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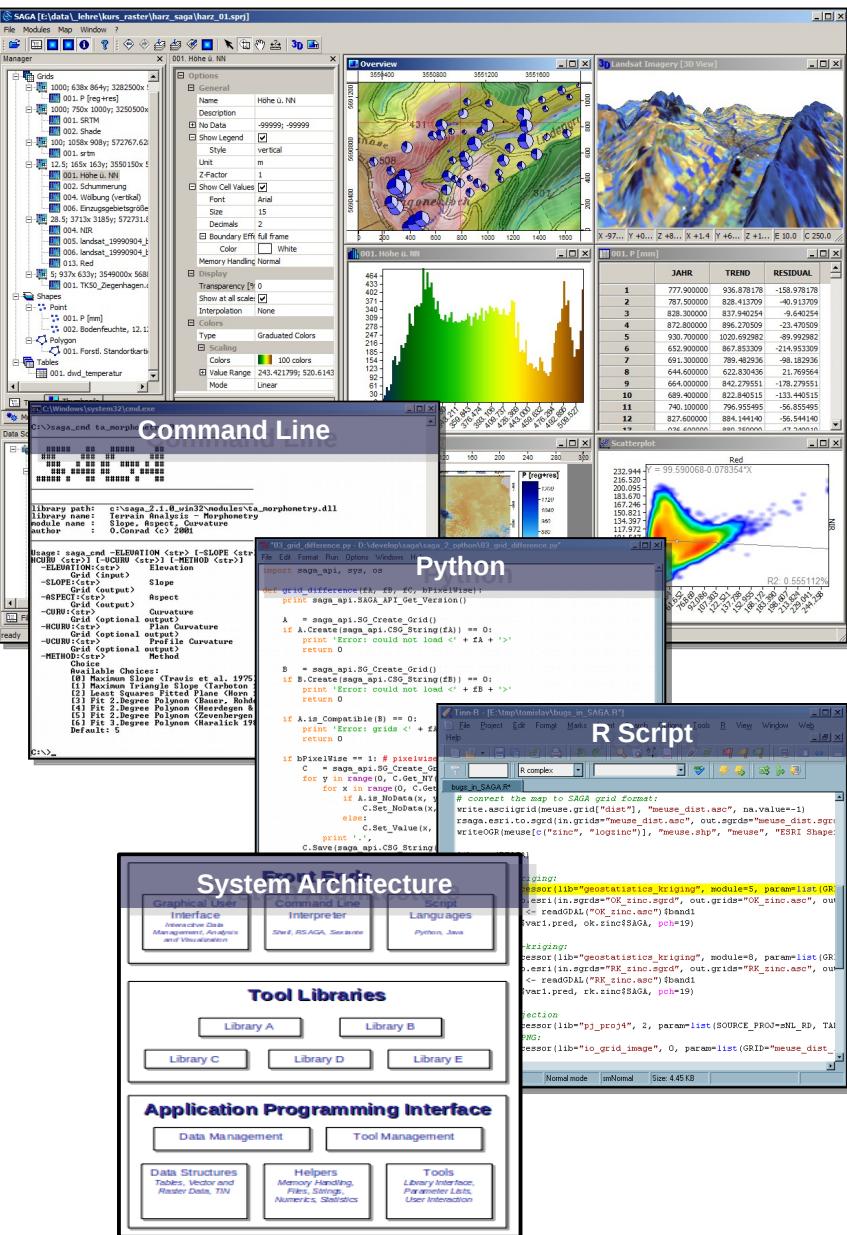
System for Automated Geoscientific Analyses

Automating your analysis using SAGA GIS

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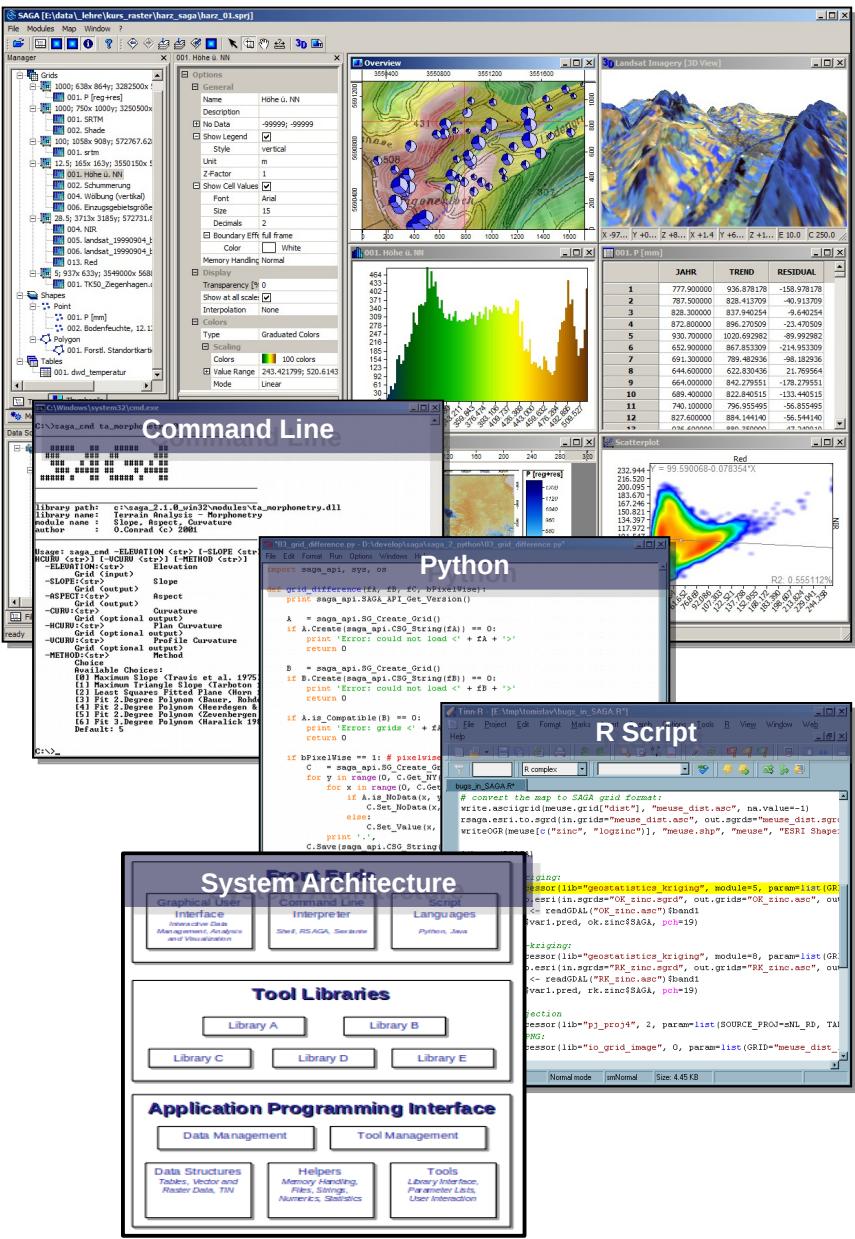
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SAGA | System for Automated Geoscientific Analyses



- SAGA is a Geographic Information System (**GIS**) software with strong capabilities for geodata processing and analysis.
- SAGA is programmed in the object oriented C++ language and supports the implementation of new functions with a very efficient Application Programming Interface (**API**).
- Tools are provided by framework independent Tool Libraries and can be accessed most simply via SAGA's Graphical User Interface (**GUI**) or various scripting environments..

Key Features



- Object oriented system design
- Modular structure with framework independent tool development
- API with strong support for geodata handling
- GUI for intuitive data management, analysis and visualization
- Far more than 650 free tools
- Runs on Linux as well as on Windows operating systems
- Portable software runs without installation even from USB sticks
- Free and Open Source Software
- 10 years of continuous development

Drivers of Development

- SAGA's development is mainly driven by the research interests of its inventors and developers
 - Physical Geography, Hamburg University
 - SciLands GmbH, Göttingen
 - Laserdata GmbH, Innsbruck
- SAGA's publication as FOSS lead to several external inputs enriching the spectrum of developments
 - **V. Olaya:** SEXTANTE (Sistema Extremeno de Analisis Territorial), SAGA manual, module & system development
 - **T. Schorr:** GEOSTEP project, Linux, Unicode and 64bit compatibility, SAGA-Python interface
 - **V. Wichmann:** PhD Thesis (rockfall modelling), Laserdata GmbH, support & documentation, module & system development
 - **V. Cimmery:** SAGA 2 User Guide, documentation
 - **A. Brenning:** RSAGA plugin, accessing SAGA modules from R environment
 - **J. Van de Wauw:** Linux support and distribution (Debian/Ubuntu), bug fixes, module development
 - **J. Brunke:** Power User, Environment Agency, County Gifhorn
 - and many other contributions, mainly modules and documentation

Drivers of Development | Selected Projects, Physical Geography, Hamburg



- CARBIOCIAL – Carbon sequestration, biodiversity and social structures in Southern Amazonia: models and implementation of carbon-optimized land management strategies.
- The Future Okavango – Scientific support for sustainable land and resource management in the Okavango basin – GIS-based landscape analyses, environmental modelling, and decision support for integrated resource management.
- CHELSA - Climatologies at High Resolution for the Earth's Land Surface Areas. A research cooperation of Institute of Systematic Botany, University Zürich, Biodiversity, Macroecology & Conservation Biogeography Group, University Göttingen and Physical Geography, University Hamburg.
- SALEM - Development of a Model for the Spatial Prediction of Periglacial Deposits – Funded by the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)
- SAGA-REKLIM – Climate Change and Forestry: Researches and developments for a SAGA based problem oriented regionalisation of spatially distributed climate data for Baden-Württemberg“.
- Spatial high resolution regionalization of urban climates, integrating statistical-dynamical downscaling and remote sensing techniques. Integrated Climate System Analysis and Prediction (CliSAP).
- Apart from any project: **GIS Training and Education**

System Architecture

- SAGA's architecture is modular.
- Its base is the **Application Programming Interface (API)**, which provides data object models, basic definitions for the programming of scientific modules and numerous helpful classes and functions.
- **Tool libraries** are Dynamic Link Libraries (DLL), or Shared Objects in Linux context, and provide the scientific methods. To access and run the tools you need a front end program.
- A **Graphical User Interface (GUI)** and a **Command Line Interpreter (CLI)** are the two generic SAGA **front ends**. Alternatively SAGA tools can be used with **scripting**.

Front Ends

Graphical User Interface
Interactive Data Management, Analysis and Visualization

Command Line Interpreter
Shell, RSAGA, Sextante

Script Languages
Python, Java

Tool Libraries

Library A

Library B

Library C

Library D

Library E

Application Programming Interface

Data Management

Tool Management

Data Structures
Tables, Vector and Raster Data, TIN

Helpers
Memory Handling, Files, Strings, Numerics, Statistics

Tools
Library Interface, Parameter Lists, User Interaction

Tool Programming

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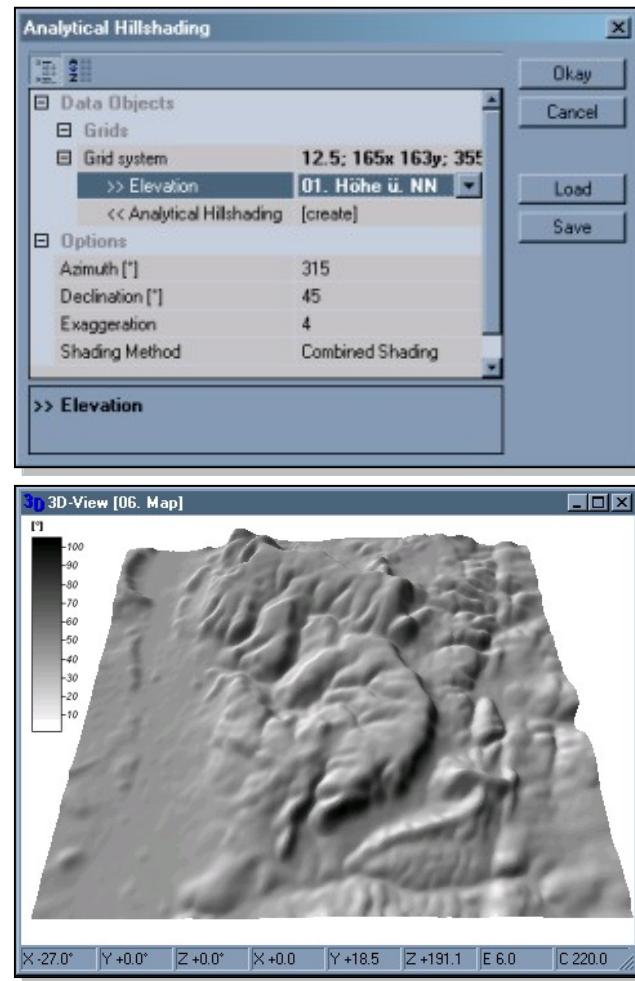
CHillshade::CHillshade(void)
{
    Parameters.Add_Grid(
        NULL, "ELEVATION", "Elevation", PARAMETER_INPUT);

    Parameters.Add_Grid(
        NULL, "SHADE"      , "Shade"      , PARAMETER_OUTPUT);
    ...
}

bool CHillshade::On_Execute(void)
{
    CSG_Grid *pDEM      = Parameters("ELEVATION")->asGrid();
    CSG_Grid *pShade    = Parameters("SHADE")      ->asGrid();
    ...
    for(y=0; y<Get_NY(); y++)
    {
        for(x=0; x<Get_NX(); x++)
        {
            if( pDEM->Get_Gradient(x, y, s, a) == false )
            {
                pShade->Set_NoData(x, y);
            }
            else
            {
                d      = acos(sin(s) * sin(Dec) + cos(s) * cos(Dec) * cos(a - Azi));

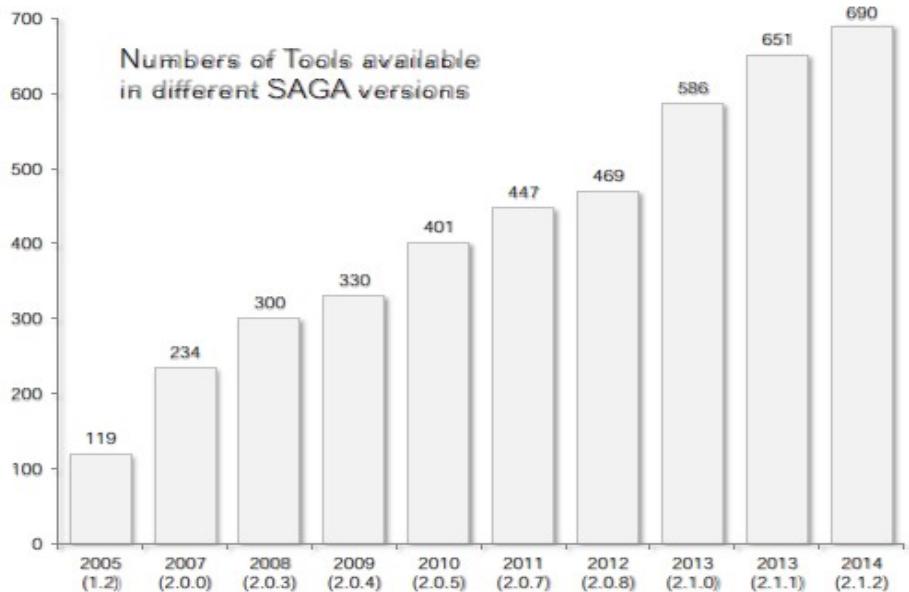
                pShade->Set_Value(x, y, d);
            }
        }
    }
}

```



The SAGA Toolset

- SAGA offers a comprehensive and growing set of free tools.
 - Data Import & Export
 - Cartographic Projections
 - Numerous Raster & Vector Data Tools
 - Image Processing
 - Terrain Analysis
 - Spatial & Geostatistics
 - and many more...



Data Import & Export

Vector Tools

Projections

Terrain Analysis

Raster Tools

Image Analysis

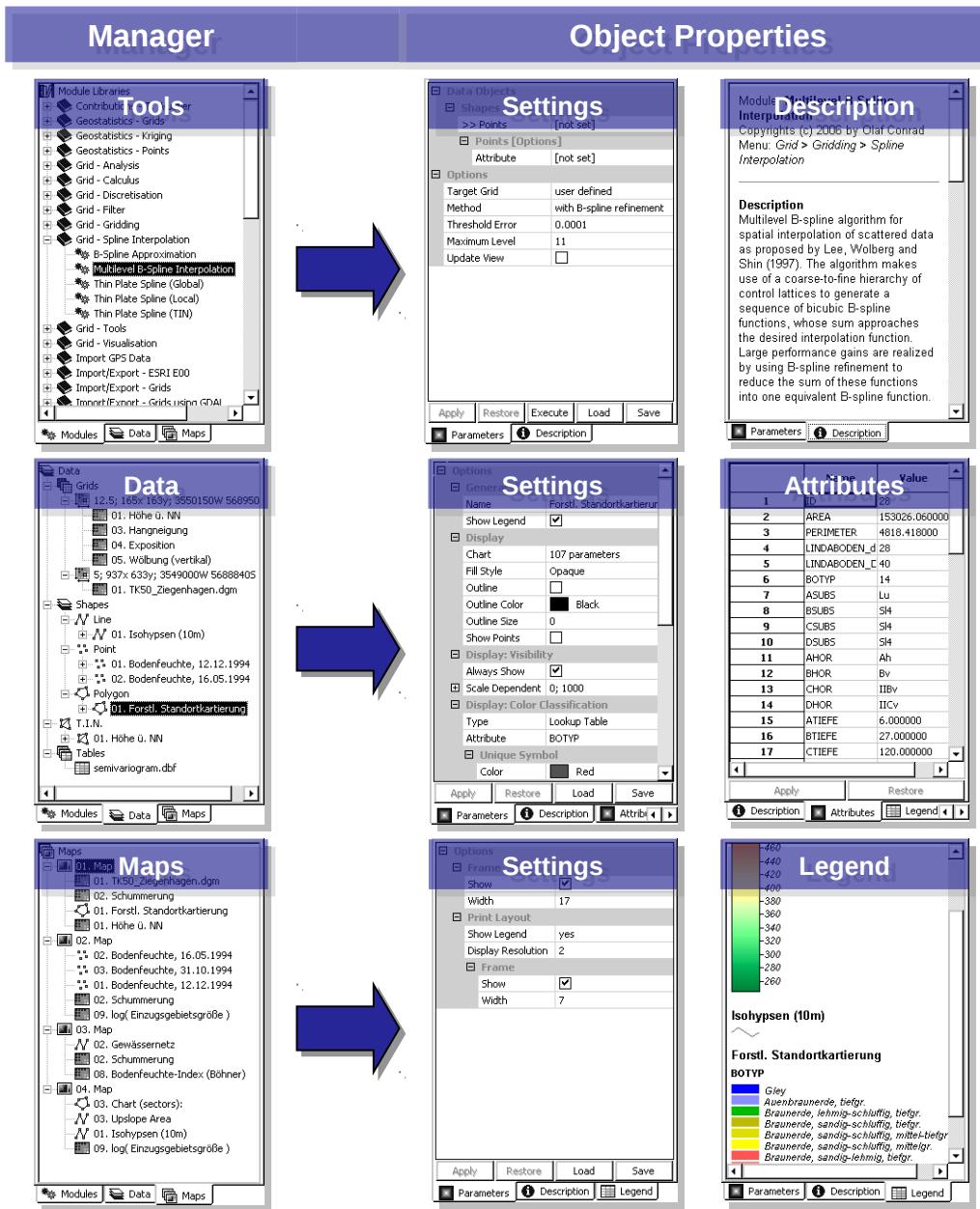
Front Ends | Graphical User Interface

The screenshot displays the SAGA 2.2.3 graphical user interface with several windows open, each corresponding to a label below it:

- Manager**: Shows the main menu bar and the Manager panel on the left, which contains a tree view of data sources and tools.
- Map View**: Shows a topographic map titled "Höhe ü. NN" with contour lines and shaded relief.
- Histogram**: Shows a histogram titled "01. Höhe ü. NN" with a color scale from green to yellow.
- Print Layout**: Shows a scatterplot titled "06. Bodenfeuchte-Index (Böhner)" with a color scale from blue to red.
- Properties**: Points to the "Properties" dialog box for the selected feature "01. Höhe ü. NN". It shows settings like Name, Description, Show Legend, and Colors.
- Notifications**: Points to the "Messages" dialog box, which displays log entries such as "Tool execution succeeded" and "Executing tool multiple Regression Analysis (Points/Grids)".
- Attributes**: Points to the "01. Forstl. Standortkartierung" table, which lists attributes for different forest plots.
- Scatterplot**: Points to the scatterplot window showing the relationship between "Wölbung (horizontal)" and "Konvergenz-Index".

Front Ends | Graphical User Interface

- Three Manager Controls
 - Modules, Data, Maps
 - Properties depend on the object type selected in the manager control.
 - A settings and a description tab are common to all items.
 - In case of a tool, the settings show the tool's execution parameters. The description gives further information about the tool.
 - In case of a data set, the settings allow to change data set name, memory handling, symbology and other data type specific options. Besides a description a legend and a data set history is added.



Front Ends | Command Line Interpreter

- The SAGA Command Line Interpreter (CLI) makes it possible to execute SAGA tools from a command line or shell console.
- This is not very user friendly, but allows to write batch/shell scripts for further automation of process flows.

Usage:

```
saga_cmd [-h, --help]
saga_cmd [-v, --version]
saga_cmd [-b, --batch]
saga_cmd [-d, --docs]
saga_cmd [-f, --flags][=qrslpxl][-c, --cores][=#] <LIBRARY>
saga_cmd [-f, --flags][=qrslpxl][-c, --cores][=#] <SCRIPT>

[-h], [--help] : help on usage
[-v], [--version] : print version information
[-b], [--batch] : create a batch file example
[-d], [--docs] : create module documentation in current working directory
[-c], [--cores] : number of physical processors to use for parallel processing
[-f], [--flags] : various flags for general usage [qrslpxl]
q : no progress report
r : no messages report
s : silent mode (no progress and no messages)
i : allow user interaction
l : load translation dictionary
p : load projections dictionary
x : use XML markups for synopses and messages

<LIBRARY> : name of the library
<MODULE> : either name or index of the module
<OPTIONS> : module specific options
<SCRIPT> : saga cmd script file with one or more module calls
```

```
1 SET FLAGS=-f=q
2 REM SET SAGA=.
3
4 IF EXIST srtm.tif GOTO :SRTM
5 ECHO create a Gaussian landscape
6 saga_cmd %FLAGS% recreations_fractals 5 -GRID=dem.sgrd -NX=400 -NY=400 -H=0.75
7 :SRTM
8 ECHO import and project srtm (geotiff)
9 saga_cmd %FLAGS%
10 saga_cmd %FLAGS%
11
12 ECHO do some
13 saga_cmd %FLAGS%
14 saga_cmd %FLAGS%
15 saga_cmd %FLAGS%
16 saga_cmd %FLAGS%
17
18 ECHO run saga
19 SET INPUT=den
20 saga cmd %FLAGS%
```

REM 'REM' or '#' can be used for comments, 'ECHO' for message output.
REM environment variables can be accessed using the ms-dos/window style

```
1 ECHO _____
2 ECHO cluster analysis and vectorisation
3
4 # cluster analysis
5 imagery_classification 1 -GRIDS=%INPUT% -CLUSTER=cluster.sgrd -NORMALISE -NCLUSTER=5
6 # majority filter
7 grid_filter 6 -INPUT=cluster.sgrd -RADIUS=3
8
9 # vectorization
10 shapes_grid 6 -GRID=cluster.sgrd -POLYGONS=cluster.shp -CLASS_ALL=1
11
12 # select cluster class 1
13 shapes_tools 3 -SHAPES=cluster.shp -FIELD=ID -EXPRESSION="a = 1"
14
15 # save selection
16 shapes_tools 6 -INPUT=cluster.shp -OUTPUT=cluster_class1.shp
```

```
C:\>saga_cmd ta_morphometry 0

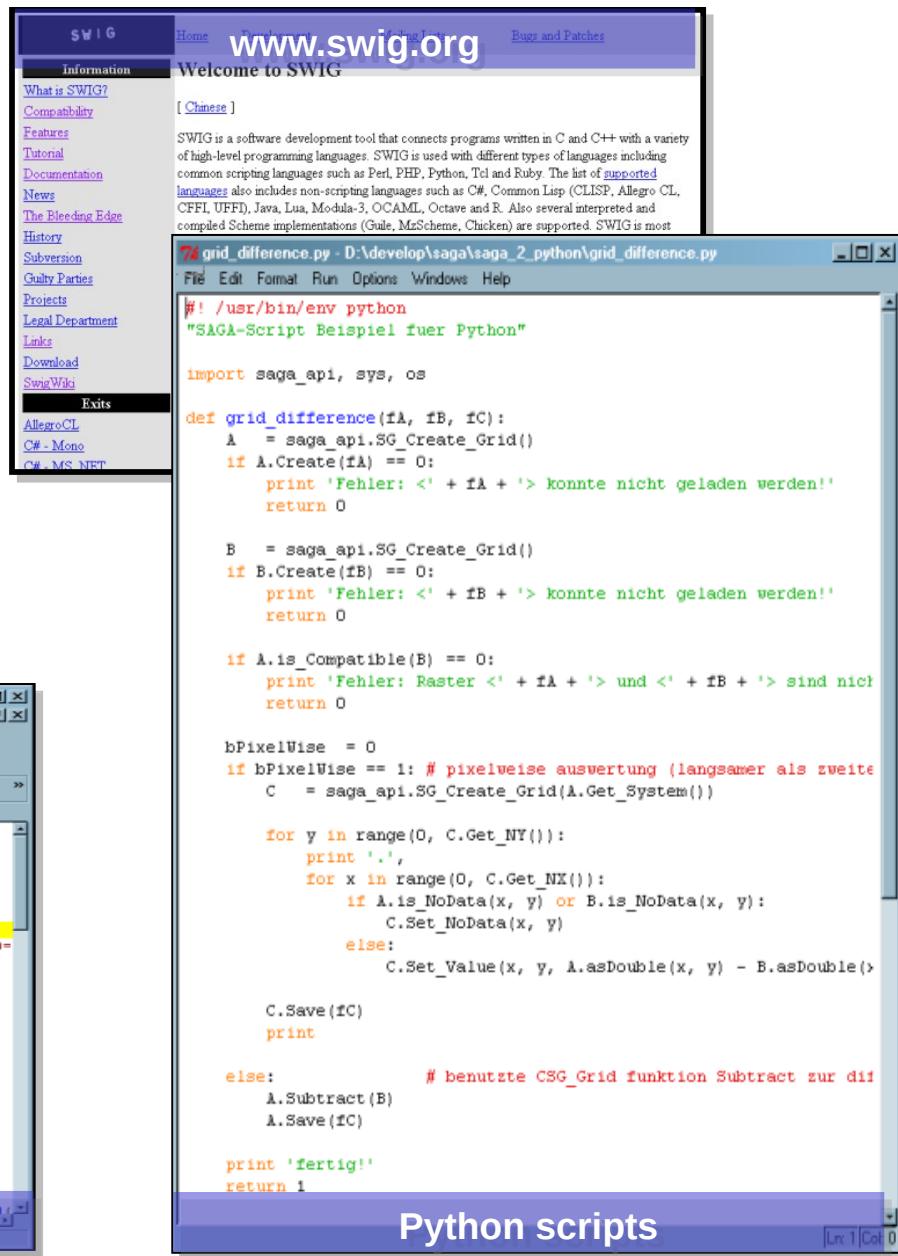
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library path: c:\saga_2.1.0_win32\modules\ta_morphometry.dll
library name: Terrain Analysis - Morphometry
module name : Slope, Aspect, Curvature
author   : O.Conrad <c> 2001

Usage: saga_cmd [-ELEVATION <str>] [-SLOPE <str>] [-ASPECT <str>] [-CURVU <str>] [-CURVU <str>] [-UCURU <str>] [-METHOD <str>]
-ELEVATION:<str>          Elevation
-SLOPE:<str>               Slope
-ASPECT:<str>              Aspect
-CURVU:<str>              Curvature
-HCURU:<str>              Grid (optional output)
-UCURU:<str>              Plan Curvature
-GRID:<str>                Grid (optional output)
-METHOD:<str>              Method
Choice
Available Choices:
    1 Maximum Slope (Tranis et al. 1975)
```

Front Ends | Scripting

- Via the **SWIG** compiler (Simplified Wrapper and Interface Generator) it is possible to expose the SAGA API as well as SAGA tools to various (script) programming languages, e.g. Python, Java, C#, R.
- The **Python** interface allows to run SAGA modules from (web)server processes and the integration with many other software e.g. ArcGIS.
- SAGA modules can be execute directly from R Scripts via the **RSAGA** interface.



The screenshot shows the SWIG website (www.swig.org) with the "Information" menu open. The main content area displays a Python script named "grid_difference.py" which demonstrates how to use the SAGA API from Python. The script creates two grids, performs a subtraction operation, and prints the result. Below the code editor, the text "Python scripts" is visible.

```
#! /usr/bin/env python
"SAGA-Script Beispiel fuer Python"

import saga_api, sys, os

def grid_difference(fA, fB, fC):
    A = saga_api.SG_Create_Grid()
    if A.Create(fA) == 0:
        print 'Fehler: <' + fA + '> konnte nicht geladen werden!'
        return 0

    B = saga_api.SG_Create_Grid()
    if B.Create(fB) == 0:
        print 'Fehler: <' + fB + '> konnte nicht geladen werden!'
        return 0

    if A.is_Compatible(B) == 0:
        print 'Fehler: Raster <' + fA + '> und <' + fB + '> sind nicht'
        return 0

    bPixelWise = 0
    if bPixelWise == 1: # pixelweise auswertung (langsamer als zweite
        C = saga_api.SG_Create_Grid(A.Get_System())

        for y in range(0, C.Get_NY()):
            print '.',
            for x in range(0, C.Get_NX()):
                if A.Is_NoData(x, y) or B.Is_NoData(x, y):
                    C.Set_NoData(x, y)
                else:
                    C.Set_Value(x, y, A.asDouble(x, y) - B.asDouble(x, y))

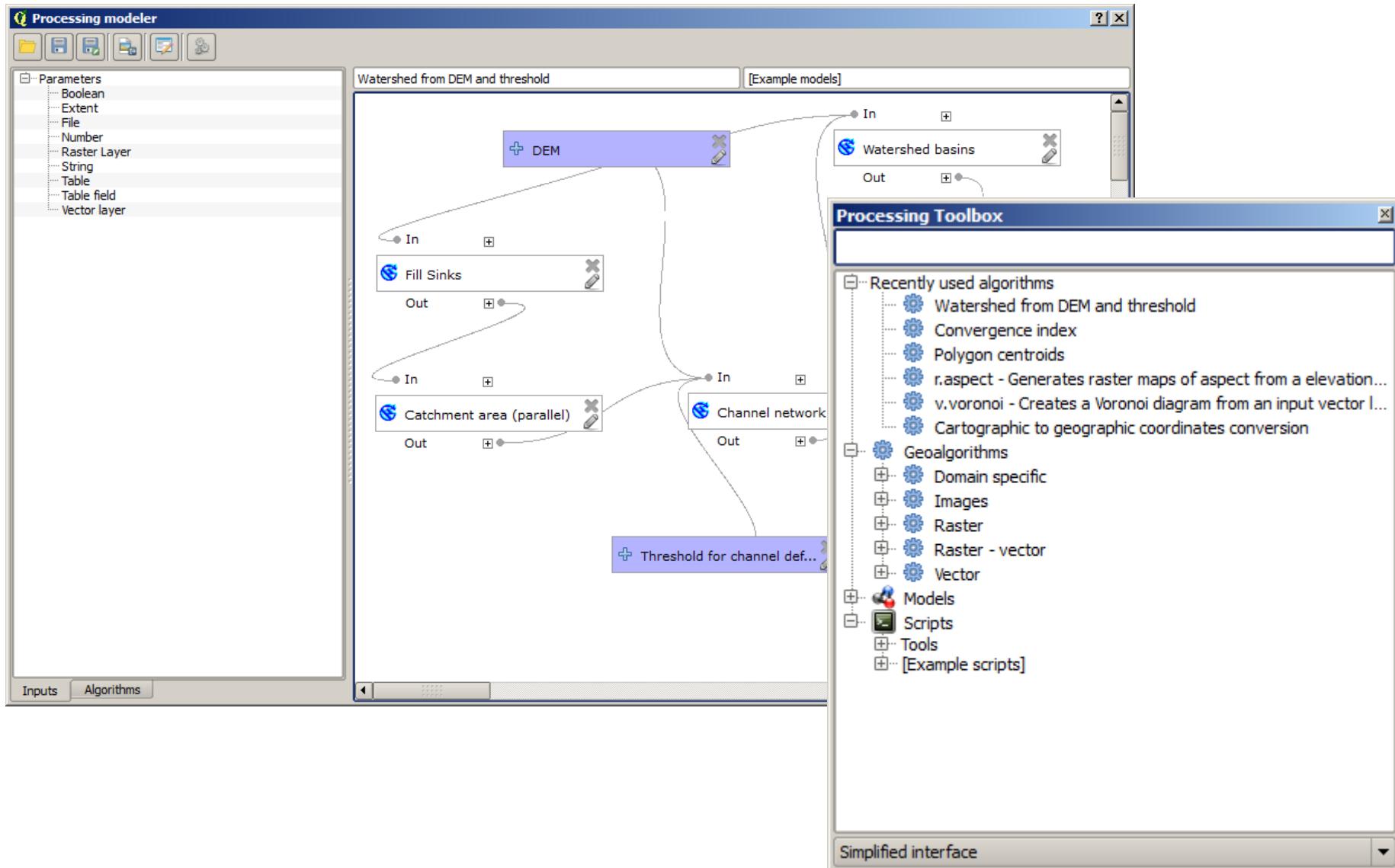
        C.Save(fC)
        print

    else: # benutzte CSG_Grid funktion Subtract zur dif
        A.Subtract(B)
        A.Save(fC)

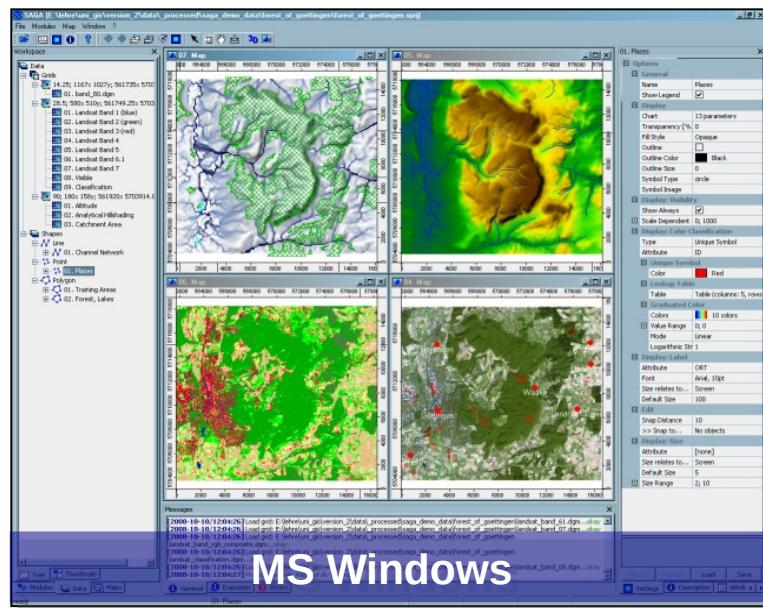
    print 'fertig!'
    return 1
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- Via ZOO-WPS
- Via QGIS Processing

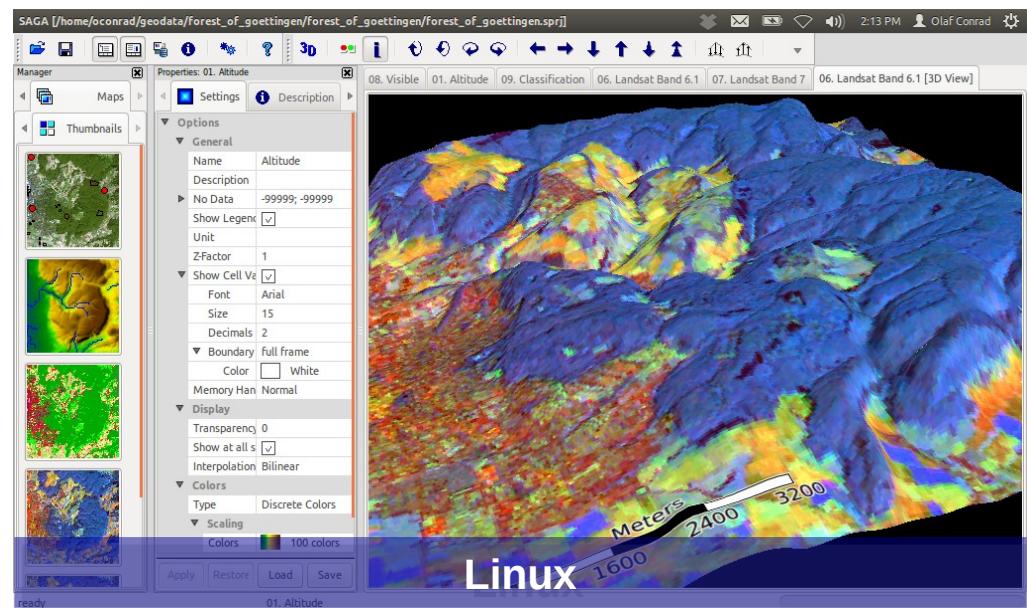
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Supported Platforms

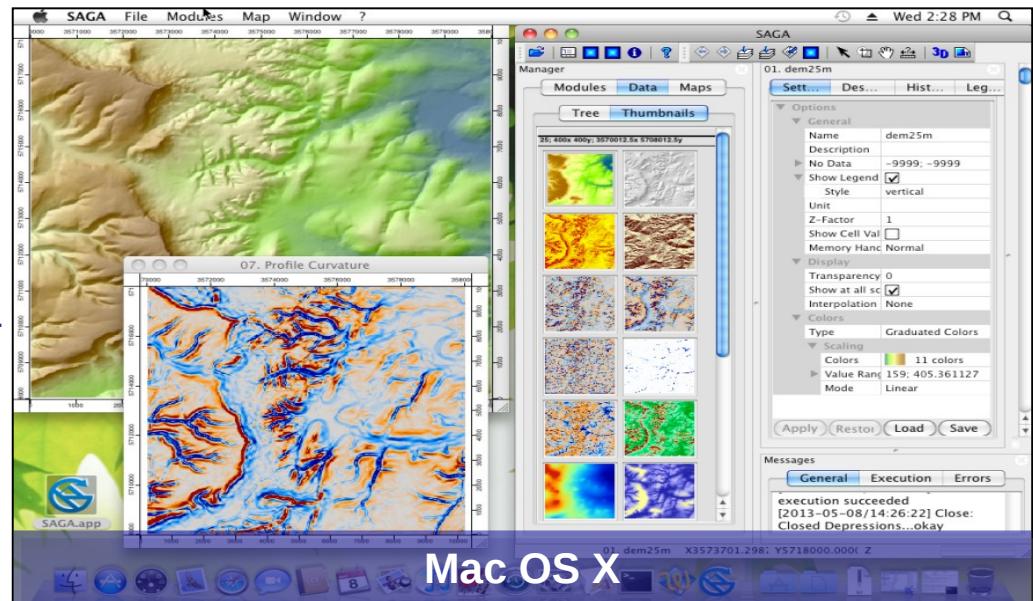


MS Windows



Linux

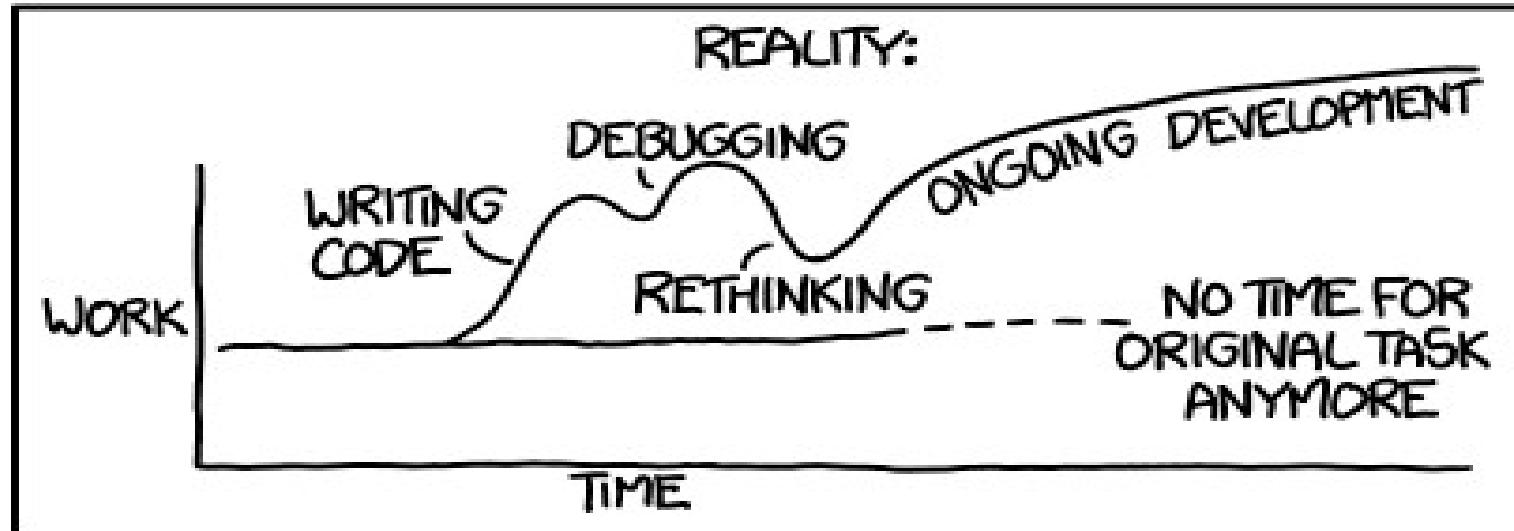
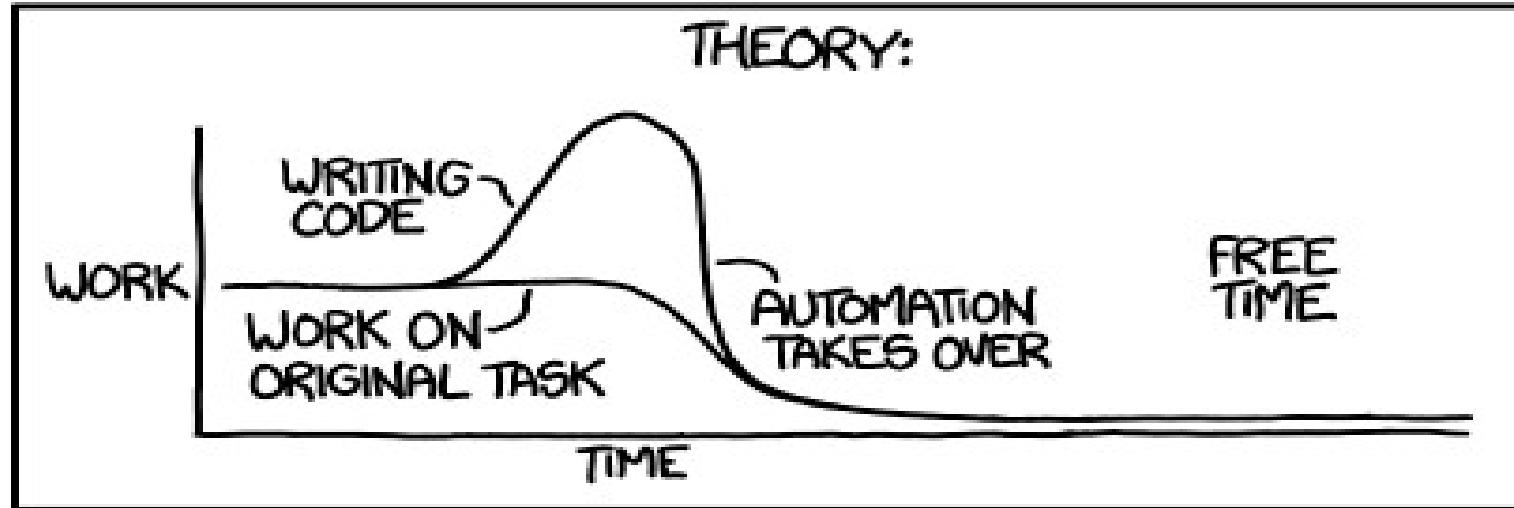
- MS Windows
- Linux
- FreeBSD
 - Maintainer: Rainer Hurling, NW-FVA
- Mac OS X
 - Maintainer: Wanted !



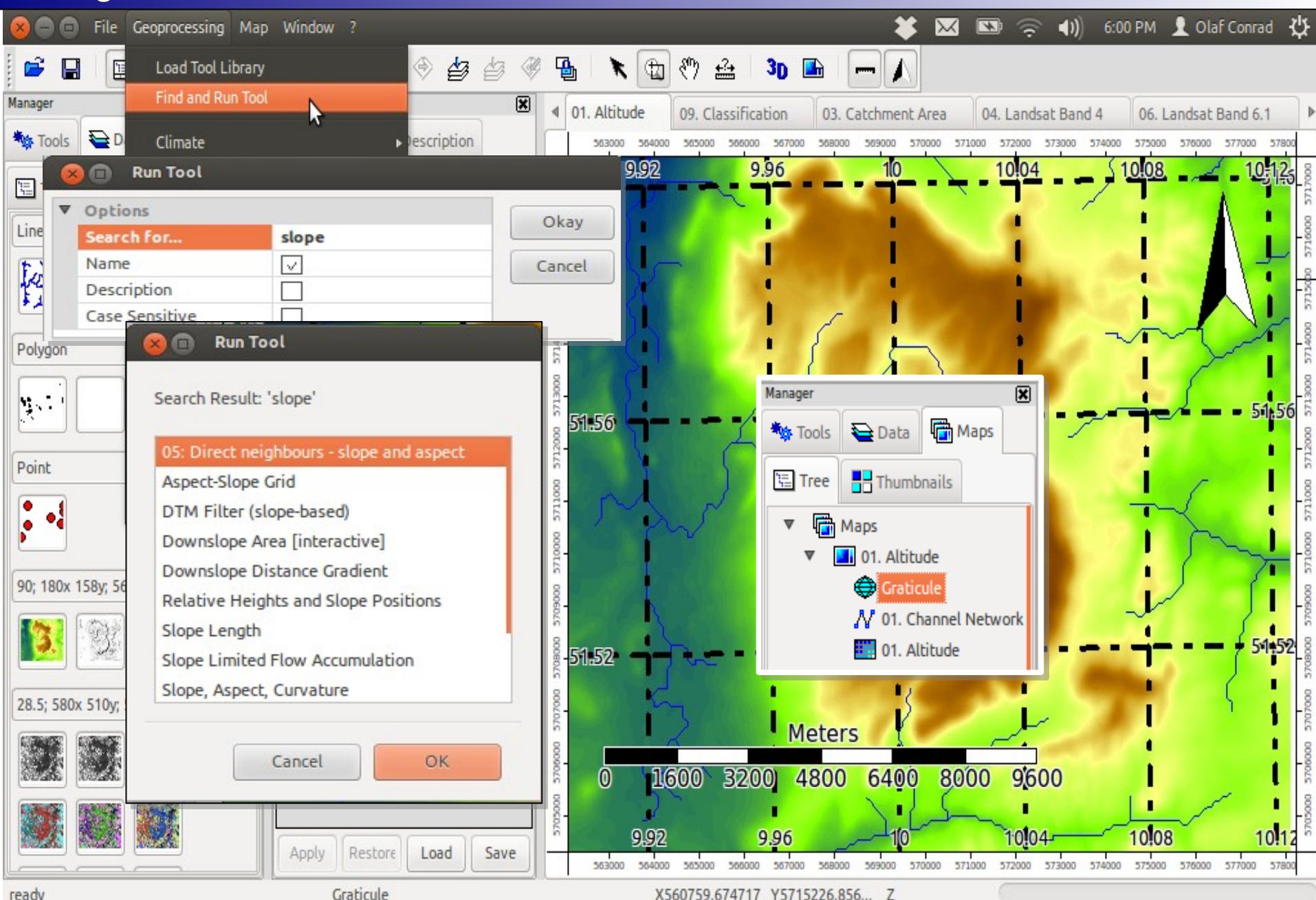
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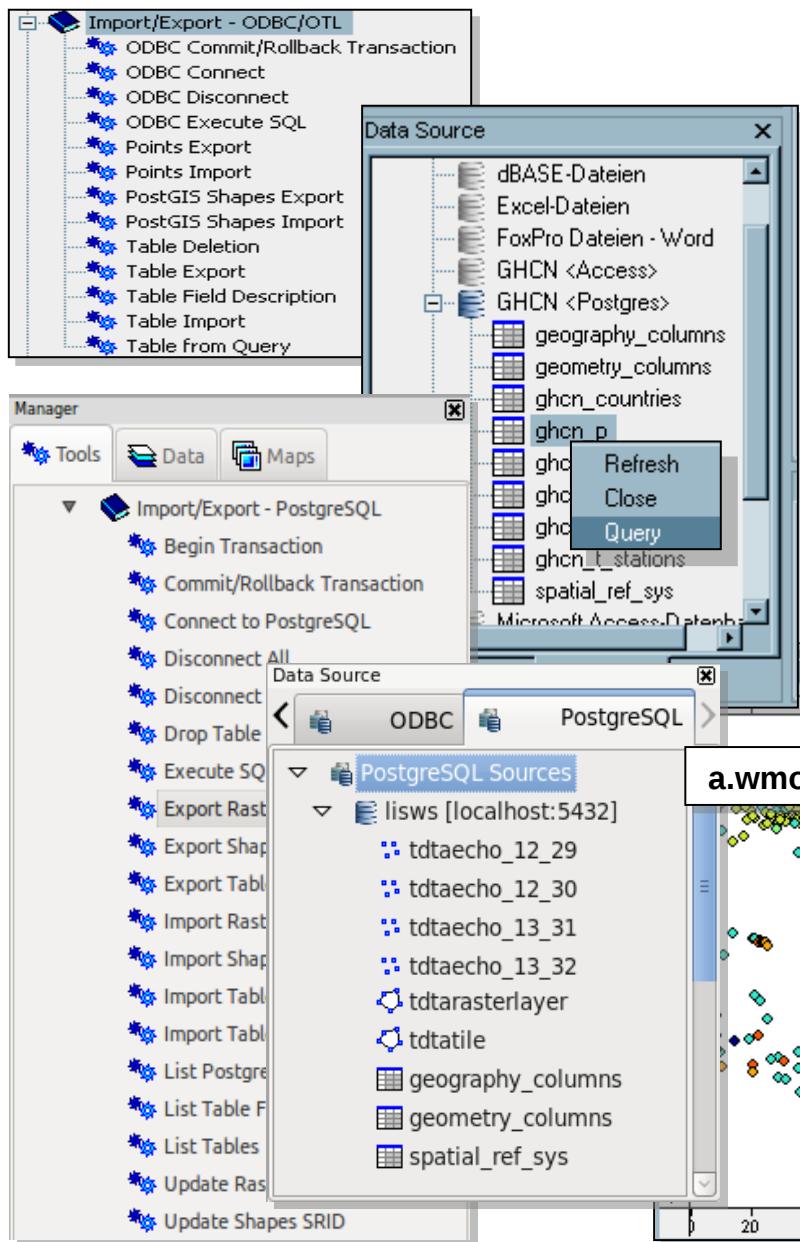
"I SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THIS TASK.
I SHOULD WRITE A PROGRAM AUTOMATING IT!"



Changes and New Features in the GUI

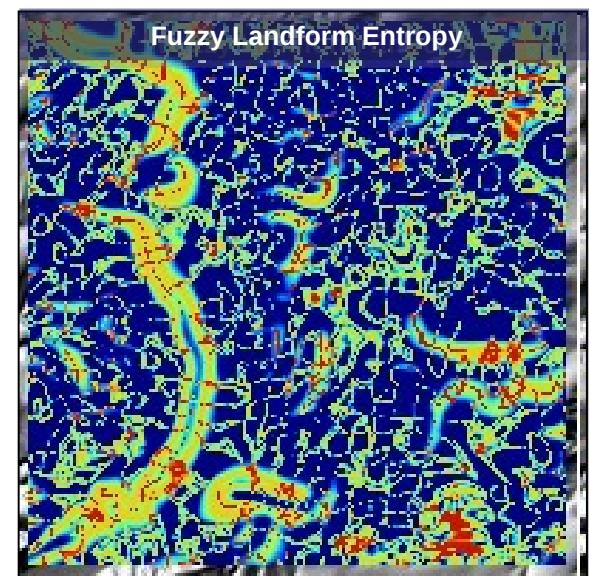
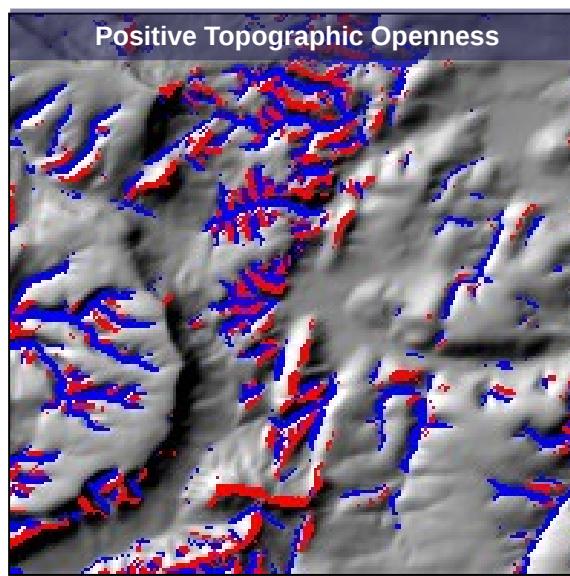
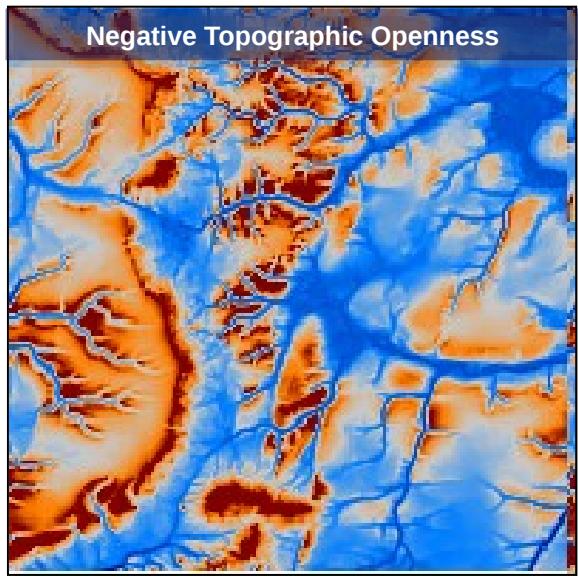
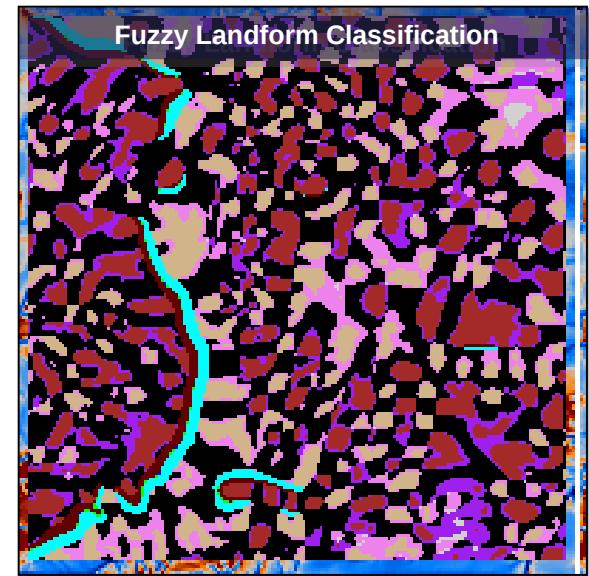
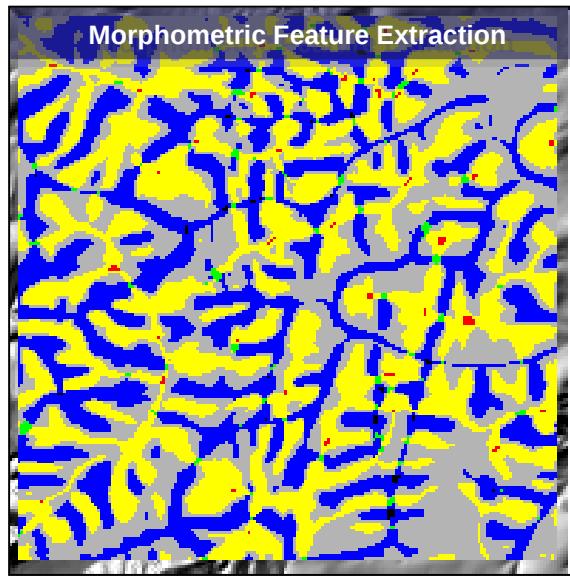
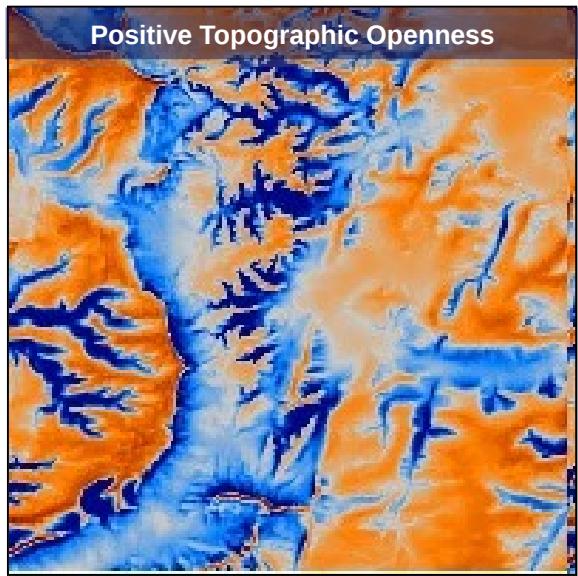


New Tools | Data Base Integration



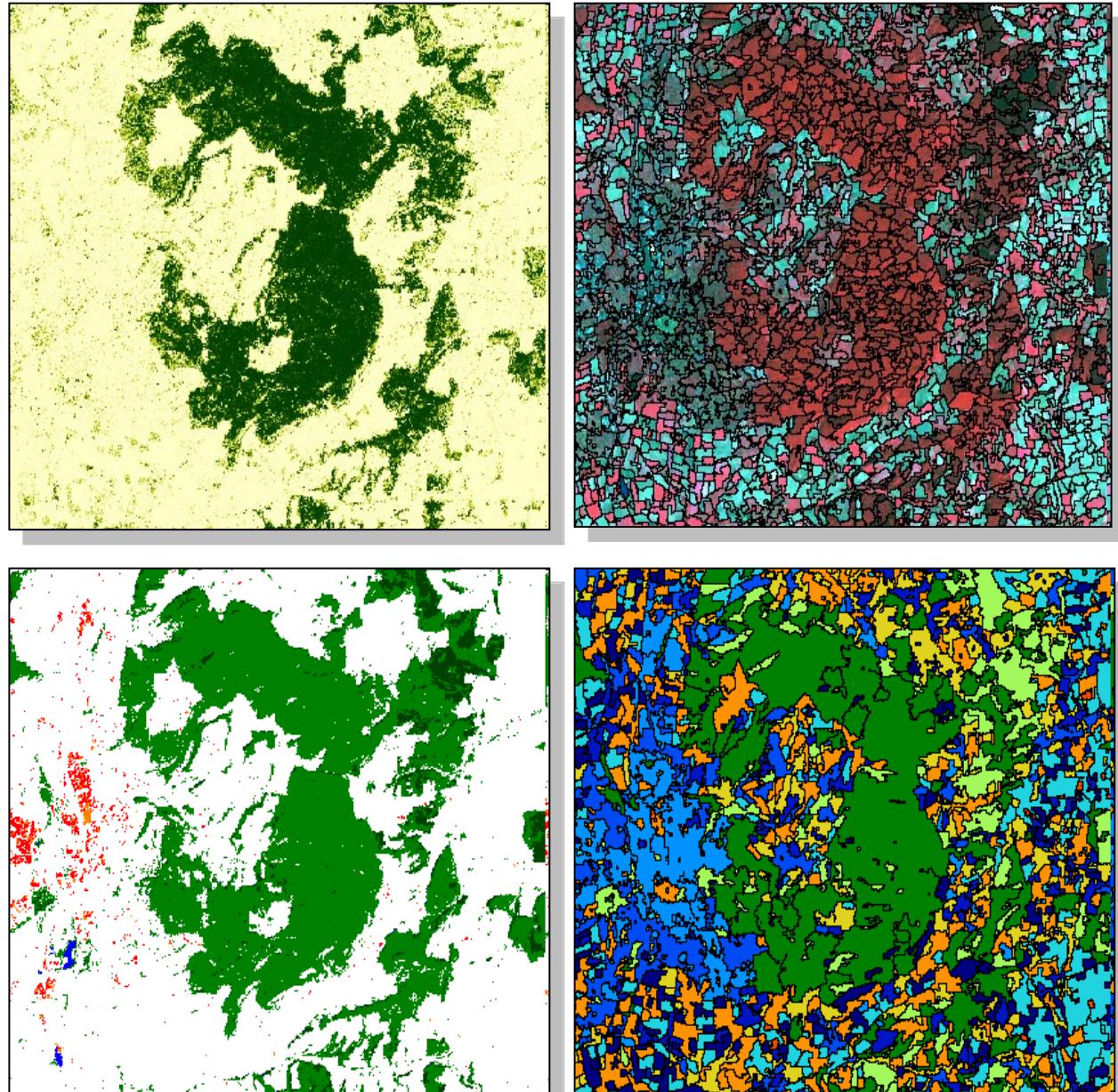
- Database access via Open Data Base Connection (ODBC) interface.
 - SQL – Structured Query Language
 - Problem: binary data types (e.g. BLOBS)
- PostgreSQL + PostGIS
 - Direct linking

New Tools | Terrain Analysis & Classification

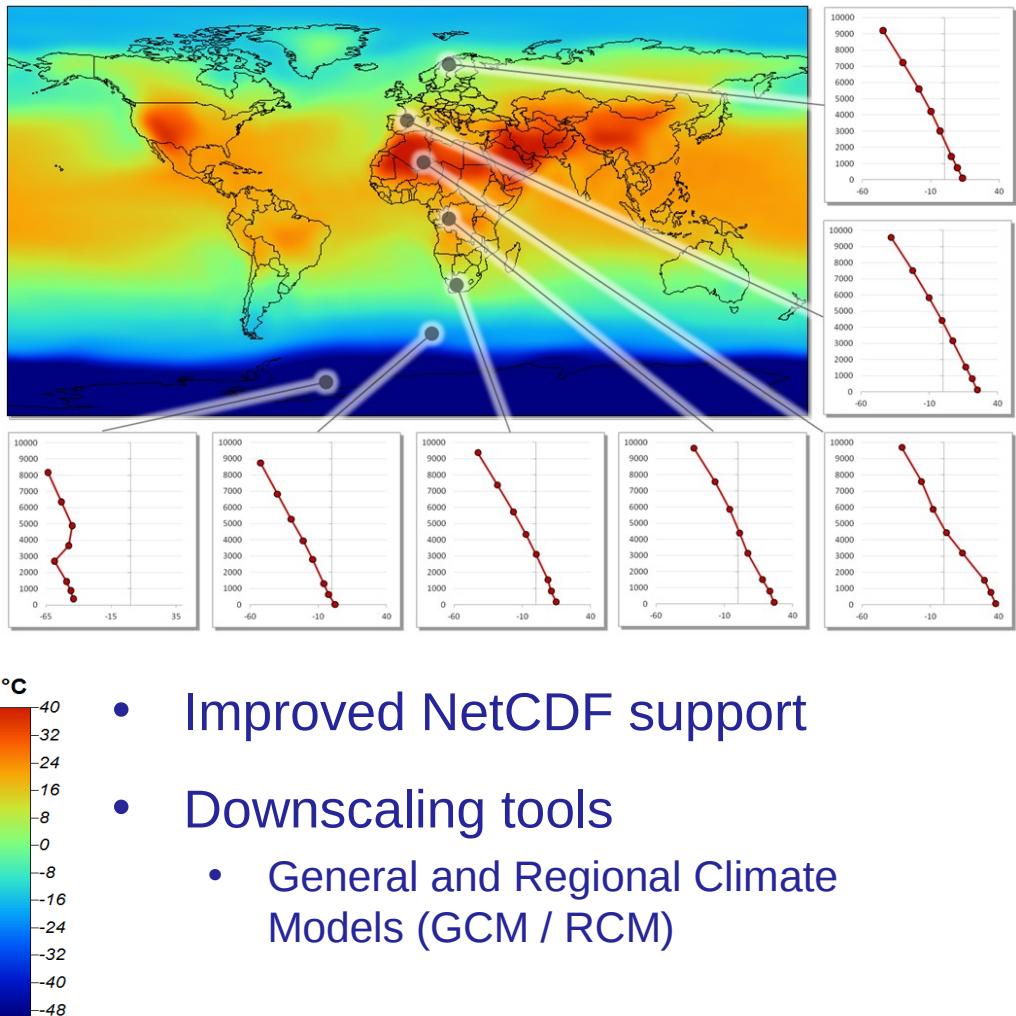
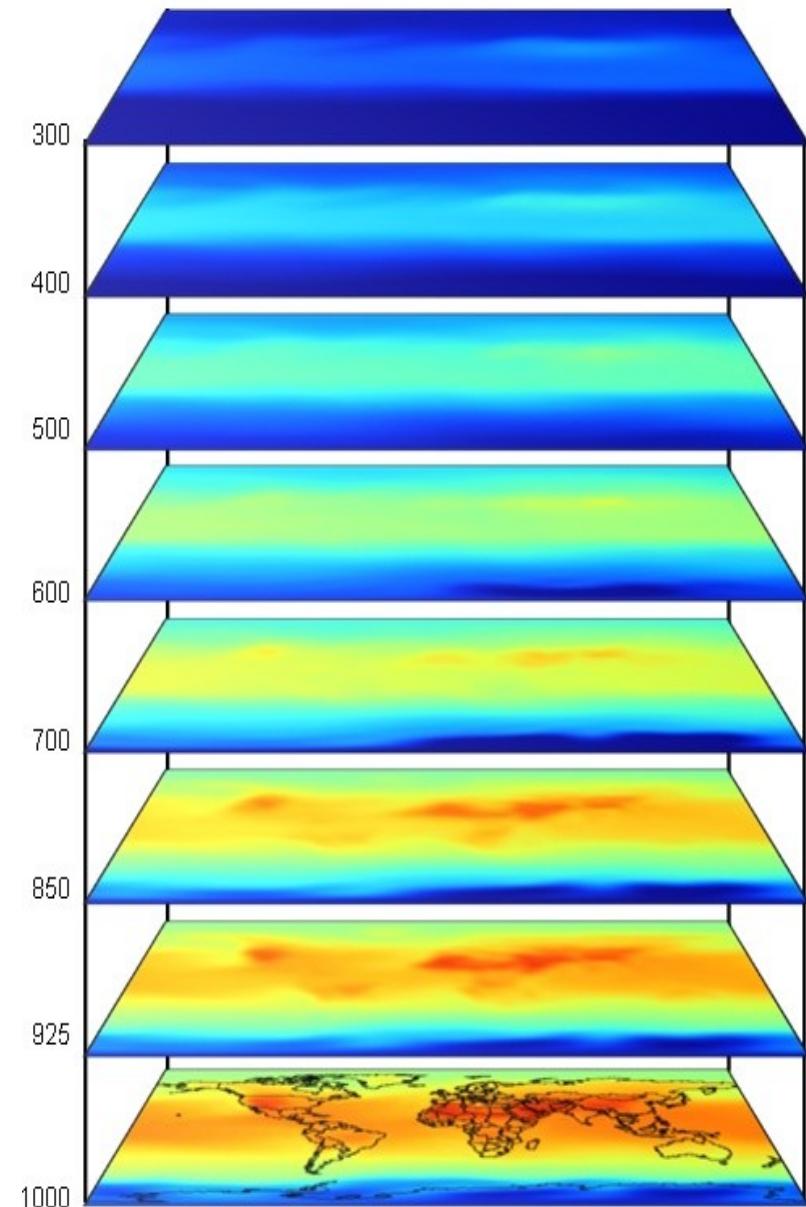


New Tools | Remote Sensing & Image Analysis

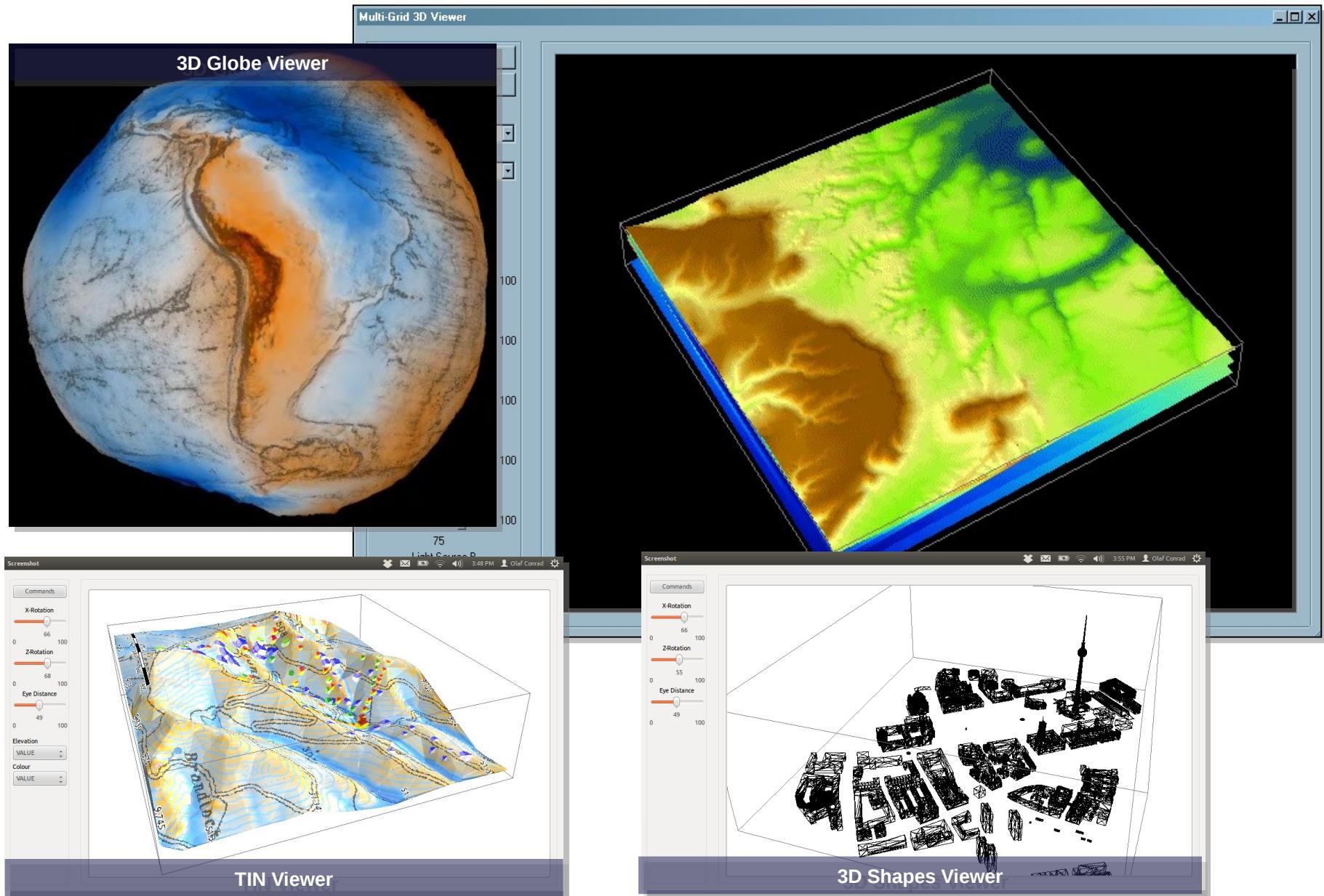
- Landsat Tools
 - Reflectance from metadata
 - Cloud Cover Assessment
- Orthorectification
 - From flight parameters
- Classification Tools
 - Support Vector Machine (SVM)
 - Maximum Entropy
 - Random Forest
 - OBIA



New Tools | Climate Data & Regionalization

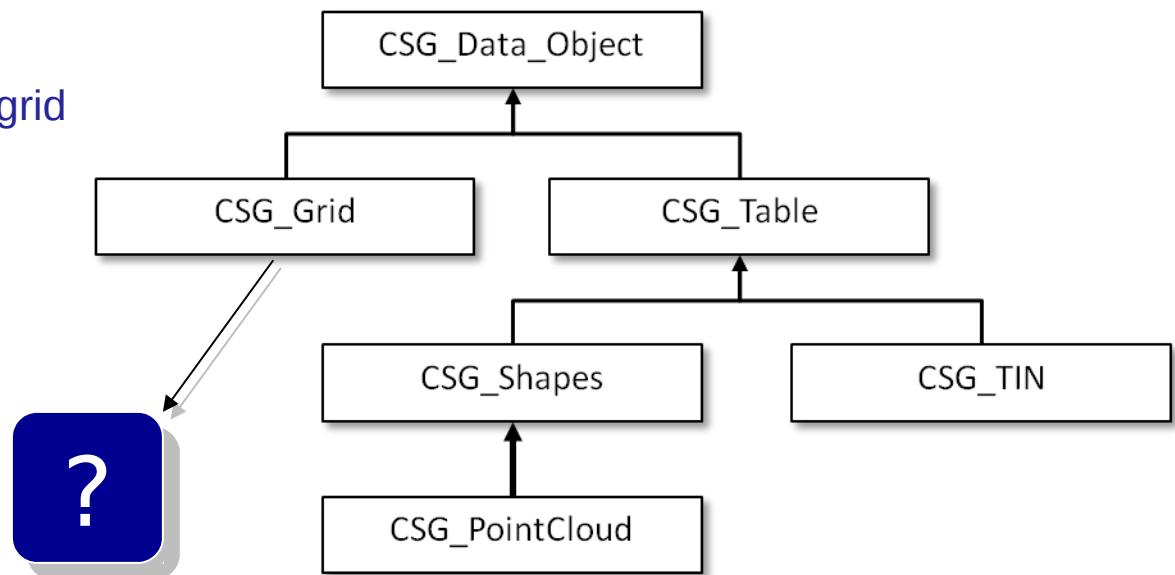
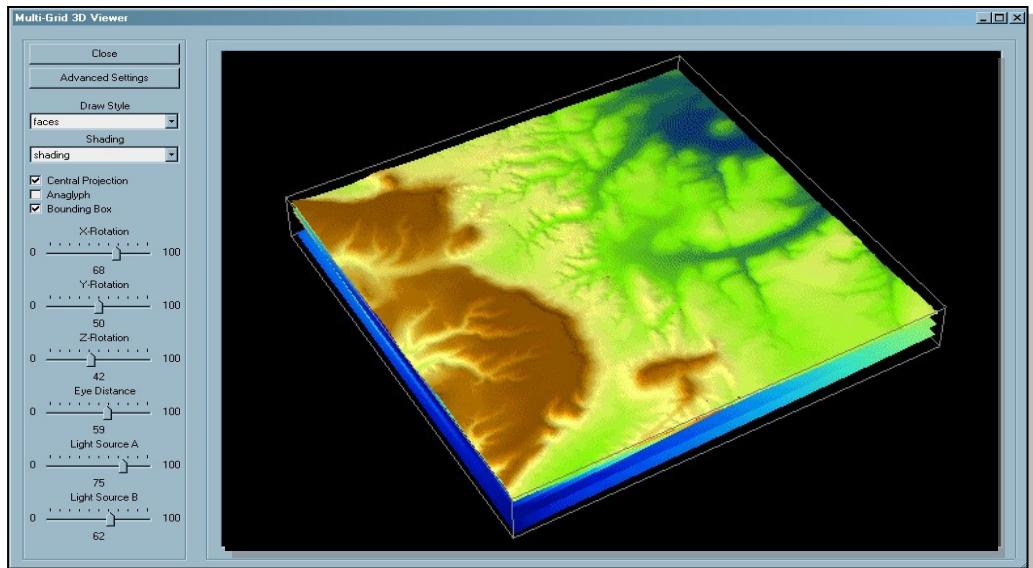


New Tools | 3D Viewer



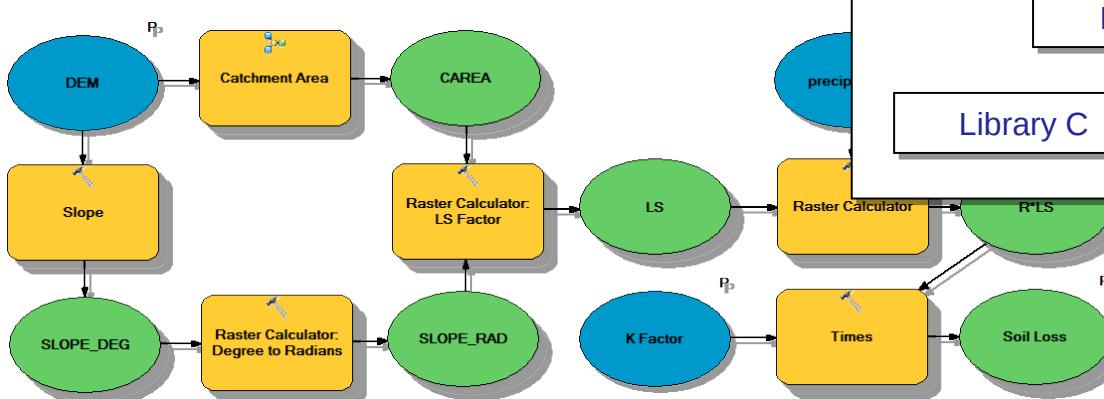
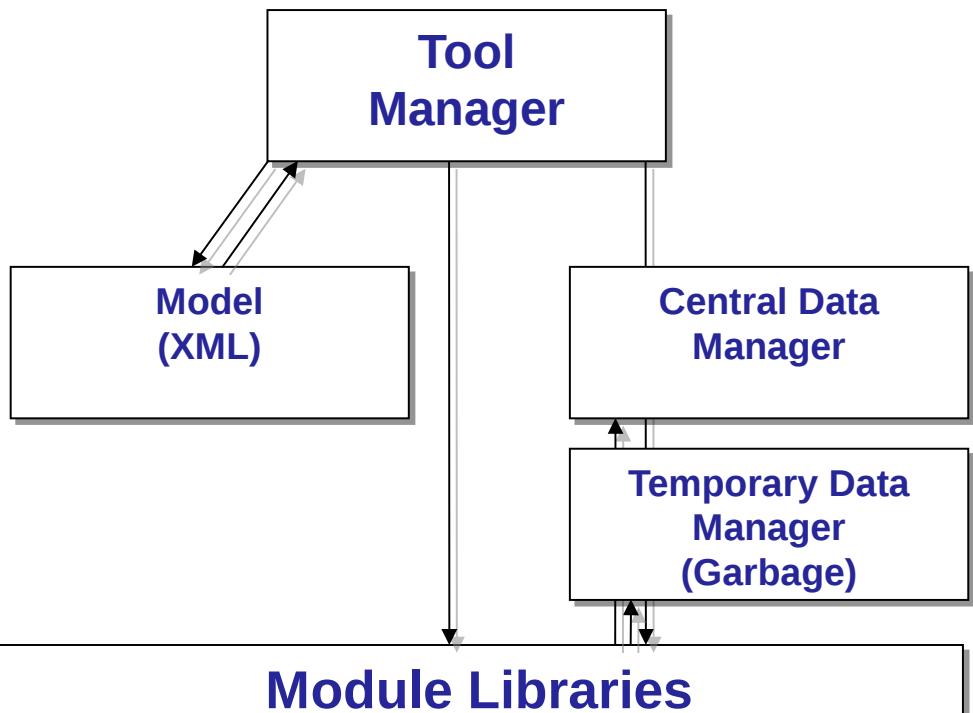
Outlook | Towards Multidimensional Raster

- There is a need for 'Multi-Raster'
 - Multi-/Hyperspectral Data
 - Remote Sensing
 - Volume Representation
 - Geology, Soils, Atmosphere
 - Time Series
- Points for discussion
 - Class inheritance
 - 3 or more dimensions
 - Visualisation tools
 - How to use with standard grid tools

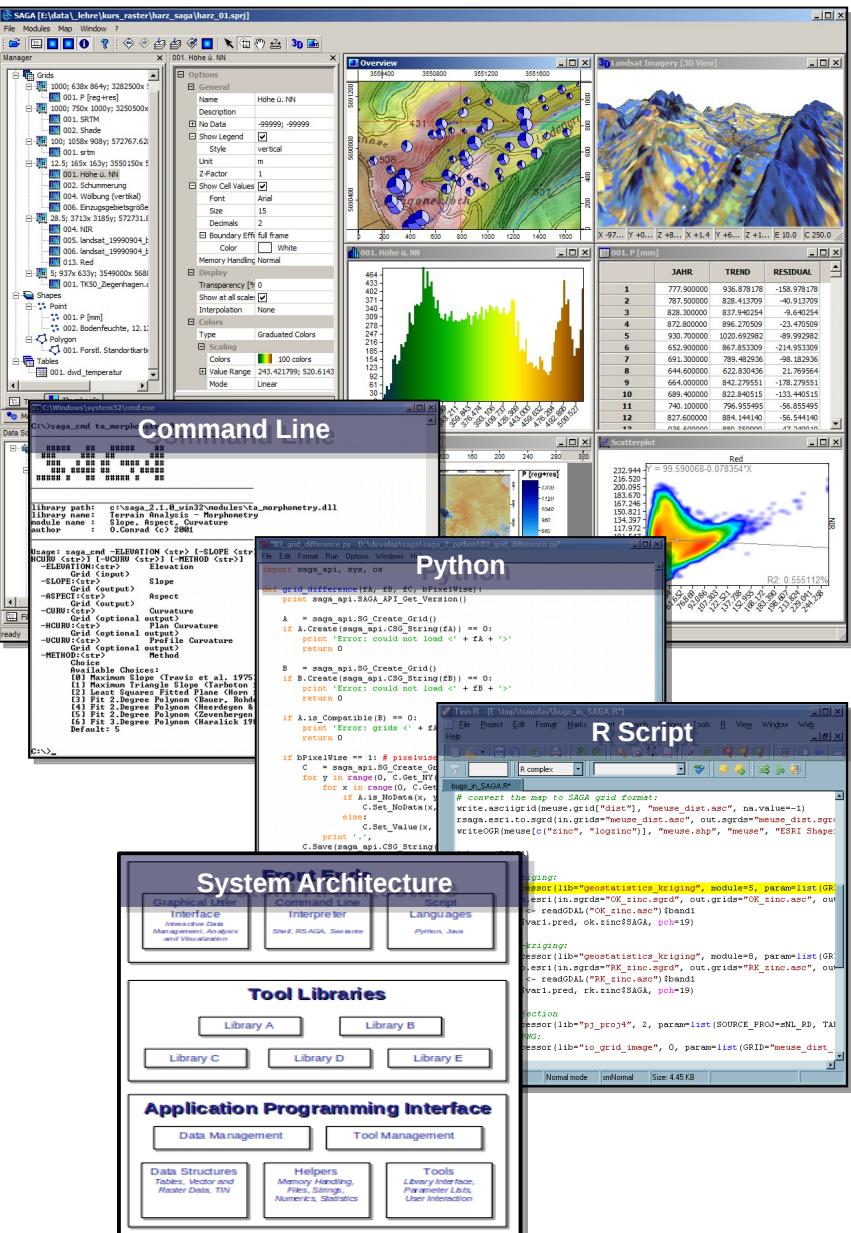


Outlook | Towards a SAGA Model Builder

- XML based definition
 - Model parameters
 - Which tools to use and how to combine them
- Interpretation by the Module Manager
 - Performs plausibility checks
 - Module execution
 - Temporary data to a garbage collector
- Model building
 - Typing XML code
 - From data set history
 - Visual model designer



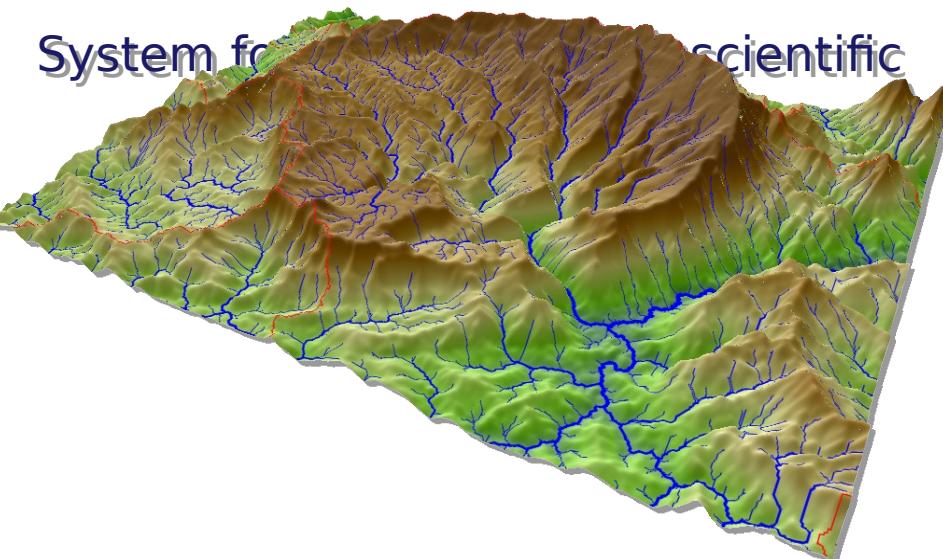
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Ways of Automation

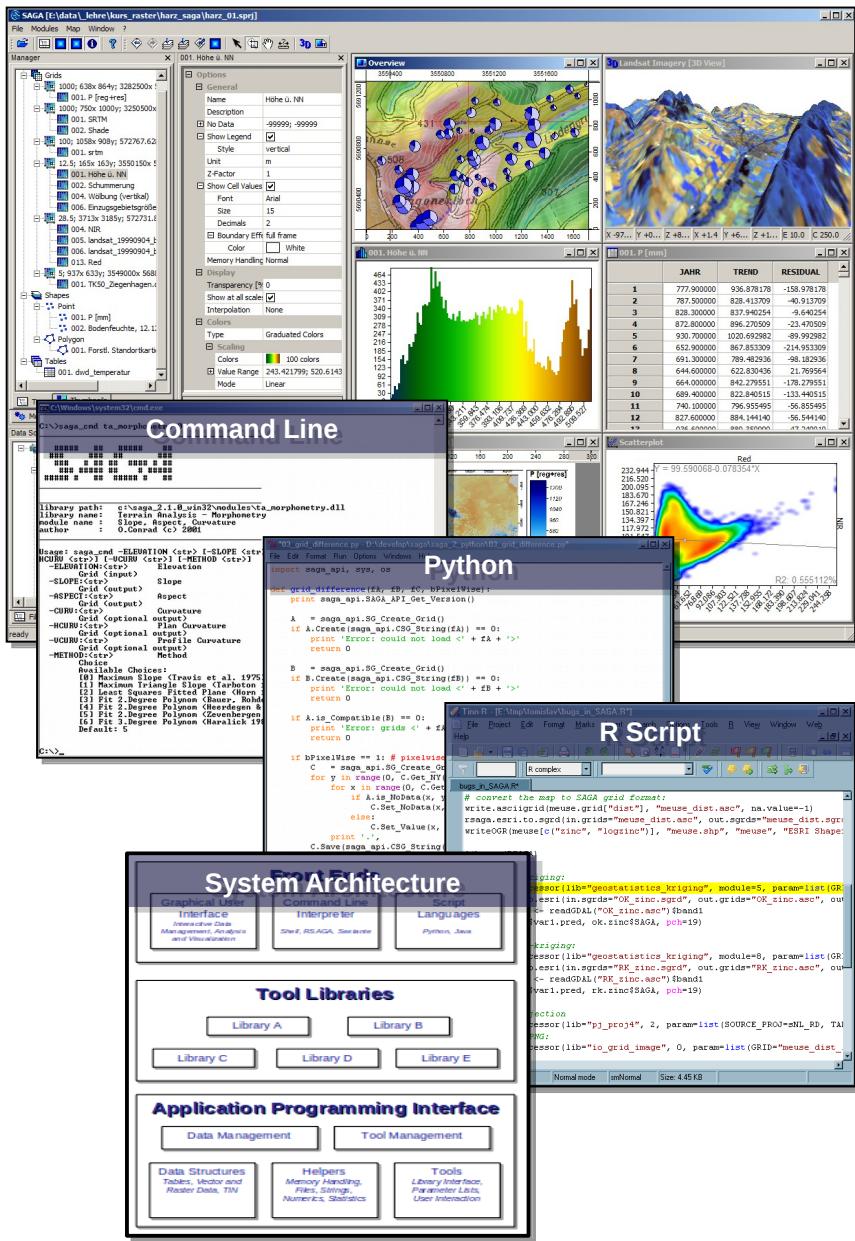
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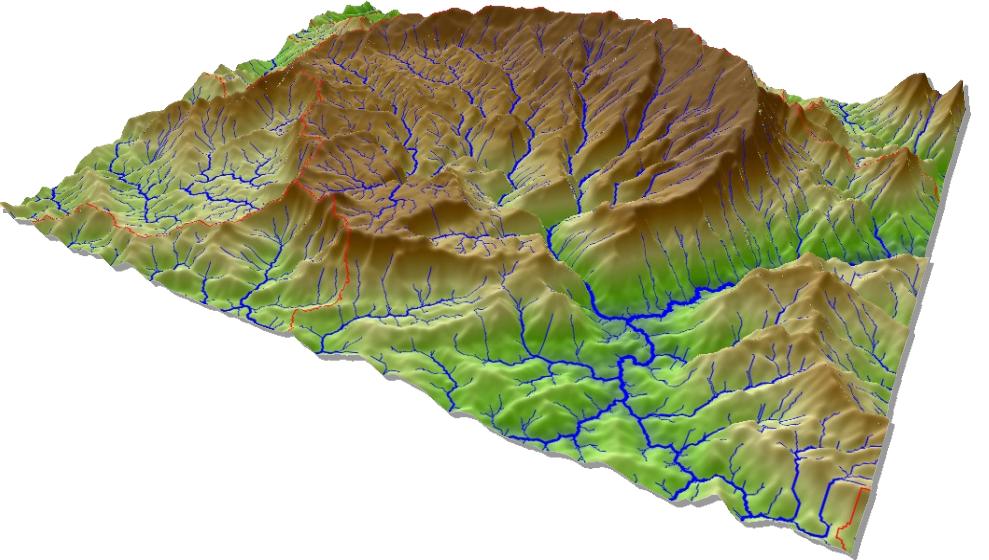
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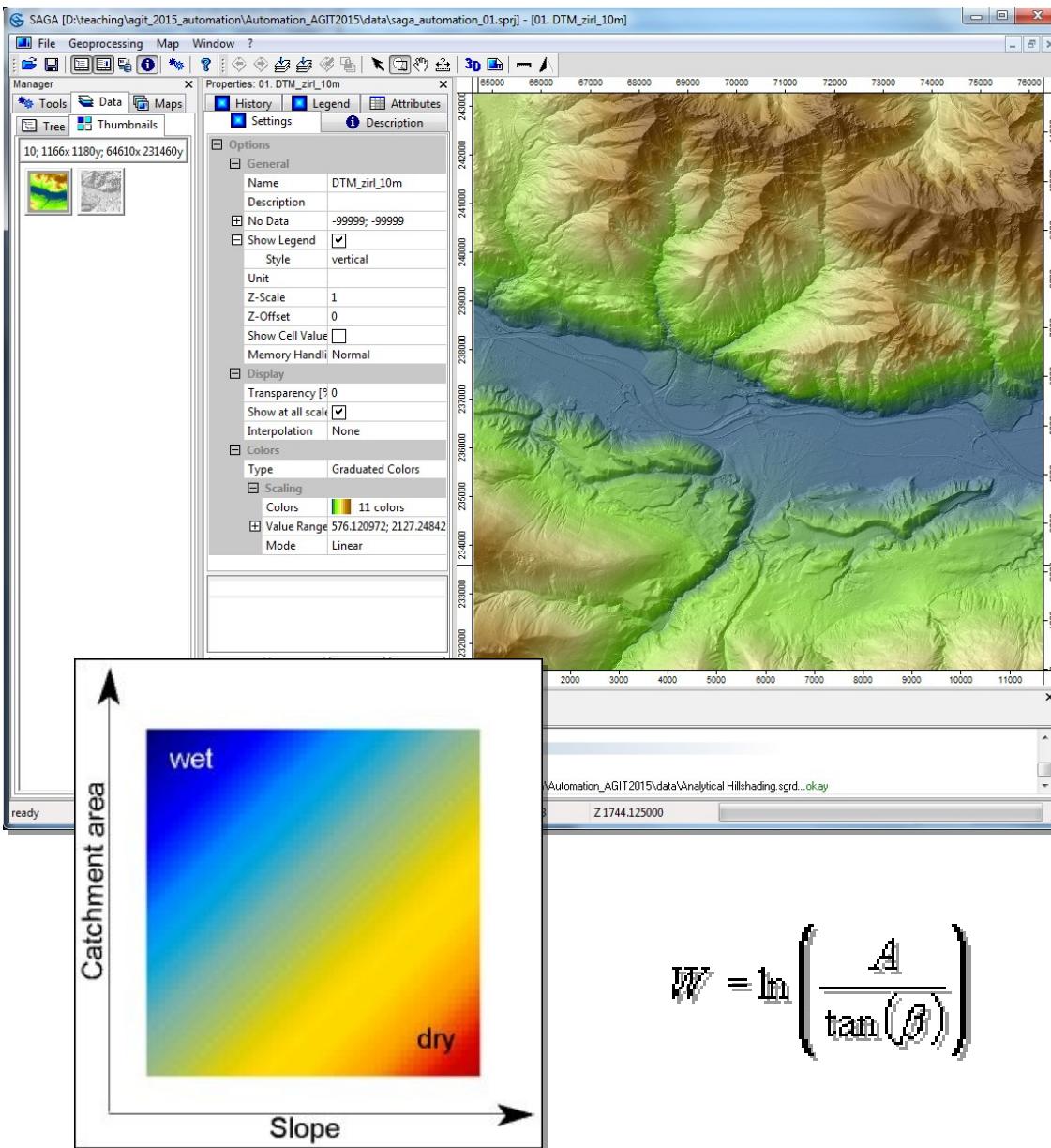


Ways of Automation

Tool Chains



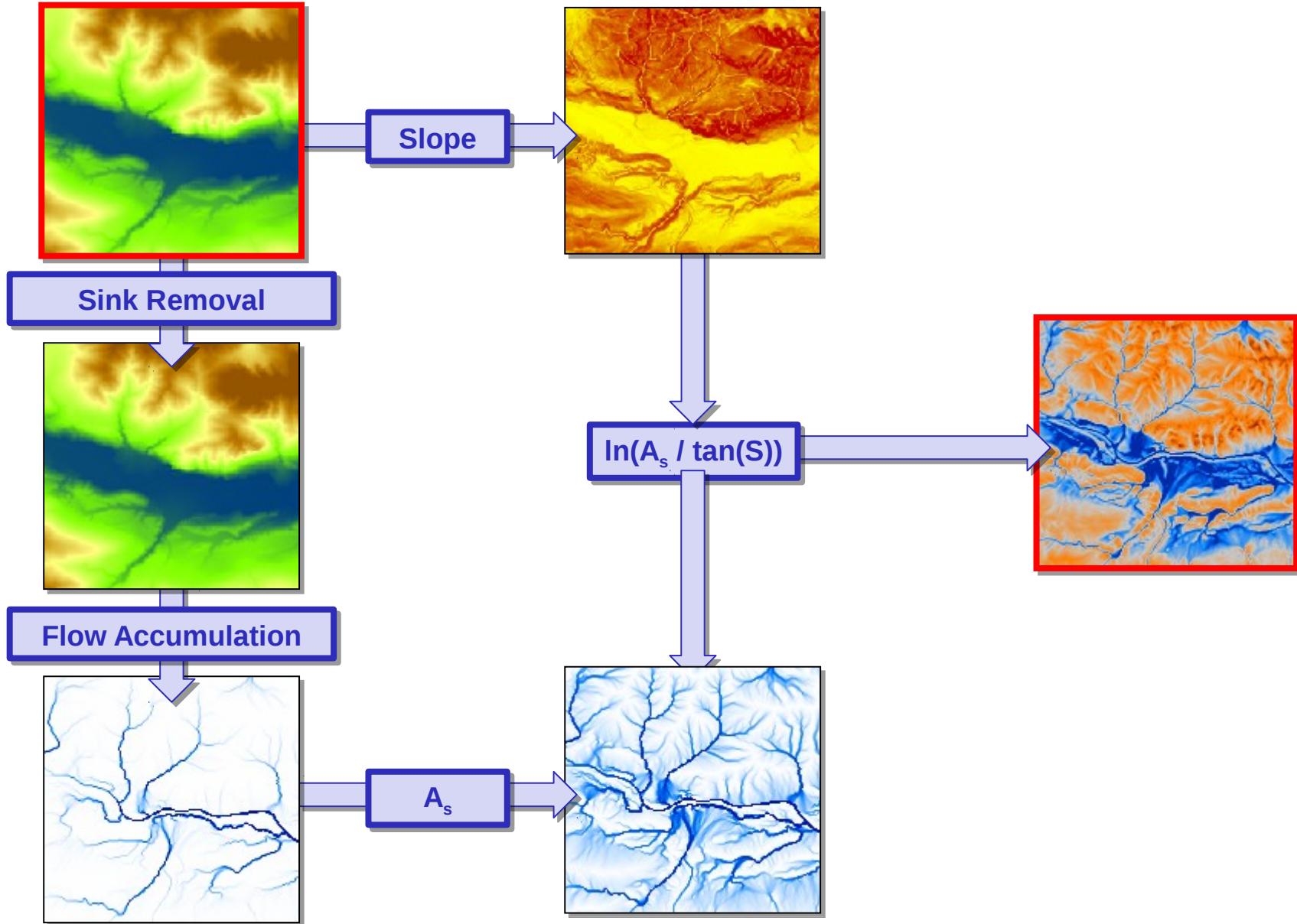
TWI | Topographic Wetness Index



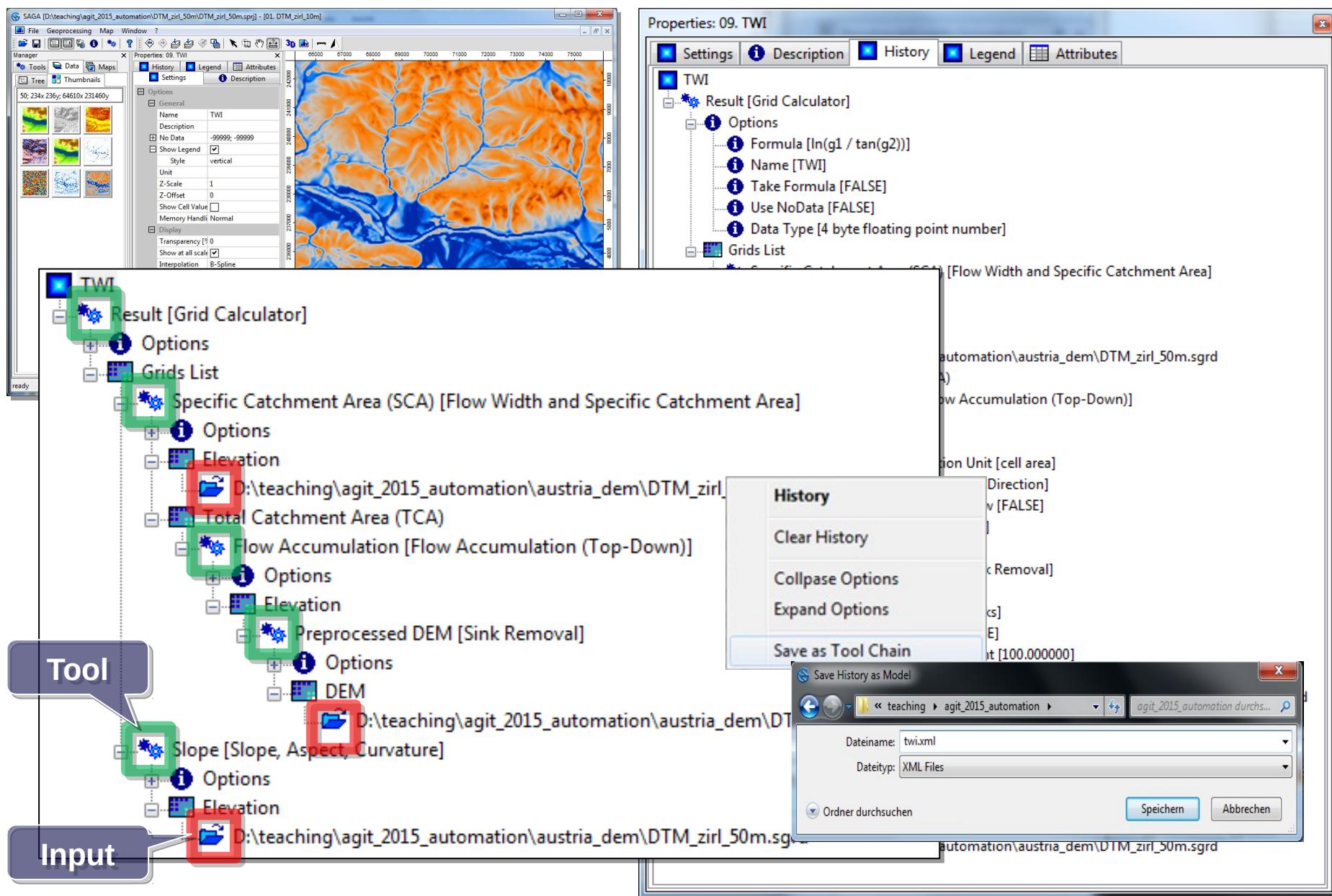
- $\text{TWI} = \log(\text{As} / \tan(\text{S}))$
 - As = Specific Catchment Area
 - S = Slope Angle
- Input Data
 - DEM
- Tools
 1. Slope, Aspect, Curvature
 2. Sink Removal
 3. Flow Accumulation
 4. Flow Width and Specific Catchment Area
 5. Grid Calculator

$$W = \ln \left(\frac{A}{\tan(\theta)} \right)$$

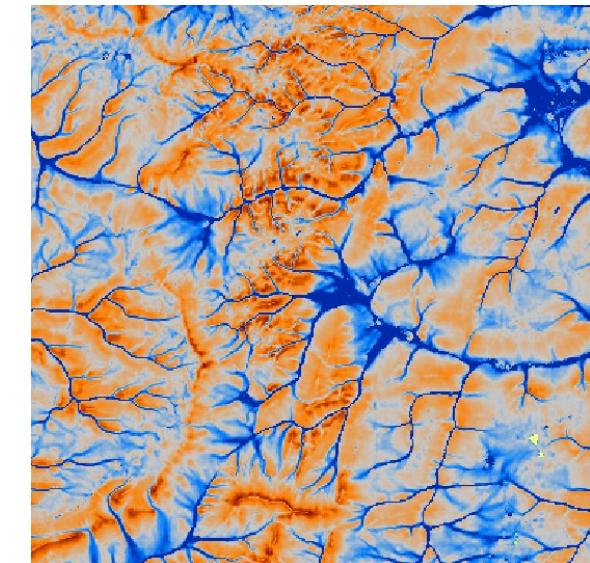
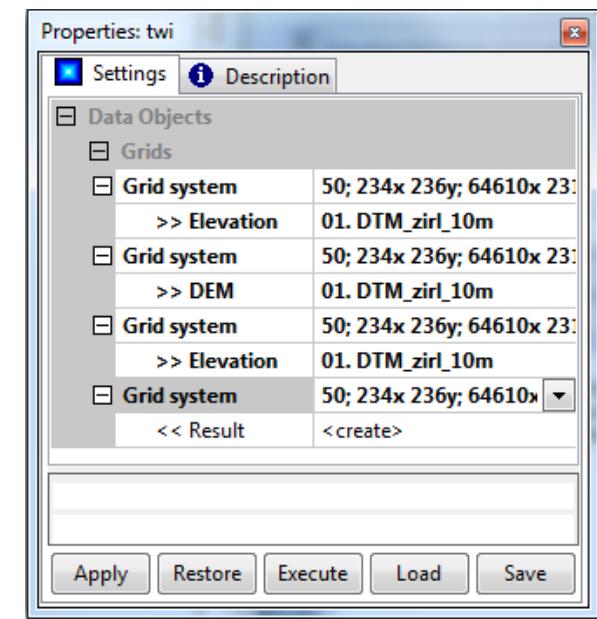
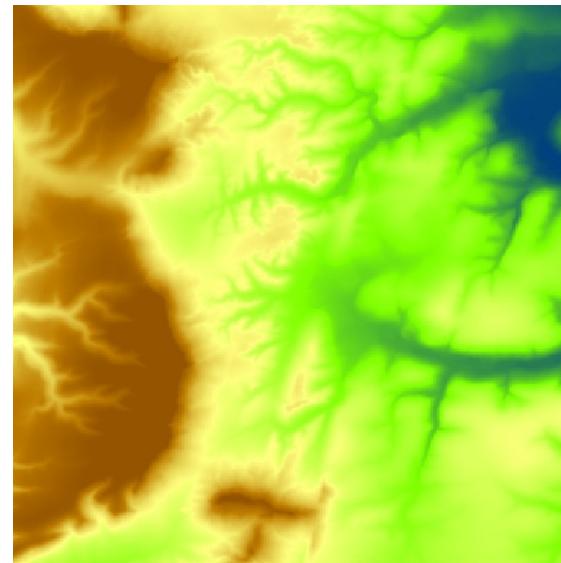
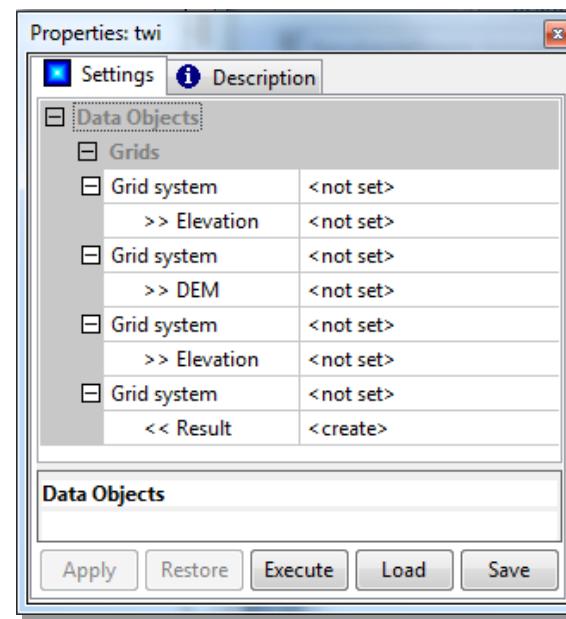
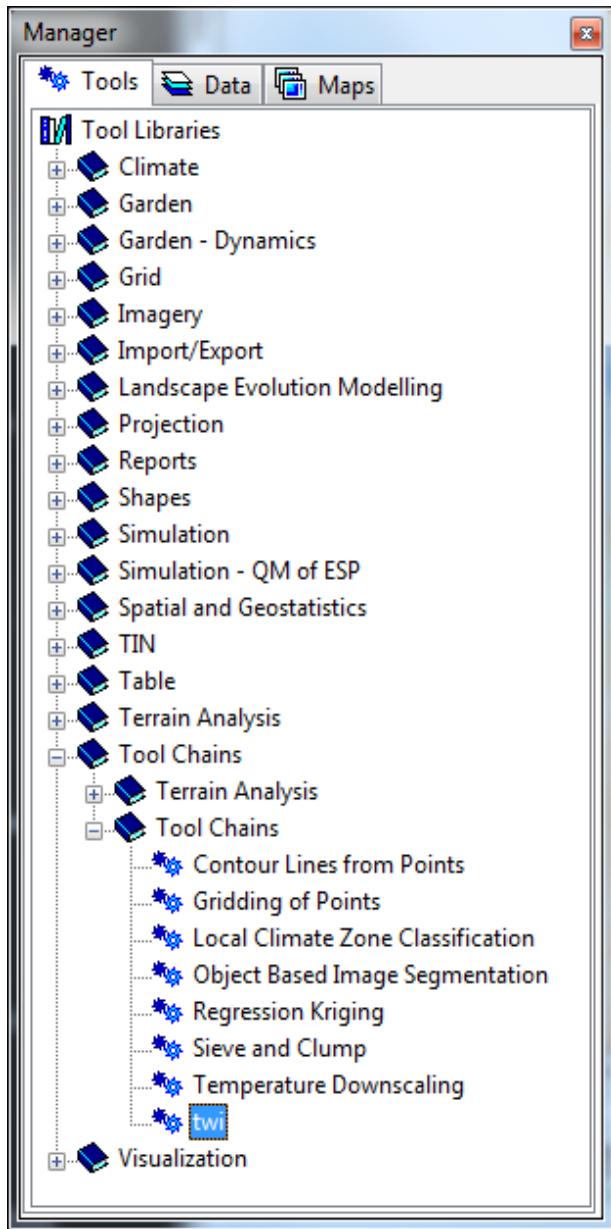
TWI | Workflow



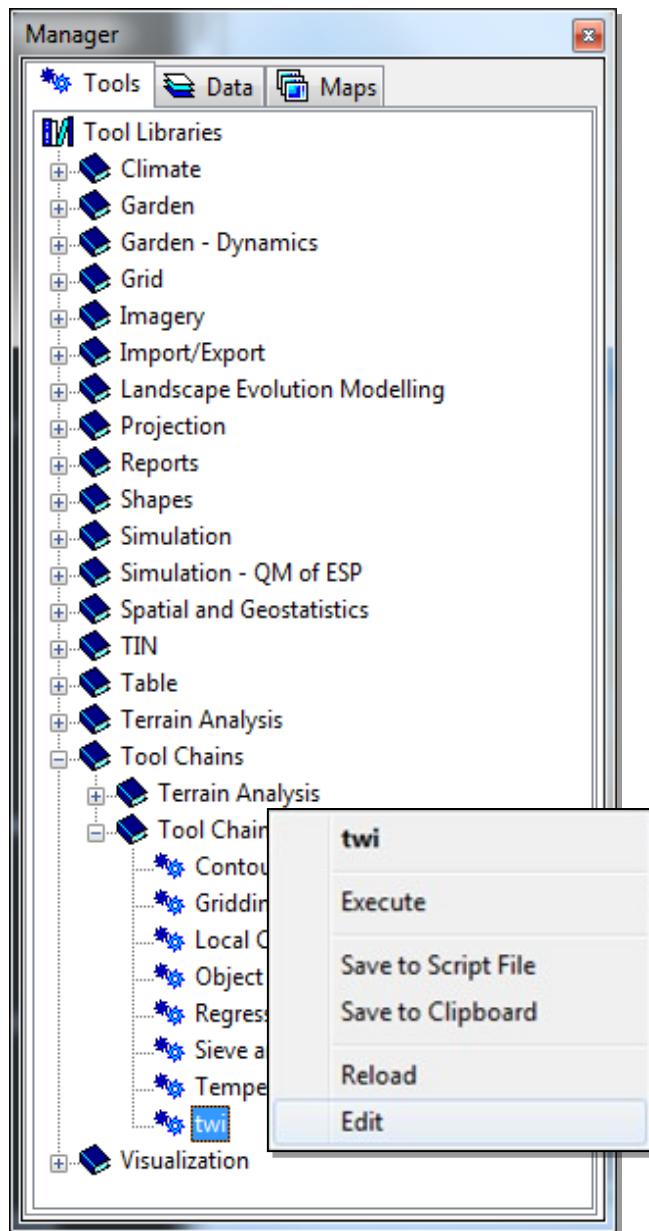
TWI | Creation History



TWI | Apply Tool Chain to Another Data Set



TWI | Edit Tool Chain



The screenshot shows a Notepad++ window displaying an XML file named 'twi.xml'. The XML code defines a toolchain named 'twi' with version '2.2.1'. It includes parameters for elevation inputs (varname="tool_05_ELEVATION" and varname="tool_04_DEM") and a result output (varname="tool_01_RESULT"). The code also specifies a tool (id="tool_05") from the 'ta_morphometry' library with module '0' and name 'Slope, As'. This tool has an output ('SLOPE'), several options ('METHOD', 'UNIT_SLOPE', 'UNIT_ASPECT'), and an input ('ELEVATION'). Another tool (id="tool_04") from the 'ta_preprocessor' library with module '2' and name 'Sink Ren' is also defined, with its own output ('DEM_PREPROC') and options ('METHOD', 'THRESHOLD', 'THRSHEIGHT').

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<toolchain saga-version="2.2.1">
  <group>toolchains</group>
  <identifier>twi</identifier>
  <name>twi</name>
  <description>created from history</description>
  <parameters>
    <input varname="tool_05_ELEVATION" type="grid">
      <name>Elevation</name>
    </input>
    <input varname="tool_04_DEM" type="grid">
      <name>DEM</name>
    </input>
    <input varname="tool_02_DEM" type="grid">
      <name>Elevation</name>
    </input>
    <output varname="tool_01_RESULT" type="grid">
      <name>Result</name>
    </output>
  </parameters>
  <tools>
    <tool id="tool_05" library="ta_morphometry" module="0" name="Slope, As">
      <output id="SLOPE">tool_05_SLOPE</output>
      <option id="METHOD">6</option>
      <option id="UNIT_SLOPE">0</option>
      <option id="UNIT_ASPECT">0</option>
      <input id="ELEVATION">tool_05_ELEVATION</input>
    </tool>
    <tool id="tool_04" library="ta_preprocessor" module="2" name="Sink Ren">
      <output id="DEM_PREPROC">tool_04_DEM_PREPROC</output>
      <option id="METHOD">1</option>
      <option id="THRESHOLD">FALSE</option>
      <option id="THRSHEIGHT">100.000000</option>
    </tool>
  </tools>
</toolchain>
```

Tool Chains | Main Structure

<toolchain>

- Attributes
 - saga-version
- Content
 - <group>
 - <identifier>
 - <name>
 - <author>
 - <description>
 - <menu>
 - <parameters>
 - <tools>

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<toolchain saga-version="2.2.1">
  <group>toolchains</group>
  <identifier>twi</identifier>
  <name>twi</name>
  <description>created from history</description>
  <parameters>
    <option varname="GRID_SYSTEM" type="grid_system">
      <input varname="DEM" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
      <output varname="TWI" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
    </parameters>
    <tools>
      <tool id="tool_05" library="ta_morphometry" module="0" name="Morphometric Tools" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <input varname="DEM" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <output varname="TWI" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
      <tool id="tool_04" library="ta_preprocessor" module="2" name="Preprocessor Tools" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <input varname="DEM" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <output varname="TWI" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
      <tool id="tool_03" library="ta_hydrology" module="0" name="Hydrology Tools" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <input varname="DEM" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <output varname="TWI" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
      <tool id="tool_02" library="ta_hydrology" module="19" name="Hydrology Tools" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <input varname="DEM" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <output varname="TWI" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
      <tool id="tool_01" library="grid_calculus" module="1" name="Grid Calculus Tools" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <input varname="DEM" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
        <output varname="TWI" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
    </tools>
  </toolchain>
```

Tool Chains | General Key Words

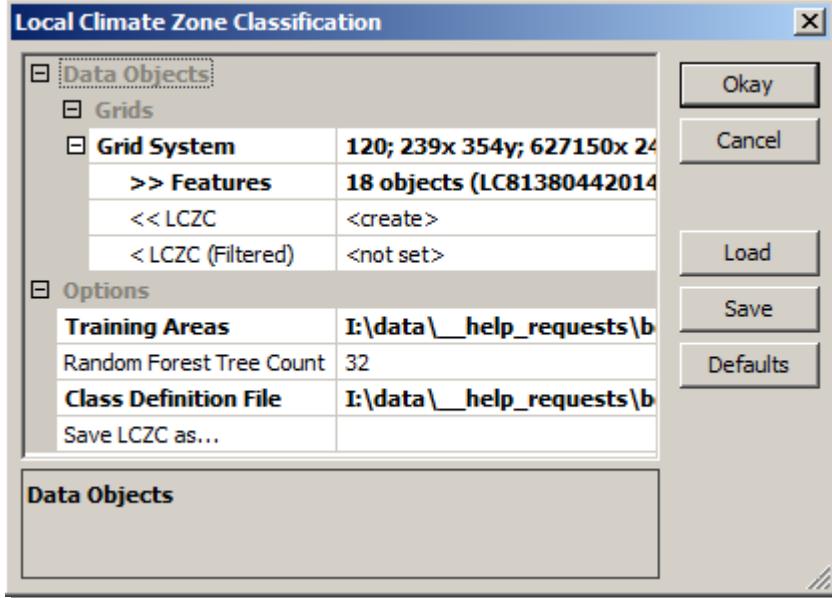
- <group>
 - Content: A category to which the tool belongs to
- <identifier> [obligatory]
 - Content: unique(!) id, used to identify and run the tool from other scripts or tool chains
- <name>
 - Content: human readable name of the tool
- <author>
 - Content: the authors, copyrights, ...
- <description>
 - Content: more explicit description.
- <menu>
 - Attributes:
 - absolute=true/false (default=false)
 - Content: menu path of the tool (saga_gui)

Tool Chains | The Parameters Interface

<parameters>

Content

- <input>
- <output>
- <option>



```

<parameters>
  <option varname="GRID_SYSTEM" type="grid_system">
    <name>Grid System</name>
  </option>
  <option varname="FILE_TRAINING" type="file">
    <name>Training Areas</name>
    <filter>KML/RMZ Files|*.kml;*.kmz|All Files|*.*</filter>
  </option>
  <option varname="RF_TREE_COUNT" type="integer">
    <name>Random Forest Tree Count</name>
    <value min="1">32</value>
    <description>How many trees to create?</description>
  </option>
  <option varname="FILTER_RADIUS" type="integer">
    <condition type="exists">LCZC_FILTERED</condition>
    <name>Majority Filter Radius</name>
    <value min="1">2</value>
  </option>
  <option varname="FILE_CLASS_DEF" type="file">
    <name>Class Definition File</name>
    <filter>Table Files|*.txt;*.dbf;*.csv|All Files|*.*</filter>
  </option>
  <option varname="FILE_LCZC" type="file" save="true">
    <name>Save LCZC as...</name>
    <value></value>
    <filter>KMZ Files|*.kmz|All Files|*.*</filter>
  </option>
  <option varname="FILE_LCZC_FILTERED" type="file" save="true">
    <condition type="exists">LCZC_FILTERED</condition>
    <name>Save LCZC (Filtered) as...</name>
    <value></value>
    <filter>KMZ Files|*.kmz|All Files|*.*</filter>
  </option>
  <input varname="FEATURES" type="grid_list" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
    <name>Features</name>
  </input>
  <output varname="LCZC" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
    <name>LCZC</name>
  </output>
  <output varname="LCZC_FILTERED" type="grid" optional="true" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
    <name>LCZC (Filtered)</name>
  </output>
</parameters>

```

Tool Chains | Input & Output Data

<input>, <output>

- Attributes
 - varname: unique(!) variable id
 - type: data set type
 - parent: e.g. a single grid system for grids
- Content
 - <condition>
 - conditionally en-/disable the parameter
 - <name>
 - human readable name
 - <description>
 - more explicit parameter description

Type	
grid	
table	
shapes	
tin	
points	
grid_list	
table_list	
shapes_list	
tin_list	
points_list	

Tool Chains | Options

<option>

- **Attributes**
 - varname: unique(!) variable id
 - type: variable type
 - parent: e.g. a table for table field selection
- **Content**
 - <condition>
 - conditionally en-/disable the parameter
 - <name>
 - human readable name
 - <description>
 - more explicit parameter description
 - <...>
 - dependent on the option type, various type specific attributes and content keys might apply, e.g.:
 - <value> default value for numeric and text variables
 - <filter> format filter for file selection

Type	
node	
boolean	
integer	
double	
degree	
range	
choice	
text	
long_text	
file	
table_field	
table_fields	
grid_system	

Tool Chains | The Tools Section

<tools>

- Content

- <tool>
- <condition>

```
<tools>
  <tool library="ta_morphometry" module="0" name="Slope, Aspect, Curvature">
  <tool library="ta_preprocessor" module="2" name="Sink Removal">
  <tool library="ta_hydrology" module="0" name="Flow Accumulation (Top-Down)">
  <tool library="ta_hydrology" module="19" name="Flow Width and Specific Cat">
  <tool library="grid_calculus" module="1" name="Grid Calculator">
</tools>
```

<tool>

- Attributes

- library: tool library of the tool
- module: tool identifier (unique!)
- name: unused, good for better reading

- Content

- <input>/<output>/<option>

- Attributes
 - id: tool's parameter identifier
 - varname=true/false (options only, default=false)
- Content
 - varname or value (options only)

```
<tool library="ta_morphometry" module="0" name="Slope, Aspect, Curvature">
  <output id="SLOPE">tool_05_SLOPE</output>
  <input id="ELEVATION">DEM</input>
  <option id="METHOD">6</option>
  <option id="UNIT_SLOPE">0</option>
  <option id="UNIT_ASPECT">0</option>
</tool>
```

TWI | One Single Input instead of Three

The diagram illustrates two different ways to define parameters for a TWI (Topographic Wetness Index) analysis using SAGA tools.

Left Configuration:

```

<parameters>
  <input varname="tool_05_ELEVATION" type="grid">
    <name>Elevation</name>
  </input>
  <input varname="tool_04_DEM" type="grid">
    <name>DEM</name>
  </input>
  <input varname="tool_02_DEM" type="grid">
    <name>Elevation</name>
  </input>
  <output varname="tool_01_RESULT" type="grid">
    <name>Result</name>
  </output>
</parameters>
<tools>
  <tool id="tool_05" library="ta_morphometry" module="0">
    <output id="SLOPE">tool_05_SLOPE</output>
    <option id="METHOD">6</option>
    <option id="UNIT_SLOPE">0</option>
    <option id="UNIT_ASPECT">0</option>
    <input id="ELEVATION">tool_05_ELEVATION</input>
  </tool>
  <tool id="tool_04" library="ta_preprocessor" module="2">
    <output id="DEM">tool_04_DEM</output>
    <option id="METHOD">1</option>
    <option id="THRESHOLD">FALSE</option>
    <option id="THRSHEIGHT">100.000000</option>
    <input id="DEM">tool_05_ELEVATION</input>
  </tool>

```

A screenshot of the SAGA interface shows the 'Properties: twi' dialog for the first tool. In the 'Data Objects' tab, there are three entries under 'Grids': 'Elevation' (not set), 'DEM' (not set), and 'Result' (<create>).

Right Configuration:

```

<parameters>
  <input varname="DEM" type="grid">
    <name>Elevation</name>
  </input>
  <output varname="tool_01_RESULT" type="grid">
    <name>Result</name>
  </output>
</parameters>
<tools>
  <tool id="tool_05" library="ta_morphometry" module="0">
    <output id="SLOPE">tool_05_SLOPE</output>
    <option id="METHOD">6</option>
    <option id="UNIT_SLOPE">0</option>
    <option id="UNIT_ASPECT">0</option>
    <input id="ELEVATION">DEM</input>
  </tool>
  <tool id="tool_04" library="ta_preprocessor" module="2">
    <output id="DEM_PREPROC">tool_04_DEM_PREPROC</output>
    <option id="METHOD">1</option>
    <option id="THRESHOLD">FALSE</option>
    <option id="THRSHEIGHT">100.000000</option>
    <input id="DEM">DEM</input>
  </tool>

```

A screenshot of the SAGA interface shows the 'Properties: twi' dialog for the second tool. In the 'Data Objects' tab, there are two entries under 'Grids': 'DEM' (not set) and 'Result' (<create>).

Note: A callout bubble highlights the 'DEM' input in the right configuration, with the text: "One single input grid named 'DEM'".

TWI | Using One Single Grid System for Input and Output

```

<parameters>
  <input varname="DEM" type="grid">
    <name>Elevation</name>
  </input>
  <output varname="tool_01_RESULT" type="grid">
    <name>Result</name>
  </output>
</parameters>
<tools>
  <tool id="tool_05" library="ta_morphometry" module="0">
    <output id="SLOPE">tool_05_SLOPE</output>
    <option id="METHOD">6</option>
    <option id="UNIT_SLOPE">0</option>
    <option id="UNIT_ASPECT">0</option>
    <input id="ELEVATION">DEM</input>
  </tool>
  <tool id="tool_04" library="ta_preprocessor" module="2">
    <output id="DEM_PREPROC">tool_04_DEM_PREPROC</output>
    <option id="METHOD">1</option>
    <option id="THRESHOLD">FALSE</option>
    <option id="THRSHEIGHT">100.000000</option>
    <input id="DEM">DEM</input>
  </tool>
  <tool id="tool_03" library="ta_hydrology" module="0" name="Tool 03">
    <tool id="tool_02" library="ta_hydrology" module="19" name="Tool 02">
      <output id="SCA">tool_02_SCA</output>
      <option id="METHOD">2</option>
      <input id="DEM">DEM</input>
      <input id="TCA">tool_03_CAREA</input>
    </tool>
  </tool>
</tools>

```

One single grid system as parent for all grids

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<toolchain saga-version="2.2.1">
  <group>toolchains</group>
  <identifier>twi</identifier>
  <name>twi</name>
  <description>created from history</description>
  <parameters>
    <option varname="GRID_SYSTEM" type="grid_system">
      <name>Grid System</name>
    </option>
    <input varname="DEM" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
      <name>Elevation</name>
    </input>
    <output varname="TWI" type="grid" parent="GRID_SYSTEM">
      <name>Result</name>
    </output>
  </parameters>
  <tools>
    <tool id="tool_05" library="ta_morphometry" module="0" name="Tool 05">
      <tool id="t1" library="ta_morphometry" module="0" name="Tool 1">
        <tool id="t2" library="ta_morphometry" module="1" name="Tool 2">
          <output id="SLOPE">tool_05_SLOPE</output>
          <option id="METHOD">6</option>
          <option id="UNIT_SLOPE">0</option>
          <option id="UNIT_ASPECT">0</option>
          <input id="ELEVATION">DEM</input>
        </tool>
      </tool>
    </tool>
    <tool id="tool_04" library="ta_preprocessor" module="2" name="Tool 04">
      <tool id="t1" library="ta_preprocessor" module="2" name="Tool 1">
        <tool id="t2" library="ta_preprocessor" module="1" name="Tool 2">
          <output id="DEM_PREPROC">tool_04_DEM_PREPROC</output>
          <option id="METHOD">1</option>
          <option id="THRESHOLD">FALSE</option>
          <option id="THRSHEIGHT">100.000000</option>
          <input id="DEM">DEM</input>
        </tool>
      </tool>
    </tool>
    <tool id="tool_03" library="ta_hydrology" module="0" name="Tool 03">
      <tool id="tool_02" library="ta_hydrology" module="19" name="Tool 02">
        <output id="SCA">tool_02_SCA</output>
        <option id="METHOD">2</option>
        <input id="DEM">DEM</input>
        <input id="TCA">tool_03_CAREA</input>
      </tool>
    </tool>
  </tools>
</toolchain>

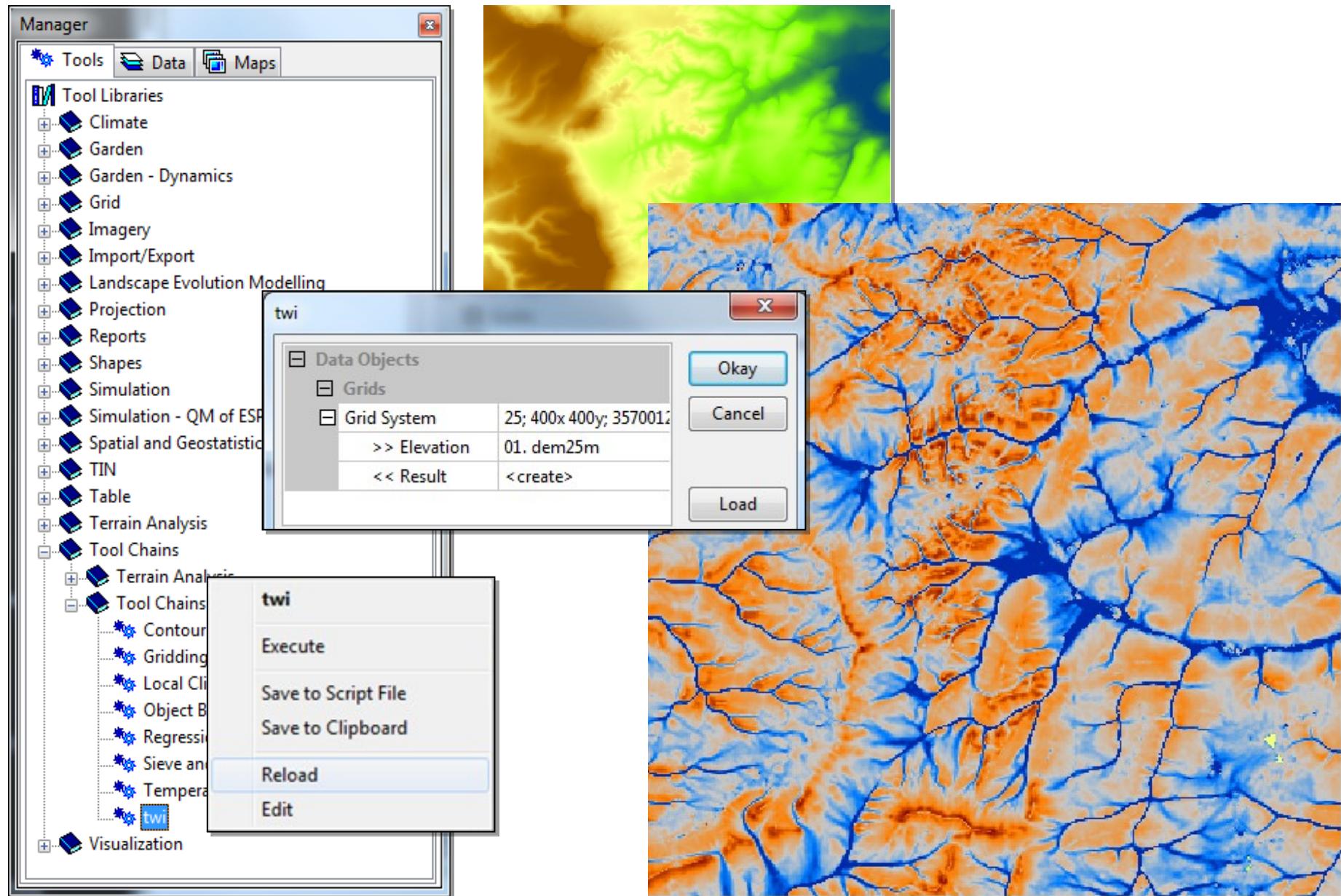
```

Properties: twi

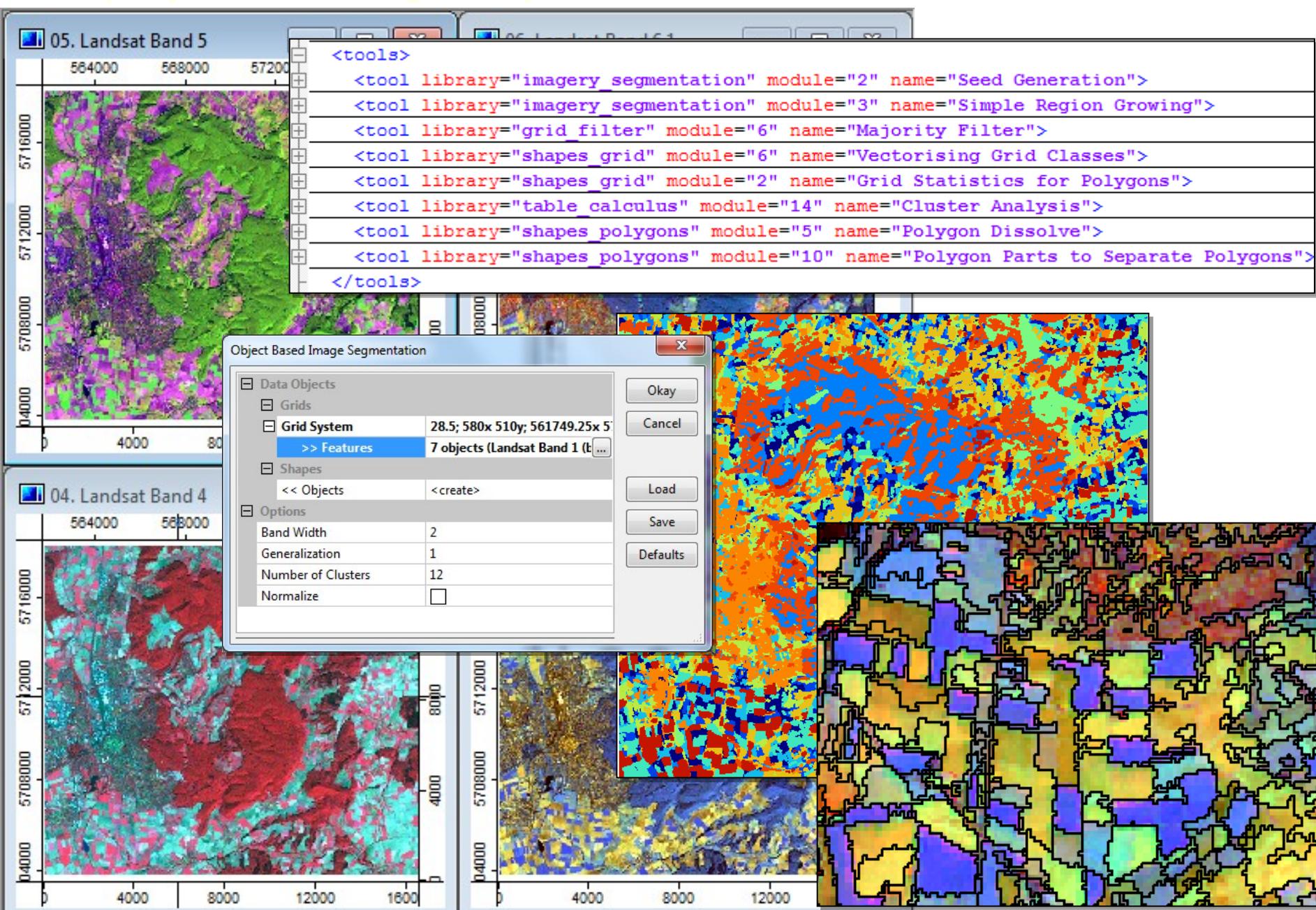
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Settings	<input type="radio"/> Description
Data Objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grids 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grid System <not set> >> Elevation <not set> << Result <create> 	

Apply Restore Execute Load Save

TWI | Reload Changed Tool Chain

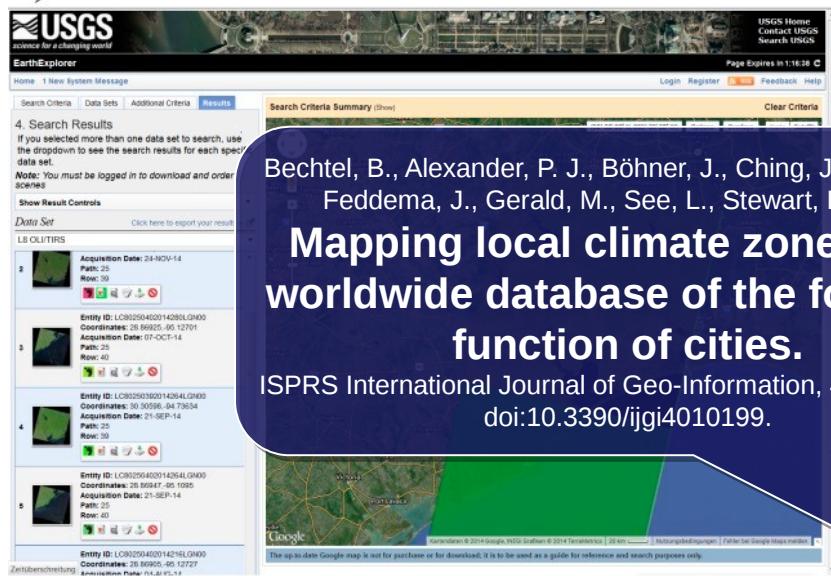


OBIA | Object Based Image Analysis

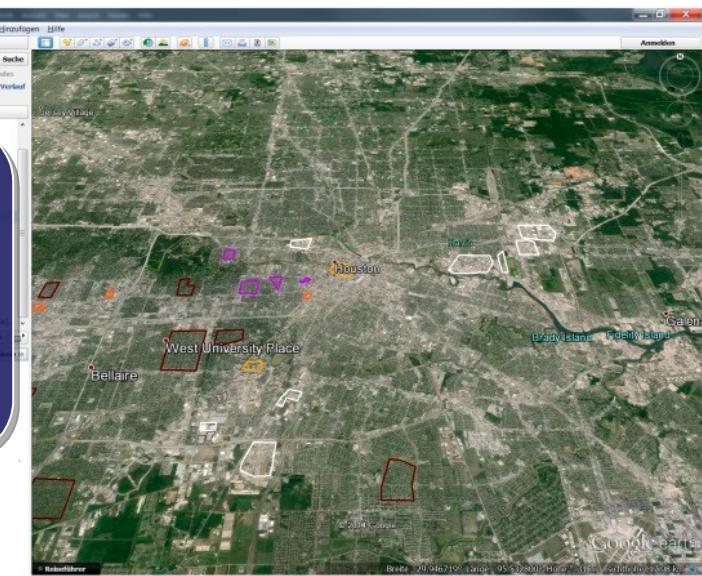


LCZC | Local Climate Zone Classification

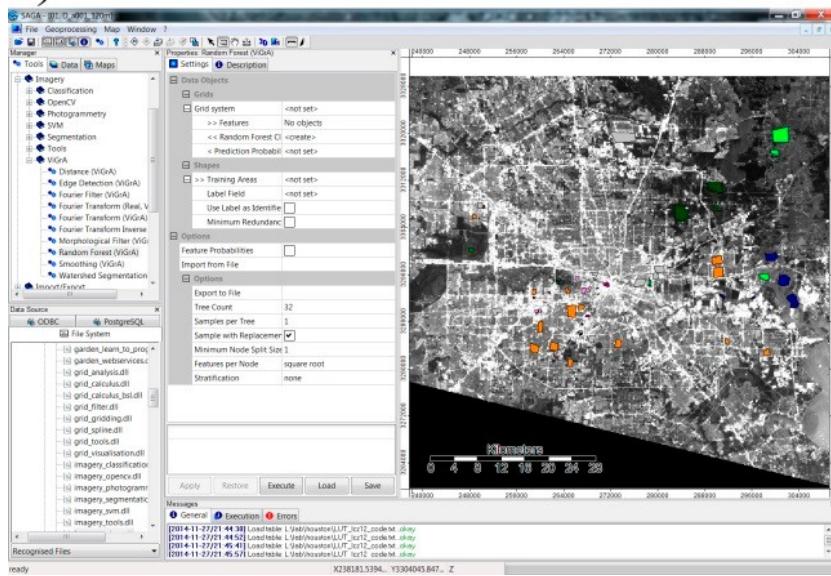
a)



b)



c)

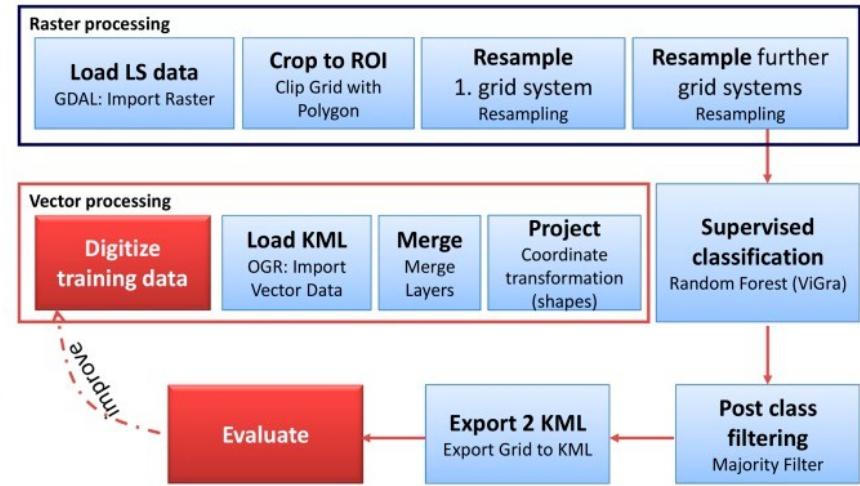


d)

workflow

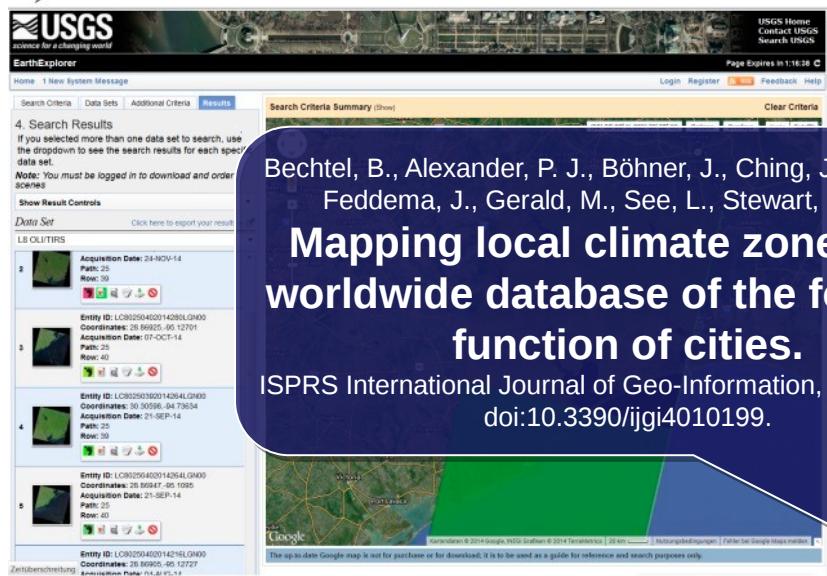
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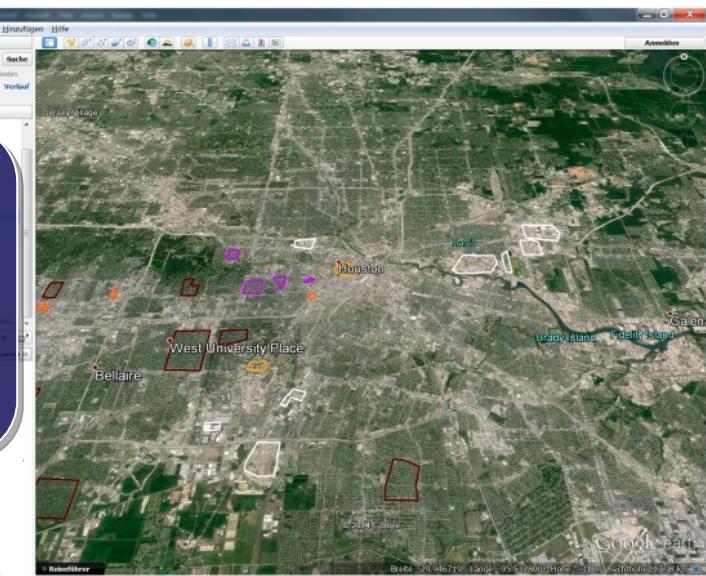


LCZC | Local Climate Zone Classification

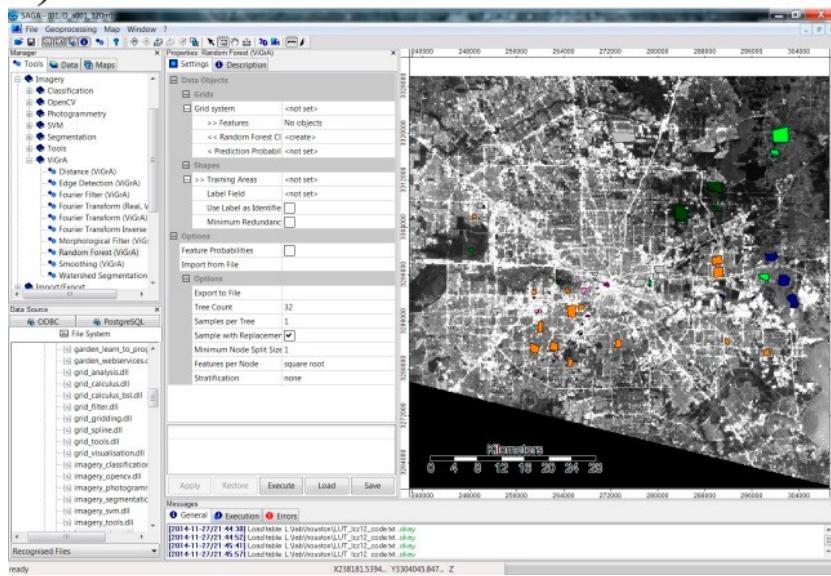
a)



b)



c)

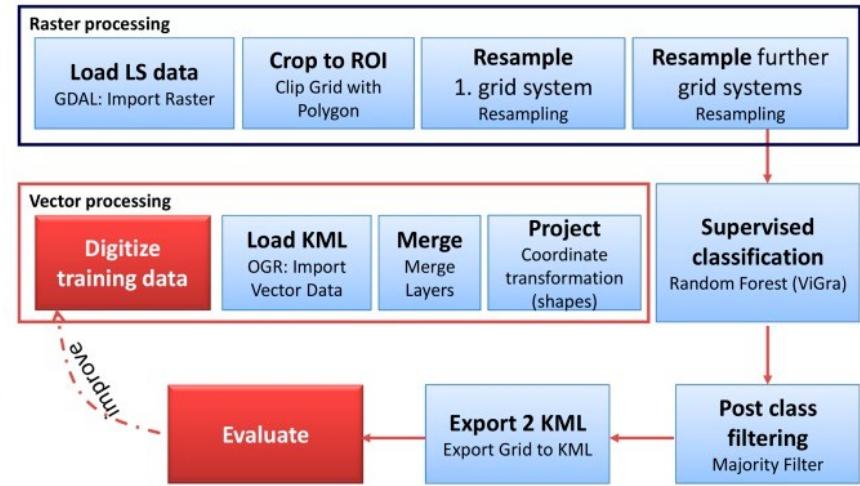


d)

workflow

Google Earth

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Tool Chains | Conditional Tool Execution

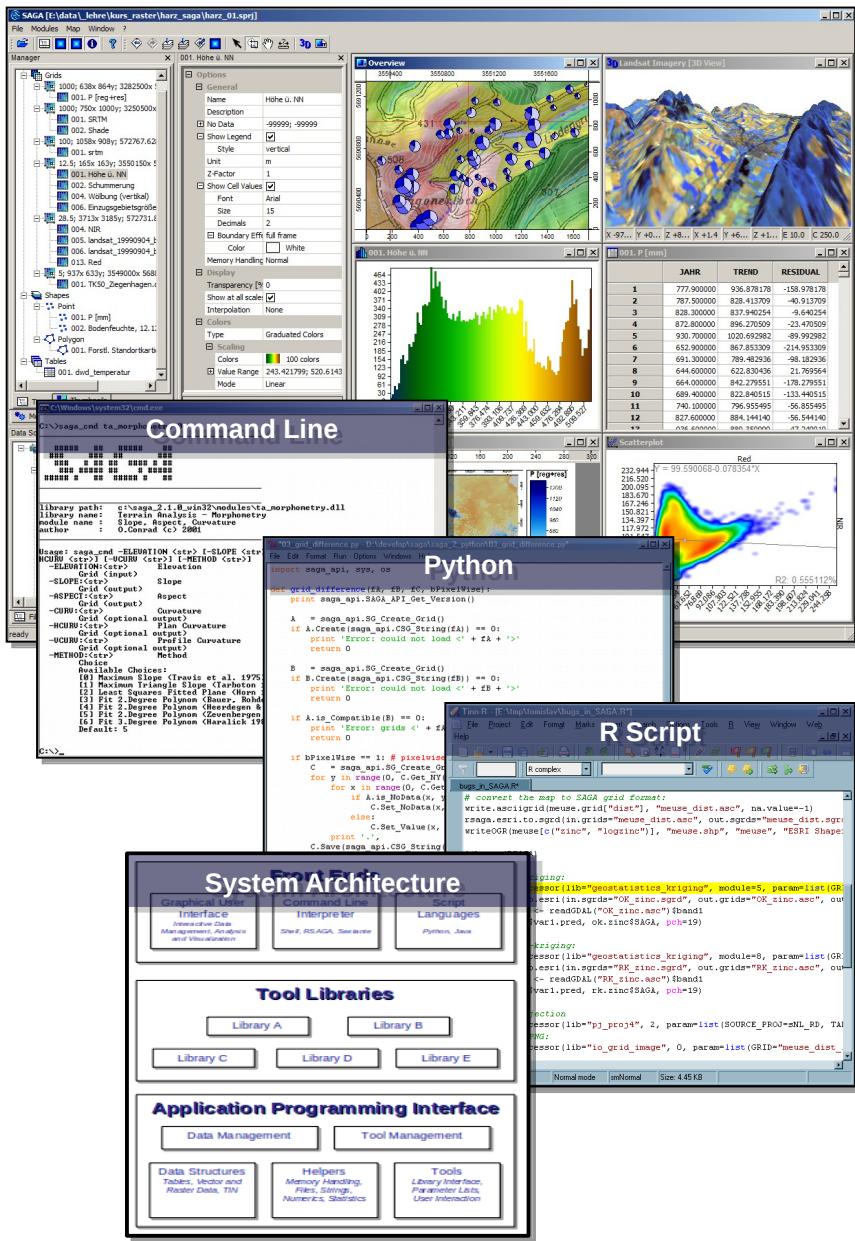
- <condition>
 - type
 - value
 - variable

Look-up table will be loaded and applied, if the user selected a file

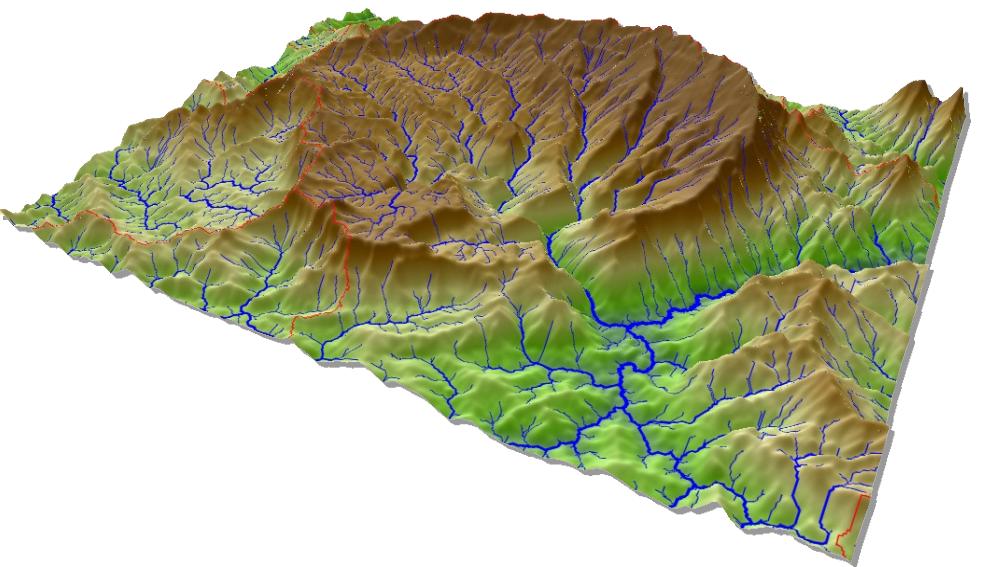
Majority filter will be applied, if the user chose to create the resulting grid

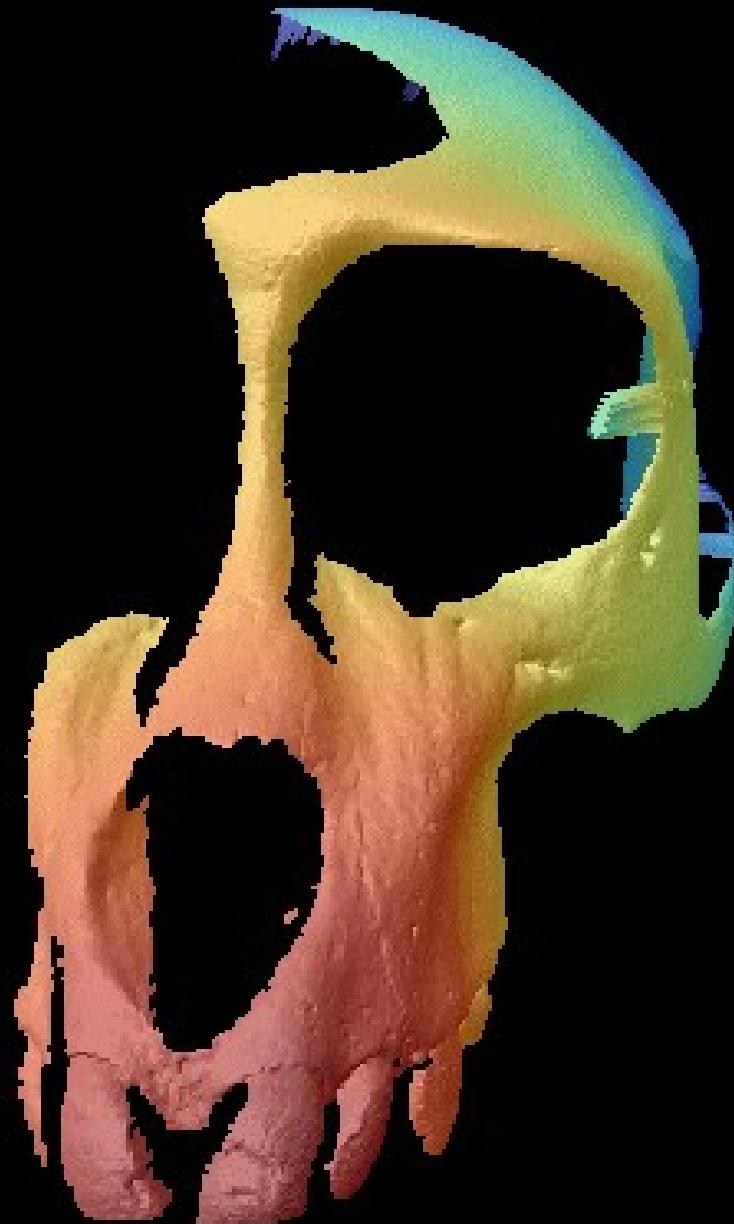
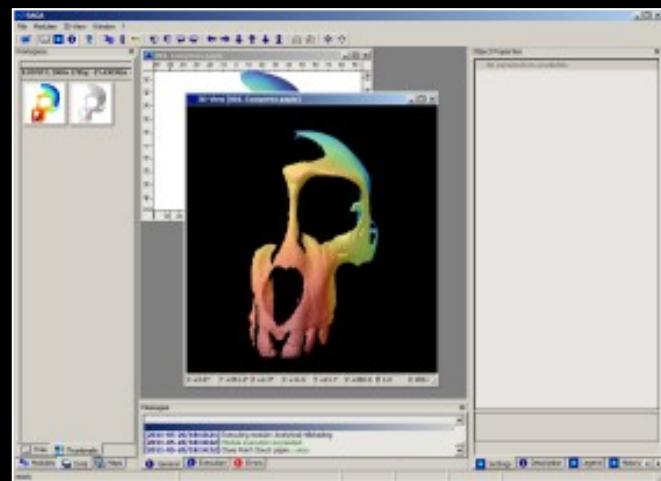
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<tool library="io gdal" module="3" name="OGR: Import Vector Data">
<tool library="shapes tools" module="2" name="Merge Layers">
<tool library="grid tools" module="32" name="Select Grid from List">
<tool library="pj proj4" module="2" name="Coordinate Transformation (Shapes)">
<tool library="imagery vigra" module="9" name="Random Forest Classification (ViGrA)">
<condition type="not_equal" value="" variable="FILE_CLASS_DEF">
    <tool library="io table" module="1" name="Import Text Table">
    <tool library="grid visualisation" module="10" name="Select Look-up Table for Grid">
</condition>
<condition type="not_equal" value="" variable="FILE_LCZC">
    <tool library="io grid image" module="2" name="Export Grid to KML">
</condition>
<condition type="exists" variable="LCZC_FILTERED">
    <tool library="grid filter" module="6" name="Majority Filter">
    <tool library="grid visualisation" module="10" name="Select Look-up Table for Grid">
        <condition type="not_equal" value="" variable="FILE_LCZC_FILTERED">
            <tool library="io grid image" module="2" name="Export Grid to KML">
        </condition>
    </condition>
</condition>
```

SAGA | System for Automated Geoscientific Analyses



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SAGA Resources



Explore the world of SAGA GIS

<http://www.saga-gis.org>

Basic information

Comprehensive list of references

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/saga-gis>

SourceForge > host for OSS projects

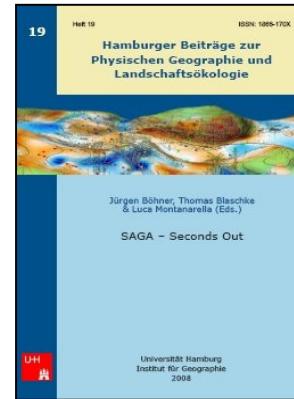
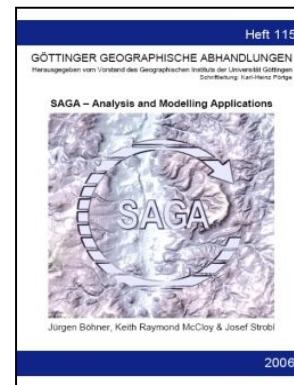
Download software, documents, data

SAGA Wiki

Bug, Feature Tracker

User Forum

User Guide and Manual



The screenshot shows the SourceForge project page for "SAGA GIS". It includes a summary section with a download button, developer statistics (12 members), and a detailed view of the project's history, including releases, bugs, and feature requests. The URL "sourceforge.net/projects/saga-gis" is visible at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the "User Forum" section of the SAGA website. It displays a list of topics such as "area calculation", "RSAGA on Hardy 6.4", and "geometrical properties of polygons". Each topic has a "Topic Starter" and "Replies" count. The URL "User Forum" is visible at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the "Wiki Home" page of the SAGA Wiki. It features the SAGA Wiki logo and a welcome message: "Welcome to SAGA Wiki Home. This is the main page of the Wiki, other pages are accessible via the links provided." Below this is a "Getting Started" section with links to "The Philosophy of SAGA", "Quick Start", and "First Steps". The URL "User Forum" is visible at the bottom.

The screenshot shows two pages of the "SAGA2 UserGuide_Cinnery_20070401.pdf" document. The left page, titled "SAGA Guide - Chapter 5", shows a screenshot of the SAGA interface with a grid and a legend. The right page, titled "SAGA Guide - Chapter 5", shows another screenshot of the SAGA interface with a map and a legend. The URL "Vern Cinnery's User Guide" is visible at the bottom.

SAGA | Other Information Sources

Marine Data Literacy

marinedataliteracy.org

The Marine Data Literacy Project is an attempt to bring together detailed, profusely illustrated instructions for many specific marine data management and analysis procedures, including basic GIS, ocean station data, satellite imagery, and operational data streams. The exercises are grouped according to an informal typology, but users are advised to simply browse through and see what's available. In general, the entire collection is constructed as a sequence of activities to build a "national marine data resource" for a selected area. Since 2010 this location is the area offshore the Ivory Coast. The exercises are currently used by the UNESCO/IOC/IOCE marine data training program, the Japan Foundation/POGO young scientists training program at Bermuda/BIOS, and the Ghent University-Erasmus Mundus masters degree program. SAGA is extensively used in all "marine GIS" lessons and in lessons dealing with grids, rasters and images. Contributing authors are always welcome, and an HTML exercise template is provided for their use. Intensive use of illustrations, and an absolute adherence to the step-by-step approach for all exercises are the only requisites.

Saga	This is the general-purpose, "workhorse" program we recommend to all data management students, even if they also use other commercial or public domain GIS solutions. One shortcoming is the minimal documentation.	General information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saga Homepage• Saga Forum on Sourceforge Saga installation files. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saga Files on Sourceforge• The ZIP version (not the unexplained EXE setup version) should be copied to a convenient location and unzipped to C:\• Run by clicking on saga_gui.exe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows 32 or 64. Create a shortcut to the executable saga_gui.exe to run the program• Saga's Tutorials Collection• Australia-Indonesia Training in Saga for Resource Management with Imagery• Rohan Fisher's Saga Tutorials (in English and Indonesian)• 1.3 Running 32-Bit Saga on a Mac with WINE - Provided by a student• Saga Wiki on Sourceforge for Linux information• "Mac users might like to hear that efforts are going on to make SAGA work on MacOS more smoothly. You find a thread regarding the MacOS port in the SAGA User Forum at http://sourceforge.net/p/saga-gis/discussion/790705/thread/b11de126/ Have a look at http://www.wxwidgets.org for background information about the wxWidgets project."• DOMINOC925 - An amazingly good set of illustrated tutorials for Saga and other geospatial software; possibly hundreds of exercises, but not indexed -- use search function to find Saga examples
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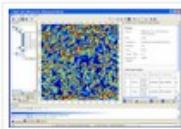
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Simple method to count trees using Saga GIS



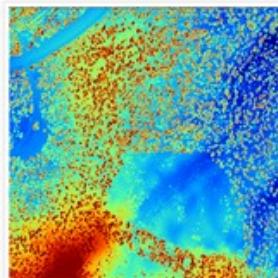
It is possible to make a rough estimation of the number of trees in an area from LiDAR derived digital surface (DSM) and digital terrain models (DTM). One method is to use some of the grid analysis modules algorithm in SAGA GIS, such as Gaussian Filter, and Watershed Segmentation. Then simply count the number of segmented table records with height greater than a value.

The example here counts the trees using the following general steps:

1. Load the DSM and DTM datasets
2. Calculate the canopy heights
3. Smooth the canopy heights
4. Segment the canopy heights
5. Count the number of segments with canopy heights above a certain value

Load the source datasets

1. Start SAGA GIS.
2. Load and display the digital surface model (DSM) grid file, e.g. C:\data\dsm.asc.



3. Load and display the digital terrain model (DTM) grid file, e.g. C:\data\dtm.asc.

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Saga GIS

 SAGA GIS is raster focused spatial analysis software with modules that allow for sophisticated work with satellite imagery and geomorphometric modeling using digital elevation data. I have produced a range of training material whilst (1) delivering capacity building in West Timor and South East Sulawesi for this project [Satellite image display and analysis with a focus on Nusa Tenggara Timur](#) and (2) as part of my work producing burnt area data for [NAFI](#).

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Training Screen Shot Videos:

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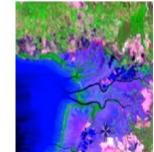
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Penampilan dan analisa citra satelit dengan focus terhadap Nusa Tenggara Timur

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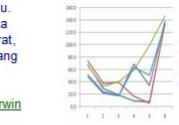
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The use of satellite data for mapping and monitoring is an important tool assisting effective and timely natural resource management. Furthermore the application of local knowledge in the interpretation of satellite data is often key to understanding the mapped landscape, observed changes and for deriving useful management outcomes. Currently, most satellite based assessments of natural resources in Eastern Indonesia are conducted by non-natives. However, with evolving technologies and changing research methods, new opportunities are arising for the wider use of satellite technology. This tutorial has been created as part of ongoing collaborative engagement between [Charles Darwin University](#) (Darwin, Australia) and [Nusa Cendana University](#) (Kupang, Indonesia) and has been funded by the [Australia Indonesia Institute](#).

Pemetaan dan monitoring dengan data citra satelit adalah alat-alat yang penting untuk pengelolaan sumber daya alam yang efektif dan tepat waktu. Selanjutnya pemanfaatan kebijakan lokal dalam penafsiran pemetaan data satelit, seringkali menjadi kunci untuk mendalamkan pengertian tentang bentang darat, perubahan-perubahan yang dilihat dan mendapat kegiatan pengelolaan yang tepat.

Tutorial ini adalah sebagian dari kolaborasi lebih luas, antara [Charles Darwin University](#) (Darwin, Australia) dan [Universitas Nusa Cendana](#) (Kupang, Indonesia) dalam memperkenalkan keterampilan dasar data citra satelit. Dana dari [Australia](#)



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