt started at the beginning of March.

Table 1: Coordinates, elevation and distance to coast of precipitation samplers and springs in the Jeita catchment

| Sample | station | latitude | longitude | elevation (m asl) | distance to coast (km) |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Rain | Jeita Mapas | 33.94311 | 35.64445 | 97 | 5 |
| | Sheile WEBML | 33.95552 | 35.65333 | 463 | 5 |
| | Ajaltoun AIS | 33.95761 | 35.67999 | 821 | 7 |
| | Raifoun BGR | 33.97662 | 35.70658 | 1,036 | 7 |
| | Kfar-Debbiane mun. | 33.98113 | 35.77111 | 1,307 | 12 |
| | Chabrouh dam | 34.02574 | 35.83447 | 1,591 | 19 |
| Spring | Kashkoush | 33.942773 | 35.639015 | 55 | 4 |
| | Jeita | 33.943574 | 35.641960 | 60 | 4 |
| | Afqa | 34.067753 | 35.893295 | 1,280 | 23 |
| | Rouaiss | 34.108946 | 35.909024 | 1,336 | 24 |
| | Naber al Assal | 34.009853 | 35.838548 | 1,540 | 18 |
| | Naber al Labbane | 33.994725 | 35.828435 | 1,644 | 17 |
| Drip water* | JC-01 to JC-09 | 33.945748 | 35.647657 | 65-120 | 5 |

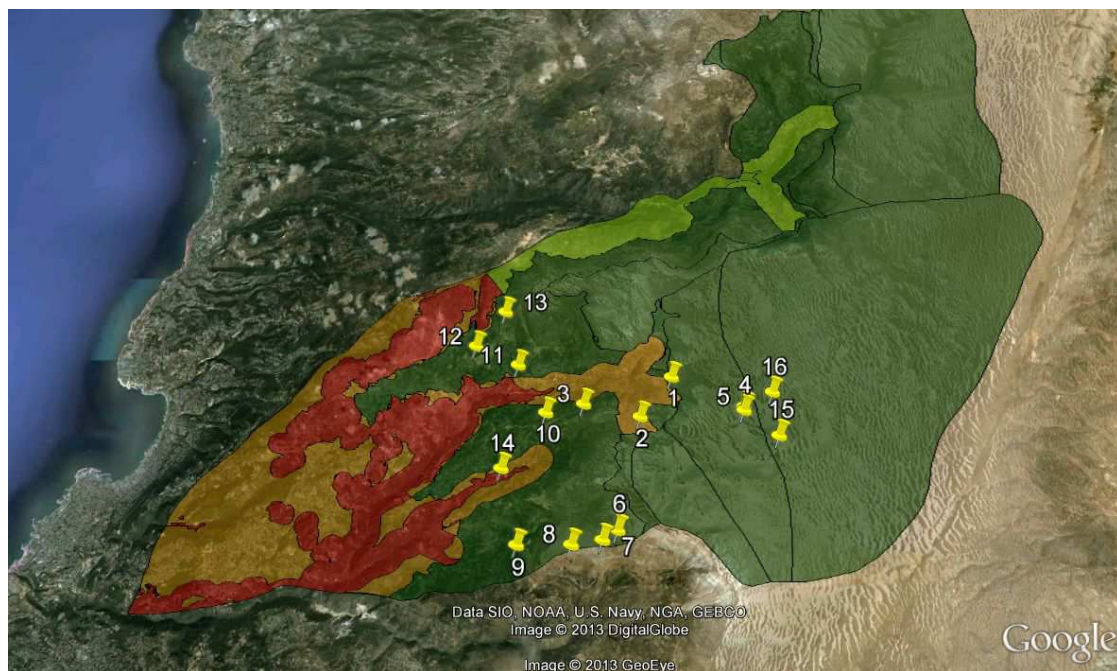
*Nine drip water samplers were installed inside Jeita cave

2.1. Field Methods

2.1.1. Isotope sampling program, sampling locations and time schedule

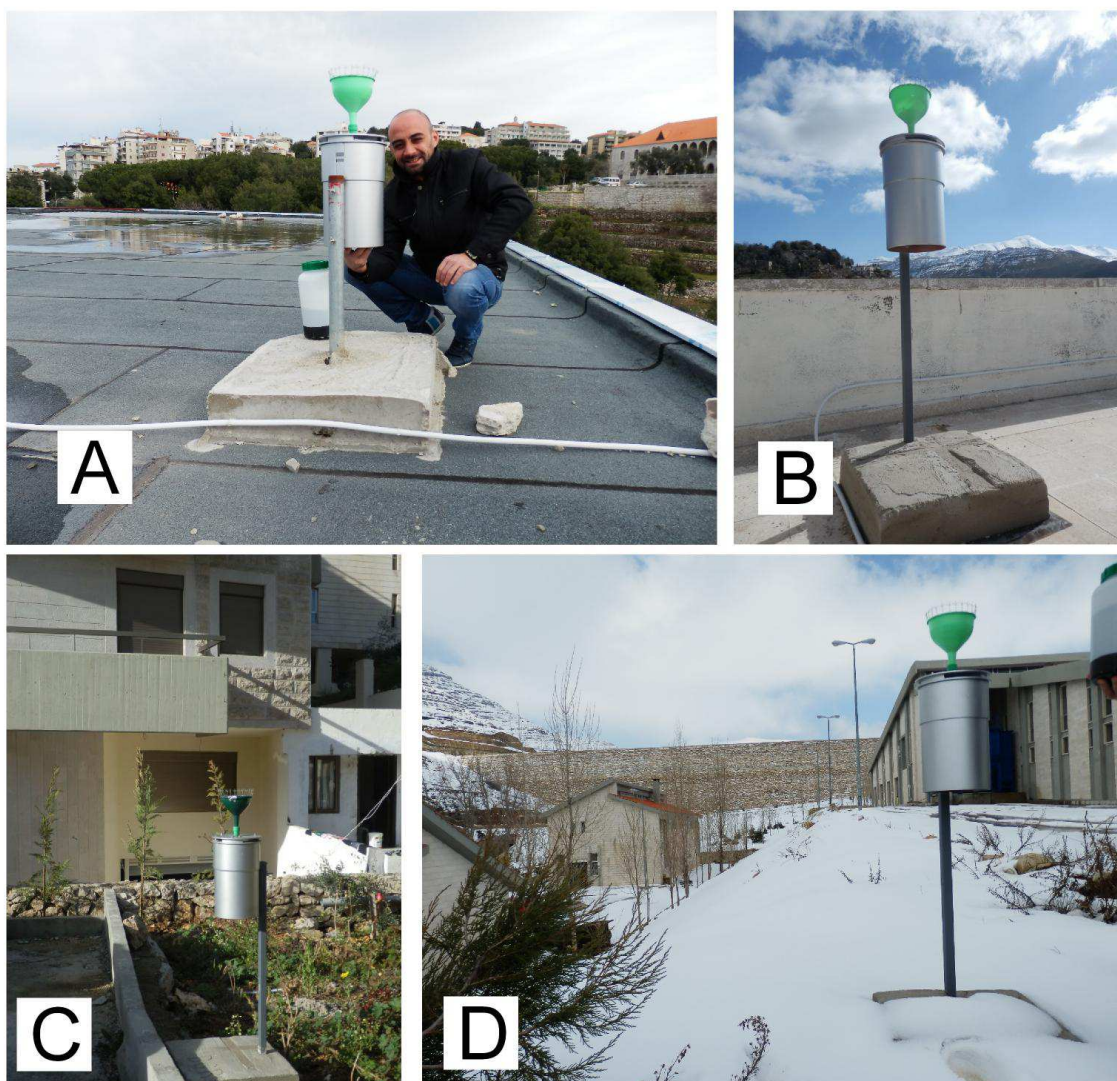
Field sampling for stable isotope analyses started in March 2011 at different springs in the Jeita catchments. Because first results looked promising a more intense sampling schedule of precipitation, snow, springs and wells in the catchment was developed further on. Precipitation samplers for stable isotopes that are especially designed to prevent evaporation (GRÖNING *et al.*, 2012), where installed at six sites (Jeita Grotto, Sheile reservoir, Ajaltoun AIS, Raifoun BGR office, Kfar Debbiane municipality and Chabrouh dam) at elevations ranging between 97 and 1,591 m above sea level (asl) (see Fig. 1 and Tab. 1). Precipitation sampling started weekly in March 2012 at Raifoun. Later, starting at the beginning of rainfall events in water year 2012/13, in October 2012, the sampling program of all six stations was adjusted to be every 10 to 14 days, depending on the amount of rainfall.

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The samples were transported to the laboratory at the BGR office in Raifoun and weighed for an estimation of the precipitation amount. Many of the rainfall samplers are in direct vicinity of meteorological stations also installed by BGR. The amount measured by the rainfall samplers closely matches that measured at the meteorological stations, even though the accuracy of the rainfall measurements by rainfall samplers is considerably less. Then aliquots of 100 ml were filled into plastic bottles, sealed and shipped to the BGR isotope laboratory in Hannover for stable isotope analyses.



Picture 1: Precipitation samplers for stable isotopes installed at A) Ajaltoun AIS, B) Kfar-Debbiane munic. C) Raifoun BGR and D) Chabrouh dam

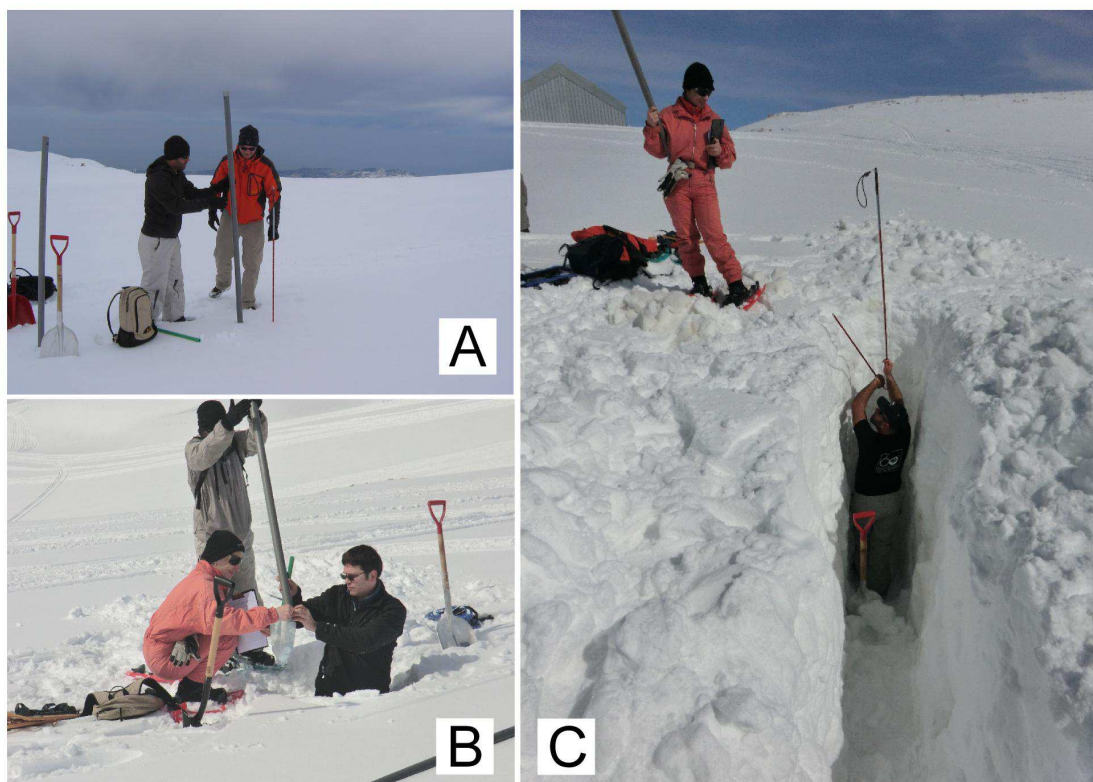
2.1.2. Snow sampling and snow level measurements

Snow surveys were conducted between 21st and 29th February 2012 and between 18th and 23rd February 2013. During these campaigns snow integral

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samples were collected at 16 sites in 2012 and 21 sites in 2013 at different elevations, ranging from 1,000 to 2,300 m asl. Additionally detailed snow profiles in 10 cm resolution over the entire profile depths were studied at the sites Wardeh (2,023 m asl) and Labbane (1,634 m asl) in 2012. During snow sampling, date, time, coordinates, elevation and snow level were recorded. Elevations and coordinates were determined with a GPS (Garmin GPS, Oregon 450t) with an x/y precision of about 3 m. Snow depth measurements were conducted with a snow level meter (Black Diamond, Quick Draw Guide Probe 300). For snow sampling 1 m, 2 m or 3 m plastic tube corers were used with a defined inner diameter of 56 mm and volume. In February 2013 the snow cover was less than in 2012. A continuous snow layer started at about 1,600 m asl and therefore sampling was not possible at lower elevations.

The snow samples were stored in 3 liter plastic bags during transportation, tightly closed to avoid evaporation, were melted overnight in the laboratory and afterwards analyzed for gravimetric, physico-chemical and isotope parameters. The snow water equivalent (SWE) was calculated from snow level, sampler volume and gravimetric weight of the melt water (A&D Company limited, type FX 3000i) with a precision of 0.01 g. Conductivity and pH-value were measured from each sample using a WTW multi parameter reader (Multi 3430).



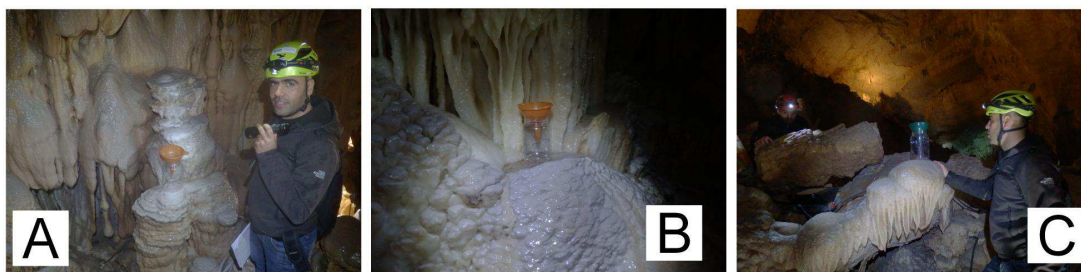
Picture 2: Snow sampling for stable isotopes using an integral snow sampler A) and B) and at a snow profile C).

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Unfortunately the project could not use a standardized snow survey equipment because due to problems with the Lebanese Customs Department. Aliquots of melted snow samples were filled in 5 ml glass ampoules sealed and carried to Hannover for isotope analyses, which were conducted within two weeks after sampling.

2.1.4. Jeita Cave drip water sampling

From 12th of March to 1st of August 2013 cave drip water was collected on nine sites in the upper (JC-01 to JC-06, see Picture 3) and lower (JC-07 to JC-09) part of the Jeita cave. Simple plastic collectors with a funnel and evaporation prevention were installed and emptied biweekly. Measurements were conducted for conductivity and stable isotopes later on in the laboratory.

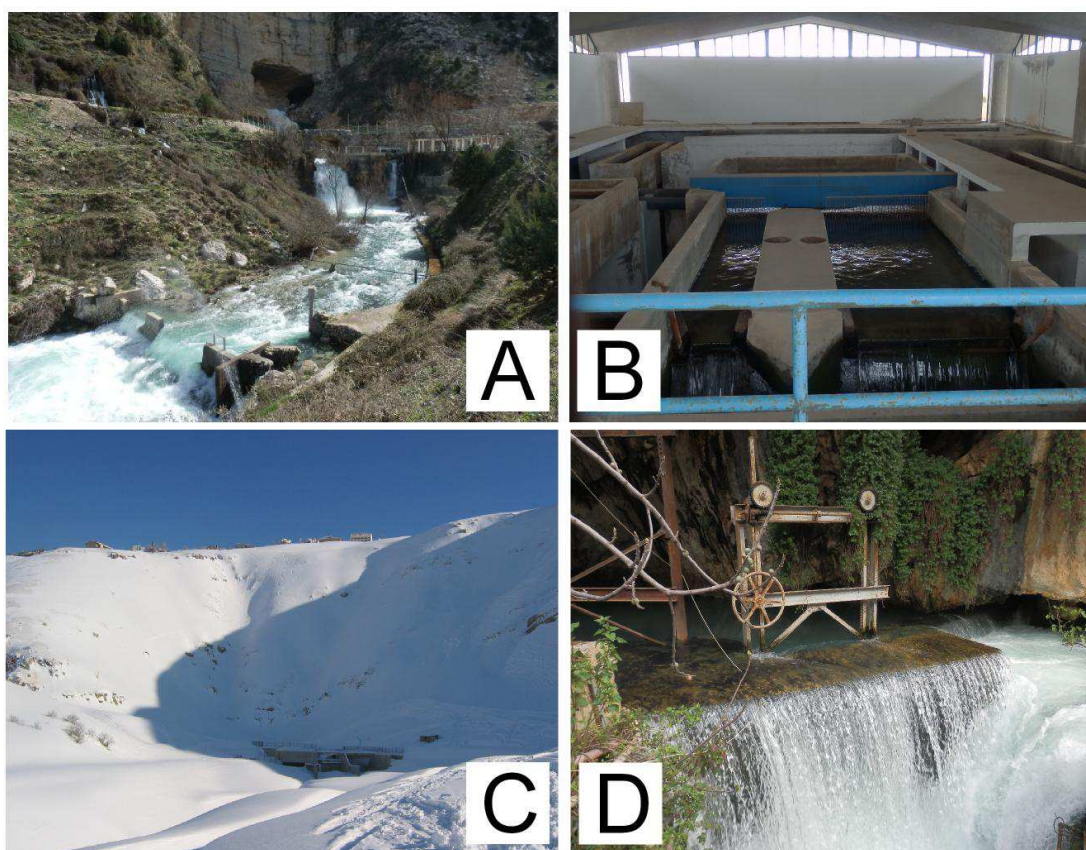


Picture 3: Cave drip water sampling, upper part of Jeita cave with samplers designed to prevent evaporation loss at A) JC-01, B) JC-04 and C) JC-06

2.1.5. Spring sampling

Water samples from six springs in the Jeita catchment (Jeita, Kashkoush, Labbane, Assal, Rouaiss and Afqa, see Picture 4) were collected between March 2011 and December 2013 in weekly or bi-weekly time steps (Jeita Spring additionally daily from February 2012 to May 2012). Further details that characterize the sub catchments of the springs are given in Table 1. Discharge measurements from the Assal, Labbane, Jeita and Kashoush springs are available from March 2012. Chemical analyses of spring water were not conducted due to a general lack of suitable and trusted laboratories in Lebanon. The water samples were collected in sealed plastic or glass bottles avoiding evaporation and shipped for stable isotope analyses to the BGR stable isotope laboratory in Hannover. Chloride content of selected samples from snow, rainfall and springs was determined at BGR laboratory.

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Picture 4: Some of the springs collected during this study A) Afqa, B) Assal, C) Labbane and D) Jeita Spring, in Lebanon

2.2. Laboratory Methods

2.2.1. Hydro chemical analyses

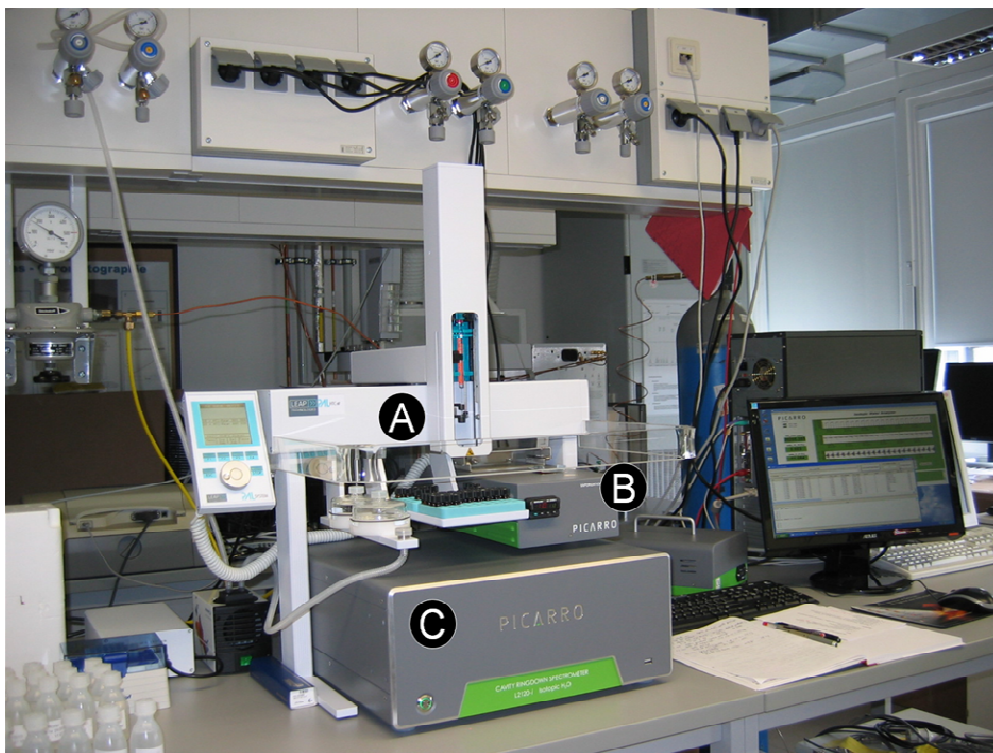
Hydro chemical analyses were conducted for selected samples of spring and precipitation in the hydrochemistry laboratory at the BGR in Hannover. Chloride concentration patterns were followed on precipitation transects. The methods, results and discussion of those analyses are reported separately in [MARGANE et al. \(2013\)](#). Hydro chemical analyzes of precipitation and springs in Lebanon can also be found in earlier studies by [SAAD et al. \(2004, 2005\)](#).

2.2.2. Stable isotope analyses

The water samples were analyzed for $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ simultaneously using a PICARRO L2120-i cavity ring down laser spectrometer after vaporization with a VAP 214 vaporizer at the isotope laboratory of the BGR in Hannover, Germany. All samples were measured at least four times and the reported value is the mean value. All values are given in the standard delta notation in per mill (‰) vs. VSMOW. Raw data were corrected for memory effect and

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excluded if necessary. The data sets were corrected for machine drift during the run and normalized to the VSMOW/SLAP scale (Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water / Standard Light Antarctic Precipitation). An additional post correction scheme for machine drift and memory effects was applied as recommended by [VAN GELDERN et al. \(2012\)](#). External reproducibility, defined as standard deviation of a control standard during all runs, was better than 1.0 ‰ and 0.30 ‰ for $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, respectively. Deuterium excess (DE) values ($\text{DE} = \delta^2\text{H} - 8 \cdot \delta^{18}\text{O}$) that are calculated from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ values show more consistent values than those derived from earlier IRMS measurements, because here both isotopes are measured at the same sample at the same time. In this work standard deviations of DE-values are better than 1‰ for a continuously measured quality check sample. It has to be mentioned that high contents of dissolved organic carbons (DOC) were considered to be problematic for laser measurements because of potential interference with the used water absorption bands. Picarro Inc. provides a data correction software called ChemCorrect™ which flags samples with high DOC interference for repetition or discard. We use ChemCorrect™ with unaltered factory settings to check all samples for DOC contamination. It was not necessary to discard samples collected during this study. For notation of δ -values in Figures and Tables we follow the recommendations given by [COPLEN et al. \(2011\)](#).



Picture 5: Isotope laboratory in Hannover: PICARRO L2120-i cavity ringdown laser spectrometer: A) PAL autosampler, B) vaporizer, C) laser spectrometer.

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3. Results

Basic meteorological and hydrological conditions in Lebanon are exemplified in the following using data collected at Beirut Airport and Jeita Spring. At Beirut Airport climate data are available from the internet at http://www.tutiempo.net/en/Climate/Beyrouth_Aeroport/401000.htm) and a privately operated weather station in Ajaltoun of Meteo Kareh (www.meteokareh.com). Climate station Meteo Kareh in Ajaltoun reported 1,066 mm of precipitation for water year 2010/11 and 1,357 mm for water year 2011/12. The average rainfall distribution for the water years 1999/00 to 2011/12 is shown in Figure 2. The time period 2010 to 2012 is shown in Figure 3. Precipitation mainly occurs during the cooler months September to June and daily sums of precipitation at sea level show values of more than 100 mm. Snow fall is common in higher elevations of the Lebanon mountain range and occurs during winter months October to March. From the coast inlands to the Lebanon Mountains a sharp gradient exists in terms of climate conditions (e.g. temperature and precipitation amount). Generally air temperatures show a pronounced seasonal variation with lower temperatures in the winter months (Figure 5).

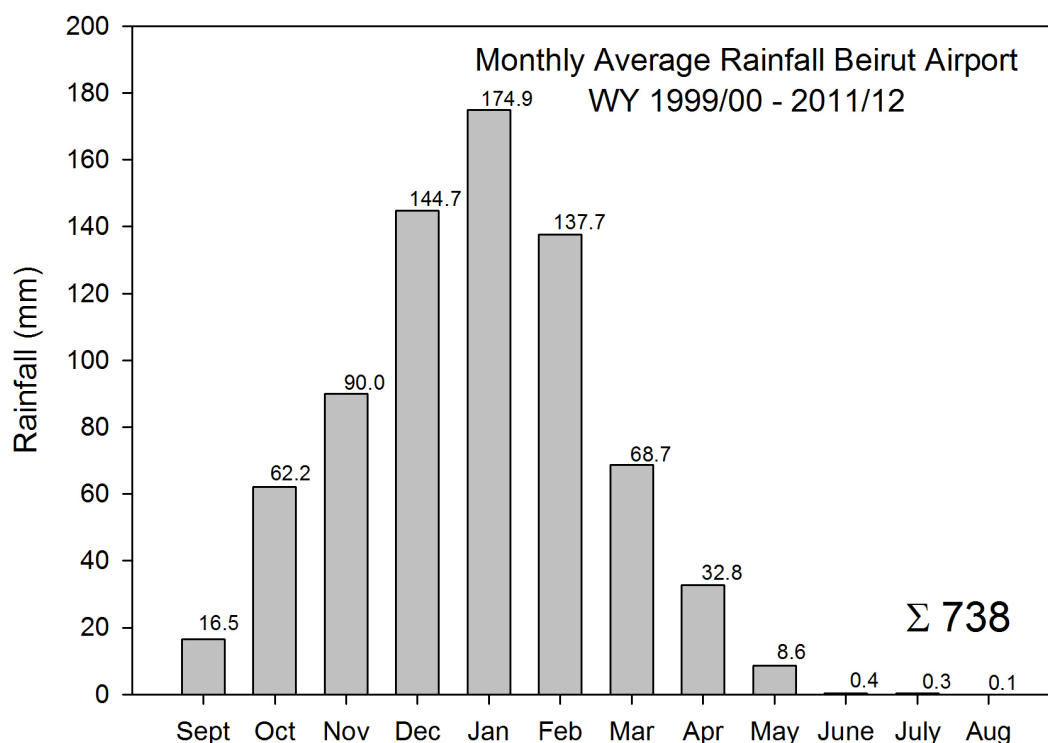


Fig. 2: Monthly average rainfall in mm year⁻¹ at Beirut airport (source: tutiempo.net)

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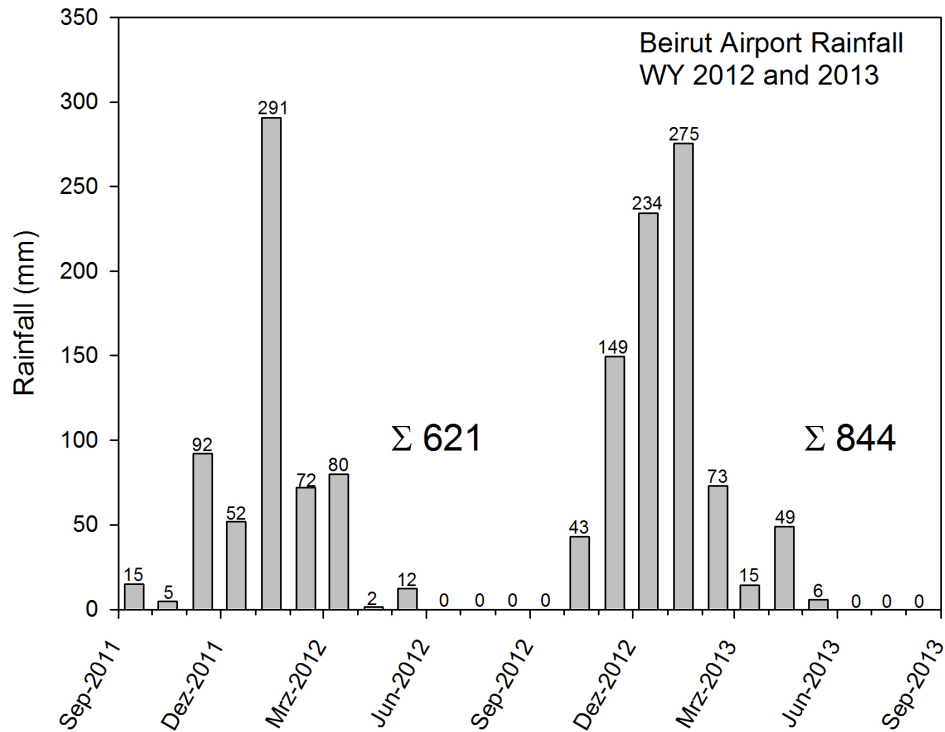


Fig. 3: Monthly rainfall at Beirut airport during water years 2011/12 and 2012/13 (source: tutiempo.net)

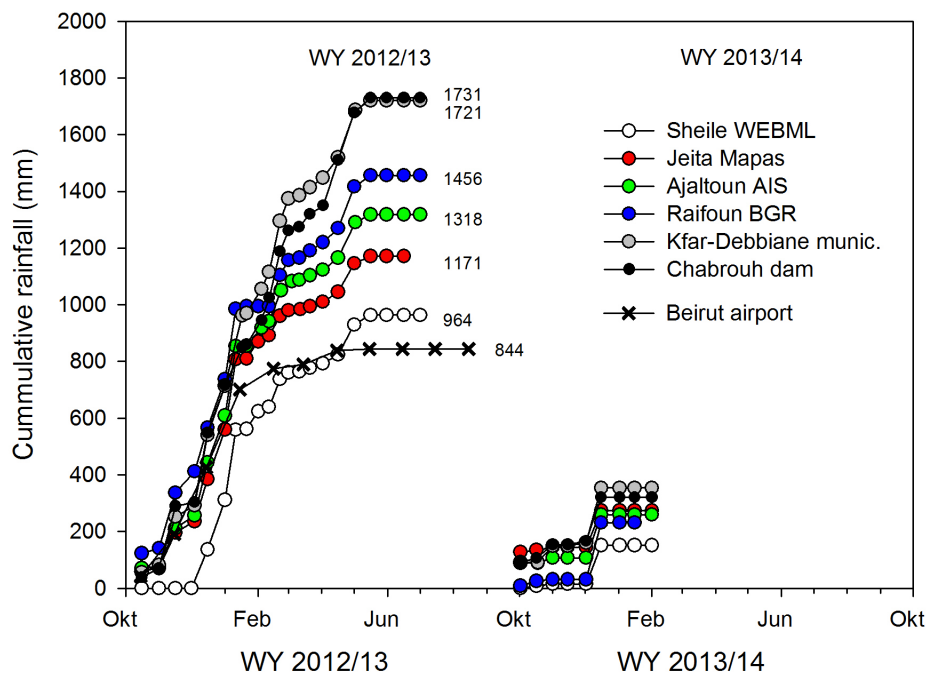


Fig. 4: Cumulative monthly rainfall at BGR rainfall samplers in the Jeita catchment and Beirut airport during water years 2012/13 and 2013/14

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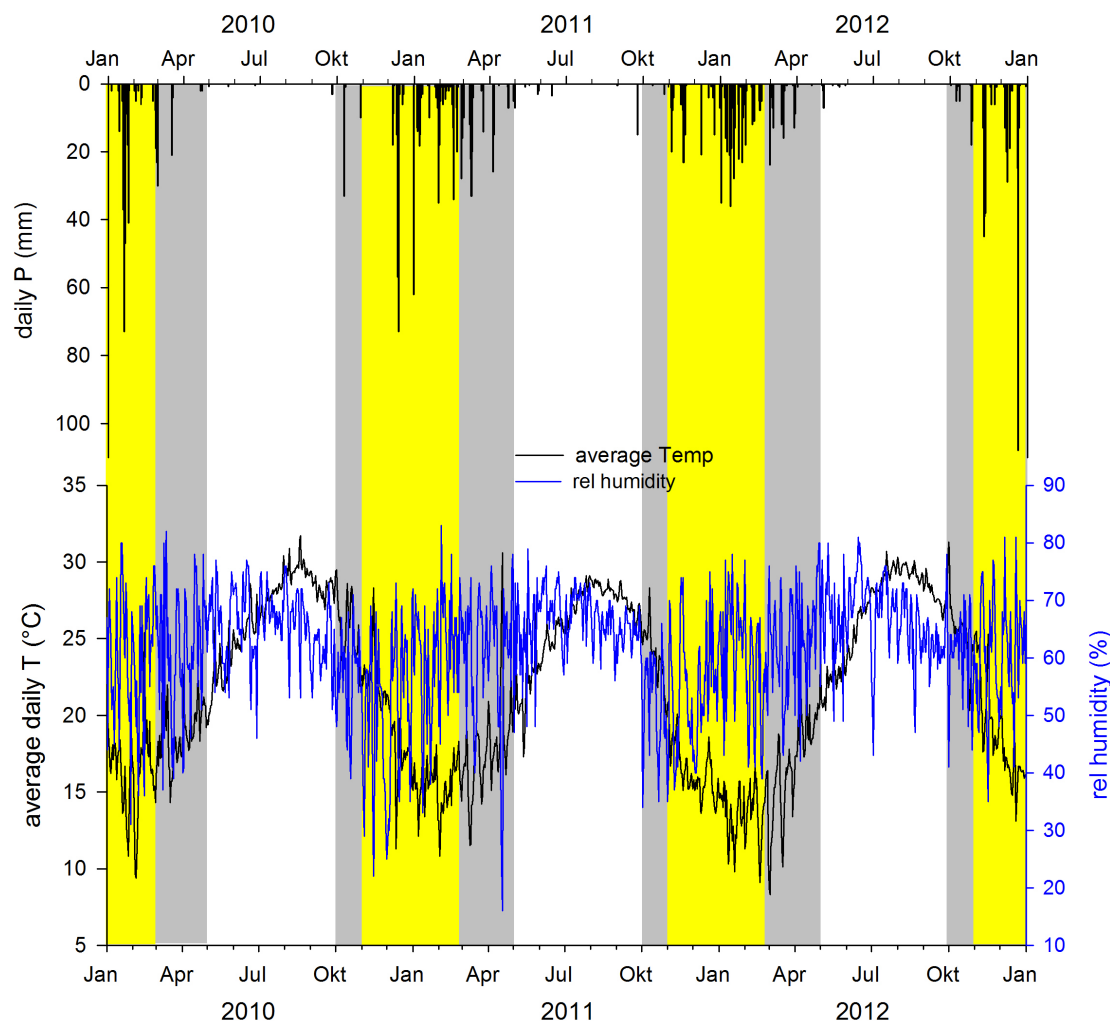


Fig. 5: Climate data at Beirut Airport measured during the period of 2010 to 2012 (source: tutiempo.net). Grey boxes indicate rainy season and yellow boxes time periods with snow layer

Since water year 2012/13, rainfall is measured by the BGR project at six stations in the Jeita groundwater catchment. The amount of rainfall measured at the climate stations is comparable to that monitored at rainfall stations (Figure 4). The precipitation sampler at Raifoun was installed first and samples were collected already since spring 2012. At the beginning of the rainy season 2012/13 in October another five rainfall samplers were installed for monitoring of the isotope composition of rain (see Fig. 1a for location), which reported weekly cumulated values of precipitation as well (summarized in Table 2). For the rainy season 2012/13 precipitation amounts increase with increasing elevation and range between 900 and 1,800 mm.

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Table 2: Cumulated precipitation at six precipitation stations for the rainy season 2012/13

| Station | P* (mm) |
|---------------------|------------|
| Jeita Mapas | 1,170.9 |
| Sheile WEBML | 964.0 |
| Ajaltoun AIS | 1,318.1 |
| Raifoun BGR | 1,456.0 |
| Kfar-Debbiane munic | 1,720.7 |
| Chabrouh dam | 1,730.6 |

*Precipitation cumulated October 2012 to June 2013

Hydrological response to precipitation and snow input is best described using observations from Jeita Spring, which was continuously monitored during the study period. Jeita Spring reacts very sensitive to rainfall and snowmelt and a response within a few hours to days was observed. More detailed information on Jeita Spring discharge was already given in earlier reports ([MARGANE et al., 2013; Technical Report No. 5](#)). Long-term average discharge for Jeita Spring is about 5.4 m³/s (172 Mio m³/a). It varies between around 1 m³/s and up to 60 m³/s. Mean discharge values for the other springs in the area as well as the estimated catchment areas for all investigated springs are given in Table 3.

Table 3: Catchment area and mean discharge of the springs collected in the Jeita catchment

| Spring | catchment area (km ²) | mean discharge (Mio m ³ /a) | (m ³ /s) |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Kashkoush | unknown | 70 | 2.22 |
| Jeita | 406 | 172 | 5.45 |
| Afqa | 102 | 123 | 3.90 |
| Rouaiss | 66 | 97 | 3.08 |
| Naber al Assal | 15 | 24 | 0.76 |
| Naber al Labbane | 10 | 14 | 0.44 |

Adopted from [MARGANE et al., \(2013, Technical Report No. 5\)](#)

3.1. Isotopes in precipitation

In total 104 precipitation samples from six stations (see Table 1 and Figure 1a for specific location) were collected in the Jeita catchment between October 2012 and June 2013 (last rainfall events). Sampling was continued when rainfall resumed in October 2013 and will be carried out until September 2014.

Mean amount weighted isotope values for samples collected at Jeita MAPAS, Sheile, Ajaltoun AIS, Raifoun, Kfar Debbiane municipality and Chabrouh

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dam are -4.35‰, -5.26‰, -5.58‰, -5.82‰, -6.12‰, and -6.76‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, and -18.5‰, -24.1‰, -24.4‰, -26.0‰, -28.0‰ and -33.0‰ for $\delta^2\text{H}$, respectively. With increasing elevation of the precipitation collectors a progressive depletion of isotope values and an increase of deuterium excess (DE) values are visible for the overall mean as well as for the monthly values (see Table 4, Figure 6).

The amount weighted mean monthly isotope values are plotted as time series in Figure 6. During January isotope values of precipitation are most depleted in heavy isotopes, whereas DE values are highest. A presentation in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ vs. $\delta^2\text{H}$ space and as DE values against $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ is given in Figure 7. Figure 8 shows the same values plotted against elevation of the precipitation samplers. All plots represent a high correlation with correlation coefficients higher than 0.8.

Table 4: Mean stable isotope ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$, DE) values of precipitation for the period October 2012 to May 2013

| Station | n | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | s.d. | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | s.d. | 10^3DE | s.d. |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|------------------|------|
| | (-) | (-) | (-) | (-) | (-) | (-) | (-) |
| Jeita Mapas | 18 | -4.35 | 1.93 | -18.5 | 13.2 | 18 | 4 |
| Sheile WEBML | 14 | -5.26 | 2.11 | -24.1 | 14.1 | 19 | 5 |
| Ajaltoun AIS | 18 | -5.58 | 1.75 | -24.4 | 11.3 | 20 | 5 |
| Raifoun BGR | 16 | -5.82 | 1.75 | -26.0 | 10.7 | 21 | 5 |
| Kfar-Debbiane munic. | 18 | -6.12 | 1.59 | -28.0 | 9.8 | 21 | 4 |
| Chabrouh dam | 18 | -6.76 | 1.35 | -33.0 | 8.6 | 21 | 3 |

An elevation effect of isotopes in precipitation for the Jeita catchment is clearly visible from Figure 8. The monthly precipitation amount weighed isotope values which are plotted in Figure 9 in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ vs. $\delta^2\text{H}$ space are additionally compared to snow and spring isotope values (Jeita Spring in red, and mean values for springs as white circles). Local regression lines (LMWL) derived from our precipitation data (bold line) and additionally from two other earlier studies ([SAAD et al. 2005](#); [AOUAD-RIZK et al. 2005](#)) are added in comparison to the Global (GMWL) and Mediterranean (MMWL) meteoric water lines.

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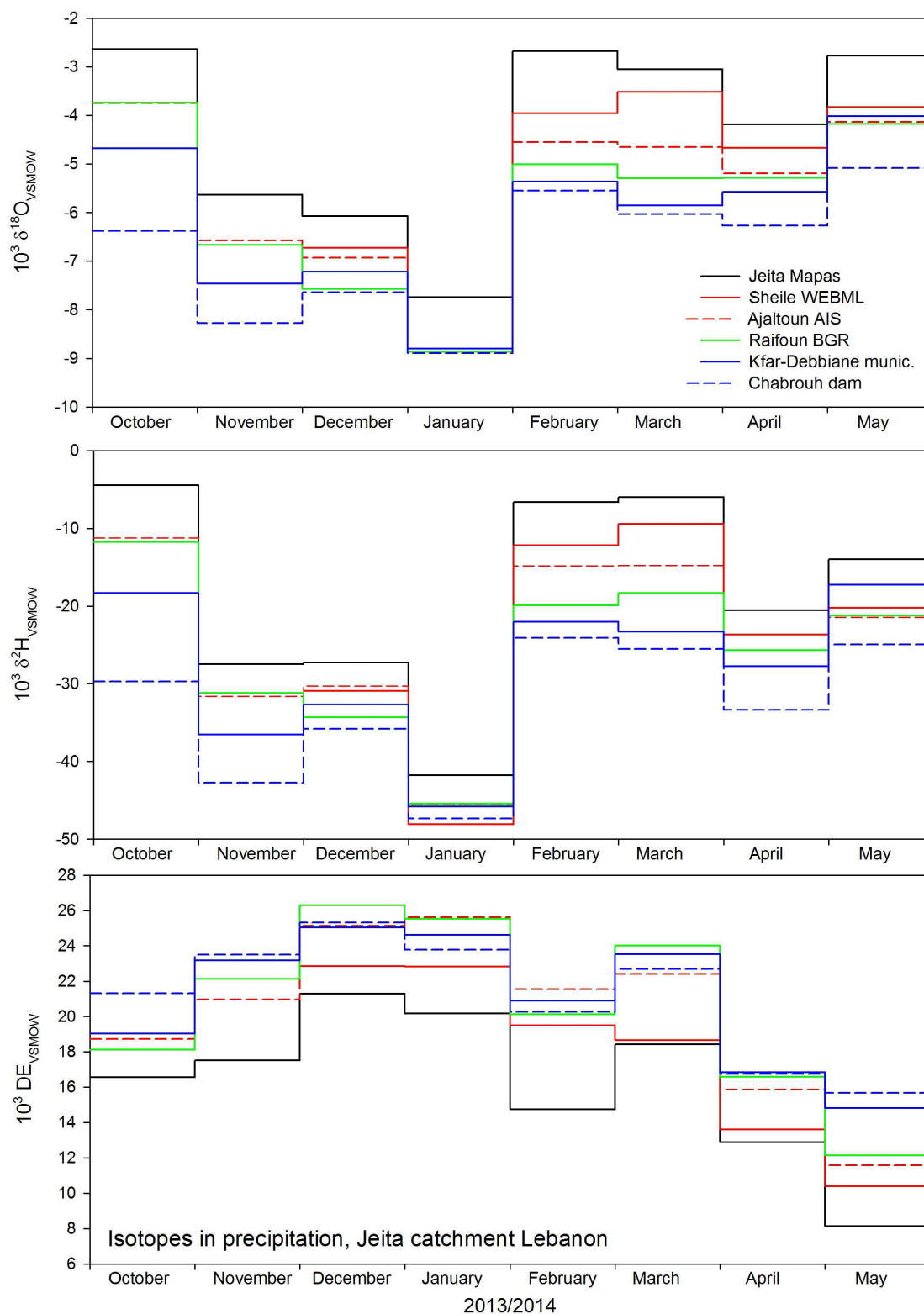


Fig. 6: Amount weighed monthly isotope values of precipitation at six stations in the Jeita catchment during the period October 2012 to May 2013

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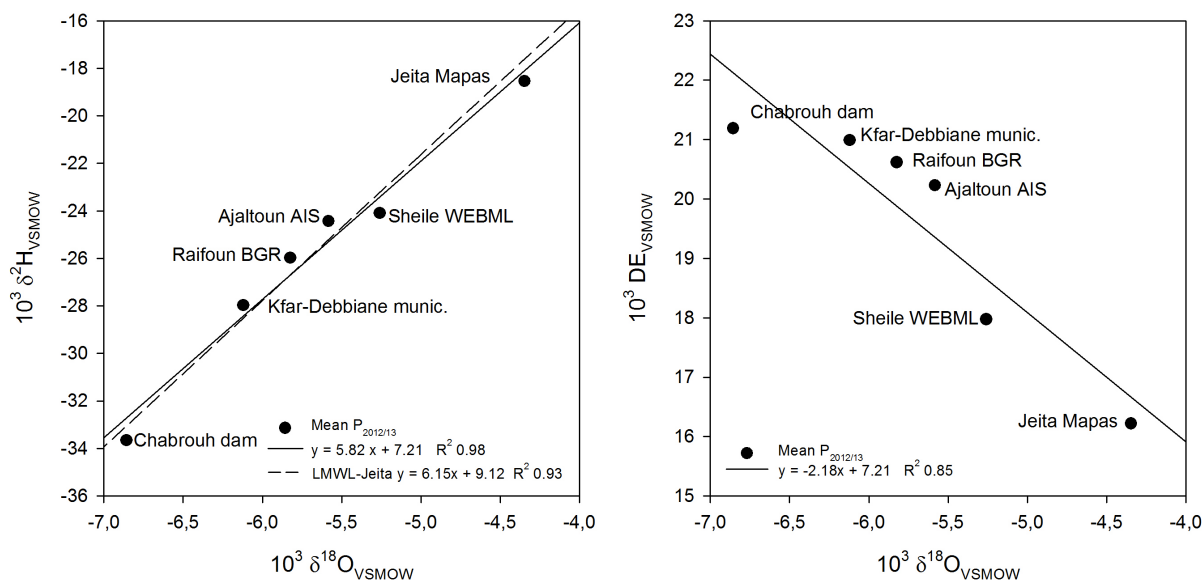


Fig. 7: $\delta^{18}O$ vs. δ^2H and DE vs. $\delta^{18}O$ plot of weighed mean precipitation

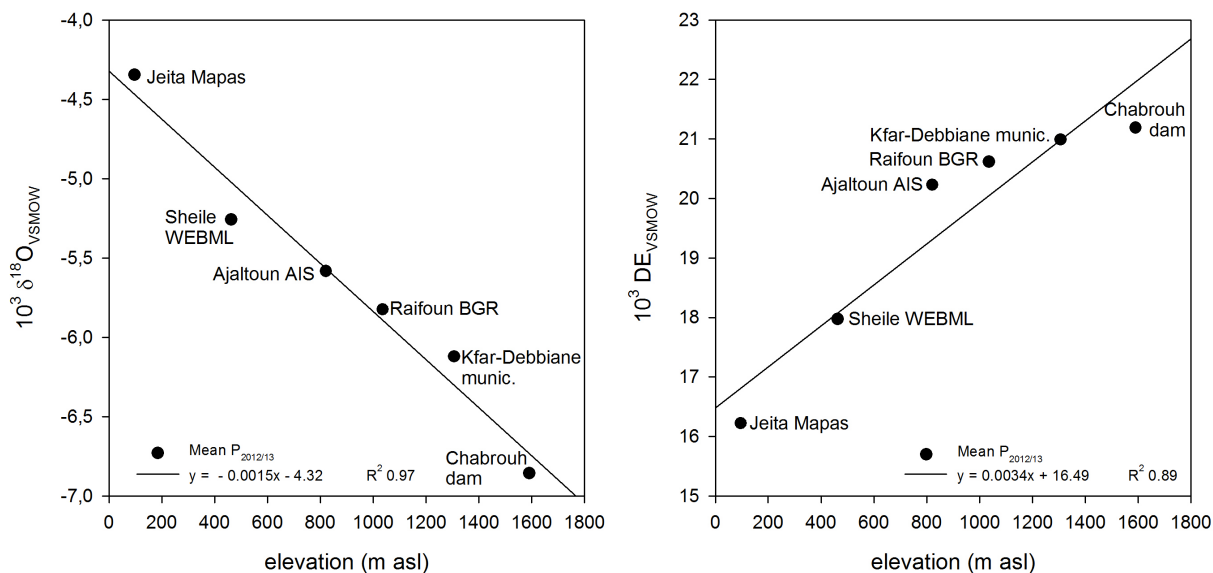


Fig. 8: Weighed mean $\delta^{18}O$ and DE values of precipitation vs. elevation of sampling site

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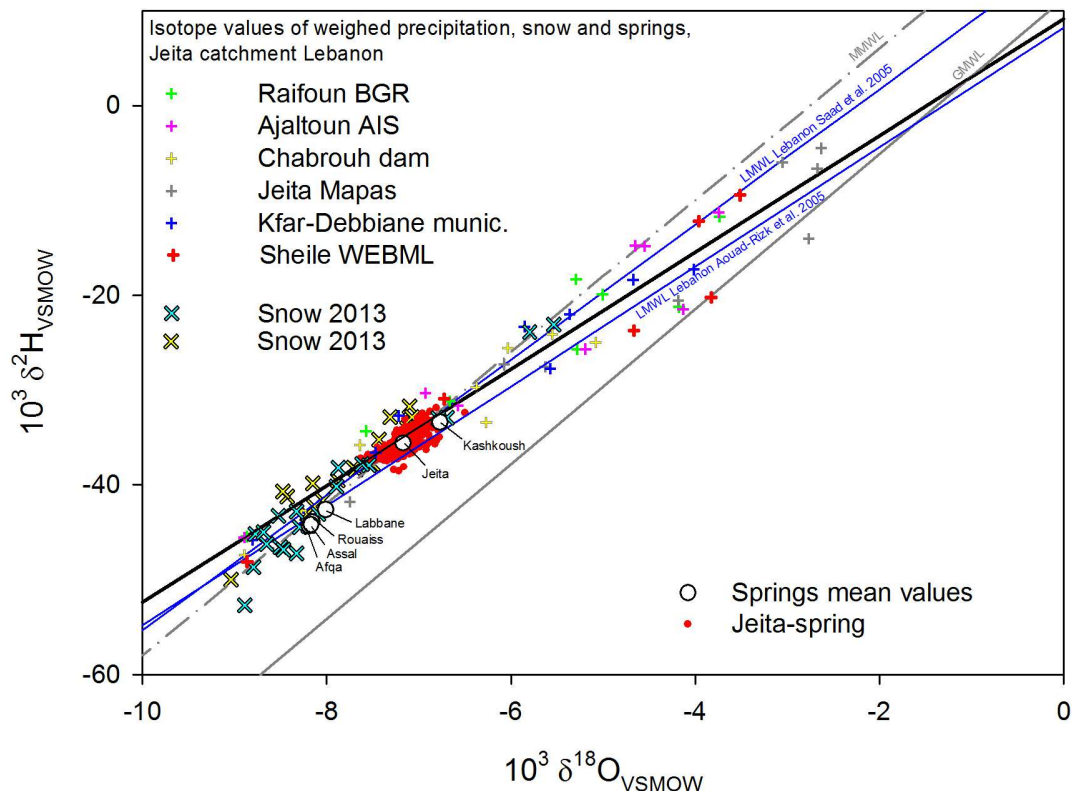


Fig. 9: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ vs. $\delta^2\text{H}$ plot of collected precipitation, snow and mean spring samples in the Jeita catchment, Lebanon, with LMWLs described by SAAD et al. 2005 and AOUAD-RIZK et al. 2005

3.2. Snow integrals and profiles sampling 2012 and 2013

The results of snow sampling surveys conducted in February 2012 and February 2013 (see Fig. 1b and c for location) are summarized in Figures 10, 11 and 12. Snow depths and snow water equivalent estimated during the campaigns were different for 2012 and 2013 and during both sampling campaigns clearly correlated to elevation (Figure 10). Snow isotope values might differ significantly from year to year reflecting climatic conditions (temperature, precipitation amount). The snow layer was larger, snow depth and SWE was higher in 2012 (Figure 10) and the samples taken in 2012 were slightly more enriched in heavy isotopes in comparison to 2013 (Figure 11, Table 5). In general the overall mean values of snow samples were isotopically more depleted in heavy isotopes in comparison to the mean values of the rain samples (Table 5). This is due to the fact that snow mainly occurs at higher altitudes, where because of the altitude effect precipitation is isotopically more depleted. The DE values of snow are higher than those of the precipitation samples collected in the study site. More depleted isotope values and higher DE values in precipitation are generally expected during the winter seasons.

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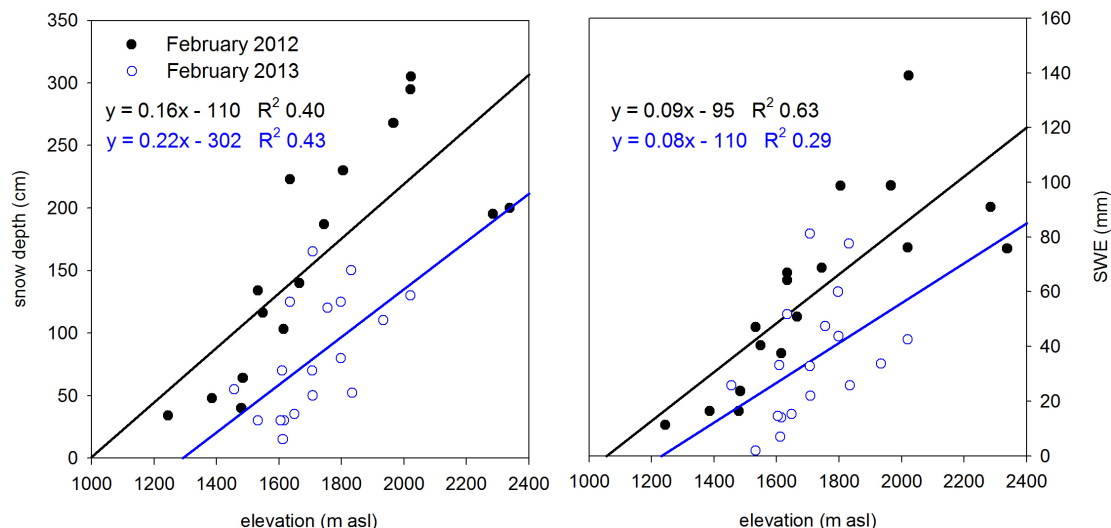


Fig. 10: Snow depth and SWE for snow integral samples during the snow survey in 2012 and 2013

An elevation effect in snow was not clearly visible for 2012 and 2013 and the derived correlation factors are rather weak in comparison to those calculated for the amount weighted precipitation samples, most likely because sampling campaigns just provide spot samplings of snow conditions in space and time.

Pronounced isotopic inhomogeneity was not only visible spatially but also within the snow layer. As shown in Figure 12, where $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of snow is plotted against depth of samples taken at two different snow profiles in 2012, snow isotopic composition can vary significantly. This is reflecting the climatic evolution during snow accumulation and snow melt phases over the winter season.

Tab. 5: Comparison of overall mean stable isotope ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$, DE) values of snow and rain collected in the Jeita catchment

| | n | $10^3\delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3\delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | (-) | (-) | (-) | (-) |
| Snow 2012 | 17 | -7.79 | -38.4 | 24 |
| Snow 2013 | 21 | -7.92 | -41.1 | 22 |
| Rain Nov. to Feb. 2013* | 24 | -6.77 | -31.9 | 22 |
| Rain 2013* | 46 | -5.65 | -25.7 | 20 |

*Mean of all calculated monthly values; no rain isotope data was available for 2012

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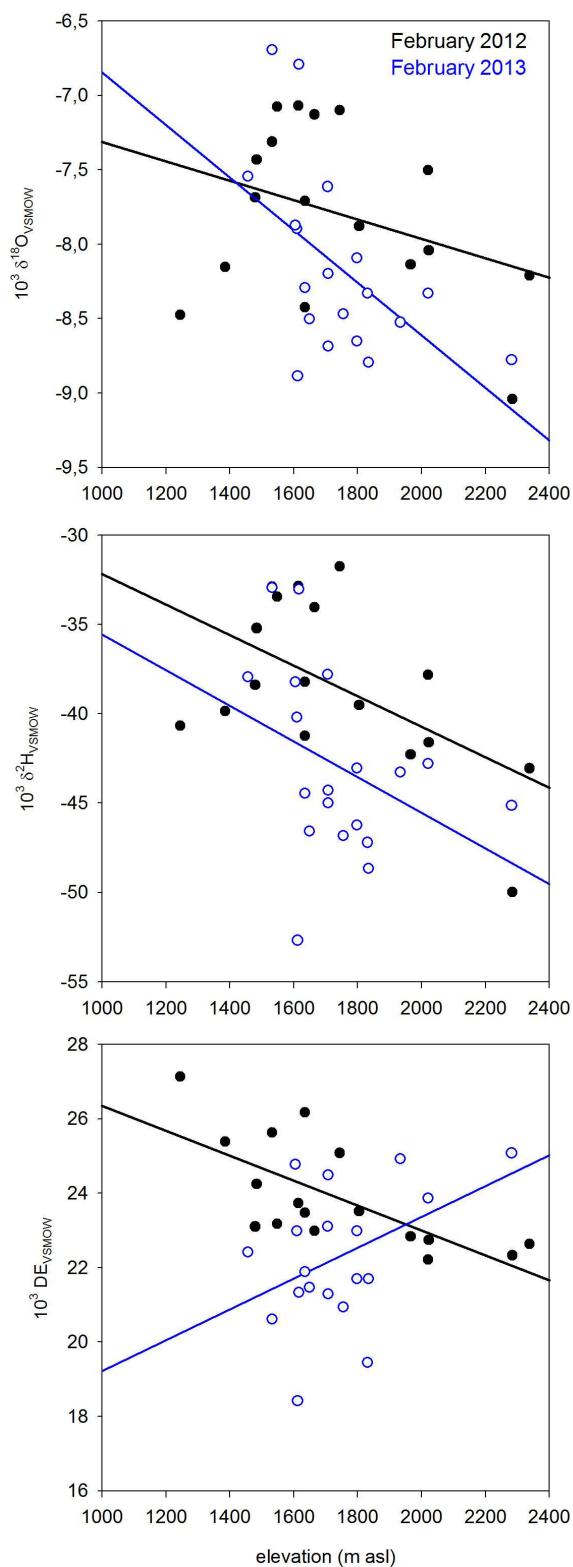


Fig. 11: $\delta^{18}O$, δ^2H and DE values of snow integral samples against elevation in 2012 and 2013

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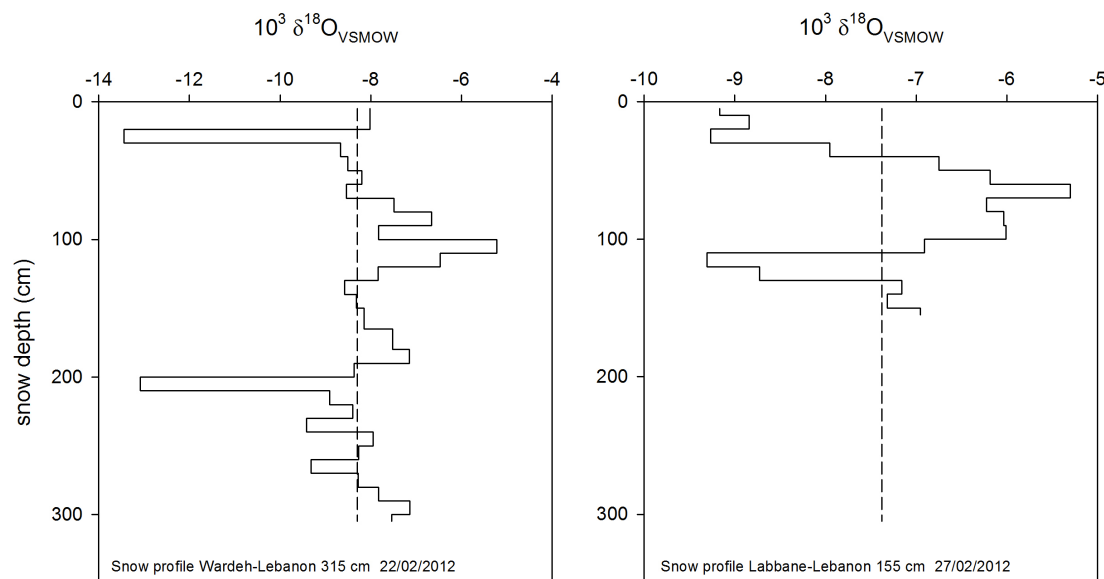


Fig. 12: Snow profiles 2012: depth vs. $\delta^{18}O$

3.3. Jeita cave drip water

For drip water within the Jeita cave we expected values similar to those of Jeita Spring water. The analysis of drop samples in Jeita cave aimed to further look into cave heterogeneities for eventual consequent studies on cave stalagmite evolutions and paleohydrological conditions in Lebanon. For the period of February to August 2013 we found mean values of isotope composition which are shown in Table 7. The time series for this season show quite different compositions of drip waters either in conductivity and isotope concentrations. This indicates that different flow pathways occur within the geological overburden of the cave. However, the relative amount of inflow from this flowpath is insignificant and has no impact on the overall stable isotope composition in Jeita waters. More details of Jeita cave drip water investigations will be reported later.

Table 7: Mean stable isotope values ($\delta^{18}O$, δ^2H , DE) of Jeita cave drip water collected at six sites bi-weekly between Feb. 2013 and Aug. 2013

| Jeita | elevation (m asl) | n (-) | $10^3 \delta^{18}O$ (-) | s.d. (-) | $10^3 \delta^2H$ (-) | s.d. (-) | $10^3 DE$ (-) | s.d. (-) |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Cave drip water | 65-120 | 111 | -5.24 | 0.48 | -24.0 | 3.3 | 18 | 1 |

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3.4. Stable isotopes signals of springs

A continuous sampling of springs in the Jeita catchment started end of March 2011 (see Fig. 1d for location of the springs). In the beginning samples were collected biweekly. For Jeita Spring daily sampling started in March 2012 and additionally Rouaiss spring was collected since June 2012. The time series of all springs are plotted in Fig. 13 for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$ and DE respectively. Snow integral samples are also included for comparison (cross symbols).

The isotope values tend to be more enriched in heavy isotopes during the winter months (grey frames in Fig. 13 indicate the rainy season and yellow boxes permanent snow layers in the mountains) and more depleted during the summer months (white frames). The lower locations (Kashoush and Jeita) are always more depleted than the springs located in the higher elevations and therefore clearly indicate an elevation effect as well for the spring samples. For the higher locations (Labbane, Assal, Afqa and Rouaiss) this is not always the case. During summer 2012 all samples indicate similar melt water concentrations. Starting in autumn precipitation dominates this effect again and therefore is visible for the springs at higher locations again. Mean values calculated from the spring samples also indicate a clear correlation with elevation for the springs (see Table 6 – mean isotope values for springs), and almost identical DE-values.

Table 6: Mean stable isotope values ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$, DE) of springs collected in the vicinity of Jeita Spring, Lebanon

| Spring | Elevation (m asl) | n (-) | $10^3\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (-) | s.d. (-) | $10^3\delta^2\text{H}$ (-) | s.d. (-) | 10^3DE (-) | s.d. (-) |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Kashkoush | 60 | 46 | -6.77 | 0.16 | -33.4 | 1.3 | 21 | 1 |
| Jeita | 65 | 438 | -7.17 | 0.15 | -35.6 | 1.1 | 22 | 1 |
| Afqa | 1,280 | 45 | -8.19 | 0.17 | -44.3 | 1.3 | 21 | 1 |
| Rouaiss | 1,336 | 31 | -8.16 | 0.21 | -43.9 | 1.4 | 21 | 1 |
| Naber al Assal | 1,540 | 55 | -8.17 | 0.18 | -42.2 | 1.4 | 21 | 1 |
| Naber al Labbane | 1,644 | 50 | -8.01 | 0.21 | -42.6 | 1.9 | 21 | 1 |

Figure 14 presents a summary plot in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ versus $\delta^2\text{H}$ space in comparison to the global meteoric water line (GMWL) defined by CRAIG (1961) and the Mediterranean meteoric water line (MMWL). Two lines given for isotopes of precipitation collected in Lebanon (LMWL) are also given (SAAD et al. 2005, AOUAD-RIZK et al., 2005). Kashkoush spring (blue symbols) and Jeita Spring (red symbols) at elevations of 55 and 60 m asl are clearly separated from other springs at higher elevations.

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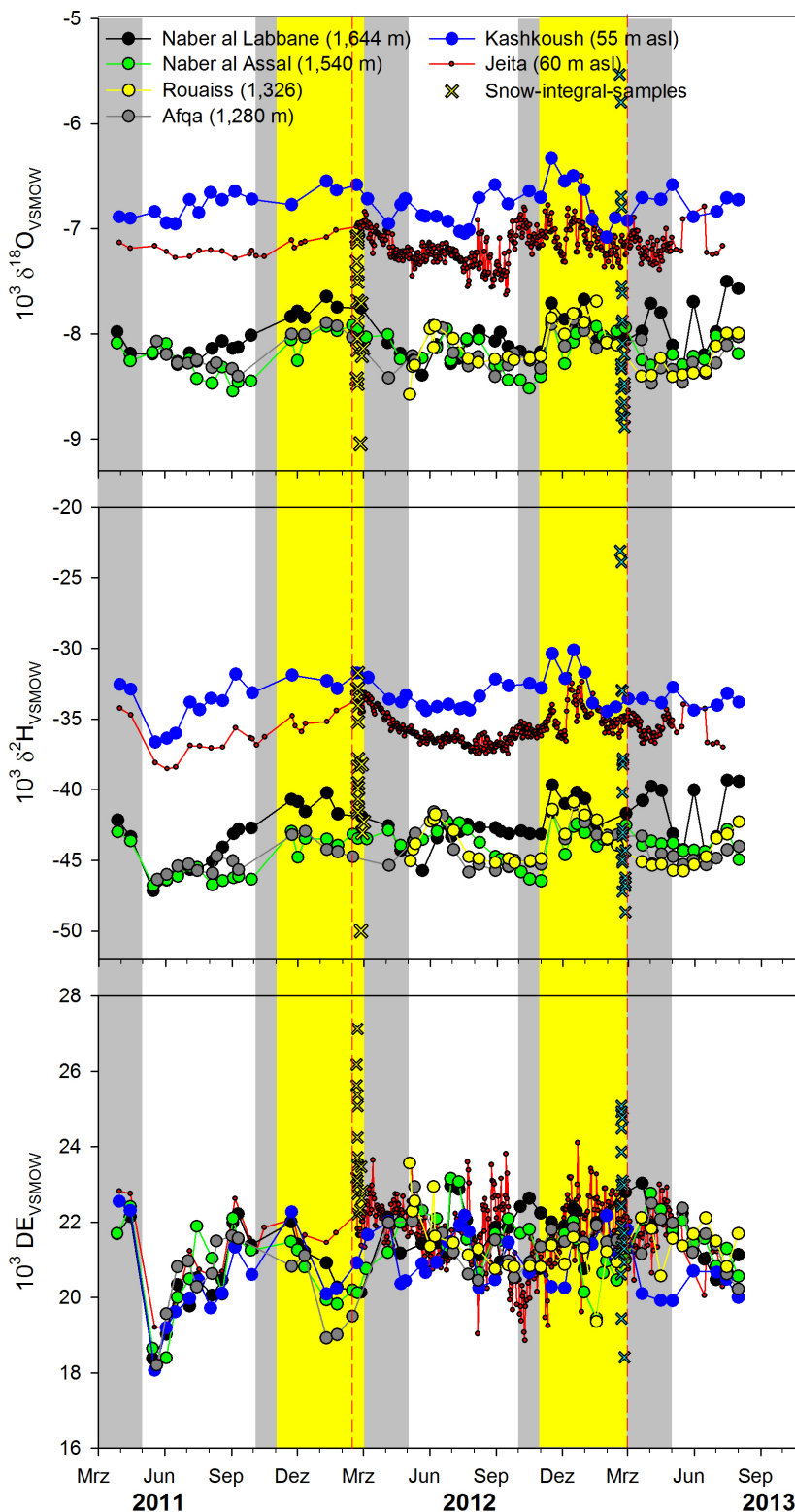


Fig. 13: Stable isotope ($\delta^{18}O$, δ^2H , DE) time patterns of springs in the Jeita catchment and snow integral samples

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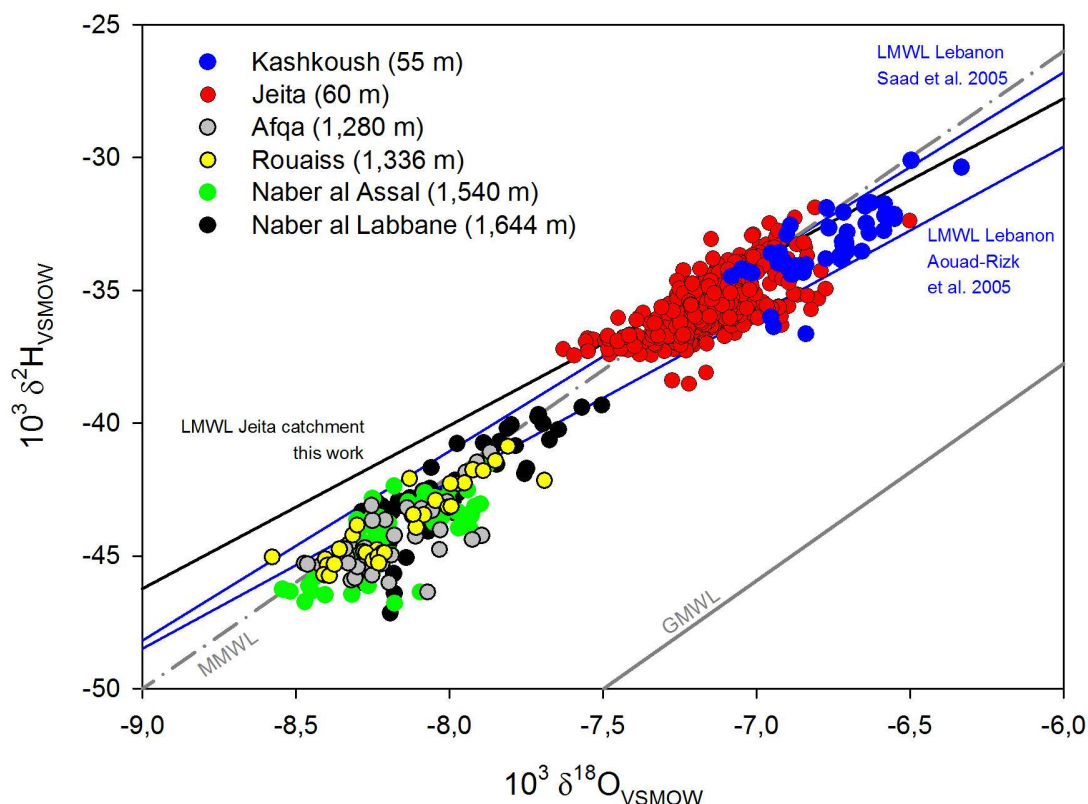


Fig. 14: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ vs. $\delta^2\text{H}$ plot of all spring samples collected 2011 to 2013 in the Jeita Spring catchment, Lebanon

4. Interpretation and discussion

The knowledge of the spatial distribution of stable isotope input through precipitation is of utmost importance for all deduced interpretations. Precipitation usually has to be investigated for several years (the longer the better) to derive appropriate local meteoric water characteristics. Snow and snowmelt dominated areas might show additional unexpected characteristics. All uncertainties that are related to the isotope input (elevation effect, seasonality, snow melt) will impact all subsequent interpretations derived from stable isotopes.

Stable isotope investigations on snow samples are not as frequent as rain water studies most likely because snow surveys are more difficult to conduct. A review on snow studies in isotope hydrology was given by KOENIGER et al. (2008). In the Jeita catchment it was not possible to define a clear elevation effect with snow samples and snow isotope composition varies from one year to the other as it was found in earlier snow isotope surveys in Rocky Mountain catchments (KOENIGER et al., 2008) and in the Black Forrest in Germany (WENNINGER et al., 2011). In the Lebanon and Anti-Lebanon mountain ranges (related BGR investigations were conducted in the Figeih spring

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catchment; results not yet published), a pronounced stable isotope elevation effect is visible for spring water, which are related to precipitation and snow melt effects.

4.1. Local Meteoric Water Lines

A precise characterization of a local meteoric water line (LMWL) is mandatory for resources management since they describe the isotope precipitation input to groundwater that has to be evaluated. An offset from a LMWL usually describes water that has been influenced by evaporation or has undergone mixing with evaporative enriched water. For a good approximation, time series of several years are necessary with observations from several stations that adequately represent the overall catchment under consideration. Isotope values of precipitation samples in general have to be weighed by precipitation amount to prevent an unrealistic influence of outlier values, or relatively small precipitation events.

Figure 8 summarizes global (GMWL) and local meteoric water lines (LMWL) for our data in comparison to earlier published campaigns (SAAD et al., 2005, 2007, ABOU-RIZK et al., 2005). The GMWL was defined by CRAIG (1961) and modified by ROZANSKI et al (1993). A Mediterranean meteoric water line (MMWL) was introduced by GAT (1983) and GAT et al. (1972 and 1987). LMWLs for Lebanon were given for measurements conducted between 2003 and 2005 at six stations by SAAD et al. (2005) and for measurements conducted between 2001 and 2003 at four stations by AOAUD-RIZK et al. (2005). For Syria LMWLs were given by AL-CHARIDEH (2011) and ABOU ZAHKEM et al. (2010). Own observations between October 2012 and May 2013 at six stations in the Jeita catchment lead to a (preliminary) Jeita LMWL of $\delta^2\text{H} = 6.15 \cdot \delta^{18}\text{O} + 9.12$ with a R^2 value of 0.93 ($n = 46$) (see Tab. 9).

Table 8: Parameters for Meteoric Water Lines (MWL) relevant to this study

| | a | b | R ² | Authors |
|----------------------------|------|-------|----------------|------------------------|
| Global meteoric water line | 8 | 10 | - | Craig, 1961 |
| Global meteoric water line | 8.20 | 11.27 | 0.98 | Rozanski et al., 1993 |
| Mediterranean LMWL | 8 | 22 | - | Gat et al., 1972 |
| Lebanon MWL | 7.1 | 15.98 | - | Saad et al. 2005 |
| Lebanon MWL | 6.3 | 8.2 | 0.96 | Aouad-Rizk et al. 2005 |
| Lebanon MWL* | 7.4 | 14.5 | 0.94 | Aouad-Rizk et al. 2005 |
| Jeita MWL | 6.15 | 9.12 | 0.93 | This work |
| Syrian MWL | 7.9 | 19.7 | 0.93 | Al-Charideh, 2011 |
| Syrian MWL | 6.6 | 10.38 | 0.90 | Zakem et al., 2010 |

*If samples from beginning and end of the rainy season are excluded

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4.2. Mean catchment elevation

The stable isotope content of all above mentioned springs behaves very similar with time, exhibiting a seasonal variation, however, also showing a clear elevation effect (Figs. 12 and 13; KOENIGER et al., 2012). The isotope composition of Jeita (60 m asl) and Kashkoush (55 m asl) springs, discharging from the Lower Aquifer, is significantly lower than that of the springs discharging from the Upper Aquifer (C4), the Afqa (spring elevation: 1,280 m asl), Rouaiss (1,336 m asl), Assal (1,540 m asl) and Labbane (1,644 m asl) springs. Rainfall samples taken for 10 or 15 day intervals at different elevations in the GW catchment also exhibit a clear elevation effect (Fig. 6). Stable isotope composition of snow samples taken in the outcrop area of the C4 is very similar to that of the C4 springs. Stable isotope as well as CFC, SF6 and $^3\text{H}/^3\text{He}$ analyses point to a relatively short mean groundwater residence time of a few years only.

The comparison of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values from springs and from snow/rainfall (Fig. 6) shows that the mean catchment elevation of Jeita Spring must be higher than 1,400 m asl. However, the J4 outcrop area has a mean elevation of 1,016 m, only. Therefore Jeita Spring (as Kashkoush spring too) must have a major contribution from groundwater that was recharged at higher elevations, i.e. in the Upper Aquifer (C4). This confirms the assumption of major surface water infiltrations in the outcrop area of the uppermost C4 in Nahr Ibrahim, Nahr es Salib and other valleys. Based on stable isotope analyses, it is assumed that the share of groundwater coming from the Upper Aquifer must be more than 30%, however, concrete numbers can only be given when long-term stable isotope monitoring data of springs, rainfall, and snow are available.

The provenience of a large share of water from snowmelt on the Upper Cretaceous plateau in Jeita Spring can also be explained with long-term monitoring data of electric conductivity (EC) of springs, rainfall and snow. The EC of Jeita Spring ranges between 310 and 380 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ (MARGANE & STOECKL, 2013). EC at the coast ranges between 40 and 220 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, depending on the trajectory, wind speed and temperature, and decreases with elevation to between 20 and 70 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ at higher elevations (Chabrouh dam, 1,591 m asl; Margane et al., 2013). EC of snow samples taken at elevations > 1,800 m asl ranges between 10 and 50 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. The springs discharging from the Upper Aquifer have an EC of between 90 and 180 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ (catchment > 1,800 m asl). If there was an inflow to the Jeita catchment from the Beka'a Valley through the Yammouneh fault (part of the Dead Sea Transform Fault), the salinity of Jeita Spring would need to be significantly higher, as it must be assumed that the salinity in the Jurassic aquifer of the Beka'a Valley must be $\gg 1$ g/l (no boreholes have yet been drilled into the Jurassic there).

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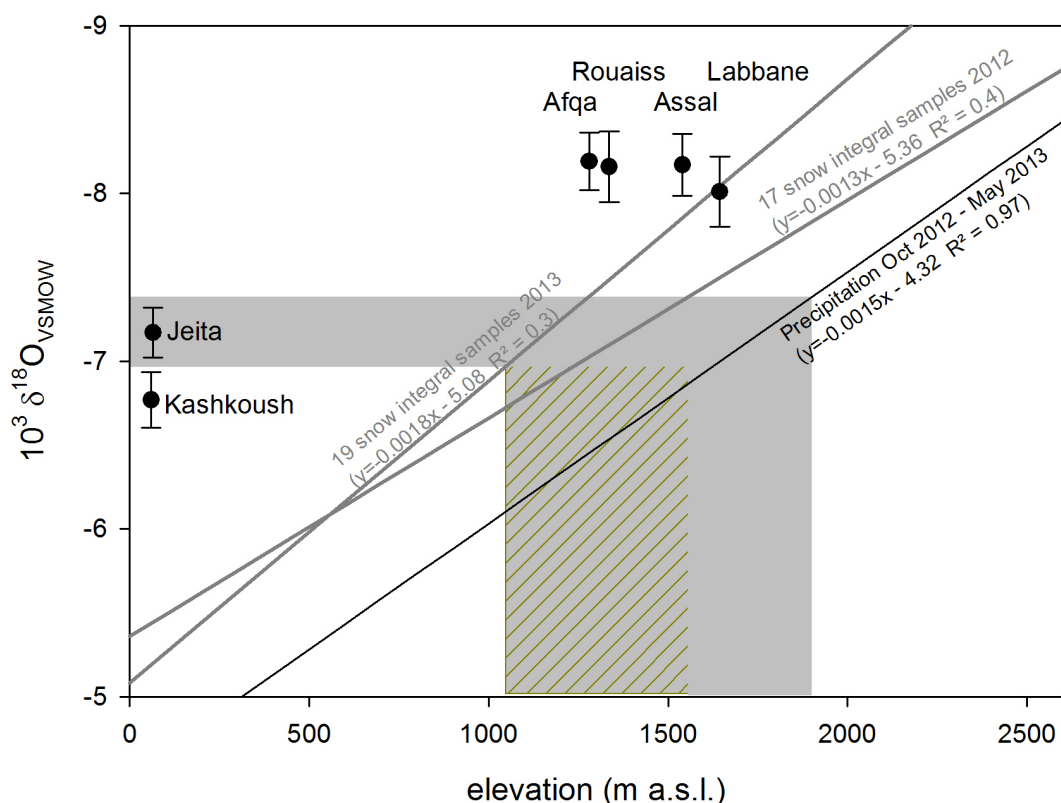


Fig. 15: Interpretation of mean catchment elevation for Jeita and Kashkoush springs

All investigations thus point towards a major contribution of water coming from snowmelt at higher elevations (>1,800 m asl) to Jeita Spring. Groundwater recharge on this plateau, where often more than 4 m of snow accumulate in winter (in winter 2011/12 snow depth was partly more than 10 m) and which is highly karstified, is believed to reach around 81%, while recharge on the Jurassic aquifer is estimated at 58% (SCHULER & MARGANE, 2013; MARGANE et al., 2013). Due to the extreme karstification, surface water drainage structures are almost non-existent on the Upper Cretaceous plateau.

4.3. Interpretation of isotope seasonality of spring signals

Significant variability in stable isotope composition at Jeita Spring and Kaskoush spring, visible for data from high resolution sampling (Fig. 16), indicate a contribution of fast runoff components (e.g. snowmelt, precipitation events). The time series show almost identical patterns for δ^2H and $\delta^{18}O$ for each spring. However, the DE-values show trends of lower peaks during the late summer month, indicating evaporative enrichment. A dampening-out of isotope signals (KOENIGER et al., 2008) is usually assumed for mean residence times that are higher than about five years. Therefore short-term isotope signals have to be interpreted as influence of event-water with a

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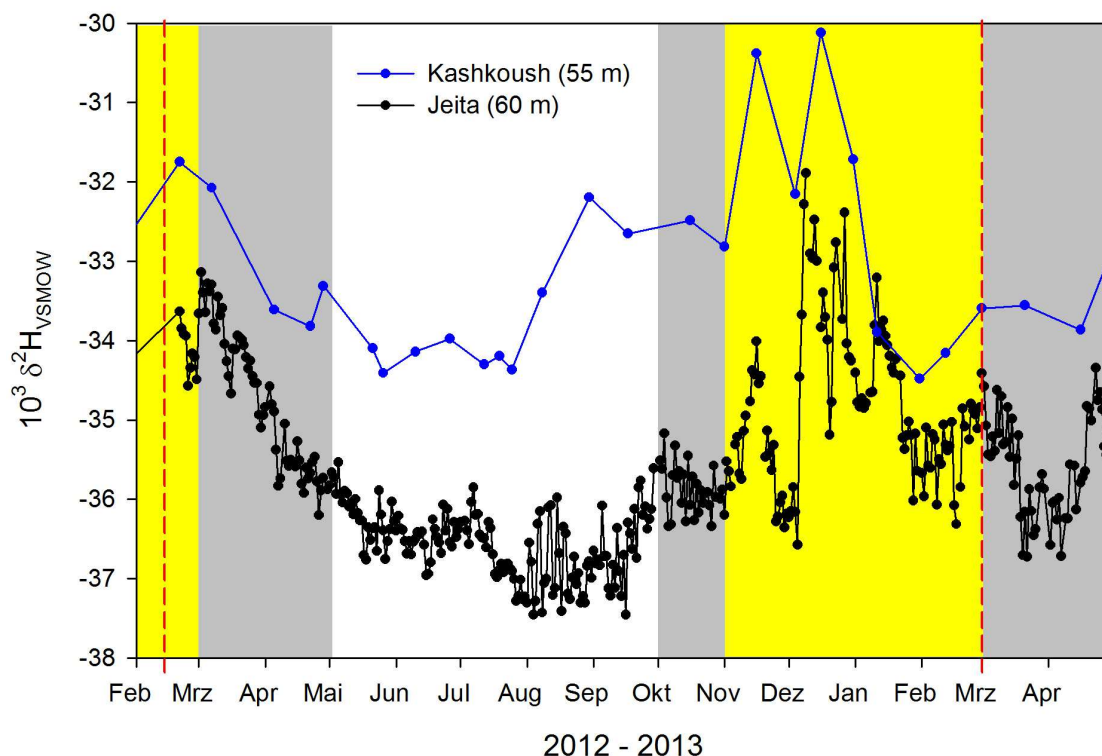


Fig. 16: High resolution seasonal $\delta^2\text{H}$ values for Jeita and Kashkoush springs

relatively short travel time. A direct comparison to precipitation or snowmelt input signals however is difficult in our case because it was not possible to collect rainfall events.

4.4. Deuterium excess and atmospheric vapor source

For all six springs relatively high mean DE-values of 22 to 21‰ (Table 6) were observed during our study. Mean DE values for snow integral samples were between 24‰ and 22‰ (Table 5) and found for rain between 21‰ and 18‰ (Table 4). Snow integral values of separate samples frequently had much higher DE-values than 24. This DE-values are much higher than those reported for areas outside the Mediterranean Sea. Precipitation samples collected in the Anti-Lebanon Mountains (Fiegh catchment) showed DE-values of 19‰ and values of 23‰ (Hureireh station) for the winter season 2011/2012.

Such high values were reported earlier (GAT 1972; IAEA 1996) and explained by moisture recycling over the Mediterranean Sea (GAT et al., 1987). High DE-values usually indicate evaporative enrichment especially during the

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warmer periods. The time series in the Jeita catchment are not as regular as the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ series. Lowest values appeared in June 2011 and February 2012. Additionally short term variability is visible from daily series of Jeita Spring during the early winter months in 2012. This variability is also indicated in biweekly samples. The variability of the time series mainly reflects the snow melt pattern.

5. Conclusion

A stable isotope investigation in high temporal and spatial resolution was conducted for precipitation and springs in the Jeita Spring catchment. A pronounced decrease of heavy isotopes in precipitation with increasing elevation (elevation effect) was observed. Spring water isotopic composition show a seasonal variation that indicate a strong influence of snow melt and implies very short residence times in the hydrological system. The stable isotope composition of springs show mean catchment elevations of 1,600 to 1,800 m asl for Jeita Spring and of above 2,000 m asl for Labbane, Assal, Afqua and Rouaiss springs. This stable isotope investigation adds further proof to the assumption that a large share of Jeita Spring discharge (approx. 30%) comes originally from groundwater recharged in the Upper Aquifer (C4), reaching Jeita Spring via riverbed infiltration ([MARGANE et al., 2013](#); [SCHULER & MARGANE, 2013](#)). Elevation effects in snow samples collected in February 2012 and 2013 were not as good correlated with elevation as precipitation. A first collection of Jeita cave drip water samples was initiated and aimed to foster a more detailed study of paleo-hydrological conditions including cave stalagmite carbonate isotope composition.

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ANNEX 1: Un-weighted isotope values for rain samples

| Rain station | date | amount (mm) | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE |
|---------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Raifoun BGR | 16.10.2012 | 123 | -3,40 | -9,4 | 18 |
| Raifoun BGR | 01.11.2012 | 18 | -6,04 | -28,3 | 20 |
| Raifoun BGR | 16.11.2012 | 197 | -7,16 | -34,6 | 23 |
| Raifoun BGR | 04.12.2012 | 75 | -5,36 | -22,3 | 21 |
| Raifoun BGR | 16.12.2012 | 154 | -6,25 | -24,1 | 26 |
| Raifoun BGR | 01.01.2013 | 171 | -8,77 | -43,4 | 27 |
| Raifoun BGR | 11.01.2013 | 247 | -8,87 | -45,3 | 26 |
| Raifoun BGR | 21.01.2013 | 10 | -8,83 | -48,7 | 22 |
| Raifoun BGR | 01.02.2013 | 0 | | | |
| Raifoun BGR | 11.02.2013 | 0 | | | |
| Raifoun BGR | 21.02.2013 | 110 | -5,80 | -23,9 | 23 |
| Raifoun BGR | 01.03.2013 | 52 | -3,32 | -11,5 | 15 |
| Raifoun BGR | 11.03.2013 | 8 | -3,98 | -13,8 | 18 |
| Raifoun BGR | 21.03.2013 | 26 | -5,71 | -19,8 | 26 |
| Raifoun BGR | 02.04.2013 | 29 | -3,90 | -12,1 | 19 |
| Raifoun BGR | 16.04.2013 | 50 | -5,25 | -27,3 | 15 |
| Raifoun BGR | 01.05.2013 | 147 | -5,56 | -27,8 | 17 |
| Raifoun BGR | 16.05.2013 | 39 | -4,17 | -21,3 | 12 |
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| Aajaltoun AIS | 16.10.2012 | 71 | -3,59 | -9,6 | 19 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 01.11.2012 | 8 | -5,10 | -25,3 | 15 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 16.11.2012 | 132 | -6,99 | -34,1 | 22 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 04.12.2012 | 45 | -5,35 | -24,5 | 18 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 16.12.2012 | 187 | -5,72 | -20,0 | 26 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 01.01.2013 | 165 | -8,29 | -42,0 | 24 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 11.01.2013 | 245 | -9,33 | -47,9 | 27 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 21.01.2013 | 1 | -6,48 | -28,8 | 23 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 04.02.2013 | 62 | -7,21 | -36,6 | 21 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 11.02.2013 | 24 | -3,00 | -6,7 | 17 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 22.02.2013 | 110 | -5,35 | -18,4 | 24 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 04.03.2013 | 32 | -2,92 | -8,5 | 15 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 11.03.2013 | 4 | -2,47 | -5,5 | 14 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 21.03.2013 | 17 | -5,22 | -17,2 | 25 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 02.04.2013 | 20 | -3,44 | -9,2 | 18 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 16.04.2013 | 42 | -5,67 | -30,6 | 15 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 02.05.2013 | 125 | -5,31 | -26,6 | 16 |
| Aajaltoun AIS | 16.05.2013 | 28 | -4,13 | -21,5 | 12 |

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| Rain station | date | amount (mm) | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE |
|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Chabrouh dam | 16.10.2012 | 38 | -6,46 | -30,9 | 21 |
| Chabrouh dam | 01.11.2012 | 32 | -6,28 | -28,3 | 22 |
| Chabrouh dam | 16.11.2012 | 220 | -8,43 | -43,7 | 24 |
| Chabrouh dam | 04.12.2012 | 14 | -6,00 | -27,3 | 21 |
| Chabrouh dam | 16.12.2012 | 245 | -6,73 | -27,6 | 26 |
| Chabrouh dam | 01.01.2013 | 166 | -8,98 | -47,9 | 24 |
| Chabrouh dam | 17.01.2013 | 134 | -9,35 | -48,6 | 26 |
| Chabrouh dam | 21.01.2013 | 9 | -3,61 | -11,6 | 17 |
| Chabrouh dam | 04.02.2013 | 87 | -8,75 | -49,3 | 21 |
| Chabrouh dam | 11.02.2013 | 79 | -5,47 | -24,0 | 20 |
| Chabrouh dam | 21.02.2013 | 165 | -6,10 | -26,1 | 23 |
| Chabrouh dam | 01.03.2013 | 74 | -4,41 | -20,0 | 15 |
| Chabrouh dam | 11.03.2013 | 13 | -4,68 | -18,3 | 19 |
| Chabrouh dam | 21.03.2013 | 44 | -6,42 | -27,7 | 24 |
| Chabrouh dam | 02.04.2013 | 30 | -4,54 | -14,7 | 22 |
| Chabrouh dam | 16.04.2013 | 161 | -6,24 | -36,0 | 14 |
| Chabrouh dam | 01.05.2013 | 168 | -6,61 | -34,2 | 19 |
| Chabrouh dam | 16.05.2013 | 52 | -5,08 | -25,0 | 16 |
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| | | | | | |
| Jeita Mapas | 16.10.2012 | 61 | -2,54 | -2,9 | 17 |
| Jeita Mapas | 01.11.2012 | 9 | -3,27 | -15,1 | 11 |
| Jeita Mapas | 16.11.2012 | 126 | -5,67 | -27,5 | 18 |
| Jeita Mapas | 04.12.2012 | 40 | -5,50 | -27,6 | 16 |
| Jeita Mapas | 16.12.2012 | 149 | -4,64 | -15,4 | 22 |
| Jeita Mapas | 01.01.2013 | 175 | -7,29 | -37,5 | 21 |
| Jeita Mapas | 11.01.2013 | 248 | -8,35 | -45,4 | 21 |
| Jeita Mapas | 21.01.2013 | 2 | -5,13 | -26,6 | 14 |
| Jeita Mapas | 01.02.2013 | 61 | -5,38 | -27,6 | 15 |
| Jeita Mapas | 11.02.2013 | 21 | -1,36 | 2,6 | 13 |
| Jeita Mapas | 21.02.2013 | 69 | -3,23 | -9,3 | 17 |
| Jeita Mapas | 01.03.2013 | 20 | -2,18 | -7,3 | 10 |
| Jeita Mapas | 12.03.2013 | 3 | -0,97 | 2,4 | 10 |
| Jeita Mapas | 21.03.2013 | 11 | -3,64 | -8,4 | 21 |
| Jeita Mapas | 02.04.2013 | 16 | -2,71 | -5,8 | 16 |
| Jeita Mapas | 16.04.2013 | 35 | -4,98 | -27,4 | 12 |
| Jeita Mapas | 01.05.2013 | 100 | -4,14 | -20,5 | 13 |
| Jeita Mapas | 16.05.2013 | 25 | -2,77 | -14,0 | 8 |

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| Rain station | date | amount (mm) | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE |
|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| S'haile WEBML | 16.10.2012 | 0 | | | |
| S'haile WEBML | 01.11.2012 | 0 | | | |
| S'haile WEBML | 16.11.2012 | 0 | | | |
| S'haile WEBML | 01.12.2012 | 0 | | | |
| S'haile WEBML | 16.12.2012 | 137 | -5,43 | -20,1 | 23 |
| S'haile WEBML | 01.01.2013 | 174 | -7,74 | -39,4 | 23 |
| S'haile WEBML | 11.01.2013 | 248 | -8,95 | -48,5 | 23 |
| S'haile WEBML | 21.01.2013 | 2 | -1,03 | -1,3 | 7 |
| S'haile WEBML | 01.02.2013 | 63 | -8,81 | -48,2 | 22 |
| S'haile WEBML | 11.02.2013 | 16 | -1,86 | -1,7 | 13 |
| S'haile WEBML | 21.02.2013 | 98 | -4,69 | -15,5 | 22 |
| S'haile WEBML | 01.03.2013 | 23 | -2,30 | -5,2 | 13 |
| S'haile WEBML | 11.03.2013 | 3 | -1,60 | 0,1 | 13 |
| S'haile WEBML | 21.03.2013 | 14 | -4,98 | -15,9 | 24 |
| S'haile WEBML | 02.04.2013 | 16 | -2,58 | -5,6 | 15 |
| S'haile WEBML | 16.04.2013 | 30 | -5,01 | -26,9 | 13 |
| S'haile WEBML | 01.05.2013 | 106 | -4,56 | -22,8 | 14 |
| S'haile WEBML | 16.05.2013 | 34 | -3,83 | -20,2 | 10 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 16.10.2012 | 56 | -4,45 | -16,3 | 19 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 01.11.2012 | 26 | -5,17 | -22,9 | 18 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 16.11.2012 | 170 | -7,87 | -38,8 | 24 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 04.12.2012 | 41 | -5,79 | -27,2 | 19 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 16.12.2012 | 248 | -6,32 | -24,0 | 27 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 01.01.2013 | 173 | -8,50 | -45,1 | 23 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 17.01.2013 | 249 | -9,94 | -52,4 | 27 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 21.01.2013 | 7 | -2,09 | -5,7 | 11 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 04.02.2013 | 86 | -6,09 | -30,2 | 18 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 11.02.2013 | 61 | -4,59 | -16,8 | 20 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 21.02.2013 | 179 | -6,20 | -25,7 | 24 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 01.03.2013 | 79 | -4,07 | -17,8 | 15 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 11.03.2013 | 12 | -4,71 | -18,1 | 20 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 21.03.2013 | 28 | -6,33 | -25,5 | 25 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 02.04.2013 | 34 | -4,39 | -14,9 | 20 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 16.04.2013 | 71 | -4,94 | -25,1 | 14 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 02.05.2013 | 168 | -6,08 | -31,5 | 17 |
| Kfar-Debbiane mu | 16.05.2013 | 33 | -4,01 | -17,3 | 15 |

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ANNEX 2: Precipitation amount weighed monthly isotope values for rain samples

| | Jeita Mapas | | | Sheile | | | AIS | | | Raifoun | | | Kfar Debbiane | | | Chabroun | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE |
| October 2012 | -2,63 | -4,5 | 17 | | | | -3,75 | -11,2 | 19 | -3,73 | -11,7 | 18 | -4,67 | -18,4 | 19 | -6,38 | -29,7 | 21 |
| November 2012 | -5,63 | -27,5 | 18 | | | | -6,57 | -31,6 | 21 | -6,66 | -31,2 | 22 | -7,47 | -36,6 | 23 | -8,28 | -42,7 | 23 |
| December 2012 | -6,07 | -27,3 | 21 | -6,72 | -30,9 | 23 | -6,93 | -30,3 | 25 | -7,57 | -34,3 | 26 | -7,22 | -32,7 | 25 | -7,64 | -35,8 | 25 |
| January 2013 | -7,75 | -41,8 | 20 | -8,86 | -48,1 | 23 | -8,89 | -45,5 | 26 | -8,87 | -45,4 | 26 | -8,80 | -45,8 | 25 | -8,89 | -47,4 | 24 |
| February 2013 | -2,68 | -6,7 | 15 | -3,96 | -12,2 | 20 | -4,55 | -14,8 | 22 | -5,01 | -19,9 | 20 | -5,36 | -22,0 | 21 | -5,55 | -24,1 | 20 |
| March 2013 | -3,06 | -6,0 | 18 | -3,51 | -9,4 | 19 | -4,65 | -14,8 | 22 | -5,29 | -18,3 | 24 | -5,85 | -23,3 | 24 | -6,03 | -25,6 | 23 |
| April 2013 | -4,18 | -20,6 | 13 | -4,66 | -23,7 | 14 | -5,19 | -25,7 | 16 | -5,28 | -25,7 | 17 | -5,57 | -27,7 | 17 | -6,27 | -33,4 | 17 |
| May 2013 | -2,77 | -14,0 | 8 | -3,83 | -20,2 | 10 | -4,13 | -21,5 | 12 | -4,17 | -21,3 | 12 | -4,01 | -17,3 | 15 | -5,08 | -25,0 | 16 |

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ANNEX 3: Isotope values of snow integral samples

| No | date | label | place name | elevation (m asl) | snow depth (cm) | density (g/cm ³) | SWE (cm) | EC (µS/cm) | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE |
|----|------------|---------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 21.02.2012 | S-1 | Assal-A | 1532 | 134 | 0,35 | 47 | | -7,31 | -32,9 | 26 |
| 2 | 21.02.2012 | S3ges | Labbane-C | 1634 | 223 | 0,29 | 64 | | -8,43 | -41,2 | 26 |
| 3 | 21.02.2012 | S-6 | Faqra_Phoeniz/F | 1548 | 116 | 0,35 | 40 | | -7,08 | -33,4 | 23 |
| 4 | 22.02.2012 | S-7 | Wardeh | 2020 | 295 | 0,26 | 76 | 46 | -7,50 | -37,8 | 22 |
| 5 | 22.02.2012 | S9ges | Wardeh | 2023 | 305 | 0,46 | 139 | 34 | -8,04 | -41,6 | 23 |
| 6 | 22.02.2012 | S-10 | Bakish | 1805 | 230 | 0,43 | 99 | 29 | -7,88 | -39,5 | 24 |
| 7 | 22.02.2012 | S-11 | Bakish-lower | 1744 | 187 | 0,37 | 69 | 26 | -7,10 | -31,7 | 25 |
| 8 | 22.02.2012 | S-12 | Bakish-lower-2 | 1665 | 140 | 0,36 | 51 | 30 | -7,13 | -34,1 | 23 |
| 9 | 22.02.2012 | S-13 | Bakish-lower-3 | 1614 | 103 | 0,36 | 37 | 37 | -7,07 | -32,8 | 24 |
| 10 | 22.02.2012 | S-14 | Campingsite | 1484 | 64 | 0,37 | 24 | 46 | -7,43 | -35,2 | 24 |
| 11 | 22.02.2012 | S-15 | Hrajel | 1244 | 34 | 0,33 | 11 | 69 | -8,47 | -40,7 | 27 |
| 12 | 22.02.2012 | S-16 | Wata El Jawj | 1385 | 48 | 0,34 | 16 | 71 | -8,15 | -39,9 | 25 |
| 13 | 22.02.2012 | S-17 | St. Elie | 1479 | 40 | 0,41 | 16 | 32 | -7,69 | -38,4 | 23 |
| 14 | 26.02.2012 | S-18ges | Jebel Deep | 2285 | 195 | 0,47 | 91 | 19 | -9,04 | -50,0 | 22 |
| 15 | 28.02.2012 | S-19 | Wardeh peak | 2338 | 200 | 0,38 | 76 | 34 | -8,21 | -43,1 | 23 |
| 16 | 01.03.2012 | S20ges | La Cabane | 1966 | 268 | 0,37 | 99 | 18 | -8,14 | -42,3 | 23 |
| 17 | 27.02.2012 | S-21 | Labbane | 1634 | | 0,39 | 67 | 35 | -7,71 | -38,2 | 23 |
| 1 | 18.02.2013 | SI-01 | 13-Saint-Elie | 1479 | 5 | 1,36 | 7 | 13 | -5,53 | -23,1 | 21 |
| 2 | 20.02.2013 | SI-02 | Assal | 1532 | 30 | 0,06 | 2 | 60 | -6,69 | -32,9 | 21 |
| 3 | 20.02.2013 | SI-03 | Labbane | 1634 | 125 | 0,41 | 52 | 19 | -8,29 | -44,5 | 22 |
| 4 | 20.02.2013 | SI-04 | Faqra | 1548 | 7 | 1,00 | 7 | 5 | -5,80 | -23,9 | 22 |
| 5 | 21.02.2013 | SI-05 | Jabel Dip | 2282 | | | | 16 | -8,78 | -45,1 | 25 |
| 6 | 21.02.2013 | SI-07 | nn | 1456 | 55 | 0,47 | 26 | 15 | -7,54 | -37,9 | 22 |
| 7 | 21.02.2013 | SI-08 | nn | 1615 | 30 | 0,47 | 14 | 32 | -6,79 | -33,0 | 21 |
| 8 | 21.02.2013 | SI-09 | nn | 1609 | 70 | 0,47 | 33 | 10 | -7,90 | -40,2 | 23 |
| 9 | 21.02.2013 | SI-10 | nn | 1707 | 165 | 0,49 | 81 | 13 | -8,68 | -45,0 | 24 |
| 10 | 21.02.2013 | SI-11 | nn | 1831 | 150 | 0,52 | 77 | 26 | -8,33 | -47,2 | 19 |
| 11 | 21.02.2013 | SI-12 | nn | 2020 | 130 | 0,33 | 43 | 25 | -8,33 | -42,8 | 24 |
| 12 | 21.02.2013 | SI-13 | nn | 1934 | 110 | 0,31 | 34 | 25 | -8,53 | -43,3 | 25 |
| 13 | 22.02.2013 | SI-14 | Baqeesh | 1604 | 30 | 0,49 | 15 | 9 | -7,87 | -38,2 | 25 |
| 14 | 22.02.2013 | SI-15 | Baqeesh | 1706 | 70 | 0,47 | 33 | 8 | -7,61 | -37,8 | 23 |
| 15 | 22.02.2013 | SI-16 | Baqeesh | 1797 | 125 | 0,48 | 60 | 10 | -8,09 | -43,0 | 22 |
| 16 | 25.02.2013 | SI-17 | nn | 1612 | 15 | 0,47 | 7 | 35 | -8,89 | -52,7 | 18 |
| 17 | 25.02.2013 | SI-18 | nn | 1649 | 35 | 0,44 | 15 | 31 | -8,50 | -46,6 | 21 |
| 18 | 25.02.2013 | SI-19 | nn | 1708 | 50 | 0,44 | 22 | 8 | -8,20 | -44,3 | 21 |
| 19 | 25.02.2013 | SI-20 | nn | 1755 | 120 | 0,39 | 47 | 9 | -8,47 | -46,8 | 21 |
| 20 | 25.02.2013 | SI-21 | nn | 1798 | 80 | 0,55 | 44 | 20 | -8,65 | -46,2 | 23 |
| 21 | 25.02.2013 | SI-22 | nn | 1834 | 52 | 0,49 | 26 | 5 | -8,80 | -48,7 | 22 |

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ANNEX 4: Isotope values of snow profile samples

| 22.02.2012 Profile 1: Wardeh 315cm 31 samples | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| No | Density raw | snow depth (cm) | $10^3 \delta^{18}\text{O}$ | $10^3 \delta^2\text{H}$ | 10^3DE |
| P1-1 | FA | 5 | -8,02 | -32,1 | 32 |
| P1-2 | FA | 15 | -8,02 | -29,8 | 34 |
| P1-3 | FA | 25 | -13,44 | -78,6 | 29 |
| P1-4 | 3F | 35 | -8,67 | -45,5 | 24 |
| P1-5 | 3F | 45 | -8,51 | -48,6 | 19 |
| P1-6 | 3F | 55 | -8,20 | -45,7 | 20 |
| P1-7 | 3F | 65 | -8,53 | -47,2 | 21 |
| P1-8 | 3F | 75 | -7,49 | -35,3 | 25 |
| P1-9 | 1F | 85 | -6,66 | -29,3 | 24 |
| P1-10 | S | 95 | -7,83 | -39,5 | 23 |
| P1-11 | Ice | 105 | -5,22 | -14,2 | 28 |
| P1-12 | 3F | 115 | -6,47 | -28,8 | 23 |
| P1-13 | 3F | 125 | -7,84 | -36,0 | 27 |
| P1-14 | 3F | 135 | -8,57 | -42,8 | 26 |
| P1-15 | 3F | 145 | -8,32 | -40,0 | 27 |
| P1-16 | 3F | 155 | -8,15 | -39,3 | 26 |
| P1-17 | 3F | 165 | failed | | |
| P1-18 | 3F | 175 | -7,52 | -34,7 | 25 |
| P1-19 | 3F | 185 | -7,15 | -25,1 | 32 |
| P1-20 | 3F | 195 | -8,37 | -42,9 | 24 |
| P1-21 | 3F | 205 | -13,08 | -80,9 | 24 |
| P1-22 | 3F | 215 | -8,90 | -47,9 | 23 |
| P1-23 | 3F | 225 | -8,40 | -44,4 | 23 |
| P1-24 | 3F | 235 | -9,41 | -54,9 | 20 |
| P1-25 | 1F | 245 | -7,95 | -39,2 | 24 |
| P1-26 | 1F | 255 | -8,27 | -40,3 | 26 |
| P1-27 | 1F | 265 | -9,31 | -51,6 | 23 |
| P1-28 | 1F | 275 | -8,27 | -41,5 | 25 |
| P1-29 | 1F | 285 | -7,82 | -38,7 | 24 |
| P1-30 | 1F | 295 | -7,14 | -32,8 | 24 |
| P1-31 | 1F | 305 | -7,53 | -37,3 | 23 |
| Mean | | | -8,30 | -41,5 | 25 |

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| 27.02.2012 Profile 2: Labbane 155 16 samples | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| No | snow depth (cm) | net weight (g) | density (g/cm ³) | SWE (cm) | EC (μS/cm) | T(EC) (°C) | Ph | T(pH) (°C) | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE |
| P2-1 | 5 | 182,7 | 0,3 | 3 | 13 | 18,6 | 7,9 | 18,5 | -9,16 | -44,3 | 29 |
| P2-2 | 15 | 278,5 | 0,4 | 4 | 30 | 18,2 | 8,0 | 18,1 | -8,84 | -42,8 | 28 |
| P2-3 | 25 | 335,4 | 0,5 | 5 | 37 | 18,0 | 7,9 | 17,9 | -9,27 | -53,1 | 21 |
| P2-4 | 35 | 266,4 | 0,4 | 4 | 36 | 18,0 | 7,3 | 17,9 | -7,95 | -40,3 | 23 |
| P2-5 | 45 | 271,9 | 0,4 | 4 | 29 | 18,1 | 6,8 | 18,0 | -6,75 | -29,7 | 24 |
| P2-6 | 55 | 327,1 | 0,5 | 5 | 16 | 18,7 | 6,8 | 18,6 | -6,18 | -27,3 | 22 |
| P2-7 | 65 | 329,1 | 0,5 | 5 | 23 | 18,2 | 6,8 | 18,1 | -5,30 | -16,0 | 26 |
| P2-8 | 75 | 328,6 | 0,5 | 5 | 37 | 17,9 | 7,3 | 17,8 | -6,23 | -25,8 | 24 |
| P2-9 | 85 | 322,4 | 0,5 | 5 | 11 | 17,9 | 7,3 | 17,8 | -6,04 | -24,7 | 24 |
| P2-10 | 95 | 313,8 | 0,5 | 5 | 17 | 17,8 | 7,3 | 17,8 | -6,01 | -24,6 | 23 |
| P2-11 | 105 | 306,8 | 0,4 | 4 | 11 | 18,1 | 7,2 | 18,0 | -6,91 | -32,8 | 22 |
| P2-12 | 115 | 320,7 | 0,5 | 5 | 10 | 18,2 | 7,2 | 18,1 | -9,31 | -51,8 | 23 |
| P2-13 | 125 | 313,3 | 0,5 | 5 | 10 | 18,1 | 7,3 | 18,1 | -8,73 | -47,5 | 22 |
| P2-14 | 135 | 323,0 | 0,5 | 5 | 8 | 18,0 | 7,3 | 18,0 | -7,16 | -35,0 | 22 |
| P2-15 | 145 | 311,9 | 0,4 | 4 | 7 | 18,8 | 7,2 | 18,6 | -7,32 | -37,7 | 21 |
| P2-16 | 155 | 312,6 | 0,5 | 5 | 8 | 18,8 | 7,3 | 18,7 | -6,95 | -34,5 | 21 |
| Mean | | | | 4 | 19 | 18,2 | 7,3 | 18,1 | -7,38 | -35,5 | 24 |

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ANNEX 5: Jeita cave drip water samples

| | | Cond. μS/cm | T °C | 10 ³ δ18O | 10 ³ δ2H | 10 ³ DE |
|-------|------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| JC-01 | 22.02.2013 | 376 | 20,0 | -5,19 | -23,8 | 18 |
| | 28.02.2013 | 377 | 20,0 | -5,30 | -23,5 | 19 |
| | 12.03.2013 | | | -5,38 | -23,7 | 19 |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -5,22 | -23,4 | 18 |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -5,31 | -23,2 | 19 |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -5,27 | -22,7 | 19 |
| | 01.05.2013 | 335 | | -5,20 | -21,7 | 20 |
| | 16.05.2013 | 299 | | -5,05 | -21,2 | 19 |
| | 31.05.2013 | 291 | | -4,99 | -21,6 | 18 |
| | 16.06.2013 | 292 | | -5,16 | -23,4 | 18 |
| | 01.07.2013 | 296 | | -5,27 | -23,8 | 18 |
| | 15.07.2013 | 306 | | -4,99 | -22,2 | 18 |
| | 01.08.2013 | 307 | | -4,95 | -21,0 | 19 |
| | | | | | | |
| JC-02 | 22.02.2013 | 567 | 19,9 | -5,49 | -25,7 | 18 |
| | 28.02.2013 | 520 | 20,3 | -5,29 | -24,8 | 18 |
| | 12.03.2013 | | | -5,35 | -25,5 | 17 |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -4,50 | -17,0 | 19 |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -5,19 | -23,3 | 18 |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -5,20 | -23,5 | 18 |
| | 01.05.2013 | 382 | | -5,37 | -23,7 | 19 |
| | 16.05.2013 | 402 | | -5,04 | -23,0 | 17 |
| | 31.05.2013 | 392 | | -5,15 | -23,1 | 18 |
| | 16.06.2013 | 364 | | -4,92 | -22,6 | 17 |
| | 01.07.2013 | 361 | | -4,94 | -22,1 | 17 |
| | 15.07.2013 | 379 | | -5,19 | -24,0 | 18 |
| | 01.08.2013 | 362 | | -5,04 | -22,4 | 18 |
| | | | | | | |
| JC-03 | 22.02.2013 | 463 | 19,5 | -5,06 | -24,6 | 16 |
| | 28.02.2013 | 529 | 18,9 | -5,09 | -24,6 | 16 |
| | 12.03.2013 | | | -5,33 | -25,0 | 18 |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -5,15 | -24,1 | 17 |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -4,82 | -20,8 | 18 |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -5,16 | -23,8 | 17 |
| | 01.05.2013 | 380 | | -5,41 | -24,6 | 19 |
| | 16.05.2013 | 370 | | -4,81 | -22,3 | 16 |
| | 31.05.2013 | 346 | | -4,95 | -22,4 | 17 |
| | 16.06.2013 | 344 | | -4,91 | -23,3 | 16 |
| | 01.07.2013 | 353 | | -5,00 | -23,1 | 17 |
| | 15.07.2013 | 338 | | -4,88 | -22,8 | 16 |
| | 01.08.2013 | 366 | | -4,83 | -21,9 | 17 |

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| | | Cond. μS/cm | T °C | 10 ³ d18O | 10 ³ d2H | 10 ³ DE | |
|-------|------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| JC-04 | 28.02.2013 | 453 | 20,2 | -4,81 | -20,0 | 19 | |
| | 12.03.2013 | | | -5,41 | -26,2 | 17 | |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -5,32 | -25,5 | 17 | |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -5,24 | -25,1 | 17 | |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -5,31 | -25,9 | 17 | |
| | 01.05.2013 | 388 | | -5,41 | -24,8 | 19 | |
| | 16.05.2013 | 390 | | -5,18 | -24,1 | 17 | |
| | 31.05.2013 | 356 | | -5,06 | -23,9 | 17 | |
| | 16.06.2013 | 350 | | -5,11 | -24,8 | 16 | |
| | 01.07.2013 | 356 | | -5,13 | -24,5 | 17 | |
| | 15.07.2013 | 361 | | -5,06 | -23,8 | 17 | |
| | 01.08.2013 | 361 | | -5,04 | -22,6 | 18 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| JC-05 | 22.02.2013 | 482 | 19,5 | -4,68 | -19,8 | 18 | |
| | 28.02.2013 | 488 | 19,1 | -4,81 | -20,0 | 19 | |
| | 12.03.2013 | | | -4,78 | -20,0 | 18 | |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -4,50 | -18,7 | 17 | |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -4,57 | -18,4 | 18 | |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -4,48 | -18,0 | 18 | |
| | 01.05.2013 | 451 | | -4,87 | -18,6 | 20 | |
| | 16.05.2013 | 426 | | -4,31 | -15,8 | 19 | |
| | 31.05.2013 | 417 | | -4,08 | -16,0 | 17 | |
| | 16.06.2013 | 417 | | -4,09 | -15,9 | 17 | |
| | 01.07.2013 | 408 | | -3,97 | -14,9 | 17 | |
| | 15.07.2013 | 408 | | -3,89 | -14,5 | 17 | |
| | 01.08.2013 | 406 | | -3,79 | -13,6 | 17 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| JC-06 | 22.02.2013 | 667 | 19,6 | -5,25 | -24,6 | 17 | |
| | 28.02.2013 | 589 | 20,1 | -5,20 | -24,7 | 17 | |
| | 12.03.2013 | | | -5,22 | -24,9 | 17 | |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -5,23 | -25,3 | 17 | |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -5,16 | -24,9 | 16 | |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -5,31 | -25,1 | 17 | |
| | 01.05.2013 | 518 | | -5,26 | -24,8 | 17 | |
| | 16.05.2013 | 524 | | -5,22 | -24,4 | 17 | |
| | 31.05.2013 | 522 | | -5,22 | -24,3 | 17 | |
| | 16.06.2013 | 641 | | -5,33 | -26,0 | 17 | |
| | 01.07.2013 | 619 | | -5,27 | -25,4 | 17 | |
| | 15.07.2013 | 588 | | -5,39 | -25,6 | 18 | |
| | 01.08.2013 | 648 | | -5,41 | -24,8 | 19 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

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| | | Cond. μS/cm | T °C | 10 ³ d18O | 10 ³ d2H | 10 ³ DE |
|-------|------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| JC-07 | 12.03.2013 | | | -6,09 | -28,5 | 20 |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -5,84 | -26,3 | 20 |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -5,73 | -24,5 | 21 |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -5,69 | -25,8 | 20 |
| | 01.05.2013 | 455 | | -5,92 | -27,9 | 20 |
| | 16.05.2013 | 467 | | -5,88 | -27,1 | 20 |
| | 31.05.2013 | 468 | | -5,98 | -28,0 | 20 |
| | 16.06.2013 | 454 | | -6,11 | -29,8 | 19 |
| | 01.07.2013 | 441 | | -6,36 | -30,5 | 20 |
| | 15.07.2013 | 389 | | -6,43 | -30,6 | 21 |
| | 01.08.2013 | 396 | | -6,27 | -29,1 | 21 |
| JC-08 | 12.03.2013 | | | -5,54 | -26,7 | 18 |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -5,65 | -27,0 | 18 |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -5,49 | -26,5 | 17 |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -5,61 | -27,1 | 18 |
| | 01.05.2013 | 555 | | -5,56 | -26,7 | 18 |
| | 16.05.2013 | 556 | | -5,62 | -26,7 | 18 |
| | 31.05.2013 | 540 | | -5,64 | -27,4 | 18 |
| | 16.06.2013 | 537 | | -5,52 | -26,6 | 18 |
| | 01.07.2013 | 520 | | -5,69 | -26,9 | 19 |
| | 15.07.2013 | 510 | | -5,67 | -26,8 | 19 |
| | 01.08.2013 | 518 | | -5,63 | -25,5 | 20 |
| JC-09 | 12.03.2013 | | | -5,03 | -26,0 | 14 |
| | 21.03.2013 | | | -5,59 | -26,9 | 18 |
| | 02.04.2013 | | | -5,59 | -26,8 | 18 |
| | 11.04.2013 | | | -5,55 | -26,9 | 18 |
| | 01.05.2013 | 400 | | -5,63 | -26,5 | 19 |
| | 16.05.2013 | 405 | | -5,79 | -26,8 | 20 |
| | 31.05.2013 | 391 | | -5,69 | -27,2 | 18 |
| | 16.06.2013 | 387 | | -5,60 | -27,2 | 18 |
| | 01.07.2013 | 380 | | -5,73 | -27,3 | 18 |
| | 15.07.2013 | 384 | | -5,77 | -27,3 | 19 |
| | 01.08.2013 | 388 | | -5,58 | -25,7 | 19 |

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ANNEX 6: Isotope values for spring samples

| Jeita spring (65 m) | | | | Jeita spring (65 m) | | | | Jeita spring (65 m) | | | | Jeita spring (65 m) | | | | Jeita spring (65 m) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------|-------|----|------------|-------|-------|----|
| date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | | | | | | | | |
| 30.03.2011 | -7.13 | -34.2 | 23 | 27.03.2012 | -7.12 | -34.5 | 22 | 24.05.2012 | -7.26 | -35.9 | 22 | 19.07.2012 | -7.31 | -36.9 | 22 | 12.09.2012 | -7.24 | -36.4 | 22 | 09.11.2012 | -7.09 | -35.7 | 21 | 11.01.2013 | -6.85 | -33.2 | 22 | 11.03.2013 | -7.12 | -35.3 | 22 |
| 14.04.2011 | -7.18 | -34.7 | 23 | 28.03.2012 | -7.11 | -34.5 | 22 | 25.05.2012 | -7.16 | -36.2 | 21 | 20.07.2012 | -7.35 | -36.8 | 22 | 13.09.2012 | -7.45 | -36.9 | 23 | 10.11.2012 | -6.88 | -35.1 | 20 | 12.01.2013 | -6.96 | -34.0 | 22 | 12.03.2013 | -7.08 | -35.3 | 21 |
| 18.05.2011 | -7.16 | -38.1 | 19 | 29.03.2012 | -7.15 | -34.9 | 22 | 26.05.2012 | -7.31 | -36.4 | 22 | 21.07.2012 | -7.29 | -36.9 | 21 | 14.09.2012 | -7.63 | -37.2 | 24 | 11.11.2012 | -6.78 | -35.0 | 19 | 13.01.2013 | -6.93 | -33.9 | 22 | 13.03.2013 | -7.02 | -34.8 | 21 |
| 03.06.2011 | -7.22 | -38.5 | 19 | 30.03.2012 | -7.07 | -35.1 | 21 | 27.05.2012 | -7.30 | -36.8 | 22 | 22.07.2012 | -7.38 | -36.8 | 22 | 15.09.2012 | -7.41 | -36.7 | 23 | 13.11.2012 | -6.96 | -34.8 | 21 | 14.01.2013 | -7.01 | -33.7 | 22 | 14.03.2013 | -7.08 | -35.5 | 21 |
| 15.06.2011 | -7.05 | -38.4 | 20 | 31.03.2012 | -7.07 | -34.9 | 21 | 28.05.2012 | -7.27 | -36.5 | 22 | 23.07.2012 | -7.55 | -36.8 | 24 | 16.09.2012 | -7.59 | -37.5 | 23 | 14.11.2012 | -6.92 | -34.4 | 21 | 15.01.2013 | -7.07 | -33.9 | 23 | 15.03.2013 | -7.02 | -35.0 | 21 |
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Stable Isotope Investigations in the Jeita Spring catchment

| Naber al Labbane (1644 m) | | | | Naber al Assal (1540 m) | | | | Kashkoush (60 m) | | | | Afqa (1280 m) | | | | Rouaiss (1326) | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | date | 10 ³ δ ¹⁸ O | 10 ³ δ ² H | 10 ³ DE | |
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