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PhD in Water Sciences,  
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LANGUAGES: English, French and Spanish

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2024 – present Founder and CEO of “IsoFind”, a startup specialized in using stable metal isotopes as environmental, industrial, archaeological and medical tracers (<https://www.isofind.tech>); Incubation within the University of Montpellier in the Deeptech program.
- 2024 - present Postdoctoral Researcher, Development of novel analytical methods to measure antimony, arsenate, arsenite and perchlorate isotope ratios using an Orbitrap Ascend. Application of antimony stable isotopes as arsenic tracer proxy in mining environments (The Giant Mine Project), *Groundwater and Geochemistry Remediation research group, University of Waterloo, Canada.*
- 2023 - present Founder of "Asean-Water", Development of isotopic tools for tracing sources of contamination and promotion of research on water (<https://www.asean-water.com>); Incubation within the University of Montpellier in the Deeptech program.
- RCS registration: 948 087 242 R.C.S Foix  
*Asean-Water trademark registered with the INPI*
- 2019 Research internship: Fate of Arsenic and Selenium in groundwater in the Bekaa (Lebanon) and in an experimental environment (microfluidic system), *ISTerre, Grenoble & Université Libanaise, Beyrouth*
- 2016-2017 Mapping of practicable roads and paths in the south of the « Negros » island, *Philippines*

## EDUCATION

- 2019-2022 PhD in water sciences (environmental/analytical geochemistry and quantum chemistry):  
« [Stable Sb isotopes for tracing pollution sources and transfer processes in freshwater systems](#) », *HydroSciences Montpellier within ICIREWARD UNESCO International Water Research Center.*  
PhD supervisor: Corinne Casiot  
Funding by ministerial scholarships
- 2017-2019 Master in Earth, Planetary and Environmental Sciences, specialized in Hydroresources, *Université Grenoble-Alpes, (UGA) & Institut Polytechnique de Grenoble, France*
- 2016-2017 Environmental Sciences, Master 1, *University of Philippines, Cebu, Philippines*
- 2013-2016 Bachelor in Geosciences, *UGA, Grenoble & Université Aix-Marseille*

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 **Ferrari, C.**, Resongles, E., Freydier, R., Flores, M., Ormechea, M., Zamora, G., Casiot, C., ‘*Antimony isotopes along two river systems impacted by acid mine drainage and smelting activity in the city of Oruro, Bolivia*’, under review in *Geochemical Exploration*
- 2024 **Ferrari, C.**, Resongles, E., Freydier, R., Casiot, C., 2024. *Antimony isotope fractionation during Sb(V) and Sb(III) adsorption on secondary Fe-minerals (schwertmannite, ferrihydrite) typical of mine waters*. Applied Geochemistry 163, 105935. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeochem.2024.105935>
- 2024 Guillevic, F., Rossi, M., Resongles, E., Freydier, R., **Ferrari, C.**, Quantin, C., Monvoisin, G., Poulénard, J., Arnaud, F., 2024. *Multi-isotope (Pb, Sb) approach to trace metallic contaminant sources at a*

- historical mining and metallurgical site. Chemical Geology 121958. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemgeo.2024.121958>
- 2023 **Ferrari, C.**, Resongles, E., Héry, M., Désoeuvre, A., Freydier, R., Delpoux, S., Bruneel, O., Casiot, C., 2023 'Antimony isotopic fractionation during Sb(III) oxidation to Sb(V): Biotic and abiotic processes. Chemical Geology 121788. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemgeo.2023.121788>
- 2022 **Ferrari, C.**, Resongles, E., Freydier, R., Casiot, C., 2022 'Equilibrium mass-dependent isotope fractionation of antimony between stibnite and Sb secondary minerals: A first-principles study', Chemical Geology, p. 121115. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemgeo.2022.121115>.
- 2021 **Ferrari, C.**, Resongles, E., Freydier, R., Casiot, C., 2021. A single-step purification method for the precise determination of antimony isotopic composition of environmental, geological and biological samples by HG-MC-ICP-MS. Journal of Analytical Atomic Spectrometry 36, 776–785. <https://doi.org/10.1039/D0JA00452A>

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2024 **Ferrari C.** Enhancing arsenic tracing in mining areas by using antimony isotopes as proxy. Ontario Research Funds – Research Excellence: Integrated Tools and Technologies for environmentally responsible management of metal-bearing waste. Canada.
- 2023 Rossi M., Guillevic F., Resongles E., Freydier R., **Ferrari C.**, Quantin C., Monvoisin G., Poulenard J. and Arnaud F. *Multi-isotope (Pb, Sb) approach to trace metallic contaminant sources at an historical mining and metallurgical site.* Goldschmidt.
- 2021 **Ferrari C.**, Resongles E., Freydier R., Casiot C., Méheut M. *Antimony isotopic fractionation in the environment: first insights from theoretical and experimental investigations.* Goldschmidt.
- 2021 Resongles E., Freydier R., **Ferrari C.**, Zamora G., Casiot C. *Antimony isotopic composition in stream waters impacted by acid mine drainage.* Goldschmidt.

## SKILLS

R, Python, ArcGIS, QGIS, Quantum Espresso, PHREEQC, FEFLOW  
Analytical chemistry: HG-MC-ICP-MS, ICP-MS, AAS, UHPLC, Orbitrap  
Geochemistry, Hydrology, Geology, Quantum Chemistry

## TEACHING

- 2019-2022 Teaching to bachelor and master students at the University of Montpellier: Earth System, Hydrogeology, Hydrology, Water Chemistry, Geology

## TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Inorganic chemistry  
Emerging contaminants  
Water chemistry

Environmental geochemistry  
Use of stable isotopes  
Contamination impacts on populations

## REFERENCES

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