

Lakes, Landscape, and R:

A framework for open science on freshwater cyanobacteria

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Open Science?

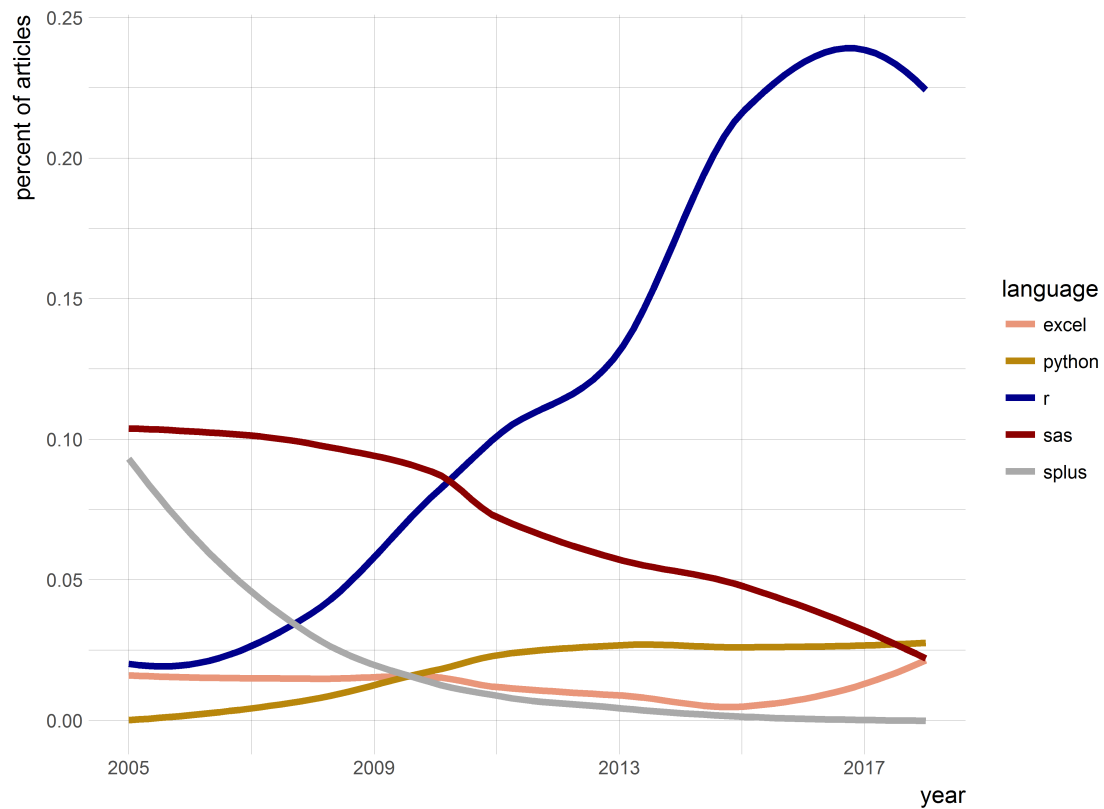
Why open science?

- Often required
 - Government/Funders/Journals
- Benefits researchers
 - [Mciernan et al. \(2016\) How open science helps researchers succeed](#)
- Improves quality
 - [The classic example: Reinhart and Rogoff](#)
- Benefits to society
 - ["Sharing of Data Leads to Progress on Alzheimerâ€™s"](#)



Open Science Solutions

- Publishing
- Data
- Code



Text mining facilitated by the rOpenSci's awesome [fulltext](#) package

R in Landscape Ecology

- Foundations
 - [sp](#), [rgdal](#), [raster](#), [rgeos](#)
 - [sf](#), [stars](#)
- Speciality
 - [landsat](#)
 - [SDMtools](#)
 - [nlmr](#)
 - [landscapetools](#)
 - [landscapemetrics](#)

R, lakes, and cyanobacteria at USEPA

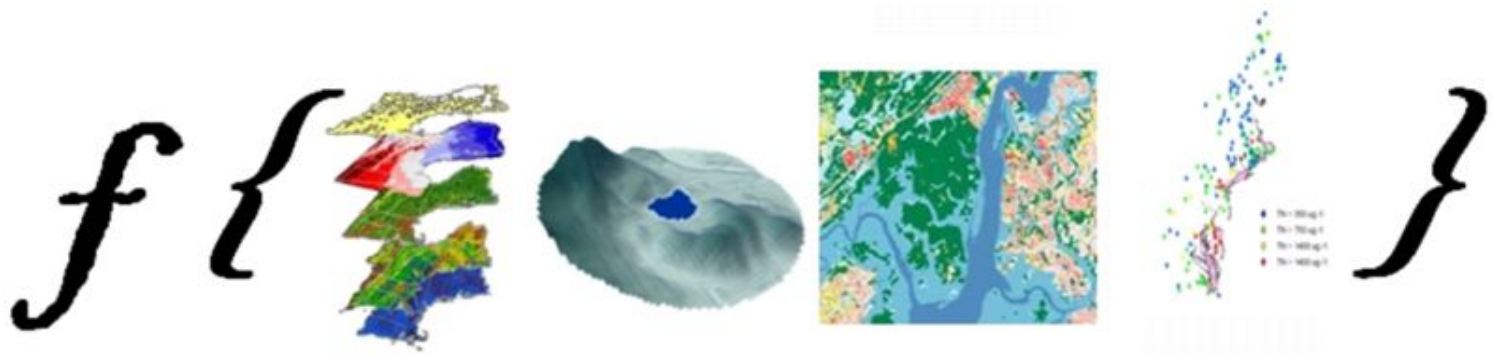
Who are we?

- Ecologists
- Computational focus
 - Enough to be dangerous
- 3 FTE
 - Myself
 - Betty Kreakie
 - Bryan Milstead
- 1 Post-doc
 - Stephen Shivers
- Alum
 - Farnaz Nojavan



What do we do?

- Apply computational approaches to understand water quality impacts in lakes
- Open Science
- Use R
 - Analysis
 - Sharing code
 - Solve common problems



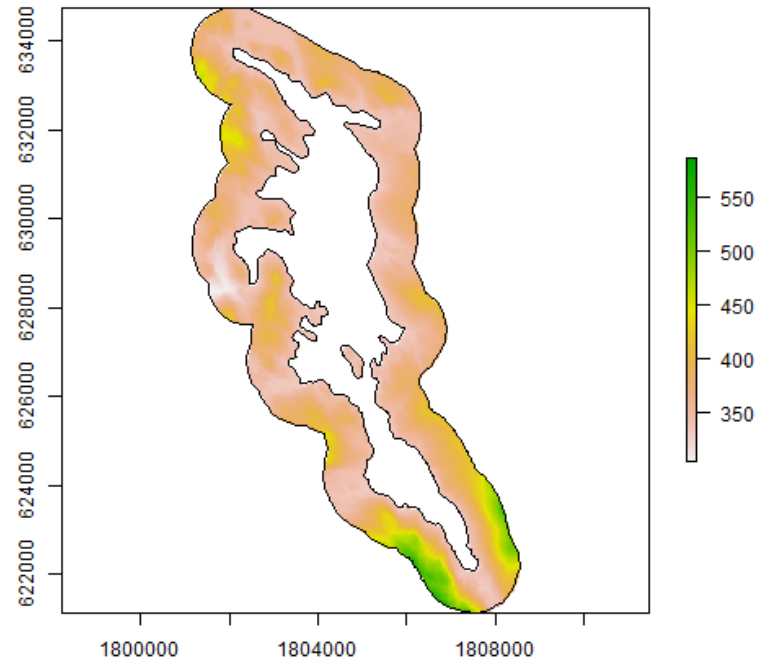
Packages to solve common problems

- lakemorpho
- elevatr
- goatscape (in development)

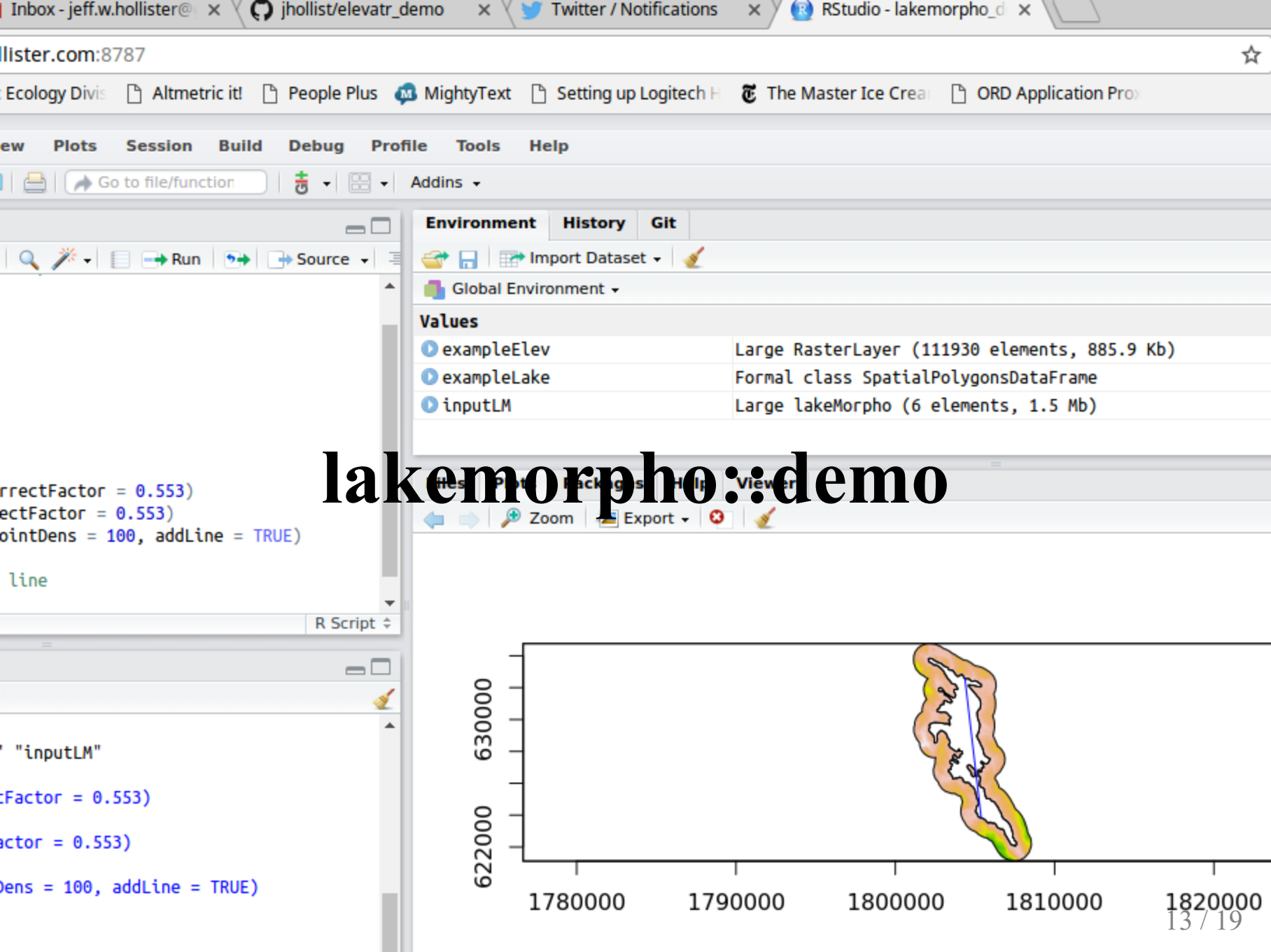


lakemorpho

- Lake morphometry metrics in R
- Built off of `sp`, `rgdal`, `rgeos`, and `raster` suite
- Version 1.0
 - August 2014
- Version 1.1.0
 - December 2016
- `sf` support to be added
- [National Lake Morphometry](#)
- [Some metrics included in NHD+](#)
- [Hollister and Milstead \(2010\)](#)
- [Hollister *et. al.* \(2011\)](#)
- [Hollister and Stachelek \(2017\)](#)

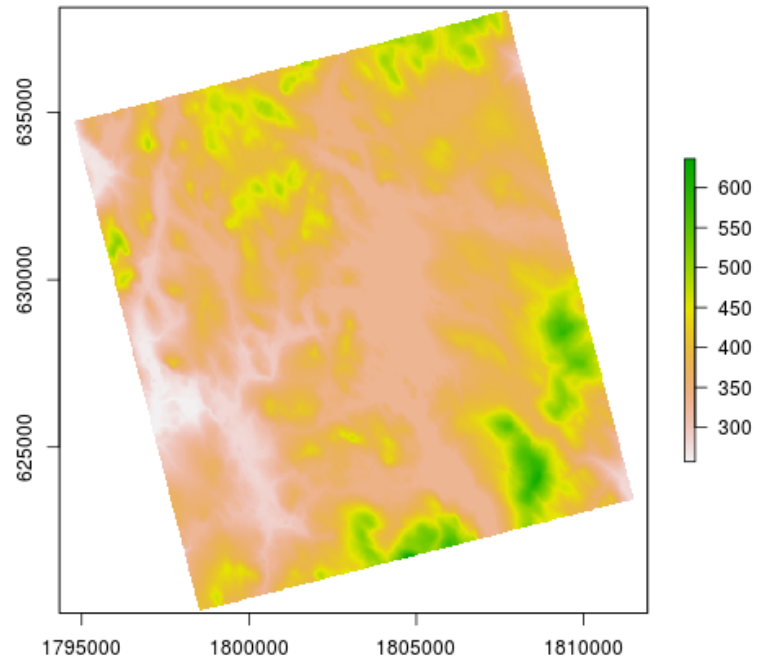


Package URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=lakemorpho>

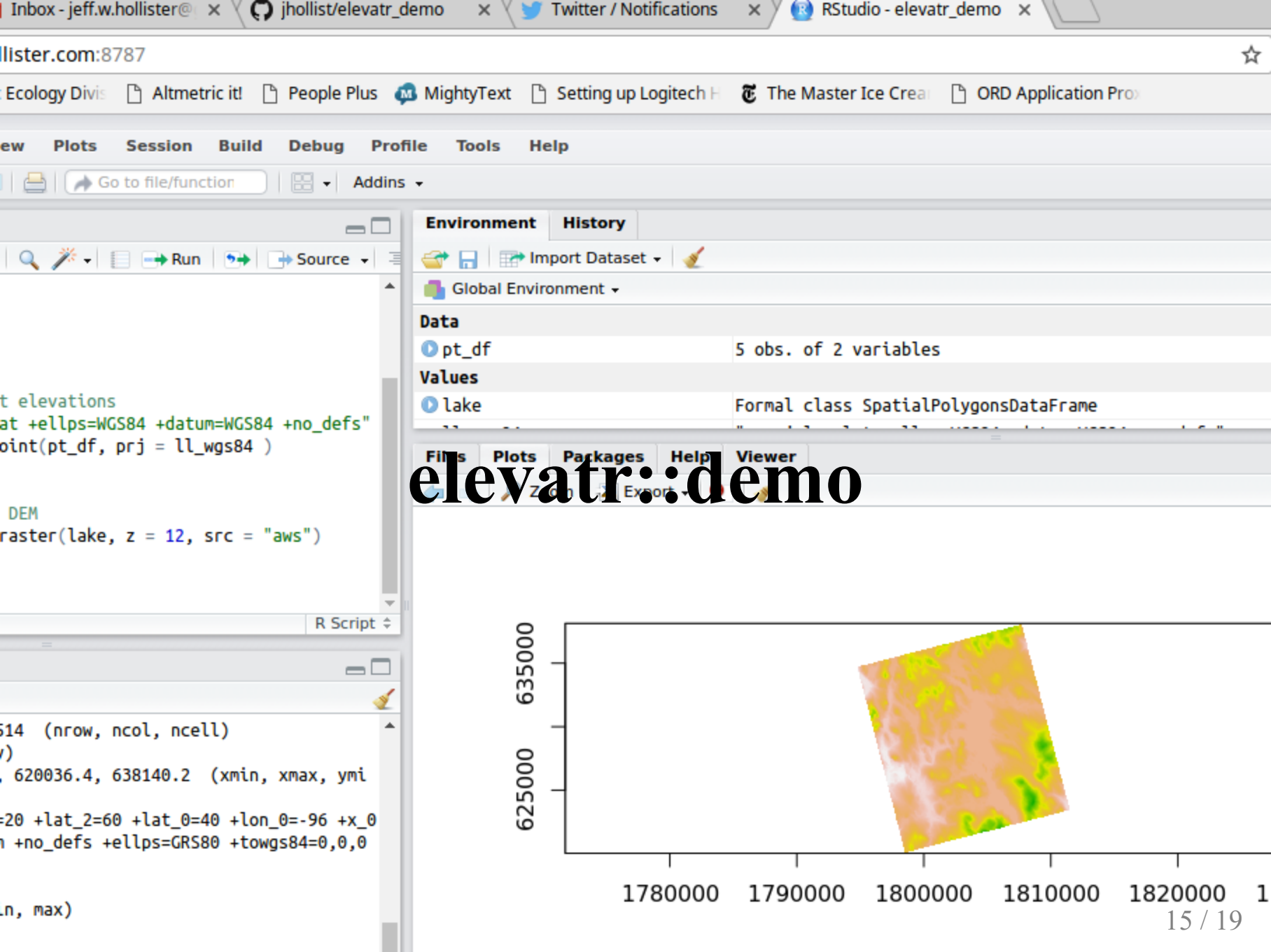


elevatr

- Access elevation data in R
 - Mapzen
 - AWS
 - USGS
- Built off of `sp`, `rgdal`, `rgeos`, and `raster` suite
- Version 0.1.1
 - January 2017
- Version 0.1.3
 - March 2017
- Will be paired with `lakemorpho`
- `sf` support to be added



Package URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=elevatr>



goatscape

- New effort with Bryan Milstead
- What's in a name?
- Summarizes ancillary data for a user-defined landscape polygon
 - Census (via `censusapi`)
 - Landcover
 - Impervious
- Accepts arbitrary spatial data for the landscape
- Based on `sf` and `tidy` by design
- <https://github.com/usepa/goatscape>



Take Home Message

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- R is awesome
- Can be used for a wide array of uses (including this talk)
- Increasing use in LE
- Our packages and Others

Thanks!

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