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EDUCATION

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, Germany

September 2023 – present

Master's program in Ecology, Evolution and Systematics
GPA 1.23/1.00

Zhejiang University, Zhejiang, China

October 2018 – June 2022

College of Life Science & Chu Kochen Honors College
B.S. in Biological Sciences, Pursuit Science Class, GPA 3.86/4.00, Ranking 3/16

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dispersal-Mediated Coexistence and Diversity Measures in Spatial Communities

Dr. Maria Stockenreiter, LMU

*December 2025 – June 2026
Munich, Germany*

- Report: *On the Boundaries of Communities*
- Investigated the properties of stationary traveling wave solutions in ecological reaction–diffusion systems
- propose a continuous measure of β -diversity derived from the equilibrium abundance profiles

How Does Noise Shape the Structure of Gene Regulatory Networks?

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Dirk Metzler, LMU

April 2025 – March 2026

Munich, Germany

- If gene expression noise is not only inevitable but also beneficial what kinds of gene regulatory network structures are likely to evolve under these conditions, and which of them are more robust in the presence of noise?
- The key focus is on whether structural properties such as modularity and nestedness naturally arise during the evolutionary process

Bifurcation Analysis of Light-Dependent Forest Structure

Collaborator: Dr. Yu Kailiang, CAS

January 2025 – present

Remote Collaboration

- Developed a differential equation model describing two-layer forest dynamics, where seedling, lower, and top layer transitions depend on light availability
- Analyzed system bifurcations; identified ranges of light conditions supporting bistability between top-layer- and lower-layer-dominated states

Structural Stability in Modularly Designed Plankton Communities

Supervisor: Dr. Maria Stockenreiter, LMU

October 2024 - December 2025

Munich, Germany

- Observing laboratory community dynamics across time series
- Analyzing interaction matrices across species compositions using modular artificial community designs
- Exploring Structural Stability in Ecological Systems from the Perspectives of Community Dynamics and Composition

A Continuous Model of Hybrid Zone Dominated by Assortative Mating

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Dirk Metzler, LMU

October 2023 - June 2024

Munich, Germany

- Developed an advanced tension zone model incorporating assortative mating as a sexual selection term
- Investigated conditions for the maintenance and boundaries of clines
- Modeled and predicted the genetic dynamics of European crow populations using a continuous model

Stability and Structure of Plant-Frugivore Network in Fragmented Forest September 2022 - October 2023
Collaborator: Dr. Zhu Chen, ZJU Remote Collaboration

- Conducted a study on the structure stability and nestedness of species interaction network in the Thousand-Island Lake
- *Interconnecting fragmented forests: Small and mobile birds are cornerstones in the plant-frugivore meta-network*

Differences in Structural Stability of Forest within Metacommunities Sep. 2021 - June 2022
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Yu Mingjian, ZJU Zhejiang, China

- Investigated the stability maintenance mechanisms of plant species interaction networks in fragmented habitats
- Research exercise project in Chu Kochen Honors college

Spatial Patterns of Neighbor Interactions in Forests Mar. 2020 - May 2021
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Yu Mingjian, ZJU Zhejiang, China

- *The Pattern and Formation Mechanism of the Plant Metacommunity in the Thousand Island Lake Region*
- Undergraduate student provincial innovative research project
- Modeled tree interaction networks by generating planar complete graphs

Sex-Specific Differences in Growth Rates of Ginkgo biloba Mar. 2019 - May 2019
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Zhao Yunpeng, ZJU Zhejiang, China

- Analyzed growth rate differences between genders of ginkgo on ZJU campus

INTERESTS

- Community ecology, theoretical ecology (species interaction network, biodiversity pattern, stability of community, biogeography)
- Complex system (self-organization, chaos, emergence, complex network)

ACTIVITIES EXPERIENCES

ZJU Campus Plant, Zhejiang University Sep. 2018 – June 2022

- student club about botany, horticulture and taxonomy
- write popular science article about plant and culture
- operated *ZJU Campus Plant*, the WeChat official account of our club as editor-in-chief in 2020

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ZJU Academic Excellent Student ×3, Zhejiang University, 2019-2021
- ZJU Second-class scholarship ×2, Zhejiang University, 2020-2021
- ZJU Third-class scholarship, Zhejiang University, 2019
- Second-class scholarship for outstanding undergraduate students in basic science, China, 2020
- Chu Kochen Honors degree, Zhejiang University, 2022

SKILLS

Using C, python and R programming language to do some basic statistical work and process simulation.

Set up dynamical model and stochastic model about ecology as well as evolution system.

Basic abilities of ecology field work and identifying the family or genus of normal plants, as well as the order of general mammals, birds and insects.