GEOCOMPUTATION AND MACHINE LEARNING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

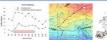
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Learning objectives

With continuous practice through the weeks, students will become familiar with new command lines and cover numerous topics, including:

- Learning open source tools for GIS and RS applications.
- Acquiring command line utilities for spatial/temporal data under Linux OS.
- Acquiring command line utilities and ML theoretical foundation for environmental application.
- Developing data processing skills.
- Independent learning, critical thinking, problem solving.

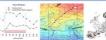
Upon completion of the course, you should be able to:

- Apply the process of science, by conducting, analyzing, and interpreting findings related to GIS & RS project in the framework of ML applications
- Use quantitative reasoning for statistical/spatial analysis
- Convey your understanding of environmental phenomenons



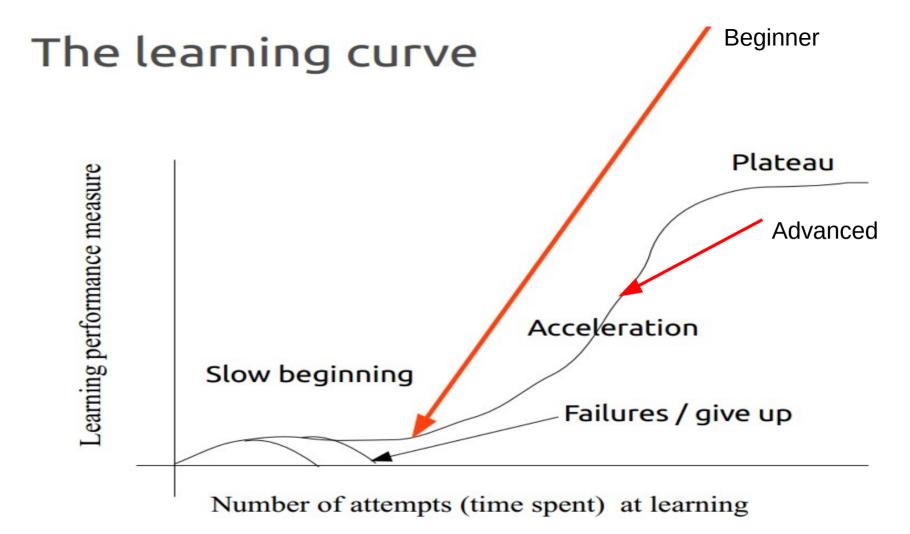












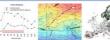


Scientific knowledge

- Spatio/temporal analysis
- Spatio/temporal data integration
- Spatio/temporal modeling
- Geostatistic
- Machine Learning











Tools

Grass & Qgis Geographic Information Systems

Python: GIS, statistic, modeling, text manipulation

LINUX Bash shell programming

AWK for processing text-based data

GDAL/OGR/PKTOOLS geotools library for the manipulation of geospatial data

CDO geotools library for the manipulation of netCDF

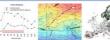
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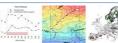
Knowing each other (3 min)

- Name, where are you coming from....
- What is your background and personal interest?
- Final project / PhD thesis objectives / keywords?
 - What data are you going to analyses?
 - Not sure yet... no problem
- Do you have an experience on Linux OS or other open source software?
- Do you currently use any programming language?
- What are your interests and expectations on this training?











Coding knowledge

Beginners / Inter mediated / Advanced

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1i4FqM4xlwMBVVZzTViuDDqwL-BsaPs2m8NObB2_oTK0/edit#responses

Covered in the course

- AWK, GDAL, PKTOOLS, CDO, Python, R, ML (keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch)
- Parallel processing in bash and python environment
- Machine Learning: theoretical foundation and application in the environmental field
- Supervised and unsupervised classification application
- Image processing / raster processing / large data-set processing in a proper way
- Hydrological modeling



What is possible to acquire with the course

- I wish to expand my knowledge on geo-computation in open-source environment
- I would like to see a bit of everything, to get a glimpse of what is available
- Able to run extensive spatial data stuff quickly and without "pain"

What is NOT possible to acquire with the course

 Implement a machine learning optimizer for an inverse modeling system to quantify CO2 emissions.



Syllabus clarification

- Material http://spatial-ecology.net/docs/build/html/index.html
- Data via github https://github.com/selvaje/SE_data
- Online recording video lecture later shared on Spatial Ecology web
- Handling script and data via github (code)
- Community support among us for trouble shouting via slack





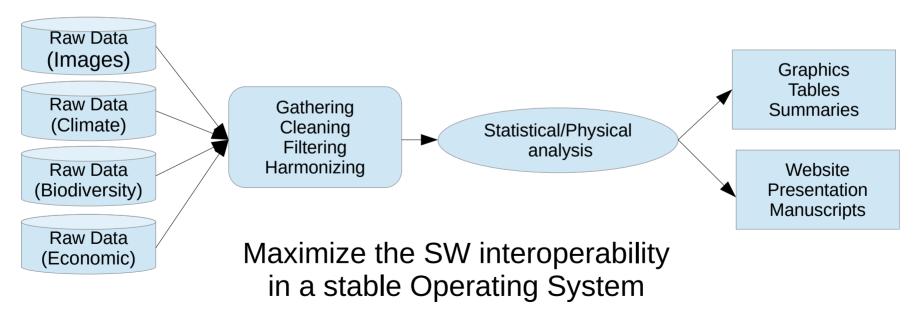






Reproducible research & "big data" processing

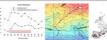
Codes that are easily published > no license constraints **Complex work-flows** > integrate different data analysis methods













Why use Linux/OpenSource?

Security: extremely stable and reliable, no viruses, interoperable: Unix, Windows, Mac, Android, ...

Applications: thousands of free programs, programming languages, server services

Versatility: minimum HW requirements, extremely portable, very fast performance

Freedom: free to download/test/install/modify/configure/develop/distribute/... it's fun!



Freedom? and why it's fun?

Code:

- Understating the code beyond a process
- Be able to modify the code
- · Build up your own algorithm.
- Use all the SW that I want without license constraints

Help:

- Get help from mailing list
- Keep in touch with the developers for code adjustment and improvement

Process:

- Job priority processing
- Job scheduling
- RAM management

Remote server:

- Automatic connection to remote servers
- Overpassing quota issues in remote servers, by creating a folder linked to your PC

Hardware resources:

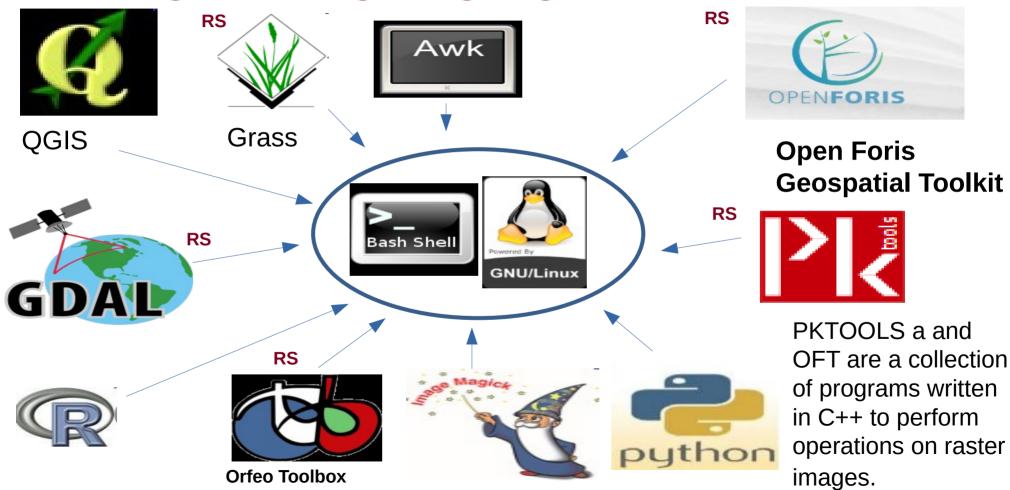
- Storing temporal file in ram rather in the hard-disk, by creating a folder in the ram
- Get the best of different programing languages and create a unique work flow.

Last but not least:

Enjoy the life in the meantime the PC is working for you!

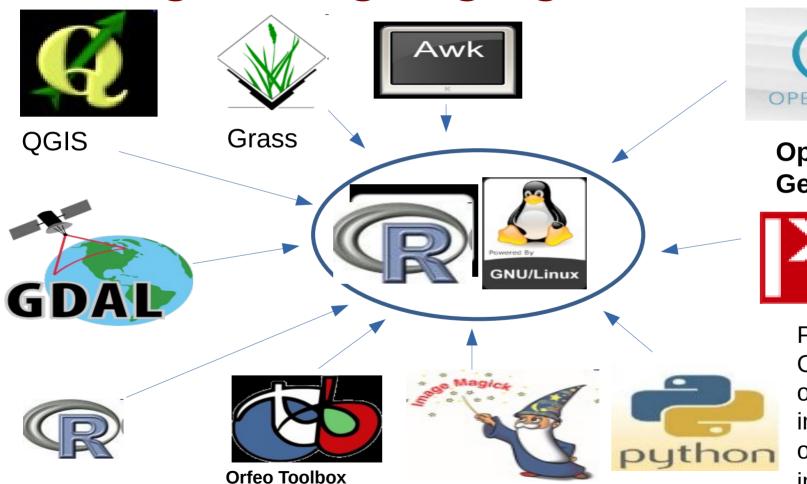
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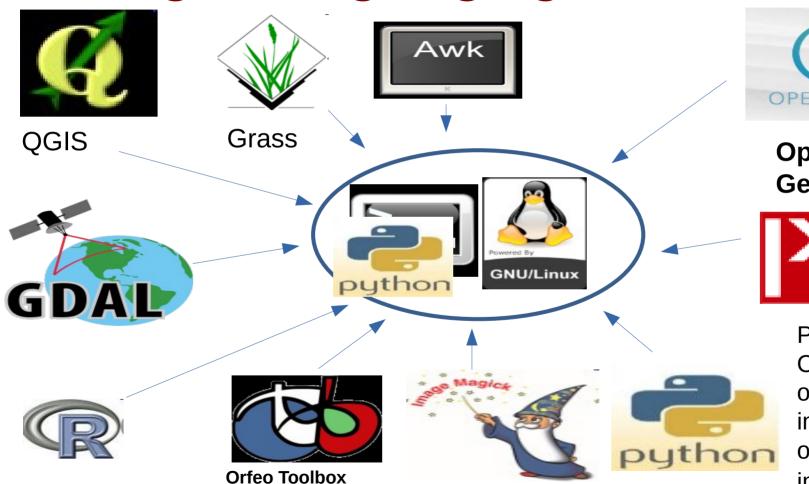
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