# GEOCOMPUTATION AND MACHINE LEARNING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

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### Learning objectives

With continuous practice through the lectures, 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.

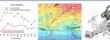
Upon completion of the course, you should be able to:

- 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

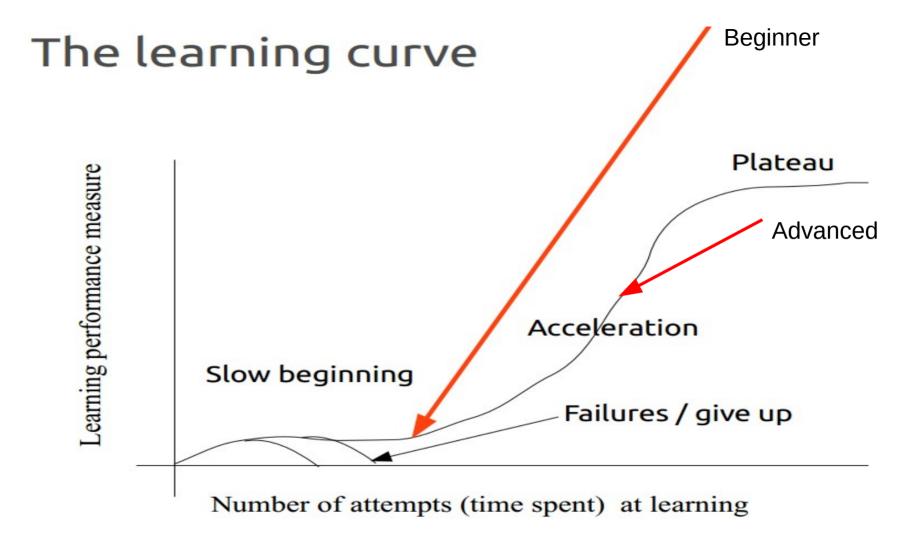












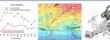


# Scientific knowledge

- 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** 

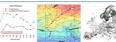
**AWK** for processing text-based data

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











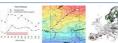
### **Knowing each other (3 min)**

- 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

#### **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 regression application
- Image processing / raster processing / large data-set processing in a proper way
- Environmental applications (hydrology, forestry)



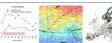
### Syllabus clarification

- Class web-page http://spatial-ecology.net/docs/build/html/COURSESAROUNDTHEWORLD/course\_ge ocomp\_ml\_04-05\_2022.html
- Data via github https://github.com/selvaje/SE\_data
- Online recording video lecture later shared on http://spatial-ecology.net/docs/build/html/COURSESAROUNDTHEWORLD/course\_ge ocomp\_ml\_04-05\_2022.html
- Handling script and data via github (code)
- Community support among us for trouble shouting via slack





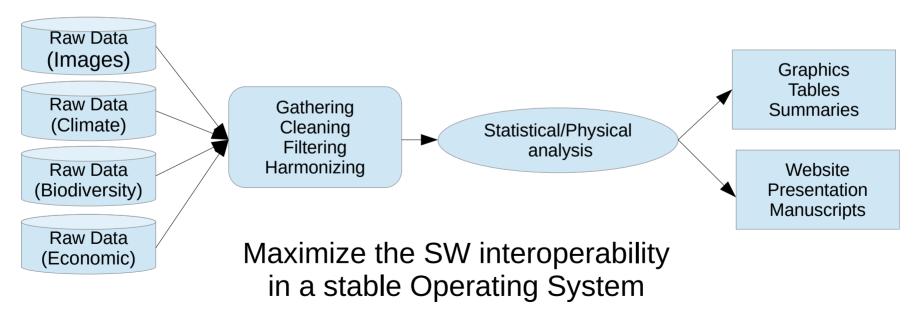






# Reproducible research & "big data" processing

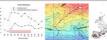
Codes that are easily published > no license constraints **Complex work-flows** > integrate different data analysis methods













# 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:**

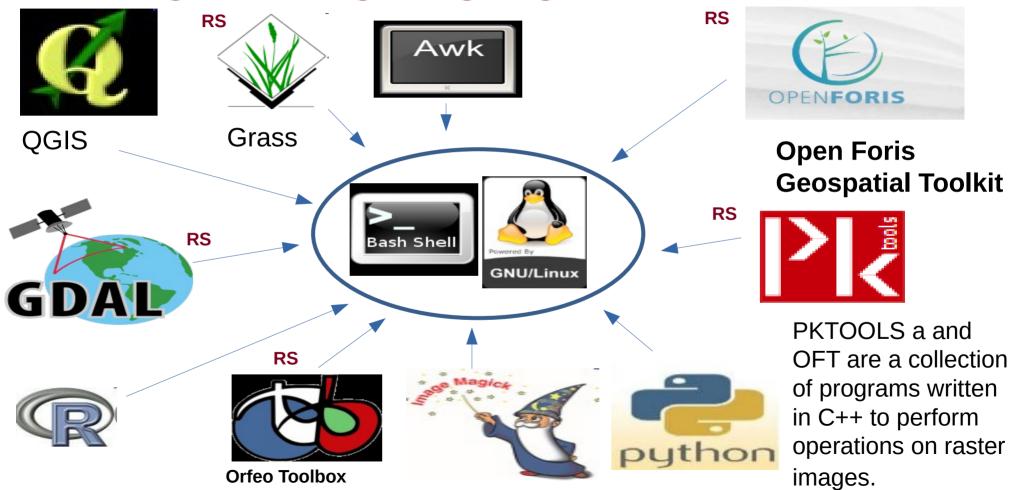
- Storing temporal file in ram rather in the hard-disk, by creating a folder in the ram
- Get the best of different programing languages and create a unique work flow.

#### Last but not least:

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

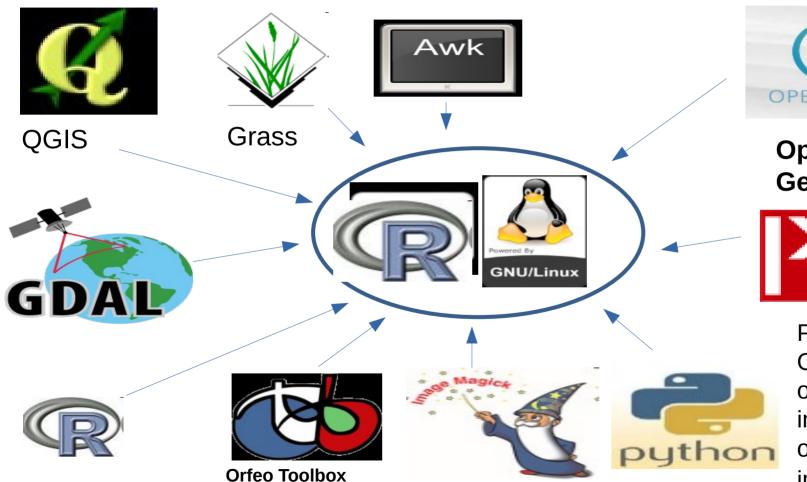
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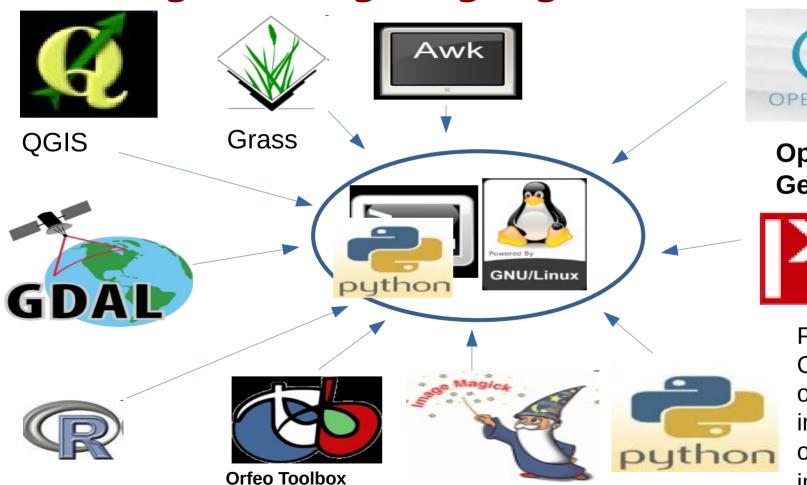
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