

# Introduction to



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# Course overview

Monday,  
23.11.2020

- General background
- Obtaining R and R studio
- R data and object types
- Data table organization, reading data into R
- Understanding errors
- Good coding practice, sustainable and collaborative coding (git and github)

Tuesday,  
24.11.2020

- Data manipulation in base R: simple calculations, summaries, loops, functions
- Data manipulation in the R tidyverse
- Which manipulations do you need to perform with your data?

Wednesday,  
25.11.2020

- Data visualization in R: `par()`, `layout()`, `plot()`
- Creating (interpolated) maps in R: *OceanView*, *marmap*, *sf*
- Open questions?
- Resources online and in Bremen

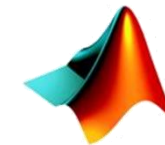
Course aim: To enable you to find solutions to your R problems independently!

# Statistical computing software

Graphical user interface (GUI)

Command line

Commercial



MATLAB



Free



PAST



# Why R?

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## Pro's

- Versatile
- Platform-independent
- Data exploration and visualization
- Hypothesis testing
- Advanced graphics
- Large data sets
- Reproducible
- Open source
- Good documentation and online support
- ... many more

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## Con's

- Command-line
- Needs some getting used to...
- Won't always tell you what to do...



**We are going to do something about that!**

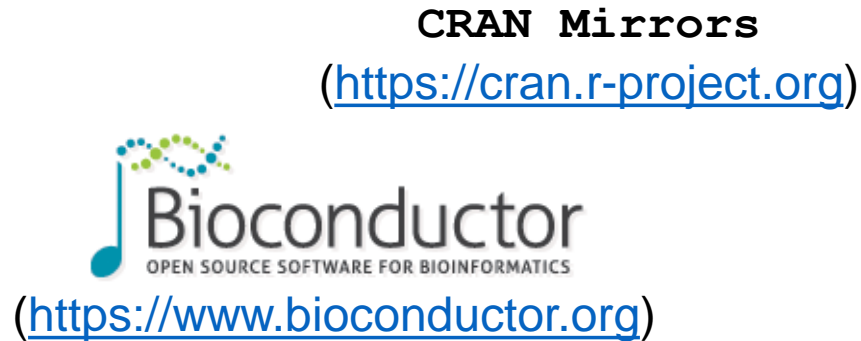
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R console:



Download R and R packages:

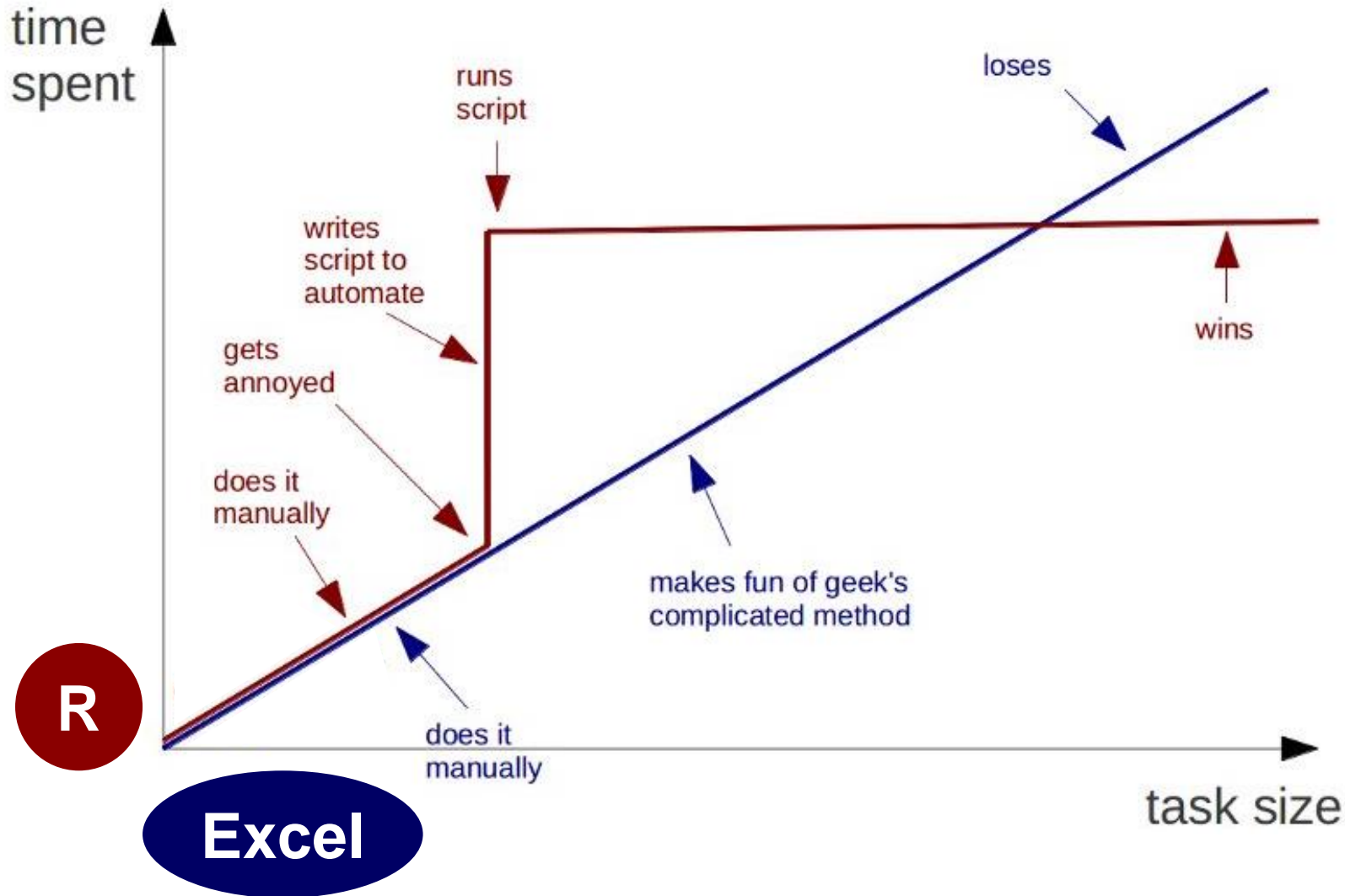


More user-friendly implementation:



Online help: <https://stackoverflow.com/>  
<https://stats.stackexchange.com/>

# Why R?



<http://www.howtogeek.com/102420/geeks-versus-non-geeks-when-doing-repetitive-tasks-funny-chart/>

# Let's get started...

Download and install R: <https://cloud.r-project.org/>

Download and install Rstudio: <https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/>

# Let's get started...

**R script:**  
Writing and  
documentation

**Console:**  
Execution and  
(error) messages

The screenshot shows the RStudio environment with the following components and annotations:

- Source Editor:** Contains an R script with code for reading data and fitting a model. An arrow points from the "R script:" label to this editor.
- Console:** Shows the execution output, including package loading messages and variable assignments. An arrow points from the "Console:" label to this panel.
- Environment:** Displays the current workspace with objects 'ENV' and 'OTU'. An arrow points from the "Workspace:" label to this panel.
- Files:** Shows the file browser. An arrow points from the "Various:" label to this panel.
- Plots:** The plotting panel, also indicated by an arrow from the "Various:" label.
- Help:** The help panel, also indicated by an arrow from the "Various:" label.
- Packages:** The packages panel, also indicated by an arrow from the "Various:" label.
- Viewer:** The viewer panel, also indicated by an arrow from the "Various:" label.

A central box with the text "CTRL + ENTER" has an arrow pointing down to the Console, indicating the keyboard shortcut to execute the script.

**Workspace:**  
R objects (data  
and functions)

**Various:**  
File browser  
Plotting panel  
Help  
Packages



# R data and object types

		R
Numerical	Continuous (weight, temperature, length)	<code>numeric</code>
	Discrete (species counts)	<code>numeric, integer</code>
Categorical	Ordinal (categories of increasing impact)	<code>ordered factor</code>
	Nominal (unweighted treatments)	<code>factor, character</code>
Character strings (names)		<code>character</code>

# R data and object types

	What we are used to	What R understands
numeric	-2, 0.5, 1.452345, 50	-2, 0.5, 1.452345, 50
integer	-3, 2, 0, 6, 3, 54	-3, 2, 0, 6, 3, 54
character	sampleA, sampleB exp1, exp2	"sampleA", "sampleB" "exp1", "exp2"
factor	exp1, exp2	1, 2 Levels: "exp1", "exp2"
ordered factor	exp1, exp2	1, 2 Levels: "exp1" < "exp2"
logical	TRUE, FALSE	TRUE, FALSE 1, 0

# R data and object types

Vector (1d)

"A"
1.5
0.3
4
-2
3.1
5

# R data and object types

Margin 2 (columns)

rownames/  
colnames

"A"

"B"

"C"

"S1"

1.5

-2

3

"S2"

0.3

0

6.6

"S3"

4

5

34

"S4"

-2

7

5.2

"S5"

3.1

2

-65

"S6"

5

-89

0

Matrix (2d)

Margin 1 (rows)

# R data and object types

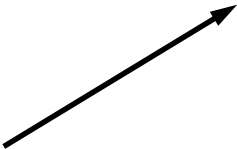
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Data frame (2d)					
rownames/ colnames	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"
"S1"	1.5	-2	3	exp1	TRUE
"S2"	0.3	0	6.6	exp1	TRUE
"S3"	4	5	34	exp1	TRUE
"S4"	-2	7	5.2	exp2	TRUE
"S5"	3.1	2	-65	exp2	FALSE
"S6"	5	-89	0	exp2	FALSE

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# R data and object types

List (1d): vector of R objects

	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"
"S1"	1.5	-2	3	exp1	TRUE
"S2"	0.3	0	6.6	exp1	TRUE
"S3"	4	5	34	exp1	TRUE
"S4"	-2	7	5.2	exp2	TRUE
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data.frame

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"S2"	0.3	0	6.6	exp1	TRUE
"S3"	4	5	34	exp1	TRUE
"S4"	-2	7	5.2	exp2	TRUE
"S5"	3.1	2	-65	exp2	FALSE
"S6"	5	-89	0	exp2	FALSE

vector

"A"	1.5	0.3	4	-2	3.1
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value

1.5
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matrix

	"A"	"B"	"C"
"S1"	1.5	-2	3
"S2"	0.3	0	6.6
"S3"	4	5	34
"S4"	-2	7	5.2
"S5"	3.1	2	-65
"S6"	5	-89	0

# Let's move to R...

Exercise 1: R data and object types

Collect unfamiliar commands!

Collect your error messages!

# Data table organization

- Most common input format for tabular data:
  - .txt
  - .csv
  - .tsv
- Include variable names in first row (header)
- Don't start row or column names with numbers
- Values are usually tab, space, or comma separated
- Avoid special characters and spaces in data values, variable names, and file names

	Bad	Good
Variable name	mean temperature mean-temperature	temperature.mean temperature_mean
Data value	day 1	day1 1 (variable name: day)



# Data table organization

The good, the bad, and the ugly...

GFF Filter	Bolinao 1		GFF Filter	Bolinao 2	
Sample Po.	Sample Name	weight mg	Sample Po.	Sample Name	weight mg
A1	SRM1515		A1	SRM1515	
A2	219	129.646	A2	151	130.647
A3	177	128.88	A3	163	125.363
A4	210	125.52	A4	187	126.708
A5	202	131.168	A5	101	129.571
A6	91	134.312	A6	150	129.103
A7	SRM1515		A7	SRM1515	
A8	160	130.936	A8	147	130.818

Merged cells

Empty cells and rows

Interspersed header

Hidden spaces

reef	site	seep.influence	pH		
Illi	S1	medium	7.92	7.93	7.91
Illi	S12	medium	7.94	7.9	7.99
reef	site	seep.influence	SiO4		
Illi	S1	medium	4.47	4.245	4.956
Illi	S12	medium	2.08	2.15	1.836
reef	site	seep.influence	PO4		
Illi	S1	medium	0.11	0.107	0.107
Illi	S12	medium	0.09	0.083	0.093

Inconsistent precision

reef	site	seep.influence	pH	SiO4	PO4
Illi	S1	medium	7.92	4.471	0.109
Illi	S1	medium	7.93	4.245	0.107
Illi	S1	medium	7.91	4.956	0.107
Illi	S12	medium	7.94	2.076	0.090
Illi	S12	medium	7.90	2.150	0.083
Illi	S12	medium	7.99	1.836	0.093



# Data table organization

## Long data format:

- One data **value** per line per **measurement variable**
- Additional columns with **contextual data** (usually categories)

reef	site	seep.influence	measurement	value
IIIi	1	medium	pH	7.92
IIIi	1	medium	pH	7.93
IIIi	1	medium	pH	7.91
IIIi	12	medium	pH	7.94
IIIi	12	medium	pH	7.90
IIIi	12	medium	pH	7.99
IIIi	1	medium	SiO4	4.471
IIIi	1	medium	SiO4	4.245
IIIi	1	medium	SiO4	4.956
IIIi	12	medium	SiO4	2.076
IIIi	12	medium	SiO4	2.150
IIIi	12	medium	SiO4	1.836
IIIi	1	medium	PO4	0.109
IIIi	1	medium	PO4	0.107



## Wide data format:

- More easily readable
- Values either rearrangement of or summaries calculated from long data format

### Original data - rearranged

reef	site	seep.influence	pH	SiO4	PO4
IIIi	S1	medium	7.92	4.471	0.109
IIIi	S1	medium	7.93	4.245	0.107
IIIi	S1	medium	7.91	4.956	0.107
IIIi	S12	medium	7.94	2.076	0.090
IIIi	S12	medium	7.90	2.150	0.083
IIIi	S12	medium	7.99	1.836	0.093

### Mean values

reef	site	seep.influence	pH	SiO4	PO4
IIIi	S1	medium	7.92	4.539	0.108
IIIi	S12	medium	7.94	2.021	0.089

# Let's move to R...

Exercise 2:            Reading data into R  
                         Example data set from shallow hydrothermal vents in Papua New Guinea

Optional:            Read your own data into R (homework)

Collect your error messages!

# R errors

## Syntax errors

- When R doesn't understand you, because the command doesn't make sense...
  - R returns an error message
  - Majority of errors
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- E.g.: Trying to calculate the mean of categorical data, typos

## Semantic errors

- When R doesn't do what you want, although the command makes sense...
  - R will not return an error message, because the command is valid
  - More dangerous errors
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- E.g.: Calculating percentages over columns, and not rows

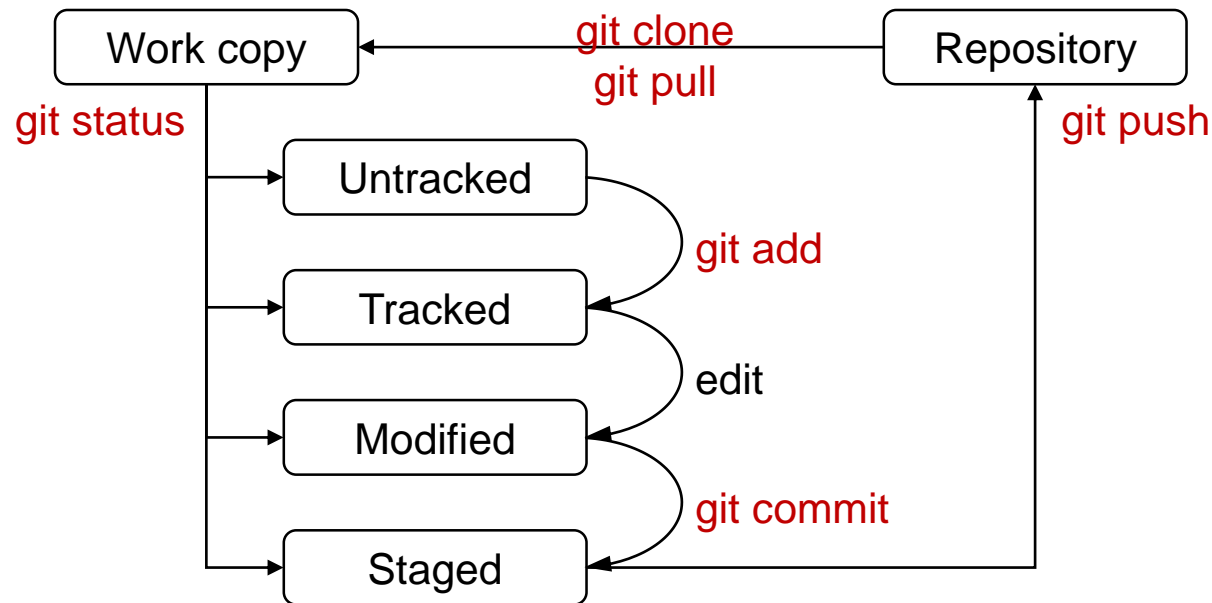
**Google is your new best friend 😊**

# Sustainable and collaborative coding

Project directory organization:

- └ Input (raw) data
- └ Intermediate (temporary) files
- └ Final results (plots, tables, etc.)
- └ Scripts

→ Data archiving:



Git plug-in for Rstudio: <https://support.rstudio.com/hc/en-us/articles/200532077-Version-Control-with-Git-and-SVN>

# Plot()-ing in R

Configure your plotting area:

- `par()`
- `layout()`
- `plot()`

Plotting elements:

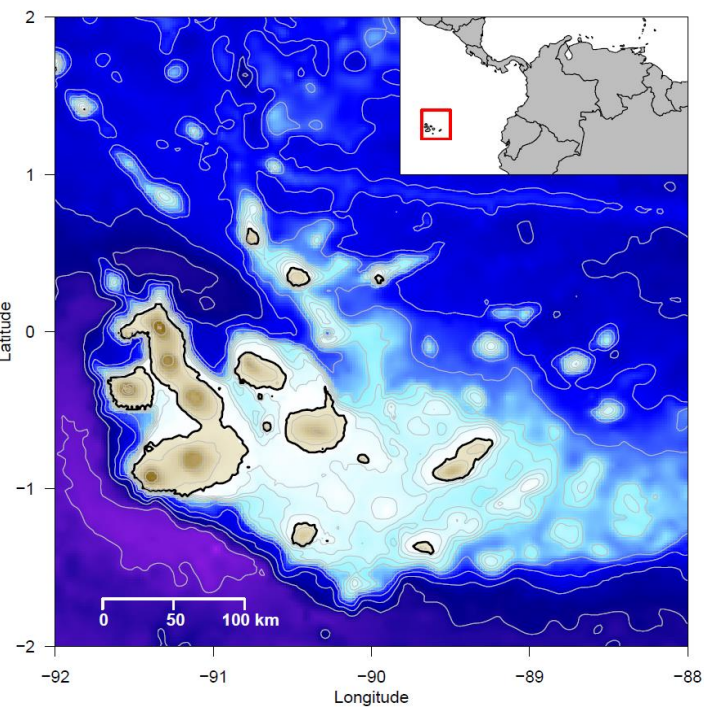
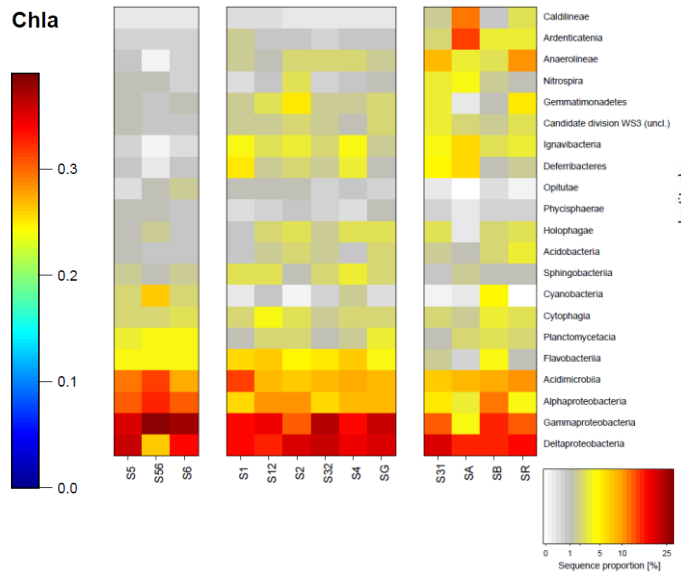
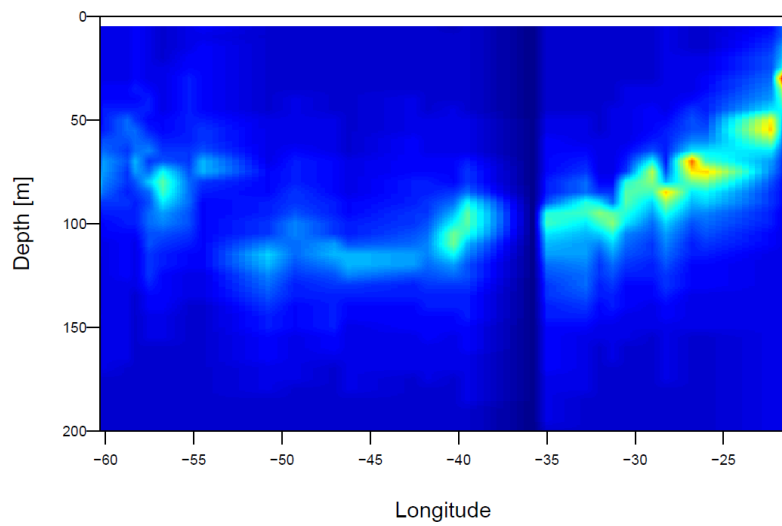
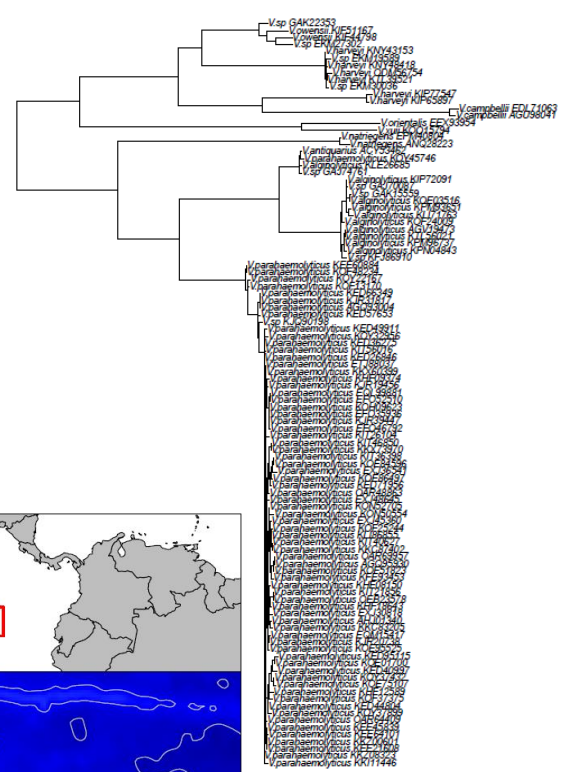
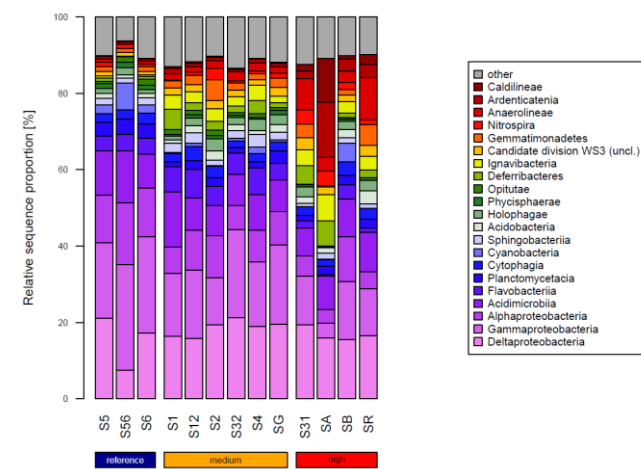
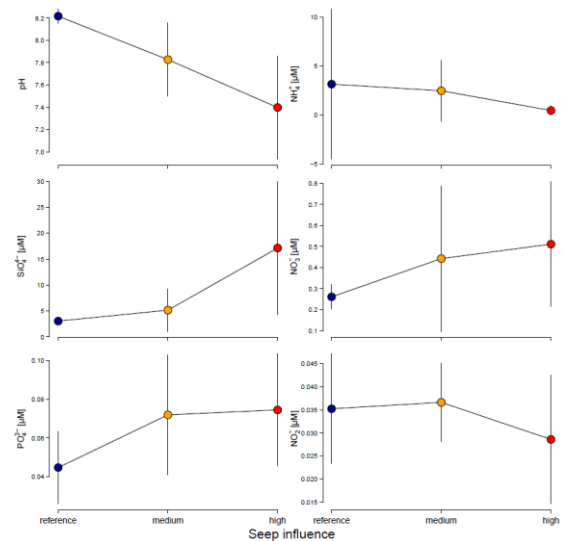
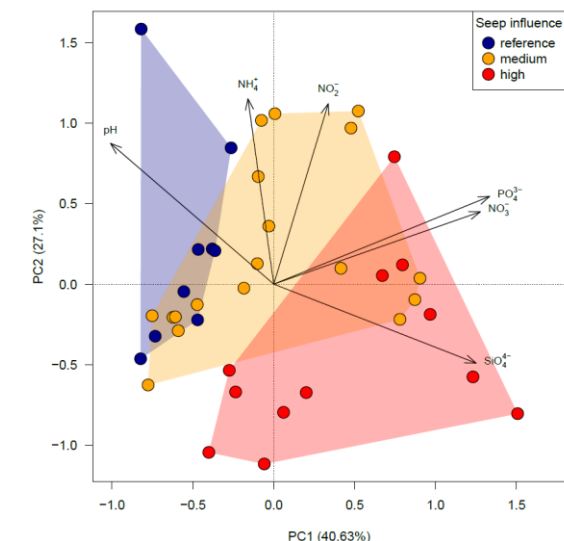
- `points()`
- `segments()`
- `lines()`
- `rect()`
- `polygon()`
- `image()`
- etc.

Packages for creating maps in R:

- `maps`
- `OceanView`
- `marmap`
- `sp`, `sf` (more advanced spatial analysis)

Most time-consuming step when plotting:  
Getting data into shape!

# Example plots



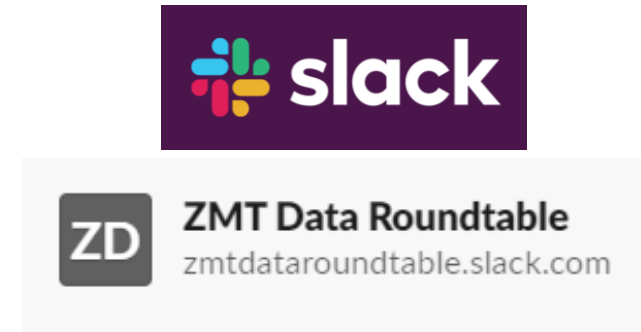
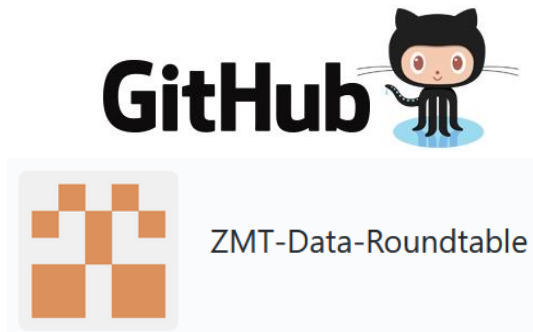
# Further resources

Tidyverse tutorials: <https://www.tidyverse.org/>

Stackexchange: <https://stats.stackexchange.com/>

Stackoverflow: <https://stackoverflow.com/>

ZMT data roundtable: <https://www.leibniz-zmt.de/de/neuigkeiten/veranstaltungen/data-round-table.html>



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