

rbtl - Research Beyond the Lab

Welcome to the course!

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Welcome! 🙌

Goals for today

You...

...know a bit about me and I know a bit about you.

...know the learning outcomes and competencies you gain in this course.

...are aware of the tools that we use for this course.

...know where to find the link to the course website.

...understand the grading scheme for this course.

...are motivated to do your homework and come back next week.

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You, hands-up: 

Who has used **R** before? 

Who has used **any**
programming language
before? 

Who think they know what
version control software is? 

Who has an account for **Slack**?



Who has an account for **GitHub**?



Who uses **macOS** as an
operating system? 

Who uses **Microsoft Windows**
as an operating system? 

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes of this course

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- practice Open Science principles and publish data projects reproducibly
- work collaboratively with Git and GitHub
- understand the concept of Tidy Data
- conduct Exploratory Data Analysis
- help themselves and others in learning more about data science with R

Toolbox



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Course work

- Classroom
- Field work
- Slack for support (not yet decided)

Data Science

Programming

- R
- RStudio (Cloud)
- tidyverse R Packages
- R Markdown

Version control and Collaboration

- Git
- GitHub

rbtl-fs22.github.io/website/ 

Grading scheme

Grading scheme - Summary

type	percent
homework	20
project	30
exam	50

Grading scheme - Homework

- 10 assignments, submitted weekly
- Assignment submitted in time: 2%
- Assignment submitted late: 1%
- Assignment not submitted: no progress

Grading scheme - Group research project

- 30% for final group project report, submitted in Week 15
 - 20% for technical parts of final report
 - 10% for intellectual framing of the results
- All items that we grade will be communicated on the website

Grading scheme - Exam

- 50% for end-of-semester Exam in Week 16
- Two hour programming exam
- Free use of course material and online material
- Tests for technical aspects taught during the course

Why take this course?



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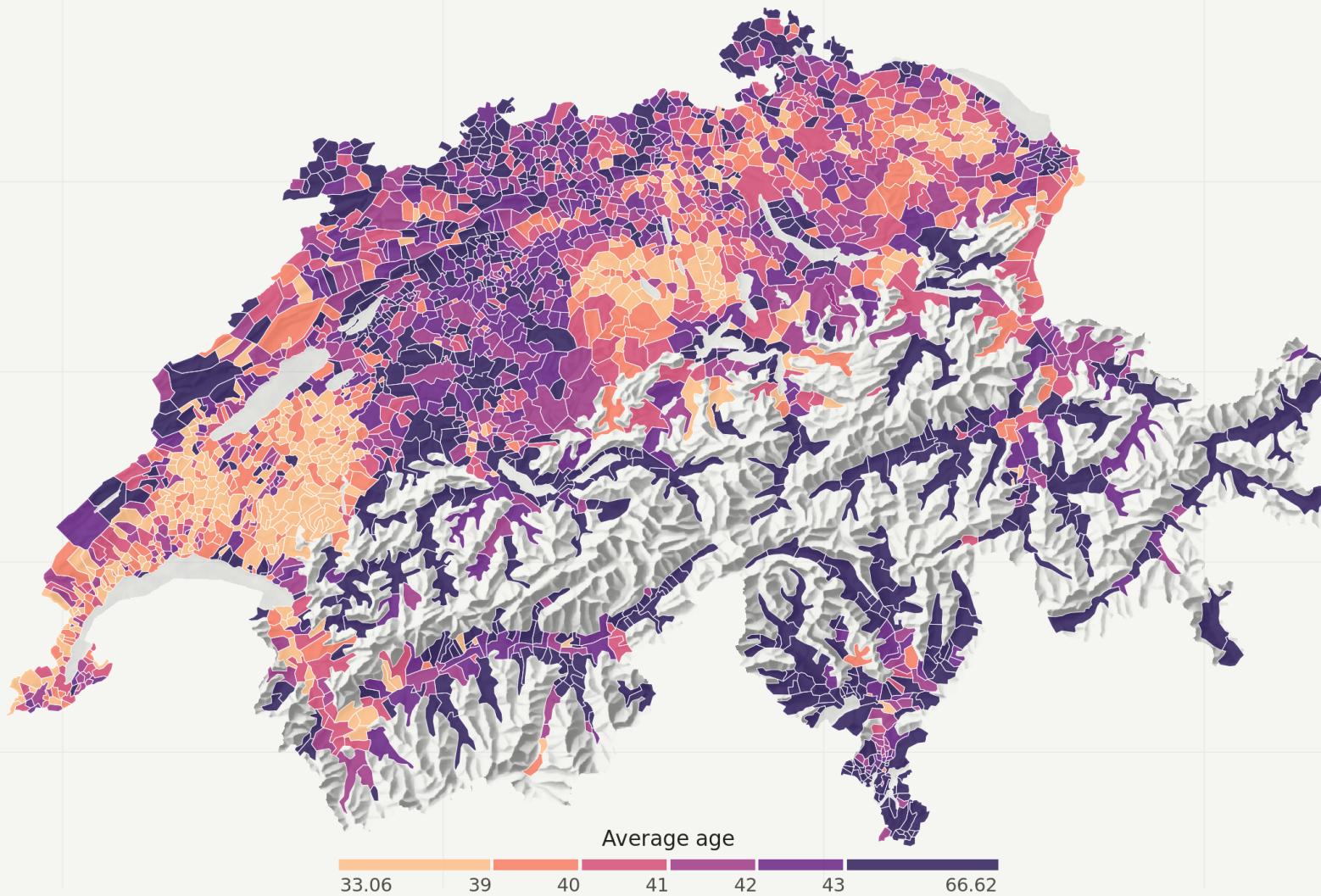
Awesome things you can do with R

These slides are made with R. They can include:

- Code
- Its output
- Interactive output

Switzerland's regional demographics

Average age in Swiss municipalities, 2015



From: Timo Grossenbacher: Bivariate maps with `ggplot2` and `sf`

Map CC-BY-SA; Author: Timo Grossenbacher (@grssnbchr), Geometries: ThemaKart, BFS; Data: BFS, 2016; Relief: swisstopo, 2016

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Research Beyond the Lab: Open Science and Research Methods for a Global Engineer

Thursday at 15:00 - 18:00 IFW A 32.1

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4 ECTS

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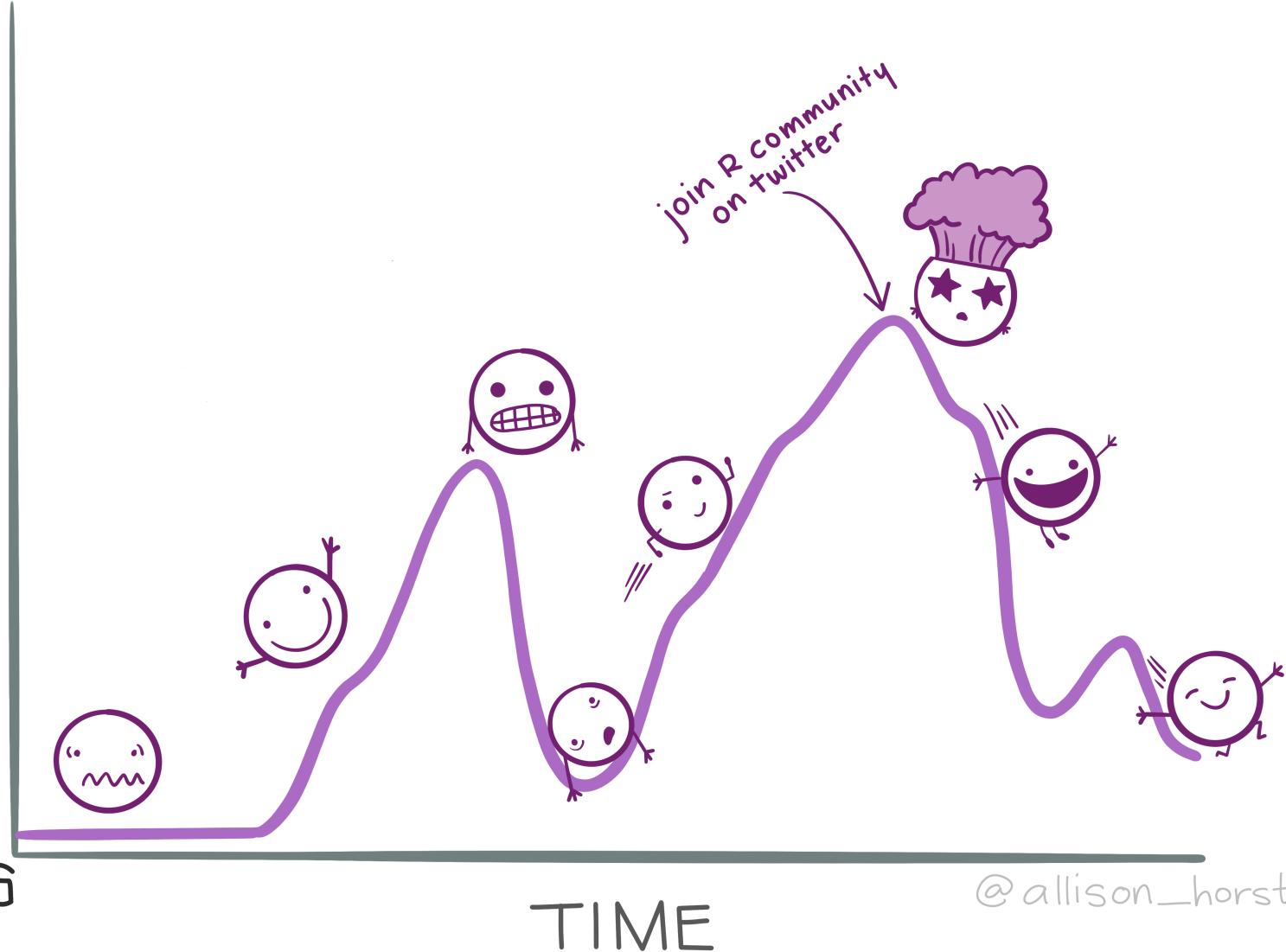
From the proverbial ‘field’ to the heart of Zurich, engineering research is guided by the same fundamental principles. With the goal to improve the human condition with technology, we designed this course to teach learners how to conduct a research project out of the lab, and apply open science principles to their data analysis projects.

Over the course of the semester, students will develop a research project and learn the necessary quantitative methods required to collect data from people. We will use tidyverse R packages to work with data, and git and GitHub as tools for version control and collaboration. By the end of the course, students will have a complete overview of how a typical field-based research project is designed,

HOW
MUCH
I THINK
I KNOW
ABOUT R

I KNOW -
NOTHING

I KNOW -
LOTS!



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Code of Conduct

- ETH - The Respect Code of Conduct: respekt.ethz.ch/
- Diversity and inclusion
- Names and pronouns
- Inappropriate behaviour
- Learning process

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Thanks! 🌻

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