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WasserCluster Lunz is an Interuniversity Research Center shared to equal amounts by the University of Vienna, the University of Natural Resources and Life Science Vienna and the Danube University Krems. WCL is financially supported by a partnership with the provincial government of Lower Austria and the municipality of Vienna.

The research center was founded in 2006 to pursue basic and applied research on aquatic ecosystems around Lake Lunz and at various other sites. Beside field studies, experimental work in the laboratory and in specifically developed outdoor constructions are also in the focus of our research. Numerous cooperations with partner universities in Austria and abroad enable to work on current scientific problems of aquatic ecosystem research at the highest level. Furthermore, WCL is an important centre for university teaching, postgraduate and international education.

## The 4 working groups

### AquaScale



Group leader:  
**Robert Ptacnik**

#### Research areas:

- Experimental Plankton Ecology
- Spatial Ecology & Conservation
- Biodiversity Research



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## BIGER



Group leader:  
**Gabriele Weigelhofer**

### Research areas:

- Aquatic Biogeochemistry
- Ecohydrology
- Riverine Landscape – Human Society Interactions

## LipTox



Group leader:  
**Martin Kainz**

### Research areas:

- Aquatic Food Webs
- Ecotoxicology
- Trophic Ecology & Isotopes/Lipids Research

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Group leader:  
**Simon Vitecek**

### Research areas:

- Evolutionary Ecology of Stream Invertebrates Models
- Taxonomy and Systematics of Stream Insects
- Aquatic Biodiversity