

# FORTHEM CLIMATE & RESOURCES LAB: EXPERTISE IN RESOURCES AND ENERGY

University	Research group	Research topic relative to Climate and Resources	Contact
University of Burgundy	ICMUR - CNRS 6302	Dihydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> ) as an energy source and reagent: sustainable storage, production, reactivity in catalytic uses	Jean-Cyrille Hierso; <a href="mailto:hiersojc@u-bourgogne.fr">hiersojc@u-bourgogne.fr</a>
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University of Jyväskylä	JYU.Wisdom - School of Resource Wisdom	Planetary well-being including resource wisdom, circular economy and sustainability of the use of natural resources	Wisdom Coordinator, Jonne Hytönen; <a href="http://jyu.fi/en/research/wisdom">jyu.fi/en/research/wisdom</a>
University of Jyväskylä	School of Business and Economics	Carbon emissions calculations in the transportation sector	Stefan Baumeister, <a href="mailto:stefan.c.baumeister@jyu.fi">stefan.c.baumeister@jyu.fi</a>
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## Resources and Energies\_Blue Economy and Blue Growth

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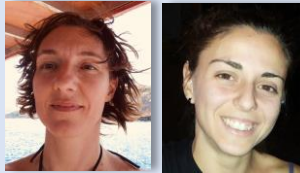
#### Heads of the group:

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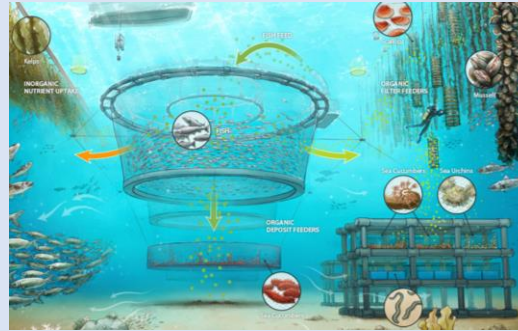
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Integrated multitrophic aquaculture



Development of sustainable feeds for aquaculture by recycling food processing discards



Experimental rearing of invertebrates of economic importance

### Projects

**RITMARE** Flagship Project - Italian Research for the Sea (Italian Ministry of Education, University, and Research)

**INNOVAQUA** (National Operative Programme, Italian Ministry of Education, University, and Research) – Development of innovative Network for technological innovation in aquaculture

Interventions to support the advanced integrated and sustainable development of aquaculture

**INSAIL** (National Operative Programme for Research and Competitiveness, Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research) - Interventions to support the advanced integrated and sustainable development of aquaculture

### Methodological approach:

Analysis of feed assimilation, growth performance and nutritional quality of products through analysis of Stable Isotopes  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  (IRMS and EA) and Fatty Acids (GC)

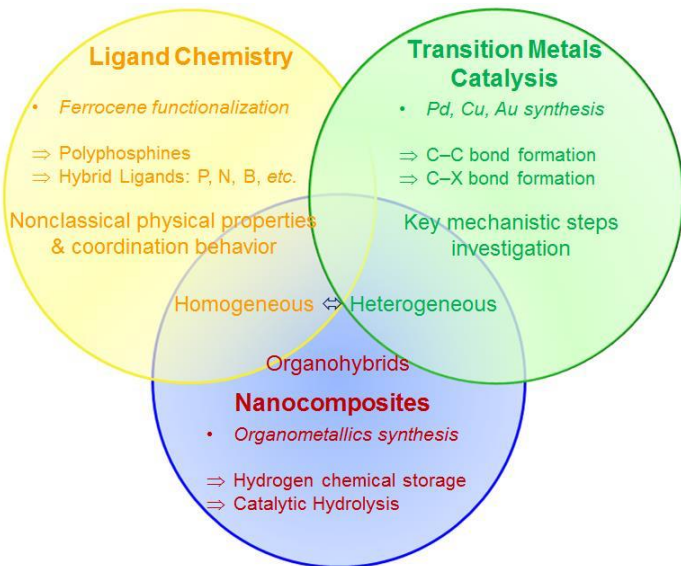


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**ICMUB-LCC CHEMISTRY PROJECT : HIGHLY EFFICIENT RECYCLABLE  
NANOCATALYSTS FOR HYDROGEN PRODUCTION FROM SOLID STORAGE**

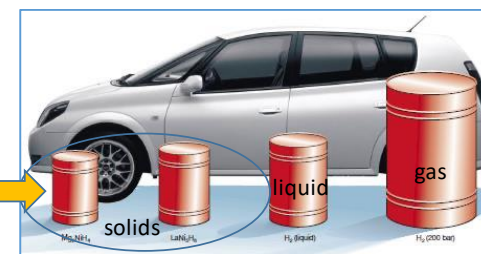
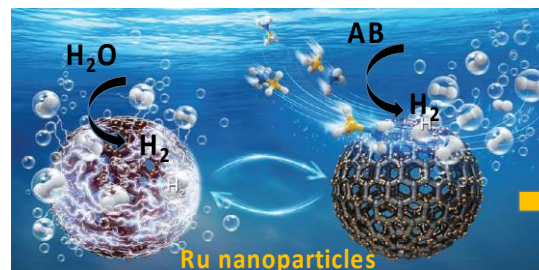
- ✓ Metal Hydrides or Amine-Boranes (**AB**) with useful usable waste
- ⇒ Boron Nitride products for high technology materials (refractory coatings)
- ✓ **Metal nanoparticles systems** for H<sub>2</sub> extraction from **solid storing materials**
- ⇒ **unified systems for AB hydrolysis and water H<sub>2</sub>O electrolysis**

**RESEARCH METHODS:** Experimental synthesis of molecules and nanocomposites : metals, oxides, etc.  
 ⇒ Molecules characterization: multinuclear NMR, DRX, IR, EA, etc.  
 ⇒ Materials characterization: TEM, SEM microscopy, XPS, DRX, etc.



A secured **hydrogen-based economy** for a **controlled and progressive change** in our standard of living, while lowering carbon dioxide warming and toxic gas emissions.

⇒ **Systems for AB hydrolysis and water H<sub>2</sub>O electrolysis**







Wellington City



**We study Earth's tectonic fault zones.** These structures strongly influence the distribution of **Earth resources**, as well as topography and thus **Global climate**



**Research Projects:**

We also explore fault zones in scientific drilling projects e.g. The Deep Fault Drilling Project, DFDP ([alpine.icdp-online.org](http://alpine.icdp-online.org))



**Research Methods:**

We document structural relationships in the field and collect samples for:



Microstructural observations  
 Laboratory measurements



Computational experiments are based on microstructural observations

We attempt to relate rocks' structures and compositions to their geophysical properties to facilitate remote exploration of the deep Earth



Resistivity structure of the Alpine Fault Zone from magnetotelluric methods

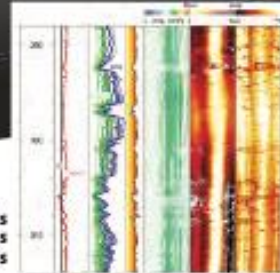
seismic hazards

geothermal fields

mineral deposits



Permeable fracture and porosity systems are detected automatically in CT scans of drillcore and synchrotron CT scans



We correlate lab measurements of rocks' geophysical properties to downhole geophysical logs





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## ABOUT NatRes CENTRE

**The Natural Resource Research (NatRes) Centre of the University of Latvia** is an independent unit coordinating interdisciplinary research on natural resources exploration, interdisciplinary nature-related projects, sustainability provision and management, environmental awareness and education.

NatRes Centre holds several **own laboratories** and actively cooperates with other scientific units. It serves as a hub to establish project teams capable of solving complex problems. Major activities are related to the development of approaches enabling sustainable management of natural resources and waste processing (waste-to-energy, waste as a resource), providing analytical services to enterprises, and working on contract research.

## TOPICAL RESEARCH FIELDS

**Natural resources** (e.g., sediments, peat, clay, biomass) – investigated independently or as a part of the integrated research exploring the climate in the past, environmental reconstruction, ecosystems of deposits, landscape planning, new product development.

**Wild and cultivated plants** – performing a complex investigation of plant composition and identifying biologically active substances using environmentally friendly, solvent-free extraction methods and applying pharmacological activity studies in vitro.

## RESEARCH METHODS

**Field studies** (expeditions, in situ measurements and sampling)

### Analytical research

- trace and major element quantification by ICP-OES, AAS, TXRF
- extraction of humic substances, detection of humic acids, fulvic acids
- FTIR, UV/Vis, GC, LC, MS

### Biological methods

- pollen-spore composition
- composition of macrofossils, microfossils, malacofauna, etc.
- microbiological composition
- determination of biologically active substances and contaminants (anthocyanins, sterols, essential oils).

