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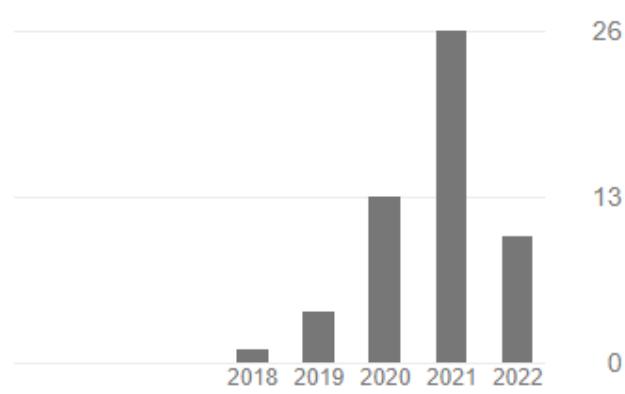
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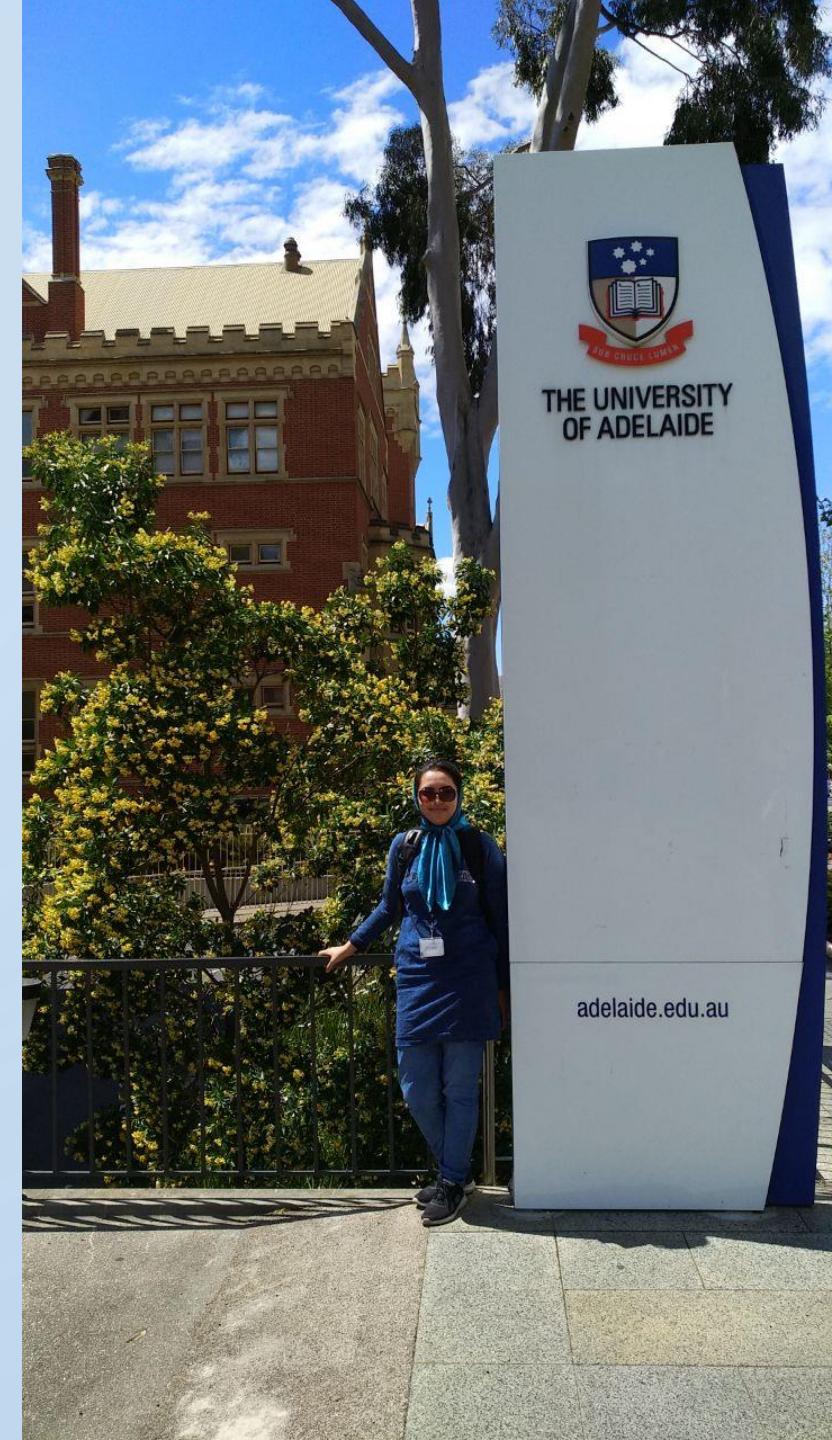
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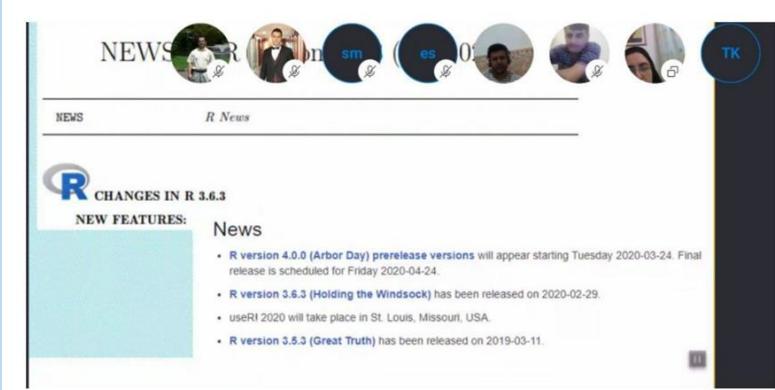
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# THE APPLICATION OF R IN HYDROLOGY

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R

# Outline:

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# □ Environmental Data science?

- Earth and environmental science, derived data technologies provide comprehensive **information about the earth system**. Research on environmental science has a long tradition because of continuously changing phenomena.
- Recent theoretical developments have revealed that to deal with extensive environmental observations, data-driven methods such as machine learning and deep learning methods can be applied.

## □ Computational Hydrology?

- The Computational Hydrology group develops tools to simulate and investigate the planetary hydrological cycle, applied to many hydrologic research projects.
- The computational hydrology group develops simulation and prediction tools.
- Computational hydrology is a discipline that helps researchers to get data, do some preprocessing and data cleaning, analyses big data, model them in specific workflows, document them, visualize and share them in specific web-based clouds such as ....



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# ◻ Hydroinformatics?

- Hydroinformatics primarily focuses on black-box methods to address water-related problems using famous data-driven techniques. Hydro informatics consists of two words of "Hydro" and "information," which carries us into the water world and gives us the knowledge and information using some tools and technologies
- From this point of view, the new term of "Data science" and its frameworks comes to mind.
- In hydrology, data science plays a primary role, especially in subfields such as flood, precipitation, groundwater, water quality modeling, and prediction.
- In addition, to apply different data science algorithms, programming languages are essential for computational hydrology and Hydroinformatics.

# Free, open-source software (FOSS)

Different programming languages are used in hydrology, such as Fortran, C, C++, Java Matlab, Python, R, Julia.

<https://github.com/raoulcollenteur/Python-Hydrology-Tools>

We choose R

R is free & open source software (FOSS)

# □ What is R?



- R was created by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman at the University of Auckland, New Zealand
- R first appeared in 1993
- Currently developed by the R Development Core Team



Ross Ihaka  
(New Zealand Statistician)



Robert Gentleman  
(Canadian Statistician)

# R: A Language for Data Analysis and Graphics

Ross IHAKA and Robert GENTLEMAN

In this article we discuss our experience designing and implementing a statistical computing language. In developing this new language, we sought to combine what we felt were useful features from two existing computer languages. We feel that the new language provides advantages in the areas of portability, computational efficiency, memory management, and scoping.

**Key Words:** Computer language; Statistical computing.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This article discusses some issues involved in the design and implementation of a computer language for statistical data analysis. Our experience with these issues occurred while developing such a language. The work has been heavily influenced by two existing languages—Becker, Chambers, and Wilks' S (1985) and Steel and Sussman's Scheme (1975). We felt that there were strong points in each of these languages and that it would be interesting to see if the strengths could be combined. The resulting language is very similar in appearance to S, but the underlying implementation and semantics are derived from Scheme. In fact, we implemented the language by first writing an interpreter for a Scheme subset and then progressively mutating it to resemble S.



**Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman**

# □ Why R?

**Open  
Source**

*Advanced  
Statistical  
language*

**Outstanding  
Graphs**

*Flexible 'n'  
Fun*

*Extremely  
Comprehensive*

**Support  
Extensions**

*Vast Community*

**Relates to other  
languages**



# THINGS TO KNOW



**You can't "learn R"**

**You learn the basics**

**And learn how to learn more**



# □ Important Communities?

## Communities

<https://www.r-bloggers.com/>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/r>

<https://community.rstudio.com/>

<https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/tagged/r>

<https://stat.ethz.ch/mailman/listinfo/r-help>

[https://r-forge.r-project.org/forum/forum.php?forum\\_id=78&group\\_id=34](https://r-forge.r-project.org/forum/forum.php?forum_id=78&group_id=34)

<https://rvviews.rstudio.com/>

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## ❑ R Pubs?



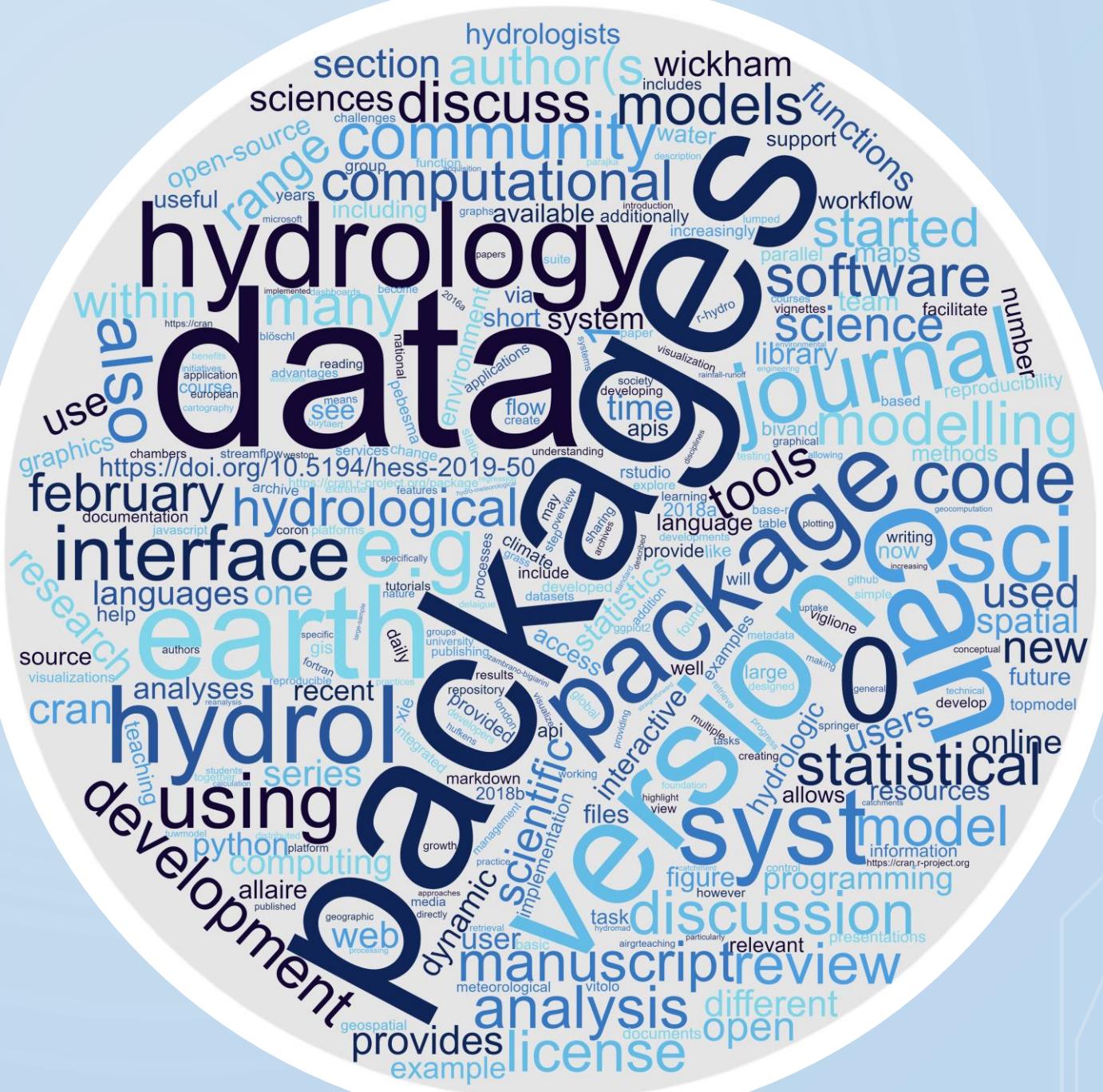
RPubs (<https://rpubs.com/>) is an open-source place for publishing presentations and scientific resources created in R Markdown. R Markdown documents or presentations simply created within RStudio, and by clicking the "Publish button,"; files can be published for the readers and their feedback.

## ❑ JOSS?

The Joss stands for Journal of Open Source Software, a peer-reviewed, developer-friendly, open-access scientific journal covering open-source software from any research field in any programming language. The journal uses [GitHub](#) as a publishing platform (<https://github.com/openjournals/joss>). The papers can be searched by the title, tag, author, or language in the search button.

# Famous Packages

<https://www.r-pkg.org/>



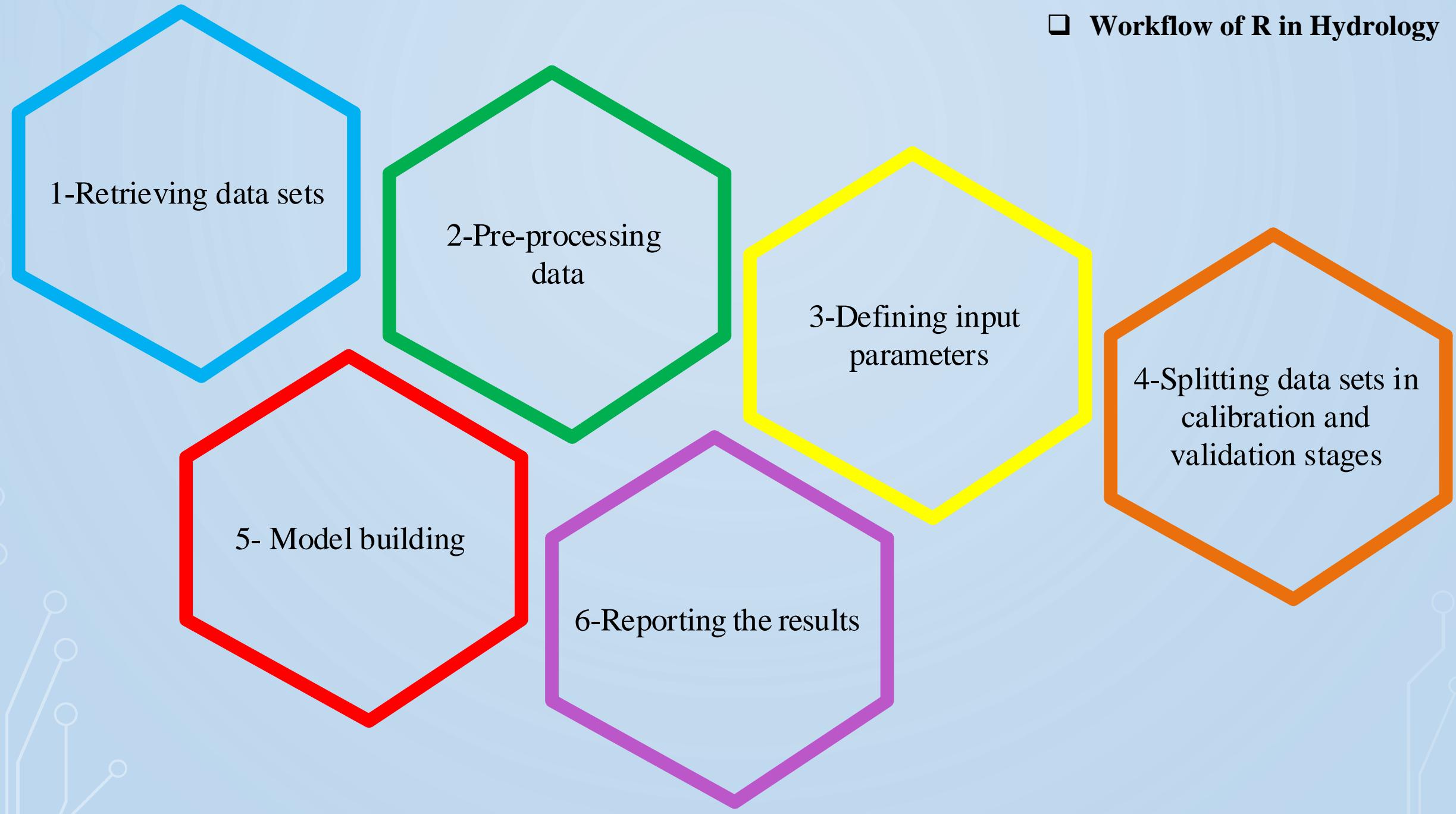
## □ Hydrological R packages?

- R packages are also growingly used in hydrological studies such as surface water, groundwater quantity and quality, meteorological data, data tiding packages (gap-filling, data cleaning, missing data, organization), hydrograph analysis (function to work with flow data, flow trends, flow statistics and indices), spatial data and GIS application packages, statistical modeling and other packages. The whole list can be obtained from here (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/views/Hydrology.html>). All packages which are utilized in R are citable. The code below shows how to refer to a package in a publication by giving the title, author's name, journal name, volume, number, doi, and URL of the package, which can be added in reference manager software such as Mendeley or endnote.
- Code: `writeLines(toBibtex(citation("package name")))`

## □ Workflow of R in Hydrology



- To have a reproducible computational hydrological model in R; these stages should be presented in every model.
- 1) Retrieving data sets
- 2) Preprocessing scripts
- 3) Defining input parameters
- 4) Splitting data sets into calibration and validation stages
- 5) Model building
- 6) Reporting the results in more innovative ways.





# ❑ Data Retrieval packages in R

Package name	Details
<a href="#"><u>AWAPer</u></a>	Catchment Area Climate Data Anywhere in Australia
<a href="#"><u>dataRetrieval</u></a>	water quality and hydrology data from EPA and USGS
<a href="#"><u>echor</u></a>	download discharge records
<a href="#"><u>FedData</u></a>	Downloading Geospatial Data
	Available from Several Federated Data Sources
<a href="#"><u>metScanR</u></a>	metadata from over 157,000 environmental monitoring stations
	among 219 countries
<a href="#"><u>nhdR</u></a>	functions for downloading, and networking United States Geological Survey
<a href="#"><u>rnrfa</u></a>	functions to retrieve data from the <a href="#"><u>UK National River Flow Archive</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>tidyhydat</u></a>	Provides functions to access historical and real-time national
	'hydrometric' data from Water Survey of Canada data sources

Package name	Details
<a href="#"><u>waterData</u></a>	plots the data, addresses some common data problems, and calculates and plots anomalies of (USGS) daily hydrologic data
<a href="#"><u>climate</u></a>	downloading of meteorological and hydrological data from publicly available repositories
<a href="#"><u>clifro</u></a>	Website of New Zealand National Climate Database of around 6,500 climate stations
<a href="#"><u>getMet</u></a>	The ability to source, format, and edit meteorological data for hydrologic models
<a href="#"><u>GSODR</u></a>	automated downloading, parsing, cleaning, unit conversion and formatting from USA
<a href="#"><u>MODISTools</u></a>	Allows for easy downloads of 'MODIS' time series
<a href="#"><u>nasapower</u></a>	daily meteorology, interannual and 30-year climatology
<a href="#"><u>metR</u></a>	commonly used analysis methods in the atmospheric sciences
<a href="#"><u>prism</u></a>	Data are presented as gridded rasters at four different temporal scales: daily, monthly, annual, and 30 years normal

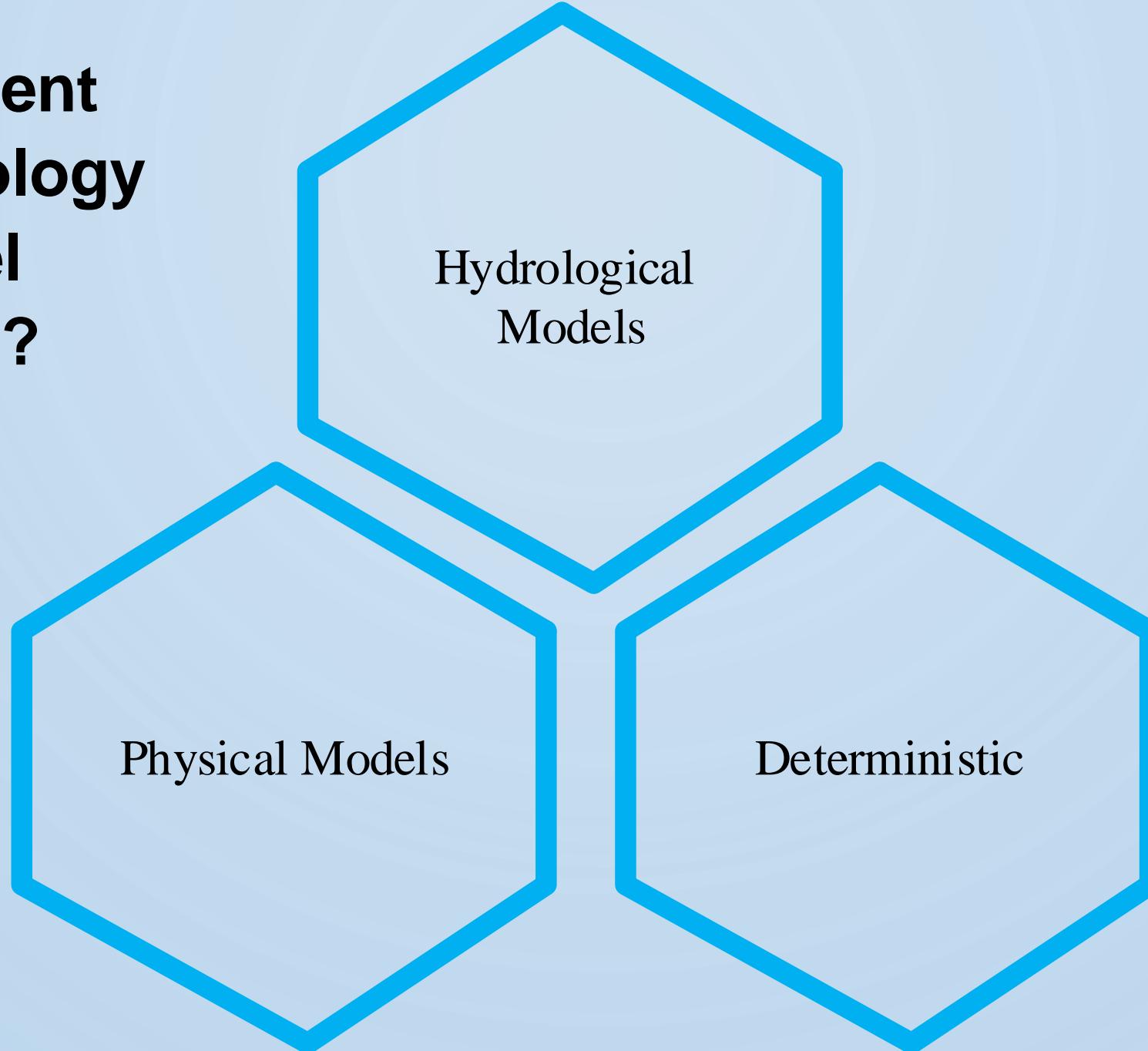
Package name	Details
<a href="#"><u>rdwd</u></a>	Download observational time series from meteorological stations from German
<a href="#"><u>RNCEP</u></a>	functions to retrieve, organize, and visualize weather data
<a href="#"><u>rnoaa</u></a>	Data, data sets, types, locations, and stations from NOAA data sources in API
<a href="#"><u>rwunderground</u></a>	getting historical weather information and forecasts
<a href="#"><u>smapr</u></a>	acquire, and extract NASA Soil Moisture
<a href="#"><u>stationaRy</u></a>	A global network of weather stations provides hourly weather data.
<a href="#"><u>worldmet</u></a>	Download over 30,000 surface meteorological sites around the world
<a href="#"><u>FAOSTAT</u></a>	(Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations) database



# Preprocessing retrieved hydrological data (Data tidying) in R

Package name	Details
<a href="#"><b>driftR</b></a>	cleaning and correcting of water quality data
<a href="#"><b>climdex.pcic</b></a>	computation of extreme climate indices
<a href="#"><b>climatol</b></a>	Functions to quality control, homogenization, and missing data infilling of climatological series
<a href="#"><b>plyr</b></a>	visualization of data
<a href="#"><b>tidyr</b></a>	Cleaning your data by identifying the variables in your dataset and using the tools provided
<a href="#"><b>janitor</b></a>	Cleaning dirty data able to find duplicates
<a href="#"><b>hyfo</b></a>	data processing and visualization in hydrology Data of precipitation extracted, data downscaled and resampled

- ❑ Different hydrology model types?



## Physically-based models

Package name	Details
<a href="#"><u>airGR</u></a>	conceptual rainfall-runoff models and snow accumulation and melt model
<a href="#"><u>bigleaf</u></a>	Calculation of physical and physiological ecosystem properties
<a href="#"><u>boussinesq</u></a>	Boussinesq Equation (ground-water modelling)
<a href="#"><u>Ecohydmod</u></a>	soil water balance simulation
<a href="#"><u>EcoHydRology</u></a>	SWAT calibration functions
<a href="#"><u>geotopbricks</u></a>	Hydrological Distributed Model GEOTop
<a href="#"><u>hydroPSO</u></a>	Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO) algorithm for the calibration of environmental models
<a href="#"><u>HBV.IANIGLA</u></a>	the HBV hydrological model

## Physically-based models

Package name	Details
<a href="#"><u>kwb.hantush</u></a>	Calculation groundwater mounding beneath an infiltration basin
<a href="#"><u>RavenR</u></a>	Raven Hydrological Modelling Framework
<a href="#"><u>reservoir</u></a>	Analysis, Design, and Operation of Water Supply Storages
<a href="#"><u>RHMS</u></a>	construction, simulation, visualization, and calibration of hydrologic systems
<a href="#"><u>RSAlgaeR</u></a>	Empirical Remote Sensing Models of Water Quality Variables
<a href="#"><u>streamDepletr</u></a>	calculate the impacts of groundwater pumping
<a href="#"><u>swmmr</u></a>	Storm Water Management Model (SWMM)
<a href="#"><u>telemac</u></a>	modeling of free surface flow
<a href="#"><u>topmodel</u></a>	hydrological functions TOPMODEL
<a href="#"><u>TUWmodel</u></a>	Lumped Hydrological Model for Education Purposes
<a href="#"><u>WRSS</u></a>	Water resources system simulator

## Deterministic (statistical) models

Package name	Details
<a href="#"><u>CoSMoS</u></a>	generates univariate/multivariate non-Gaussian time series
<a href="#"><u>hydroApps</u></a>	regional analysis of hydrological applications
<a href="#"><u>hydroGOF</u></a>	goodness-of-fit measures between observed and simulated values
<a href="#"><u>HydroMe</u></a>	parameters in infiltration and water retention models
<a href="#"><u>LPM</u></a>	Long Memory Models to hydrological data sets
<a href="#"><u>nsRFA</u></a>	Regional Frequency Analysis methods in hydrology
<a href="#"><u>RMAWGEN</u></a>	stochastic generation of daily time series of temperature and precipitation
<a href="#"><u>SCI</u></a>	Functions for generating Standardized Climate Indices
<a href="#"><u>soilwater</u></a>	soil water retention or conductivity curve
<a href="#"><u>synthesis</u></a>	Generate synthetic time series

## Deterministic (statistical) models

Package name	Details
<a href="#"><b>SPEI</b></a>	Standardized Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI)
<a href="#"><b>WASP</b></a>	A wavelet-based variance transformation method
<a href="#"><b>Evapotranspiration</b></a>	Functions to calculate potential evapotranspiration (PET) and actual evapotranspiration (AET)
<a href="#"><b>MBC</b></a>	Multivariate Bias Correction of Climate Model Output
<a href="#"><b>meteoland</b></a>	Functions to estimate weather variables
<a href="#"><b>musica</b></a>	Multiscale Climate Model Assessment
<a href="#"><b>openair</b></a>	Tools to analyze, interpret and understand air pollution data
<a href="#"><b>qmap</b></a>	climate model simulations using quantile mapping
<a href="#"><b>MODISstsp</b></a>	MODIS satellite data can be downloaded along with preprocessing Land Products Data

# □ Hydrologic Time Series Analysis tools in R



Package name	Usage	Details
<a href="#"><b>fable</b></a>	tools for fitting univariate time series models	ETS, ARIMA, TSLM, and other models
<a href="#"><b>forecast</b></a>	provides time series forecasting tools	functions for computing and analyzing forecasts
<a href="#"><b>prophet</b></a>	Analyzes time series using an additive model that fits yearly and weekly seasonality to nonlinear trends	works best with daily data
<a href="#"><b>tseries</b></a>	Time series analysis and computational	fits basic GARCH models
<a href="#"><b>tsDyn</b></a>	Nonlinear Time Series Models with Regime Switching	Implements nonlinear autoregressive (AR) time series models
<a href="#"><b>MTS</b></a>	all-purpose toolkit for analyzing multivariate time series	VAR, VARMA, seasonal VARMA, VAR models with exogenous variables, and more
<a href="#"><b>TSrepr</b></a>	methods for representing time series	using dimension reduction and feature extraction
<a href="#"><b>wavelets</b></a>	Wavelet methods	computing wavelet filters, wavelet transforms, and multiresolution analyses

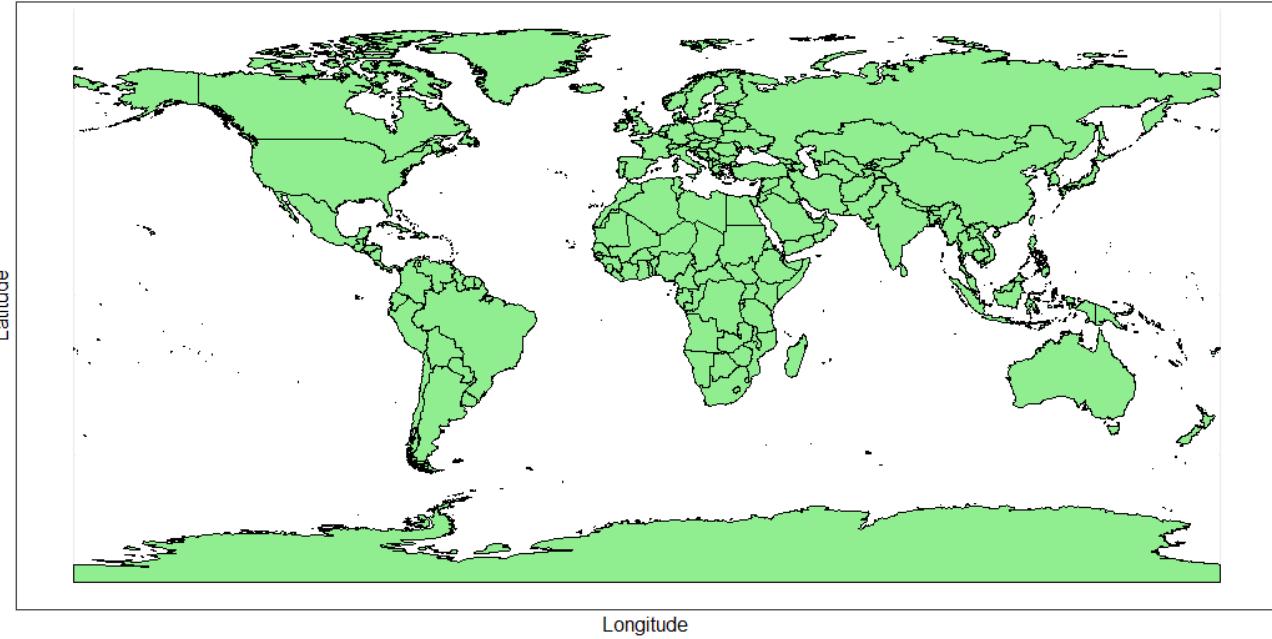
# □ Hydrological Machine Learning application tools in R



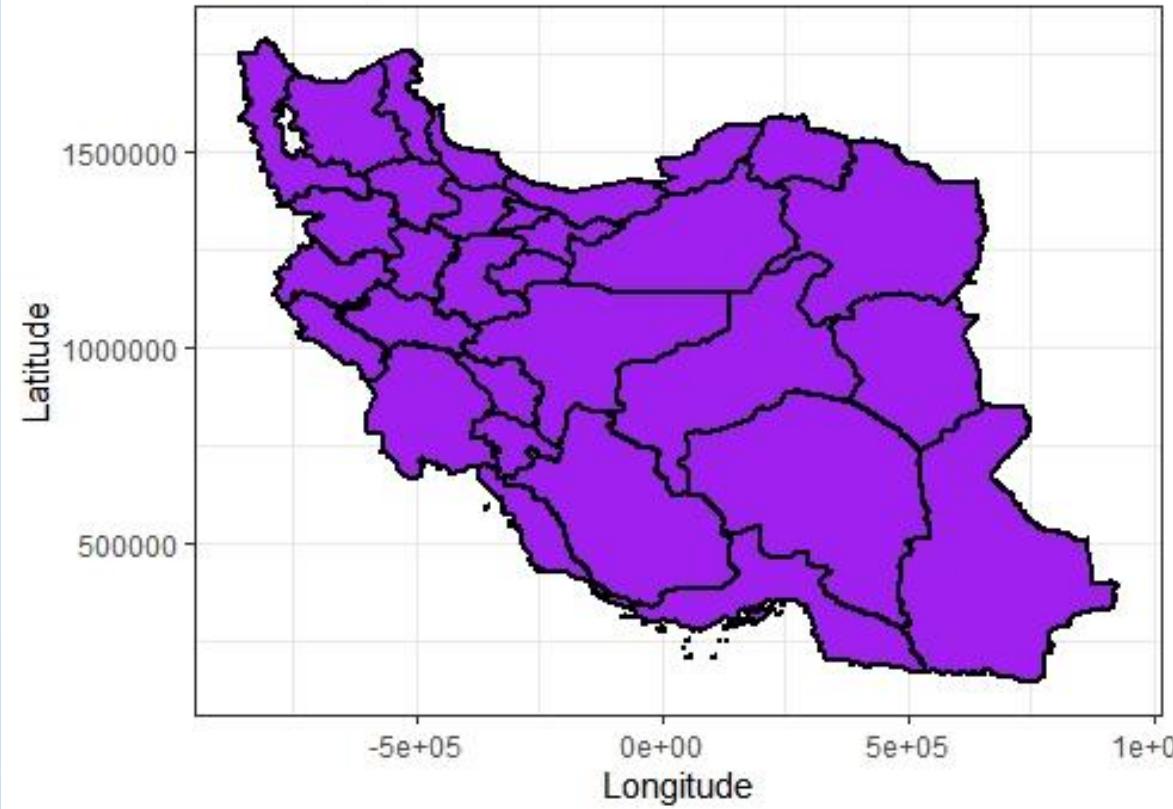
Package name	Usage	Details
<a href="#"><u>nnet</u></a>	Neural Networks package	single-hidden-layer neural network are implemented
<a href="#"><u>deepnet</u></a>	Deep Learning package	feed-forward neural network, restricted Boltzmann machine, deep belief network, stacked autoencoders
<a href="#"><u>rpart</u></a>	Tree structure CART model	classification and survival analysis
<a href="#"><u>RWeka</u></a>	Tree structure models	J4.8-variant of C4.5 and M5 implementation
<a href="#"><u>randomForest</u></a>	regression and classification	implementation of the random forest algorithm
<a href="#"><u>xgboost</u></a>	Boosting	tree-based boosting using efficient trees as base learners for several and also user-defined objective functions
<a href="#"><u>rgenoud</u></a>	Optimization using Genetic Algorithms	offers optimization routines based on genetic algorithms
<a href="#"><u>frbs</u></a>	Fuzzy Rule-based System	regression and classification using Fuzzy technique

# GIS IN R Packages

World map



IRAN map



```
ggplot()+
  geom_polygon(data = df1, aes(x = long, y = lat, group = group),
               fill = "purple", color = "black", lwd = 1) +
  xlab("Longitude") + ylab("Latitude") +
  ggtitle("IRAN map") +
  theme_bw()
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# Spatial Analysis Projects and packages (GIS in R)

- **sp package**=plot points, lines, polygons or grids in R
- **maptools and shapefiles packages** =serve for accessing vector data
- **rgdal package**= provides functions to read and write a lot of grid and vector formats, and it provide
- **raster package** =provides access to data in raster formats and includes analytical tools for this type of spatial data. The raster package provides, among other things, the creation of raster objects from scratch or from a file, the handling of extremely large raster files, raster algebra and overlay functions, distance functions, polygons, lines and points to raster conversion, summarizing raster values, easy access to raster cell values, plotting, reading and writing various raster file types.

# Spatial Analysis Projects and packages (GIS in R)

- **rasterVis package**= complements the raster package, which provides a set of methods for enhanced visualization and interaction
- **rgeos package**= Vector data manipulation, e.g., topology operations on geometries, are accessible
- **gstat package**= offers a wide range of univariable and multivariable geostatistical modelling methodologies, prediction and simulation functions, variogram modelling, variogram map plotting, everything from simple global kriging to local universal cokriging, multivariate geostatistics, block kriging, etc
- **RgoogleMaps package**= package provides tools to access Google Maps data in an image form using the Google Static Maps API, in order to permit background maps to be used in R.

# Spatial Analysis Projects and packages (GIS in R)

- **ggmap package**= allows for the easy visualization of spatial data on top of Google Maps, Open Street Maps, Stamen Maps, or Cloud Made Maps using ggplot2. In ggmap usage, a basic layer, e.g., from Google Maps, is firstly downloaded, and then its object is created in R. Then other layers with lines, points, polygons, texts and other features from various sources are added to it according to its rules of syntax.
- **osmar package**=Vector data from Open Street Map is also available for downloading

- R is a rapidly growing software with many libraries and packages.
- Recently many scholars in different fields have used R for their daily use and producing publication-quality graphics. Hydrologists also use this software to tidy, transform, visualize, model their hydrometric data.
- R programming language holds interest among the hydrologist's community, and this causes them to develop useful and efficient hydrology packages, workflows, hydrology R-related events, conferences, holding training courses such as the application of R in Hydroinformatics and so on.

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Attention**

