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Keywords: Macroecology, Numerical Ecology, Modeling, Machine Learning

Experience

2020-2024 Ongoing — **PhD. Modeling spatio-temporal biodiversity changes across scales**, *Faculty of Environmental Sciences, CZU, dept. of Spatial sciences*, Prague.
- Modeling biodiversity using machine learning, frequentists and bayesian methods
- Programming
- English communication skills (both oral and writing)
- Supervised by Dr. Petr Keil

2018–2020 — **Marine Sciences MSc**, *Sorbonne University*, Paris (France, graduated September 2020).
Numerical Ecology, modelling, geostatistics, GIS, oceanography, marine ecology, biogeochemistry, database management

2017–2018 — **3rd year of Bachelor of Science**, *South Brittany University*, Vannes (France).
Specialized in Coastal Ecosystems and Management, GIS

2015–2017 — **1st and 2nd year of Bachelor of Science**, *Rouen Normandy University*, Rouen (France).
Specialized in Botanic

Internships

2020 (6 months) — **Community modelling** , *DYNECO-LEBCO, IFREMER*, Brest (France).
- **Objective:** develop a simulation tool to assess dynamic communities accompanying biogenic reefs built by *Sabellaria alveolata* (Linnaeus, 1767)(honeycomb worm)
- Explore the community topology using qualitative modelling (Dambacher *et al.* 2002, Marzloff *et al.* 2016)
- Infer a Dynamic Bayesian Network (BN) from a large database (REEHAB project)

2019 (2 months) — **Numerical ecology study**, *UMR BOREA - MNHN - LOCEAN* , Paris (France).
- **Objective:** spatiotemporal recruitement variability of *Sicyopterus lagocephalus* (Pallas 1770)(Teleostei : Gobiidae : Sicydiinae), amphidromous species of the Indian Ocean
- Pelagic Larval Duration (PLD) determination by otolithometry
- Statistical analysis to observe spatial (rivers) and temporal (season/year) differences of those PLD
- Larval dispersion modelling using the Ichthyop lagrangian model in backward to assess larval provenance

2018 (2 months) — **Ecological study**, *Géoarchitecure Laboratory*, Vannes (France).
- **Objective:** use the opportunistic feature of the European shag to assess fish biodiversity
- Rejection pellets dissection and harvesting
- Fish identification using otoliths, data analysis

2017 (5 months) — **Mapping, Photogrammetry**, *Géosciences Océans Laboratory*, Vannes (France).
- **Objective:** study the coastal dynamic of a beach in order to distribute sediment at the most relevant place
- Three dimensional modelling of a beach to observe its evolution
- Production of DEM (*i.e.* Digital Elevation Model) to exploit in GIS software

Other experiences

2023 (1 week) — **TheoMoDiv workshop**, *CESAB*, Montpellier.
- Taining in theory-based approaches to model ecological data (time series, macroecology, interaction, trophic network)

2022 (1 months) — **Visiting Ohio State University**, *Jarzyna lab*, Colombus, Ohio.
- Collaborating with Dr. Marta Jarzyna on the spatial scaling of abundance-based biodiversity trends

2022 (1 week) — **HMSC course attendance**, *Jyväskylä summer school*, Jyväskylä , Finland.
- Summer school on Hirearchical Modeling of Species Community

2021 (1 semester) — **Machine Learning with R**, *Faculty of Mathematics and Physics*, Charles University, Prague.
- Going through all Machine Learning algorithms, from Support Vector Machines to Neural Networks

Computer skills

Advanced , Git, QGIS, ArcGIS, LaTeX

Intermediate Python, MySQL, Adobe Creative Cloud, Agisoft Metashape

Basic Julia, Shell, MATLAB, HTML5, CSS

Teaching

2023 Seminar on reproducible science using Git and Github (Github repository)

2022/2023 Teaching assistant in spatial ecology and macroecology (Github repository)

2021 Teaching assistant in GIS using ArcGIS

Talks

Conference 2023-08-10 **Decomposing abundance change to recruitment and loss: analysis of the North-American avifauna**, *Ecological Society of America*, Portland, OR, Slides.

Conference 2022-06-05 **Untangling biodiversity changes across a continuum of spatial scales**, *International Biogeography Society conference*, Vancouver, BC, Slides.

Conference 2021-10-23 **Modeling biodiversity changes across a continuum of spatial scales**, *International Biogeography Society conference (Early career)*, Online, Slides.

Conference 2021-09-01 **Spatio-temporal scaling of biodiversity trends**, *GfÖ Virtual Annual Meeting*, Online, Slides.

Seminar 2020-07-01 **Introduction to Reproducible Science: Version Control using Git**, *CZU*, Prague, Slides.

Publications

François Leroy, Jiři Reif, David Storch, and Petr Keil. How has bird biodiversity changed over time? a review across spatio-temporal scales. 69:26–38. URL: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1439179123000117, doi:10.1016/j.baae.2023.03.004.

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