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Education

- 2017–present: **Ph.D., Water, Permafrost and Environmental systems unit**,
Department of Physical Geography, Stockholm.
- 2016–2017: **Groundwater and Global Change - Impacts and Adaptation (GroundwatCH)**,
Joint Masters Programme: Instituto Superior Tecnico, Lisbon, Portugal (Sept 2016–Jan 2017); UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Delft, Netherlands (Feb 2016–July 2017).
- 2015–2016 : **Master of Science (Major: Earth and Environmental Science)**,
Indian Institute of Science , Bangalore.
- 2011–2015 : **Bachelor of Science (Major: Earth and Environmental Science)**,
Indian Institute of Science , Bangalore.

Research Experience

Department of Physical Geography, Stockholm

- September 2017–present **Ph.D. thesis: Novel approaches in modeling of soil carbon cycling–Upscaling theories and energetics.**
Advisor : **Dr. Stefano Manzoni**, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Geography, Stockholm University ([Homepage](#))
- March 2018 **Modeling of chemotactic behavior of microbes in soil carbon cycling processes.**
Developed a Matlab based code for four pool microbial explicit soil C cycle model and used it to study chemotaxis in 1D
Advisor : **Dr. Stefano Manzoni**
[Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore](#)
- August 2015–July 2016 **Master thesis: Modeling of nitrous oxide emissions from a maize cropland using.**
Calibrated Ceres crop model for soil moisture and temperature to study N₂O emissions from agricultural soil
Advisor : **Dr. Sekhar Muddu**, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IISc ([Homepage](#))
- January 2015–May 2016 **Bachelor thesis: Two-phase flow modeling in unsaturated porous media.**
Developed of a two phase (air-water) flow model using COMSOL Multiphysics to study air flux from the top of soil profile
Advisor : **Dr. Sekhar Muddu**
[Indian Institute of Technology, Madras](#)
- Summer 2015 **Estimation of permeability field from the observed water table variation during fluid injection.**

Advisor : **Dr. Abhijit Chaudhuri**, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Mechanics, IIT-Madras
([Homepage](#))

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Colombi, T., **Chakrawal, Arjun**, & Herrmann, A. M. (2021). Carbon supply–consumption balance in plant roots: Effects of carbon use efficiency and root anatomical plasticity. *New Phytologist*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.17598>
- Manzoni, S., **Chakrawal, Arjun**, Spohn, M., & Lindahl, B. D. (2021). Modeling Microbial Adaptations to Nutrient Limitation During Litter Decomposition. *Front. For. Glob. Change*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.3389/ffgc.2021.686945>
- Shi, A., **Chakrawal, Arjun**, Manzoni, S., Fischer, B. M. C., Nunan, N., & Herrmann, A. M. (2021). Substrate spatial heterogeneity reduces soil microbial activity. *Soil Biology and Biochemistry*, 152, 108068. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soilbio.2020.108068>
- Chakrawal, Arjun**, Herrmann, A. M., & Manzoni, S. (2021). Leveraging energy flows to quantify microbial traits in soils. *Soil Biology and Biochemistry*, 155, 108169. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soilbio.2021.108169>
- Manzoni, S., **Chakrawal, Arjun**, Fischer, T., Schimel, J. P., Porporato, A., & Vico, G. (2020). Rainfall intensification increases the contribution of rewetting pulses to soil heterotrophic respiration. *Biogeosciences*, 17(15), 4007–4023. <https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-17-4007-2020>
- Chakrawal, Arjun**, Herrmann, A. M., Koestel, J., Jarsjö, J., Nunan, N., Kätterer, T., & Manzoni, S. (2020a). Dynamic upscaling of decomposition kinetics for carbon cycling models. *Geoscientific Model Development*, 13(3), 1399–1429. <https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-13-1399-2020>
- Chakrawal, Arjun**, Herrmann, A. M., Šantrčková, H., & Manzoni, S. (2020b). Quantifying microbial metabolism in soils using calorespirometry—a bioenergetics perspective. *Soil Biology and Biochemistry*, 148, 107945. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soilbio.2020.107945>
- Chaudhuri, A., **Chakrawal, A.**, Naigaonkar, P., Franssen, H.-J. H., & Sekhar, M. (2018). Estimation of permeability field from sparse measurements of local permeability and water table fluctuations [Num Pages: 10]. *Deep Rock Mechanics: From Research to Engineering*. CRC Press.

Conferences and other presentations

- 2021 **Arjun Chakrawal, Salvatore Calabrese and Stefano Manzoni**, Coupled thermodynamic and stoichiometric controls on microbial growth , AGU Fall Meeting 2021.
- 2021 **Chakrawal, A., Herrmann, A. M., & Manzoni, S.**, Can we use heat flows to quantify microbial traits in soils?, EGU General Assembly Conference Abstracts, EGU21–4191 ([Poster](#)).
- 2020 **Chakrawal, A., Herrmann, A. M., & Manzoni, S.**, Leveraging energy flows to quantify functional traits of soil microorganisms, Ph.D. Day, Climate Research School, Bolin Centre for Climate Research.
- 2020 **Chakrawal, A., Herrmann, A. M., & Manzoni, S.**, New insights on carbon use efficiency using calorespirometry-a bioenergetics-based model, EGU General Assembly Conference Abstracts, EGU 5450 ([Poster](#)).
- 2019 **Chakrawal, A., Herrmann, A. M., Jarsjö, J., Koestel, J., Nunan, N., Kätterer, T., & Manzoni, S.**, How does soil spatial heterogeneity affect decomposition kinetics?, EGU General Assembly Conference Abstracts, EGU21 ([Poster](#)).
- 2018 **Chakrawal, A., Herrmann, A. M., Koestel, J., Jarsjö, J., Lindahl, B., & Manzoni, S.**, How does spatial heterogeneity affect microbial decomposition dynamics?, 3rd Conference on Ecology of Soil Microorganisms.

Fellowships & Awards

- 2019 The Bolin Centre for Climate Research travel grant for attending the conference Ecology of Soil Microorganisms, Helsinki, Finland
- 2016–2017 Recipient of **Erasmus Mundus** fellowship for [GroundwatCH](#) program.
- 2015 Received 20K INR from IISc for an internship at IIT-Madras.
- 2011–2016 Recipient of **INSPIRE** fellowship, *Department of Sci. & Technology (DST), India.*

Academic Achievements & Recognitions

- 2020 **"Quantifying microbial metabolism in soils using calorespirometry—A bioenergetics perspective"** selected as the [Editor's choice paper](#) in Soil Biology and Biochemistry journal
- 2019 Recipient of Outstanding Student Poster and PICO ([OSPP](#)) Award contest at the EGU General Assembly

Computer skills

- Coding Python, Matlab, R
- Writing Office, Texstudio/Overleaf
- Graphics PowerPoint, Inkscape
- Web Github, Github pages ([Personal webpage](#)), Plotly-Dash

Teaching Assistantship

Master level, Department of Physical Geography, Stockholm

- Autumn (2018-2021) **Information and modeling-systems for land and water resources.**
Responsibilities included: Development of introductory Matlab and python exercises, tutorials, and teaching python using open source software Spyder (both in person and online)
- Spring (2019-2021) **Advanced Hydrogeology.**
Responsibilities included: Development of groundwater flow and transport modeling exercises, tutorials and project, and teaching groundwater modeling using open source software ModelMuse-USGS (both in person and online)
- Summer (2020-2021) **Tellus I.**
It is a virtual course which mainly involves correcting student's assignment and exams

Professional Membership

- 2021 **American Geophysical Union.**
- 2019–present **European Geophysical Union.**
- 2020–present **The International Soil Modeling Consortium.**