Introduction to Data Analysis with R

Day 1: Welcome to the workshop

Selina Baldauf Freie Universität Berlin - Theoretical Ecology

October 7, 2025

Who am I?

- Scientific programmer @theoretical ecology group
- PhD in dryland ecology
- **Teaching** R, Git, good scientific practice, ...

I'm using **Q** a lot for ...

```
... data analysis
```

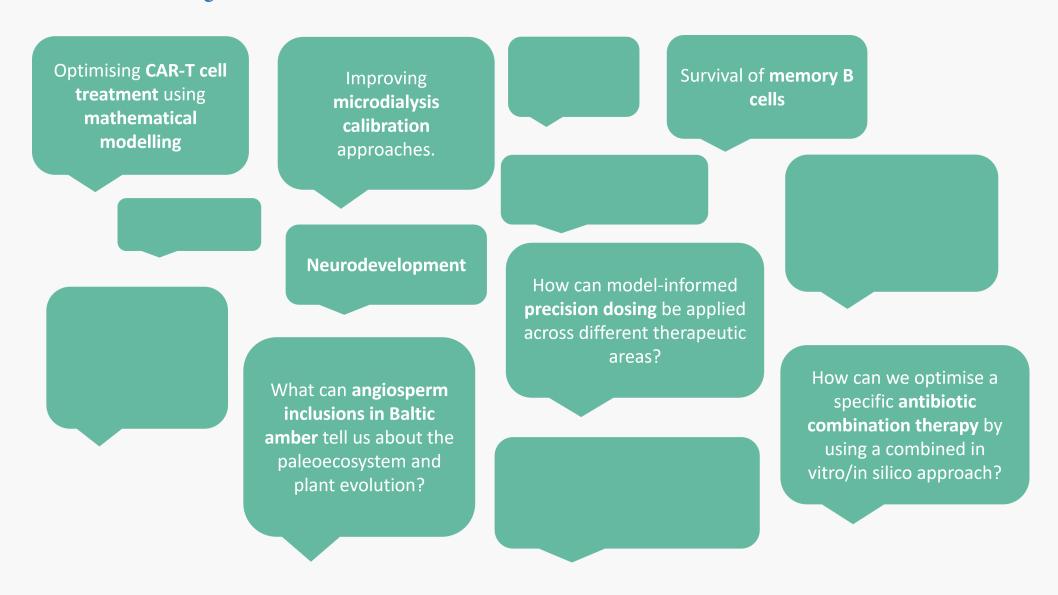
... ecological modelling

... writing documents/websites/presentations

.... workflow automation

. . .

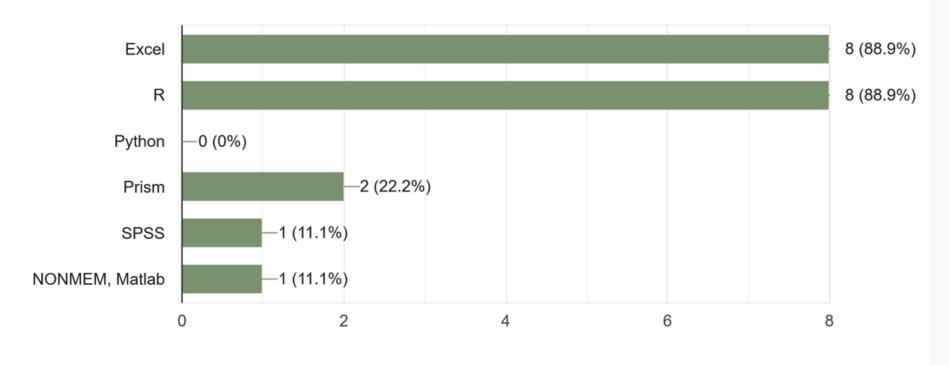
Who are you?



Who are you?

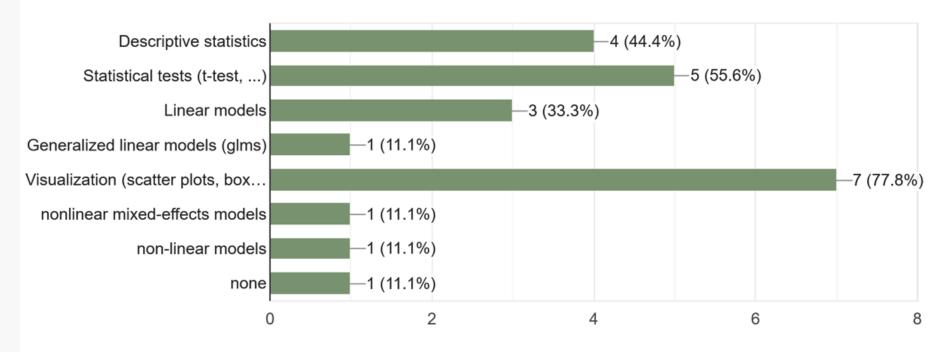
Which tools did you use for data analysis so far?

9 responses



Who are you?

Which of the following data analysis methods do you use regularly? 9 responses



Workshop topics

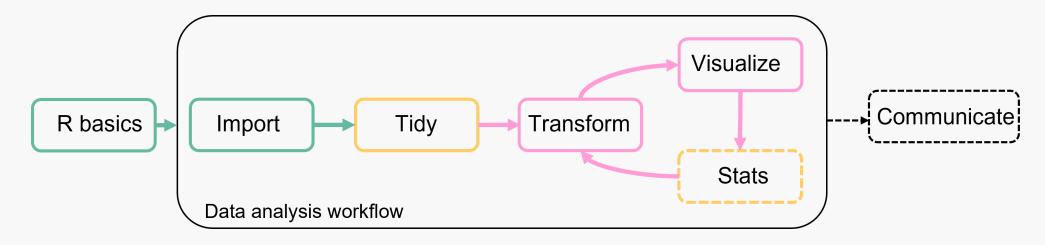


Image adapted from Wickham & Grolemund: R for Data Science

Day1 Introduction to R and RStudio and data import

Day2 Data transformation and visualization with the tidyverse

Day3 Cleaning data, statistical tests, good practice and AI tools

Day 4 Bring your own data

Schedule and Organization

- 13.10.2025 14.10.2025 from 🕘 9 a.m. 4 p.m.
- * We will meet in the General meeting on Webex

1. Input sessions

Presentation and demonstration of a topic + examples

2. Tasks

- Solve them in small groups
- 3. Joint discussion of tasks & questions

Material

- All material can be found on the workshop's website
 - Presentations, Tasks, Solutions, Additional resources
- You can download slides and R Scripts from there
- Website will stay online after the workshop

Bring your own data

On the last workshop day, you can **work with your own research data**. I will also provide some **real life data sets** from different topics.

Learning by doing

- Get started using R for your own analyses
- Use any of the methods from the course or try new things, ...
- Present/discuss your results, questions and problems at the end of the day
- Add your name and some details on what you plan to do in this joint table

Before we get started I

- Help each other if possible
- Have an eye on the chat and on the time
- All questions and comments are welcome
- If possible, please turn on your camera
- Feedback is welcome (Evaluation at the end of the workshop)

Before we get started II

Did anyone have problems installing R and RStudio?



Download and install R from https://cran.r-project.org



Download and install RStudio from https://www.posit.co

Before we get started III

How to use Webex teams

- General channel for our joint meetings and chat
- Groups 1-4 for solving tasks jointly
 - Group spaces have their own chat and meetings
 - Ask questions in the chat, share screenshots, share your screen and talk

Now you (10 min)

Get to know your team

- Go into your groups and start a meeting there
- Introduce yourself to your team (~2 minutes for everyone)
 - What is your PhD about?
 - Which tools did you use so far for data analysis?
 - Which types of data analysis do you do/want to do?
- Come back to the general meeting after 10 mins