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EDUCATION

Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag)

Dübendorf, Switzerland

Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETHZ)

Zürich, Switzerland

PhD in Ecological Modelling

2020 - present

Thesis title (tentative): "Bridging the gap between data science and mechanistic modelling to gain knowledge about macroinvertebrate community assembly"

University of Neuchâtel (UNINE)

Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Bs. and Ms. of Science in Mathematics

2015 - 2020

Thesis title: "An Introduction to Simplicial Sets and Model Categories" Grade: cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

- **Chollet Ramampandra, E.**, Scheidegger, A., Fragnière, G., Schuwirth, N., in prep. *in prep.*
Impact of hidden ecological processes and data limitations on the performance and interpretability of species distribution models.
- Khaliq, I., **Chollet Ramampandra, E.**, Vorburger, C., Narwani, A., Schuwirth, N., 2024. *2024*
The effect of water temperature changes on biological water quality assessment. Ecological Indicators 159, 111652. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2024.111652>
- **Chollet Ramampandra, E.**, Scheidegger, A., Wydler, J., Schuwirth, N., 2023. *2023*
A comparison of machine learning and statistical species distribution models: Quantifying overfitting supports model interpretation. Ecological Modelling 481, 110353. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2023.110353>

CONFERENCES

16th Institute of Biogeochemistry and Pollutant Dynamics (IBP) PhD Congress

Zürich, Switzerland

Talk: "How robust are species distribution models against noise in the data?"

April 2024

European Conference on Ecological Modelling (ECEM)

Leipzig, Germany

Talk: "A comparison of machine learning and statistical species distribution models: quantifying overfitting supports model interpretation"

September 2023

13th Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS)

Newcastle, UK

Talk: "A comparison of machine learning and statistical species distribution models: quantifying overfitting supports model interpretation"

June 2023

13th International Congress of Ecology (INTECOL)

Geneva, Switzerland

Talk: "Learning ecological species responses through a comparative analysis of statistical and machine learning models"

September 2022

14th Institute of Biogeochemistry and Pollutant Dynamics (IBP) PhD Congress

Zürich, Switzerland

Poster: "Learning ecological species responses from machine learning models"

April 2022

12th Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS)

online

Poster: "Combine modeling approaches to gain knowledge about community assembly of stream macroinvertebrates"

July 2021

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Teaching

- Teaching assistant, Modelling Aquatic Ecosystems, ETH Zürich, Course 701-0426-00

*Zürich, Switzerland
yearly, 2020 - present*

Supervision

- Jonas Wydler (internship), Gaspard Fragnière (civil service),
Johanna Berger (master project), Adrien Perroud (civil service)

*Dübendorf, Switzerland
2021 - present*

Other roles

- Confidential Advisor/Vertrauensperson for PhD Students, Eawag

*Dübendorf, Switzerland
2022 - 2024*

Organization of conference

- 15th Institute of Biogeochemistry and Pollutant Dynamics (IBP) PhD Congress, Eawag

*Dübendorf, Switzerland
April 2023*

Further education

- Summer School on Bayesian Methods for Environmental Modelling, Eawag

*Dübendorf, Switzerland
September 2021*

SKILLS

Programming

- Experienced: R
- Familiar: Python, Julia

Languages

- Native: French
- Fluent: English
- Intermediate: German, Spanish

Soft skills

- Communication
- Meticulousness
- Critical thinking