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Ph.D. in Chemistry

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## ABILITAZIONE SCIENTIFICA

### NAZIONALE (ASN):

- ✓ SETTORE CONCORSUALE  
03/C2, CHIMICA  
INDUSTRIALE, II FASCIA.  
(from 02/02/2022 to 02/02/2031)  
(art. 16, comma 1, legge 240/10)

## MAIN RESEARCH TOPICS:

Bio-based building blocks valorisation; industrial processes development; green chemistry, green engineering; catalyst synthesis and characterisation; continuous flow processes, selective oxidation, hydrogenation, H-transfer.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015

### Ph.D. grant in Chemistry (EQF:8)

Institution: Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna.

Tutor: Prof. Fabrizio Cavani.

Research project regarding the investigation of sustainable catalytic processes for the synthesis and use of organic carbonates for the production of fine chemicals. (Project PRIN 2010-2011 n:2010A2FSS9). Title: "Sustainable catalytic processes for the synthesis and use of organic carbonates".

Discussion date: 26/04/2016. Committee judgment: Excellent

Ph.D. foreign period experience: 3 months at the School of Chemistry, Nottingham University (UK).

Tutor: Prof. Sir Martyn Poliakoff.

Project: Photochemical reaction in high-pressure continuous-flow systems in supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> and dimethyl carbonate.

11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012

### Master degree in Industrial Chemistry

110/110 cum laude (EQF:7)

Institution: Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna.

Tutor: Prof. Fabrizio Cavani.

Thesis: "Use of organic carbonates as green reagents for the synthesis of phenolic derivates"

10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### Bachelor degree in Industrial Chemistry

110/110 cum laude (EQF:6)

Institution: Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna and "ISOF" group of CNR of Bologna.

Tutor: Prof. Loris Giorgini.

Thesis: "Raft synthesis of block co-polymers and post polymerisation processes".

July 2013: Italian professional state certification exam  
**(abilitazione alla professione di chimico, voto 180/200)**

July 2007: High school leaving qualification in scientific and technological studies, 100/100 cum laude

Institution: Liceo scientifico statale Gregorio Ricci Curbastro di Lugo (Ravenna, Italy), indirizzo scientifico-tecnologico.



## WORK EXPERIENCES - RESEARCH GRANTS

15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### RTD-B grant: Italian senior researcher, three-years grant

**Research Topic:** "Catalysis for a sustainable industrial chemistry".

Development of innovative catalytic processes for the synthesis of chemicals following the principles of Green Chemistry.

#### Teaching activity:

Course "Fundamental of Industrial Chemistry" (Module 2), Bachelor Degree in Industrial Chemistry, given in Italian;

Course "Fundamentals of Industrial Chemistry and Polymers" (international Master Degree in Advanced Spectrometry in Chemistry), given in English.

**Institution:** Industrial Chemistry Department "Toso Montanari", University of Bologna.

Business or sector: R&D and Education; Tutor: Prof. Fabrizio Cavani, University of Bologna.

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### RTD-A grant: Italian young researcher, three-years grant

**Research Topic:** Development of innovative catalytic processes for the synthesis of chemicals following the principles of Green Chemistry.

#### Teaching activity:

Course "Fundamental of Industrial Chemistry" (Module 2), Bachelor Degree in Industrial Chemistry, given in Italian;

Course "Sustainable Industrial Chemistry and Polymers" (international Master Degree in Advanced Spectrometry in Chemistry), given in English.

**Institution:** Industrial Chemistry Department "Toso Montanari", University of Bologna.

Business or sector: R&D and Education; Tutor: Prof. Fabrizio Cavani, University of Bologna.

1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Post-doc research grant, "First2Run" FLAGSHIP European project, Horizon 2020 (BBI-JU; Call: H2020-BBI-PPP-2014-1).

**Topic:** Investigation of innovative catalytic processes for the synthesis of biopolymers from vegetable oils. In particular, investigating the oxidative cleavage of unsaturated fatty acids using oxygen or air as oxidants. Synthesis, development, characterisation of heterogeneous catalytic systems, in collaboration with Novamont S.p.A.

**Institution:** Industrial Chemistry Department "Toso Montanari", University of Bologna.

Business or sector: R&D; Tutor: Prof. Fabrizio Cavani, University of Bologna.

1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

### One-year post-doc research grant involved in the "Valsovit" project (POR FESR Emilia-Romagna 2014-2020).

**Topic:** upgrading of bio-alcohol to chemicals. In particular, the valorisation of the mixtures of bio-ethanol derived from the wine industry, in collaboration with Caviro s.r.l.

**Institution:** Industrial Chemistry Department "Toso Montanari", University of Bologna, in collaboration with Centro Interdipartimentale di Ricerca Industriale Energia e Ambiente (CIRI-EA)

Business or sector: R&D; Tutor: Prof. Fabrizio Cavani, University of Bologna



1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

**One year post-doc research grant involved in the “Alternative Biomass for Elastomers (ALBE)“ project (Cluster on Green Chemistry, SPRING).**

**Topic:** development of sustainable catalytic processes for the production of butadiene from renewable sources, in particular Lebedev and dehydration reactions.

**Institution:** Industrial Chemistry Department “Toso Montanari”, University of Bologna, in collaboration with Versalis S.p.A.

Business or sector: R&D; Tutor: Prof. Fabrizio Cavani, University of Bologna

1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012

**Three months of research grant in collaboration with Royal DSM**

**Topic:** synthesis and characterisation of mixed oxides based heterogeneous catalysts (with both basic and redox properties) for the continuous-flow gas-phase phenol methylation with methanol (fixed bed reactor).

**Institution:** Industrial Chemistry Department “Toso Montanari”, University of Bologna, in collaboration with Royal DSM.

Business or sector: R&D; Tutor: Prof. Fabrizio Cavani, University of Bologna

## **AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS**

- ✓ Robert Karl Grasselli memorial award (2021 edition) for the results obtained in the field of heterogeneous catalysis applied in continuous-flow, gas-phase processes. Prize sponsored by the Gruppo Interdivisionale di Catalisi of the Italian Chemical Society (SCI). Venice, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021, oral presentation.
- ✓ Galileo Galilei Giovani international award (2021 edition) for the results obtained in the field of Sustainable Chemistry and Environmental Science, sponsored by Rotary Association (District 2072) in collaboration with Fondazione Premio Galileo Galilei.
- ✓ Best Ph.D Thesis award (2017 edition) in Industrial Chemistry, sponsored by the Industrial Chemistry Division of the Italian Chemical Society (SCI) at the XXVI conference of the Italian Chemical Society at Paestum, 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Oral presentation.
- ✓ Recognised as “Outstanding Reviewer for Green Chemistry in 2019” by the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- ✓ CAS Registry Innovator Certificates for the publication of unregistered novel compounds.
- ✓ Selected as one of the twelve finalists of the Italian scientific dissemination contest “ChiMiCapisce”, Rome, 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. Short oral presentation entitled: “Valorizzazione chimica di oli vegetali in intermedi per la chimica fine”.

## **EDUCATIONAL ROLES and POSITIONS HELDED IN THE DEPARTMENT**

- Since 2021: member of the Department Council (Giunta) as representative of the researchers.
- Since 2019: member of the “You Tube” group of the Industrial Chemistry Department “Toso Montanari”.
- A.A. 2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022; 2022-2023: Course “Fundamental of Industrial Chemistry (Module 2)”, Bachelor Degree in Industrial Chemistry at the Industrial Chemistry Department “Toso Montanari”, University of Bologna (**66693 - Fondamenti di chimica industriale con laboratorio, Cds**



**8513, 3 CFU, 37 hours); language: Italian.** Student's satisfaction index %: 85.7 (AA 2019-2020), 89.5 (AA 2020-2021), 98.3 (AA 2021-2022).

- A.A. 2019-2020 and A.A. 2020-2021: Course "Sustainable Industrial Chemistry and Polymers", international Master Degree in Advanced Spectrometry in Chemistry, Curriculum of the Master Degree in Industrial Chemistry, at the Industrial Chemistry Department "Toso Montanari", University of Bologna (**79085 - Sustainable industrial chemistry and polymers, Cds 0884, 2 CFU, 18 hours**); language: English. Student's satisfaction index %: 100 (AA 2019-2020) and 100 (AA 2020-2021).
- A.A. 2021-2022; 2022-2023: Course "**93772 - Fundamentals of industrial chemistry and polymers**", Module 1 – 2,5 CFU, 22 hours) international Master Degree in Advanced Spectrometry in Chemistry. Language: English.

- Member of the **examination commission** for the following courses:

66693 - Fondamenti di chimica industriale con laboratorio (Cds-8513);  
 79085 - Sustainable industrial chemistry and polymers, 79083 ASC-11 (Cds-0884);  
 93772 - Fundamentals of industrial chemistry and polymers ASC-11 (Cds-0884);  
 66196 - Processi chimici a basso impatto ambientale M (Cds-0884);  
 66185 - Altre conoscenze utili per l'inserimento nel mondo del lavoro (Cds-0884);  
 66352 - Sviluppo e gestione dei processi chimici industriali con laboratorio M (Cds-0884);  
 66178 - Chimica della catalisi M (Cds-0884)  
 79466 - Spectroscopy of condensed phases 79083 ASC-10 (Cds-0884);  
 79109 - X-ray techniques 79083 ASC-12 (Cds-0884);

- Member of the **examination commission for the final discussion of the Ph.D Thesis** of Roberto Calmanti (tutor prof. Alvise Perosa) and Andrea Morandini (tutor prof.ssa Valentina Beghetto); Università degli Studi di Trieste and Università Cà Foscari di Venezia, examination date 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

- Member of the **graduation commission for the "Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Cds 0884)"** for the AA 2020-2021.

- Member of the **examination commission for the attribution of research grants (Assegni di Ricerca, Borse di Studio o Borse di Ricerca)**:

- PROT. N. 344 DEL 22/06/2022 presso il centro di ricerca industriale FRAME: "Tecnologie con emissioni potenzialmente negative di CO<sub>2</sub> - mineralizzazione della CO<sub>2</sub> nei rifiuti" (one year post-doc grant).
- Protocollo num. 424 Rep. 34 Fascicolo 7090801 del 23/02/2022: "Circular Bioeconomy: European research development and promotion" (one year post-doc grant).
- Repertorio n. 86 prot. n. 569 del 18/12/2020 presso il centro di ricerca industriale frame entitled: "sviluppo di catalizzatori eterogenei ibridi polimero/ inorganico per la valorizzazione di biomasse" (one year post-doc grant).
- Protocollo num. 1890 Rep. 109 Fascicolo 6713148 del 23/09/2021: "Catalisi per una chimica industriale sostenibile" (one year post-doc grant).
- PROT N./REP. N. 193, deadline 18/11/2020 entitled: "Valorizzazione di gliceroli e derivati degli oli vegetali tramite processi catalitici in fase liquida" (post-graduate).
- N. 86 PROT. N. 569, 18/12/2020 (CIRI-FRAME) entitled: "Sviluppo di catalizzatori eterogenei ibridi polimero/ inorganico per la valorizzazione di biomasse" (one year post-doc grant).
- Protocollo num. 1447 Rep. 147 Fascicolo 5737039, 21/09/2020, entitled: "Catalisi eterogenea per la valorizzazione di biomasse" (one year post-doc grant).
- Protocollo num. 1445 Rep. 145 Fascicolo 5736805, 21/09/2020, entitled: "Studio di catalizzatori eterogenei per la trasformazione di idrocarburi mediante processi di ossidazione selettiva in fase gas" (one year post-doc grant).



- Protocollo num. 1980 Rep. 207 Fascicolo 5921026, 13/11/2020, entitled: "Complessi di rutenio eterogeneizzati per l'omologazione di alcoli" (one year post-doc grant).
- Bando num. 34, deadline 17/02/2020 entitled: "Sviluppo di catalizzatori innovativi eterogenei per la trasformazione di alcoli" (post-graduate).
- Protocollo num. 142 Rep. 35 Fascicolo 5295113, 28/01/2020, entitled: "Studio e sviluppo di catalizzatori per ossidazioni selettive in fase liquida" (one year post-doc grant).

• **Supervisor of post-doc researcher** (one year research grant):

1. Anna Gagliardi, (Assegno di ricerca, Protocollo num. 2317 Rep. 167 Fascicolo 7679805 del 11/10/2022) "Valorizzazione di molecole di origine rinnovabile in processi in continuo in fase vapore"
2. Laura Setti, (Assegno di ricerca, Protocollo num. 1445 Rep. 145 Fascicolo 5736805 del 21/09/2020) "Studio di catalizzatori eterogenei per la trasformazione di idrocarburi mediante processi di ossidazione selettiva in fase gas".

• **Co-supervisor of the following Ph.D. Thesis:**

1. Michele Offidani: Ph.D Student in Industrial Chemistry, Ciclo XXXVIII with a thesis aimed at the investigation and optimisation of heterogeneous catalysts and their implementation in the catalytic pyrolysis of plastics. Ph.D. funded by both the Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR, ex DM 352/2022) and Versalis Spa.
2. Alessandro Manna: Ph.D Student in Industrial Chemistry, Ciclo XXXVIII with a thesis aimed at the development of new catalytic processes for a more sustainable industrial chemistry for the production of fragrances intermediates. Ph.D. funded by both the Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR, ex DM 352/2022) and the International Flavors & Fragrances (IFF) company.
3. Luca Visentin: Ph.D Student in Industrial Chemistry, Ciclo XXXVIII with a thesis aimed at the continuous-flow catalytic upgrading of bio-platform molecules in the gas-phase for the production of chemicals and fuels. Ph.D funded by the PRIN project PRIN 2020-Cod. 2020CZCJN7\_004 - PE4 - CUP J35F21004300001 - LEVANTE: LEvulinic acid Valorization through Advanced Novel Technologies.
4. Davide Alkanjari: Ph.D Student in Industrial Chemistry, Ciclo XXXVIII with a thesis aimed at the development of the development of innovative process for the production of bio-based (or "waste-based") lubricants and bitumen. Ph.D funded and performed in collaboration with ENI Spa.
5. Federico Bugli: Ph.D Student in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXVII with a thesis aimed at the development of innovative catalytic process for the fractionation of lignocellulosic biomass and the production of value added chemicals and fuels. Ph.D. funded by PON projects in collaboration with ENI Spa.
6. Michele Morana: Ph.D Student in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXVII with a thesis aimed at the development of innovative micro GC analysers and micro reactors based on MEMS. Ph.D. funded by Pollution S.r.l. and CNR-IMM.
7. Ludovica Conte: Ph.D Student in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXVII with a thesis aimed at the development of innovative catalysts for butane selective oxidation to maleic anhydride. Ph.D. funded by Polyt S.p.A.
8. Gabriele Galletti: Ph.D Student in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXVI with a thesis aimed at the development of alternative synthetic routes for the valorisation of low value compounds (e.g. waste or by-products of industrial processes) through the use of CO<sub>2</sub> or organic carbonates. Ph.D. funded by the "Progetto Alte Competenze 2020", Regione Emilia Romagna - POR/FSE 2014/2020, DGR nr. 255 del 30/03/2020.
9. Riccardo Bacchicocchi: Ph.D Student in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXV with a thesis aimed to the valorisation of bio-based compounds (e.g. levulinic acid and furfural) through the synthesis of bio-ethers as innovative bio-fuels, in collaboration and funded by ENI S.p.A.



10. Anna Gagliardi: Ph.D Student in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXV with a thesis aimed to the upgrading of ethanol to higher alcohols.
11. Annalisa Sacchetti: Ph.D Student in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXIV with a thesis in collaboration with Novamont S.p.A. aimed to the hydrogenation of fatty acids derivatives, both in batch and in continuous flow, optimising the preparation of supported noble-metal catalysts.
12. Giulia Balestra: Ph.D Student in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXIV with a thesis aimed to the upgrading of bio-alcohols for instance to higher alcohols through the catalysed Guerbet reaction in the gas or liquid phase.
13. Paola Blair Vasquez: "Upgrading bio-platform molecules in the gas-phase: from levulinic acid to bio-chemicals", discussed 2021 (Ph.D. in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXIII);
14. Laura Setti: "Study of new catalysts for the selective oxidation of *n*-butane to maleic anhydride: the role of catalyst thermal treatment", discussed 2021 (Ph.D. in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXIII);
15. Eleonora Monti: "Supported gold nanoparticles for sustainable catalytic applications", to be discussed in mid 2021 (Ph.D. in Chemistry, Ciclo XXXIII);

• **Supervisor of the following master thesis:**

1. Davide Cesari (AA 2021-2022), Thesis on the gas-phase ketonisation of peculiar bio-based esters. Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71). Discussion will be held in January 2023.
2. Davide Allkanjari (AA 2021-2022), Thesis on the production of dimethyl adipate starting from cyclopentanone and dimethylcarbonate over heterogeneous catalysts. Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71). Discussed in October 2022.
3. Marco Berti (AA 2021-2022), Thesis on the catalytic H-transfer of alkyl levulinate to valerates. Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71). Discussed in October 2022.
4. Alessandro Manna (AA 2020-2021), "Studio ed ottimizzazione del sistema catalitico per una sintesi alternativa di dimetiladipato con carbonati organici", Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71), discussed in March 2022;
5. Claudio Monaco (AA 2020-2021), "Studio della funzionalizzazione di derivati fenolici mediante reagenti alternativi: l'esempio del diallilcarbonato" Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71), discussed in October 2021;
6. Ludovica Conte (AA 2020-2021), "Riduzione di metil levulinato tramite hydrogen transfer con etanolo in fase vapore: ottimizzazione del sistema catalitico contenente zirconio", Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71), discussed in October 2021;
7. Gabriele Galletti (AA 2019-2020), "Dimetiladipato: una via di sintesi alternativa da chetoni e carbonati organici", Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
8. Irene Ghioni (AA 2019-2020), "Trattamento termico di catalizzatori V/P/O: influenza sulle proprietà catalitiche nella sintesi di anidride maleica da *n*-butano", Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
9. Martina Eberle (AA 2018-2019), "Sintesi del metil metacrilato mediante reazione tra metil propionato e metanolo in fase vapore", Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
10. Simone Vanzini (AA 2018-2019), "Il glicerol carbonato come reagente innovativo per la derivatizzazione di composti fenolici", Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71).

• **Supervisor of the following bachelor thesis:**

1. Riccardo Pedretti (AA 2021-2022) ongoing thesis aimed to the study of vanillin derivatives alkylation with organic carbonates. Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche), discussed in October 2022.
2. Lorenzo Mauro (AA 2021-2022) ongoing thesis aimed to the study of light alcohols decomposition over heterogeneous catalysts in the gas-phase. Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche), discussed in October 2022.



3. Sabrina Richeldi (AA 2021-2022) ongoing thesis aimed to the study of allylation of guaiacol with diallyl carbonate. Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche), discussed in July 2022.
4. Lorenzo Monti (AA 2020-2021), "Studio della sintesi di esteri di diacidi carbossilici mediante reazione tra chetoni ciclici e carbonati organici", Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche), July 2021;
5. Giorgia Peroni (AA 2020-2021), "Studio dell'attività catalitica di ossidi di zirconio nella riduzione di derivati dell'acido levulinico tramite H-transfer con alcoli in fase vapore". Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche), July 2021;
6. Elisa Valzano (AA 2020-2021), "Studio della sintesi dell'idrocalcone mediante chetonizzazione in fase vapore". Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche), October 2021;
7. Alessio Baldelli (AA 2020-2021), "Studio della reazione di chetonizzazione dell'acido propionico in fase vapore con catalizzatori contenenti zirconio", Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche);
8. Marco Berti (AA 2019-2020), "Ossidazione catalitica selettiva di composti organici volatili per il controllo delle emissioni" in collaboration with Pollution S.r.l. Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche);
9. Francesco Iannelli (AA 2019-2020), "Il glicerol carbonato come reagente alchilante innovativo per la sintesi di benzodiossani sostituiti", Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche).

• **Co-supervisor of the following master thesis:**

1. Aduraseyi Adedibu Adeoye (AA 2020-2021), "Towards the sustainable production of methyl methacrylate: a comparative analysis of industrial chemical production processes using life cycle assessment methodology". Low carbon technologies and sustainable chemistry (Classe LM-71), October 2022.
2. Sabra Banu Rameesdeen (AA 2019-2020), "Investigation of the ketonization reaction of renewable acids and esters". Low carbon technologies and sustainable chemistry (Classe LM-71), March 2022
3. Caterina Bosticco (AA 2020-2021), "Zirconia-based catalysts for a coupled reaction: Methyl Levulinate reduction and Limonene dehydroaromatization in the gas phase". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71), March 2022;
4. Canciani Andrea (AA 2020-2021), "Effect of ZrO<sub>2</sub> phases in the Catalytic Transfer Hydrogenation of Methyl Levulinate: a computational and experimental study". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
5. Luigi Pellegrino (AA 2019-2020), "Selective ethanol transformation over zirconium oxide-based catalysts". Low carbon technologies and sustainable chemistry (Classe LM-71);
6. Riccardo Bacchiocchi (AA 2018-2019), "Sviluppo di catalizzatori per la sintesi di anidride maleica da n-butano". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
7. Luca Ganzerla (AA 2017-2018), "Studio della riduzione catalitica di furfurale tramite hydrogen transfer con metanolo in fase vapore". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
8. Luca Lorenzetti (AA 2017-2018), "Studio di elettrocatalizzatori per l'ossidazione elettrochimica del glucosio". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
9. Laura Setti (AA 2016-2017), "Studio della trasformazione di etanolo ad acetaldeide in fase gas con catalizzatori a base di ossido di rame". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
10. Eleonora Monti (AA 2016-2017), "Studio della riduzione dell'acido levulinico mediante H-transfer in fase vapore". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
11. Carlo Giliberti (AA 2015-2016), "Studio della reattività del glicerol carbonato nella sintesi di derivati fenolici". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);



12. Jacopo De Maron (AA 2014-2015), "Alchilazione in fase gassosa del fenolo con reagenti green in catalisi basica eterogenea". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71);
13. Dauren Zhambakin (AA 2013-2014), "Investigation of the reactivity of metal oxide catalysts for the gas-phase phenol methylation" Cds. Advanced Spectroscopy in Chemistry;
14. Bianca Gumina (AA 2012-2013), "Studio della metilazione del fenolo in fase gas su catalizzatori a base di ossidi metallici". Laurea Magistrale in Chimica Industriale (Classe LM-71).

• **Co-supervisor of the following bachelor thesis:**

1. Luca Ganzerla (AA 2015-2016), "Studio dell'etilazione del fenolo in fase vapore su sistemi catalitici eterogenei". Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27 Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche);
2. Giulia Mengotti (AA 2015-2016), "Alchilazione in fase gassosa del fenolo con dietilcarbonato in catalisi basica eterogenea". Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27 Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche);
3. Francesca Arenga (AA 2013-2014), "Studio di un nuovo processo per la sintesi di metilendiossibenzene". Corso di laurea in Ingegneria Chimica e Biochimica Università di Bologna;
4. Alessandro Franchini (AA 2014-2015) "Alchilazione di substrati aromatici in fase vapore". Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche). Sessione II, A.A.: 2014-2015;
5. Bruno Reghizzi (AA 2013-2014), "Sintesi e utilizzo di nuovi carbonati organici". Laurea Triennale in Chimica Industriale (Classe L-27- Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche).

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## ORGANISATION OF EVENTS

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- Member of the organizing committee for the "XXII National Congress of Catalysis (GIC-2022)", Riccione, 11-14 September 2022. <https://eventi.unibo.it/congresso-gic-2022>.
- Member of the organizing committee for "Catalisi in Gioco, CIG-2021" (held at the Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2021). CIG is an innovative contest for Ph.D. students and young researcher (post-doc) focussed on catalysis, green chemistry and biorefinery concepts sponsored by the Interdivisional Group of Catalysis of the Industrial Chemistry Division (SCI), Gruppo Giovani of the Italian Chemistry Society, INSTM consortium, Novamont S.p.A. Contest official Website: <https://cig2020sci.wixsite.com/catalisiingioco>.

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## BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

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Preparation and characterisation of advanced catalytic materials, mechanistic investigation and study of the interaction between reagents/intermediates with the catalytic surface, as well as development of innovative catalytic processes both in liquid and in gas-phase, both in batch and continuous flow reactors.

Each of the following topics are being investigated at the lab scale but keeping an eye on the potential application of the new synthetic strategy on a bigger scale (scale-up and economic feasibility theoretical evaluation).

- Synthesis and use of organic carbonates as alternative, benign, reagents for the development of innovative catalytic processes;
- Valorisation and transformation of bio-based platform molecules (glycerol, levulinic acid and its esters, furfural, 5-hydroxymethyl furfural), through reduction (e.g. H-transfer with alcohols), selective oxidation and alkylation processes;



- Derivatisation of phenolic compounds through selective alkylation and acylation processes;
- Selective oxidation (both in liquid and in gas-phase) and oxidative cleavage reactions;
- Innovative synthetic routes toward bio-based monomers or other value added compounds;
- Hydrogen production, mainly through reforming reaction of bio-based compounds (e.g., aqueous phase reaction of polyols);
- Upgrading of alcohols or use of bio-alcohol as new reducing or alkylating agents;
- Development of catalytic, continuous flow, processes both in liquid and in gas-phase;
- Lignocellulosic biomass hydrolysis or reductive catalytic fractionation.

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## **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS – EXPERIENCE ABROAD**

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- Ongoing (or recently concluded) collaborations with foreign University and Research Institutes:

Prof. Paolo Pescarmona, Full Professor in Catalysis & Sustainability, University of Groningen.  
 Dr. Elsje Alessandra Quadrelli, CNRS-CPE Lyon (FR) (ongoing, working on a joint publication);  
 Prof. Pedro Jesús Maireles Torres and Prof. Enrique Rodríguez Castellón, University of Malaga (ES) (published article: ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2021, 9, 4, 1790-1803);  
 Prof. José Manuel López Nieto, UPV Universitat Politècnica de València (ES), (published article: Applied Catalysis A, General 582 (2019) 117102.);  
 Prof. Gregory Scott Patience, Polytechnique Montréal (Québec), (published article: Applied Catalysis A, General 563 (2018) 98-104)  
 Prof. Thomas Maschmeyer, University of Sidney, (published article: Catal. Sci. Technol. 2018, 8, 1971-1980);  
 Dr. Carmine D'agostino, University of Manchester (UK).

- October - December 2015: Ph.D. foreign period experience, **3 months at the School of Chemistry, Nottingham University (UK)**. Tutor: Prof. Sir Martyn Poliakoff. Project: Photochemical reaction in high-pressure continuous-flow systems in supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> and dimethyl carbonate.
- From 14/02/2018 to 19/02/2018 **research experience at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), Grenoble (France)**. Application for SNBL-BM31 CRG Beam Time (ref n: 76644 e final n°: 31-01-50). In-situ EXAFS investigation of the active site modification of a Cu supported catalyst in the oxidation of ethanol to acetaldehyde and on the consecutive Guerbet reaction to yield 1-butanol. This research work was performed in collaboration with prof. J.A. Van Bohkoven group of the ETH Zurich University (Department of chemistry and applied biosciences).
- From 17/10/2018 to 19/10/2018 **research experience at the Diamond Light Source synchrotron facilities at Harwell Campus, Didcot (UK)**: application SP20364-1 on B18. In particular, in-situ EXAFS investigation in order to follow the in-situ reduction (and re-oxidation) of iron and vanadium oxides with methanol as reducing agent. This research work was performed in collaboration with prof. Andrew M. Beale of the University College of London (UCL).

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## **NATIONAL COLLABORATIONS**

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- Ongoing collaboration with Italian University or research institutes:  
 - Prof. Vincenzo Russo, University of Naples.  
 - Dr. Nicola Scotti, CNR-SCITEC Milan;



- prof. S. Bordiga, Università degli Studi di Torino (published a paper: Applied Catalysis B: Environmental 211 (2017) 323-336);
- prof. Nicola Della Ca', University of Parma;
- prof. G. Cravotto, S. Tabasso and M. Manzoli Università degli Studi di Torino;
- prof. M. Selva and A. Perosa Università Cà Foscari, Venice (papers published: Green Chem. 2017, 19, 1519-1528; ChemSusChem, 12, (14), 2019, 3343-3354; Catal. Sci. Technol. 2018, 8, 1971-1980);
- prof. A.M. Raspolli Galletti and Claudia Antonetti Università di Pisa (ongoing, working on a joint publication);
- prof. Francesco Mauriello Università Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria (papers published: Current Opinion in Green and Sustainable Chemistry, 2020, 24, 1-6; Catalysts, 2019, 9(11), 917; ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2019, 7, 9937-9947);
- prof. A. Proto and Dr. Raffaele Cucciniello, Università degli Studi di Salerno (papers published: Catalysts, 2019, 9(11), 917; Catalysts, 2019, 9(9), 722; Green Chem., 2019, 21, 329-338; Catalysts 2018, 8(9), 391);
- prof. M. Mella, Università degli Studi dell'Insubria (papers published: Catal. Sci. Technol., 2020, 10, 3433-3449; Journal of Catalysis 370 (2019) 447-460; Journal of Catalysis 372 (2019) 61-73; Applied Catalysis A, General 552 (2018) 86-97);
- prof. I. Rossetti, Università degli Studi di Milano (papers published: Chemical Engineering Science 207 (2019) 862-875; ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2018, 6, 5441-5451.);
- prof. A. Villa and Dr. S. Campisi, Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca (papers published: Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering, 2019, 7(5), 103381; Journal of Physical Chemistry C, 2019, 123(32), 19734-19741; Nanomaterials (Basel). 2019, 9(2). pii: E299; Sustainable Energy Fuels, 2018, 2, 2705-2716).

## SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY OF FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS

- Principal Investigator (PI) of the ***Italian PRIN competitive project "ENCAPSULATE"***: ENhanced CAtalytic fractionation and depolymerization Processes for a Straightforward valorization of lignocellULosic biomass to chemicals and mATERials (2022KTAH2L). Approximative budget for the Bologna research unit: **153000€**.
- From March 2022 to March 2025: leader of the local research unit of Bologna in the ***Italian PRIN competitive project "LEVANTE"***: LEvulinic acid Valorization through Advanced Novel TEchnologies (2020CZCJN7). Approximative **budget** for the Bologna research unit: **149000€**.
- 2021-2022: Co-responsibility of the research project in collaboration and financed by **Royal DSM** (**budget: 100000€**) related to the development of the catalytic process for the continuous-flow, gas-phase alkylation of 1-naphtol with methanol.
- 2020-2021: Principal investigator and scientific responsibility for a research project in collaboration and financed by **Polynt S.p.A.** (**budget: 40000€**) related to the development of catalysts for the selective oxidation of hydrocarbons to maleic anhydride.
- 2021-2022: Principal investigator and scientific responsibility for a research project in collaboration and financed by **Spiga Nord S.p.A.** (**budget: 45000€**) related to the investigation of innovative routes toward the production of glycerol ethers.
- 2020: Scientific responsibility for financed analysis aimed at the characterisation of few catalytic materials for **Pollution S.r.l** (**budget: € 1.522**).
- 2019-2020: Principal investigator and scientific responsibility for a research project in collaboration and financed by **Hera S.p.A.** (**budget: 40000€/y**) on the valorisation of lignocellulosic biomass which has led to the filing of a **patent application**.



- 2019-2020: Principal investigator and scientific responsibility for a research project in collaboration and financed by *So.G.I.S. Industria Chimica S.p.A.* (**budget: 30000€/y**) on the valorisation of vegetable oils, glycerol and derivatives.
- 2019-2020: Principal investigator and scientific responsibility (together with prof. Carlo Lucarelli, University of Insubria, Italy) for a research project in collaboration and financed by *Endura S.p.A.* (**budget: 40000€/y**) aimed at the functionalisation of phenolic compounds (through the INSTM consortium). The project has led to the filing of an **international patent application** and the collaboration with the company has been **renovated for another year** (2021-2022, **budget 75000€**).

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## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP- JOURNALS EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

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- Member of the *Italian Chemical Society (SCI)*, (*Industrial Chemistry Division* and *Interdivisional Groups of "Catalysis" and "Green Chemistry"*).
- Member of the National Interuniversity Consortium of Materials Science and Technology (**INSTM**), Research Unit of Bologna.
- Member of the Centro Interdipartimentale di Ricerca Industriale-Fonti Rinnovabili, Ambiente, Mare ed Energia (**CIRI-FRAME**).
- Representative of the University of Bologna at the **CO<sub>2</sub>-Value Europe**, European association of CO<sub>2</sub> Utilisation (since 2017).
- 2018-2019: **Guest Editor** of the journal Catalysts for the Special Issue: “Catalytic Transformation of Renewables (Olefin, Bio-sourced, et. al)”, (ISSN 2073-4344). The special issue was renovated for another year (2021). **Editorial published:** N. Dimitratos, S. Albonetti and T. Tabanelli. “Catalytic Transformation of Renewables (Olefin, Bio-Sourced, et al.)”. Catalysts 2021, 11(3), 364; <https://doi.org/10.3390/catal11030364>.
- 2019-2020: **Guest Editor** of the journal Catalysts for the Special Issue: “Sustainable and Environmental Catalysis”, (ISSN 2073-4344). **Editorial published:** T. Tabanelli, D. Cespi, and R. Cucciniello. “Sustainable and Environmental Catalysis”. Editorial. Catalysts 2021, 11(2), 225; <https://doi.org/10.3390/catal11020225>.
- from 2021: member of the **Editorial Board** of *Sustainable Chemistry*, an international peer-reviewed open access journal published quarterly by MDPI (covering the role of Topic Editor).
- from 2022: member of the **Editorial Board** as a **Permanent Review Editor Position** for *Frontiers in Chemistry (IF 5.545)*, an international, multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed open access journal.

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## REVIEWER ACTIVITY

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I'm acting as a **reviewer** for the following international journals:

**Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) journals:** Green Chemistry, New Journal of Chemistry, Reaction Chemistry & Engineering.

**American Chemical Society (ACS) journals:** ACS Catalysis, ACS Industrial & Engineering Chem. Research, ACS Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering.

**Elsevier journals:** Appl. Catal. B, Catalysis Today, Journal of Catalysis, Journal of CO<sub>2</sub> Utilisation.

**Springer journals:** Frontiers of Chemical Science and Engineering, Research on Chemical Intermediates, Catalysis Letters, Biomass Conversion and Biorefinery.

**MDPI journals:** Catalysts, Bioengineering.



**Frontiers:** Frontiers in chemistry \_green and sustainable chem.

**Verified review in Publons at the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2022: 49.**

Recognised as “Outstanding Reviewer for Green Chemistry in 2019” by the Royal Society of Chemistry. Green Chem., 2020,22, 2627-2627. <https://doi.org/10.1039/D0GC90042G>.

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2. C. Cortelli, L. Fratalocchi, S. Luciani, L. Setti, F. Cavani, L. Grazia, T. Tabanelli. “Procedimento per la trasformazione di un precursore di catalizzatore di ossidi misti di vanadio/fosforo nel catalizzatore attivo per la produzione di anidride maleica”. Italian application number: 102022000003872, filing date: 2nd March 2022. Applicant Polynt S.p.A.
3. T. Tabanelli, F. Cavani, G. Balestra, A. Gagliardi, M. Berruti. Application title: “Procedimento per la produzione di una miscela utilizzabile come jet fuel a partire da alcoli C2-C4 e relativo impianto”. Application number: 102022000003209, filing date 21st February 2022. Applicants: University of Bologna, GST gestioni servizi tecnologie S.R.L and IG Operation and Maintenance S.p.A
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7. T. Tabanelli, F. Cavani, C. Giliberti. “Process for obtaining phenolic derivatives by using glycerol carbonate” PCT/EP2018/000113 registered on 23/03/2018. Publication number: WO/2018/171942. Applicant University of Bologna
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2. GIC2022, XXII National Congress on Catalysis, Riccione 11-14 September 2022. T. Tabanelli, R. Bacchicocchi, E. Paone, L. Conte, S. Albonetti, N. Dimitratos, F. Mauriello and F. Cavani. **Oral presentation** entitled: "Improved Catalytic Transfer Hydrogenation of alkyl levulinates with ethanol over ZrO<sub>2</sub> based catalysts".
3. IX workshop nazionale gruppo interdivisionale di Green Chemistry-Chimica Sostenibile (GC-CS), Pavia, 22-23 June 2022. T. Tabanelli, L. Conte, R. Bacchicocchi, E. Paone, N. Dimitratos, F. Mauriello, F. Cavani. **Oral presentation** entitled: "Valorizzazione di alchil levulinati a γ-valerolattone mediante processi di H-transfer in continuo, in fase vapore".
4. International Symposium on Green Chemistry (ISGC2022), May 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2022 in La Rochelle (FR). **Oral presentation** entitled: "Improved Catalytic Transfer Hydrogenation of alkyl levulinates with ethanol over ZrO<sub>2</sub> based catalysts". **Chairman:** chair of the OC-10-3 session, 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, on alternative solvents.
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## JOB RELATED SKILLS

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**Communication skills:** gained through my experience in the University, assisting the lab experience of students and collaborating on many research projects with both other Italian or International Universities (see below for details) and companies (ENI, Cargill, Versalis, Polynt, Endura, Caviro, Unigrà, Hera, SOGIS, Spiga Nord etc..). Wide experience in presenting and explaining the obtained results by preparing reports for the partners and .ppt presentations to show in group meetings or national and international conferences.

**Managerial skills:** scientific responsible of different research projects in collaboration with companies, good team coordination skills, coordinating both bachelor, master and Ph.D. students. Responsible for the laboratory solvents and reactants stock management and PhD/post-doc time shift during Covid pandemic (2020).

**Catalysis lab formation:** lab-scale synthesis and preparation of inorganic catalysts by means of precipitation, co-precipitation, sol-gel synthesis (controlled pH and temperature), hydrothermal and wet or incipient wetness impregnation or sol immobilisation of a support. Good experience both with



continuous gas-flow and liquid flow reactors working both at atmospheric and high pressures. Wide experience with batch (autoclaves) and semi-batch reactors. Able to build up of lab-scale rigs (wide experience with Swagelok lines and fittings). Wide experience with products mixture analysis by means of both offline and on-line gas chromatographs (used to maintenance procedures: column changing, injector and basic FID maintenance etc...), GC-MS and HPLC analysis.

**Catalyst's characterisation and reaction mechanism investigation:** Specific surface area and porosity analysis with both BET and porosimeters. Good experience in powder XRD analysis (I was part of the trained operators allowed to perform the analysis) and related good experience in using X'pert highscore plus for the diffractograms analysis. Able to perform ex-situ and in-situ Raman for structure change analysis, ATR and ex-situ and in-situ FT-IR (in vacuum) and DRIFTS analysis in order to study the interaction of probe molecules with the catalyst surface (reagents adsorptions, Brønsted and Lewis acidity measurements with pyridine), able to perform TPD-R-O analysis in order to investigate catalysts oxidation/reduction or selective adsorption/desorption of probe basic or acidic molecules (acid or basic sites quantification and evaluation). Used to perform elemental analysis: X-ray fluorescence (XRF), atomic absorption and emission spectroscopy (AAS and AES) and thermogravimetric analysis (TGA, DSC). Access of the basic microscopy techniques (SEM-EDX and TEM). In-situ X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) analysis for the investigation of the catalyst active sites modification during the reaction performed at different Synchrotron facilities in collaboration with international group.

**Informatic skills:** Wide experience in the utilisation of Microsoft Office programs (ECDL-European Computer Driving License), Chem Office (for modelling and design of chemical structures), Avogadro (for example in the assignments of the IR spectroscopy band to the molecules vibration modes), X'pert (mainly for the XRD diffractometric analysis), Spectrum, Opus (for IR spectra analysis), TA universal analysis for TGA and DSC, Origin and so on. Basic experience in software for post-processing of images: Photoshop.

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