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EDUCATION

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| October 2022 | Ph.D in Environmental Sciences, SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR FOREST, SNOW AND LANDSCAPE (WSL SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ZÜRICH, ETH), Switzerland |
| September 2018 | <i>"Forward and inverse modelling of eco-evolutionary dynamics in ecological and economic systems"</i> . Under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Loïc Pellissier. eco-evolutionary dynamics mathematical modeling scientific machine learning complex systems |
| June 2017 | Full year academic exchange, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (UNSW SYDNEY), Australia |
| September 2016 | |
| June 2017 | Master thesis in theoretical geomechanics, UNSW SYDNEY CSIRO, Australia |
| February 2017 | <i>"Numerical continuation and bifurcation analysis for unconventional geomechanics"</i> . Under the guidance of Dr. Thomas Poulet. numerical continuation bifurcation analysis |
| August 2018 | B.S./ M.S. in Energy and Environmental Engineering, INSTITUT NATIONAL DES SCIENCES APPLIQUÉES DE LYON (INSA LYON), France |
| September 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Two-year undergraduate intensive course in mathematics and physics. Ranking : 21/650 students.Three-year undergraduate engineering course in Energy and Environmental Systems, focused on Advanced Energy Systems and Efficiency. fluid mechanics thermodynamics networks and optimisation energy markets |

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| February 2024 | Postdoctoral researcher, SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR FOREST, SNOW AND LANDSCAPE (WSL), Switzerland |
| October 2023 | Dynamic Macroecology group with Niklaus E. Zimmermann. global change biodiversity novel methods for conservation teaching and supervision |
| April 2023 | Postdoctoral researcher, SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ZÜRICH (ETHZ) SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR FOREST, SNOW AND LANDSCAPE (WSL), Switzerland |
| November 2022 | Ecosystems and landscape evolution group with Loïc Pellissier. inverse modelling ecological modelling teaching and supervision |
| August 2018 | R&D intern, COMPAGNIE NATIONALE DU RHÔNE (CNR), France |
| March 2018 | Development of an Energy Management System based on various optimisation techniques for optimal production of renewable resources. Applications to EU sponsored projects : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jupiter1000 (power-to-gas)Move in pure (vehicle-to-grid)Marie-Galante island (micro-grid) software development mathematical optimisation energy trading |

FUNDINGS

March 2023 WSL Biodiversity Center Innovative Workshop grant, 10,000CHF.

Peer-reviewed

- Alsos, I.G., **Boussange, V.**, Rijal, D.P., Beaulieu, M., Brown, A.G., Herzsuh, U., Svenning, J.C., Pellissier, L., *Using ancient sedimentary DNA to forecast ecosystem trajectories under climate change*. Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B (2024).
- **Boussange, V.**, Becker, S., Jentzen, A., Kuckuck, B., Pellissier, L., *Deep learning approximations for non-local nonlinear PDEs with Neumann boundary conditions*. Accepted in Partial Differential Equations and Applications, 59 pages (2023). [arXiv]
- Skeels, A., Boschman, L. M., McFadden, I. R., Joyce, E.M., Hagen, O., Jiménez Robles, O., Bach, W., **Boussange, V.**, Keggins, T., Jetz, W., Pellissier, L., *Paleoenvironments shaped the exchange of terrestrial vertebrates across Wallace's Line*. Science 381, 86-92 (2023).
- **Boussange, V.**, *Forward and inverse modelling of eco-evolutionary dynamics in ecological and economic systems*, PhD thesis. ETH Zurich (2022).
- **Boussange, V.** & Pellissier, L., *Eco-evolutionary model on spatial graphs reveals how habitat structure affects phenotypic differentiation*. Commun Biol 5, 668 (2022). [bioRxiv]

Preprints

- **Boussange, V.**, Lischke, H., Sornette, D., Pellissier, L., *Processes analogous to ecological interactions and dispersal shape the dynamics of economic activities*. [arXiv] (2023), 23 pages. In review at Journal of the Royal Society Interface.
- **Boussange, V.**, Vilimelis-Aceituno, P., Pellissier, L., *Partitioning ecological time series to improve process-based models with machine learning* [bioRxiv] (2022), 46 pages. In review at Methods in Ecology and Evolution.

Proceedings

- Poulet, T., Alevizos, S., Veveakis, M., **Boussange, V.**, Regenauer-Lieb, K., *Episodic mineralising fluid injection through chemical shear zones*, ASEG Extended Abstracts (2018), 5 pages.

Unpublished work

- **Boussange, V.**, Karger, D., Malle, J. T., Midolo, D., *Assessing the combined effect of habitat and climate change on biodiversity*. (in alphabetical order)

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| July 2024 | Speaker, PiecewiseInference.jl : <i>inverse modelling for complex dynamics</i> , JuliaCon2024, Eindhoven, Netherlands |
| April 2024 | Speaker, <i>A deep learning macroecological model to assess the combined effect of habitat loss and climate change on biodiversity</i> , EGU 2024, Vienna, Austria |
| April 2024 | Workshop organizer and speaker, <i>Introduction to Julia for geoscience</i> , EGU 2024, Vienna, Austria |
| January 2024 | Speaker, <i>A scalable machine learning approach to assess the combined effect of habitat loss and climate change on biodiversity</i> , IBS 2024, Prague, Czech Republic |
| April 2023 | Speaker, PiecewiseInference.jl : <i>a machine learning framework for inverse ecosystem modelling</i> , EGU 2023, Vienna, Austria |
| March 2023 | 2-day workshop organizer and speaker, <i>Practical introduction to Julia for modelling and data analysis in biodiversity and earth sciences</i> , WSL biodiversity center, Birmensdorf, Switzerland |
| February 2023 | Invited speaker, <i>Combining eco-evolutionary theory and machine learning to advance our understanding of living systems</i> , Seminar at the Laboratoire interdisciplinaire de physique (LiPhy), Grenoble, France |
| July 2022 | Speaker, HighDimPDE.jl : <i>A Julia package for solving high-dimensional PDEs</i> , JuliaCon2022, online |
| June 2022 | Speaker, <i>Interpretable machine learning for forecasting dynamical processes in ecosystems</i> , World Biodiversity Forum, Davos, Switzerland |
| June 2022 | Invited speaker, <i>Investigating empirical patterns of biodiversity with mechanistic eco-evolutionary models</i> , Seminar at the Theoretical Ecology and Evolution group, Universität Bern, Switzerland |
| November 2021 | Invited speaker, <i>Numerical approximations of solutions of highly dimensional, non-local nonlinear PDEs</i> , StAMBio seminar, St Andrews, UK |
| October 2021 | Speaker, <i>Graph topology and habitat assortativity drive phenotypic differentiation in an eco-evolutionary model</i> , Conference on Complex Systems, Lyon, France |
| October 2021 | Speaker, <i>Using graph-based metrics to assess the effect of landscape topography on diversification</i> , ECBC, Amsterdam, Netherlands |
| September 2021 | Speaker, <i>Solving non-local nonlinear Partial Differential Equations in high dimensions with HighDimPDE.jl</i> , International Conference on Computational Methods in Systems Biology, Bordeaux, France |
| April 2021 | <i>Responses of neutral and adaptive diversity to complex geographic population structure</i> , Mathematical Population Dynamics, Ecology and Evolution, CIRM Marseille, France |

SOFTWARES

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| EcoEvoModelZoo.JL | 2023 |
| github.com/vboussange/EcoEvoModelZoo.jl documentation A zoo of eco-evolutionary models with high fitness. | |
| Julia | |
| PIECEWISEINFERENCE.JL | 2022 |
| github.com/vboussange/PiecewiseInference.jl documentation Suite for parameter inference and model selection with dynamical models characterised by complex dynamics. | |
| Julia | |
| PARAMETRICMODELS.JL | 2022 |
| github.com/vboussange/ParametricModels.jl documentation Utilities for parametric and composite differential equation models. | |
| Julia | |
| HIGHDIMPDE.JL | 2021 |
| github.com/SciML/HighDimPDE.jl documentation A Julia package that breaks down the curse of dimensionality in solving non local, non linear PDEs. | |
| Julia | |
| EVOLD.JL | 2019 - 2021 |
| github.com/vboussange/Evold.jl documentation Evolutionary individual based modelling, mathematically grounded. | |
| Julia | |
| OPTIVPP | 2018 |
| confidential Energy Management System for Virtual Power Plants. | |
| Python GAMS | |

Open Source contributions

Member of the SciML organisation (open source software for scientific machine learning) with many contributions to core packages, further contributions to CUDA.jl, Flux.jl, LightGraphs.jl.

</> PROGRAMMING

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| Programming languages | Julia, Python, C++, Java, Matlab, R, Bash, Mathematica, VBA, \LaTeX |
| Libraries | Flux.jl, DifferentialEquations.jl, DiffEqFlux.jl, CUDA.jl, LightGraphs.jl, TensorFlow, Keras, ArchGDAL, matplotlib, JAX, xarray, scikit-learn, pytorch |

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

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| July 2024 | 701-1679-00L Landscape Modelling of Biodiversity : From Global Changes to Conservation, ETH ZÜRICH, D-USYS, Switzerland |
| February 2023 | Environmental Sciences Master course. Supervising a student group on the proposed project <i>Modelling the spread dynamics of invasive alien species</i> . |
| December 2023 | 701-3001-00L Environmental Systems Data Science, ETH ZÜRICH, D-USYS, Switzerland |
| September 2023 | Undergraduate course. In charge of the unit <i>Supervised Deep Learning - Application</i> . |
| June 2020 | 262-0100-00L Lab rotation, ETH ZÜRICH, D-BSSE, Switzerland |
| April 2020 | Supervision of Cecilia Valenzuela Agui in the frame of her MS in <i>Computational Biology and Bioinformatics</i> . |
| December 2020 | Taste of research internship, POLYTECH NICE-SOPHIA, France |
| September 2020 | Supervision of Nicolas Demolin for his research internship in the frame of his MS in <i>Applied Mathematics and Modeling</i> . |

LANGUAGES

French ● ● ● ● ●
English ● ● ● ● ●

Spanish ● ● ● ○ ○
German ● ● ● ○ ○

HOBBIES

- > Ski touring, ski mountaineering, alpinism, rock climbing. **Major achievements** : Descent of the North face of Mt Blanc with skis, may 2023 | North-South traverse of the Alps from Innsbruck to Venice with skis and bicycle, march 2023 | Haute Route Chamonix Zermatt, february 2022 | Crossing of the Grisons massif with skis, february 2021.
- > Enduro mountainbiking, bikepacking. **Major achievements** : "From the first to the last droplet of the Rhone river", Furkapass to Marseille, 2018-2020 | Tour du Mont Blanc, 2019.
- > Sailing. **Major achievements** : Refit of a 36-feet, 40 year-old sailing boat, sailed it from Germany to Norway, may-august 2023.
- > Surfing.

Full adventure CV available at https://vboussange.github.io/pages/alpine_cv/.

REFERENCES

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