

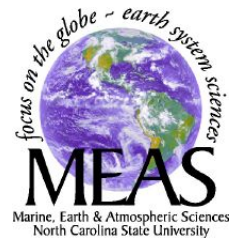
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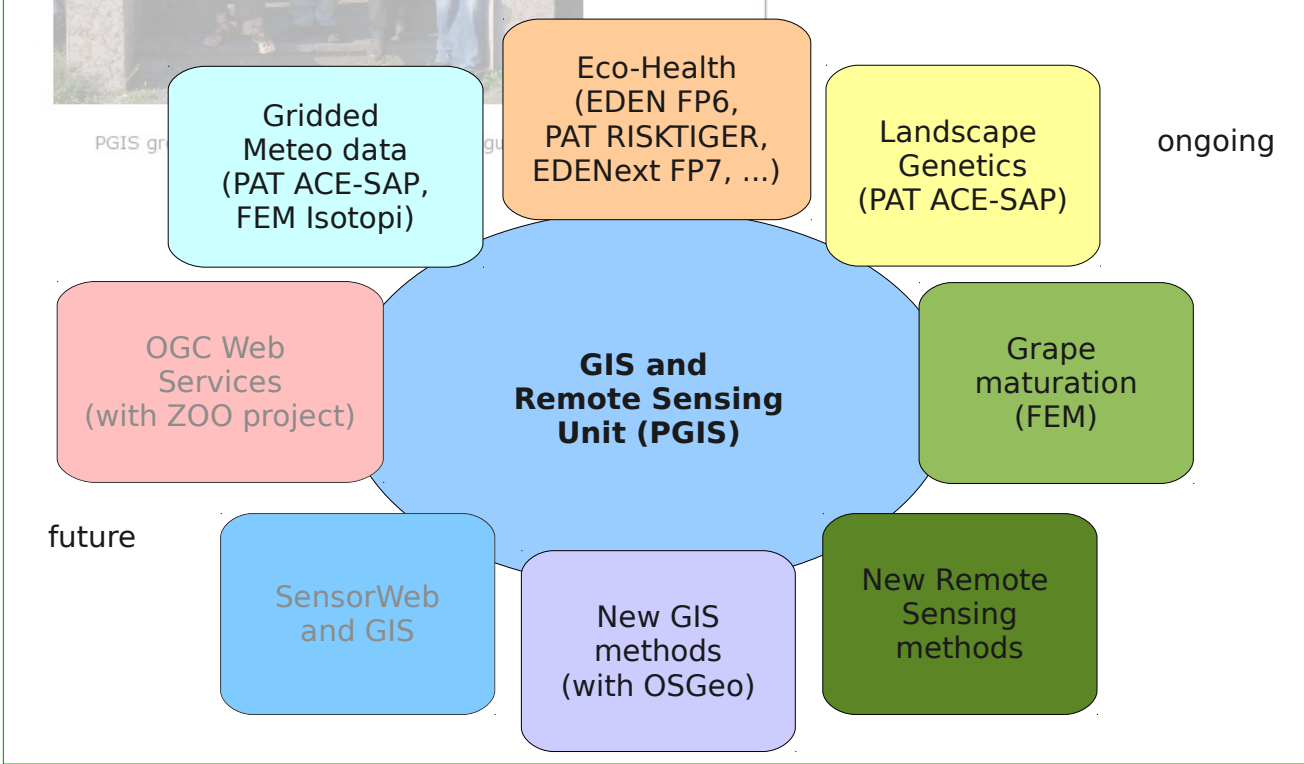
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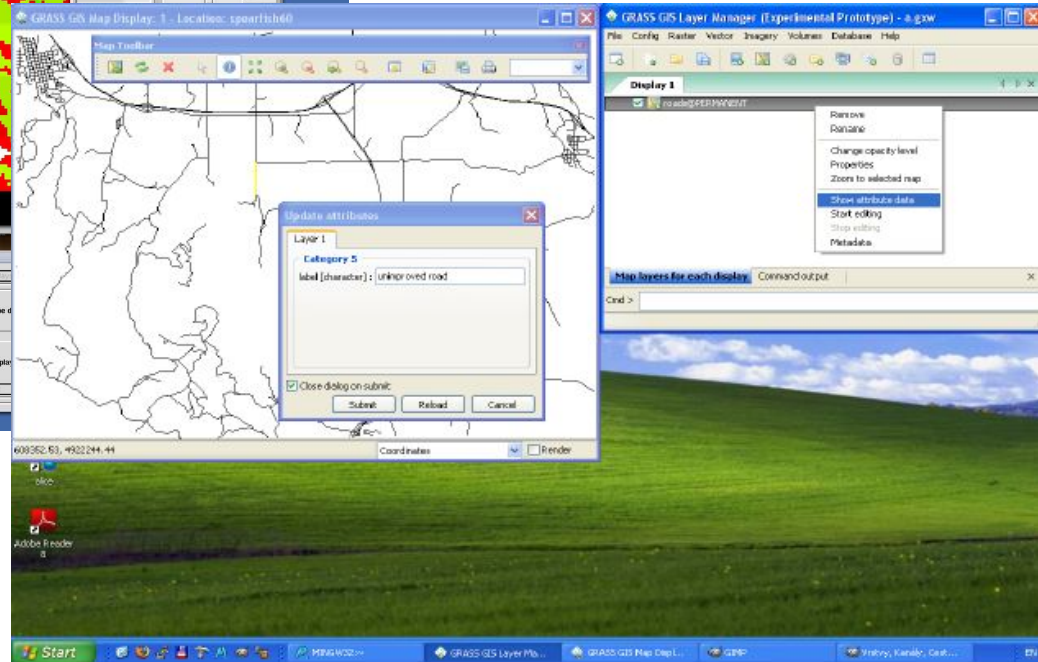
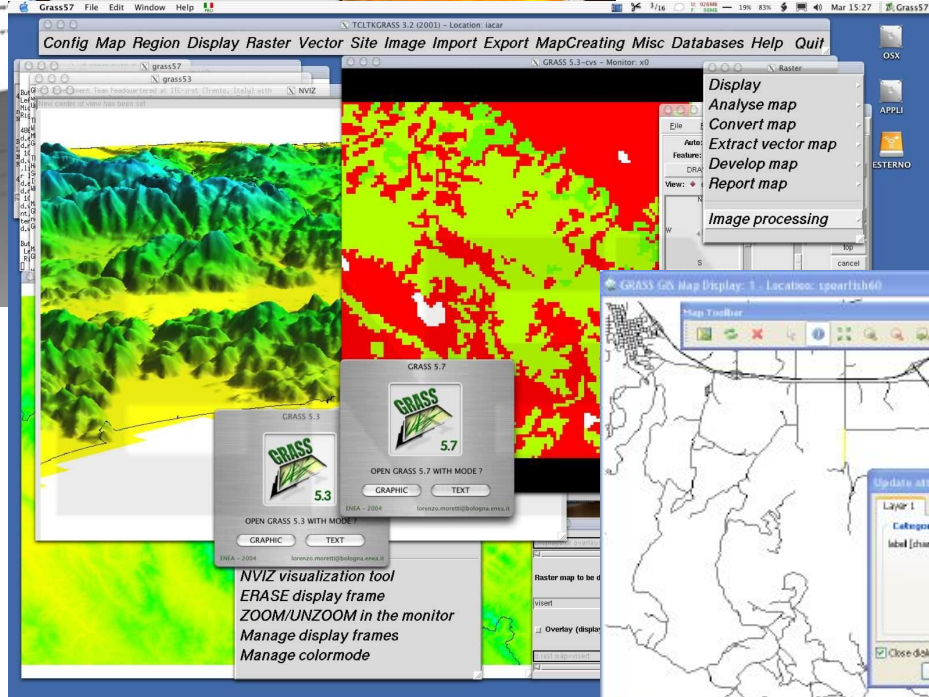
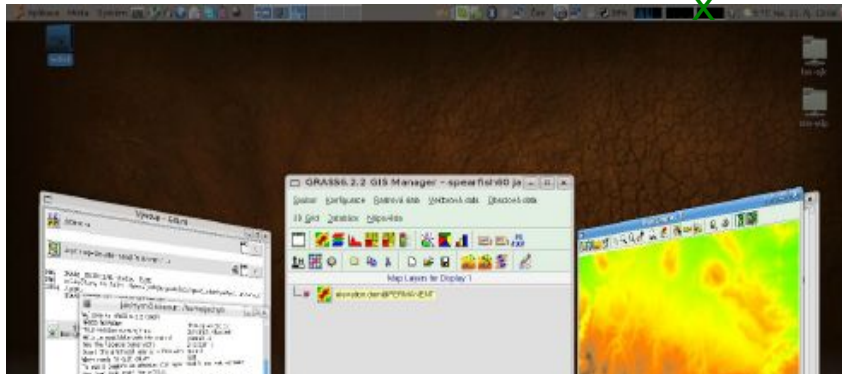
GRASS: a portable GIS

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MacOSX

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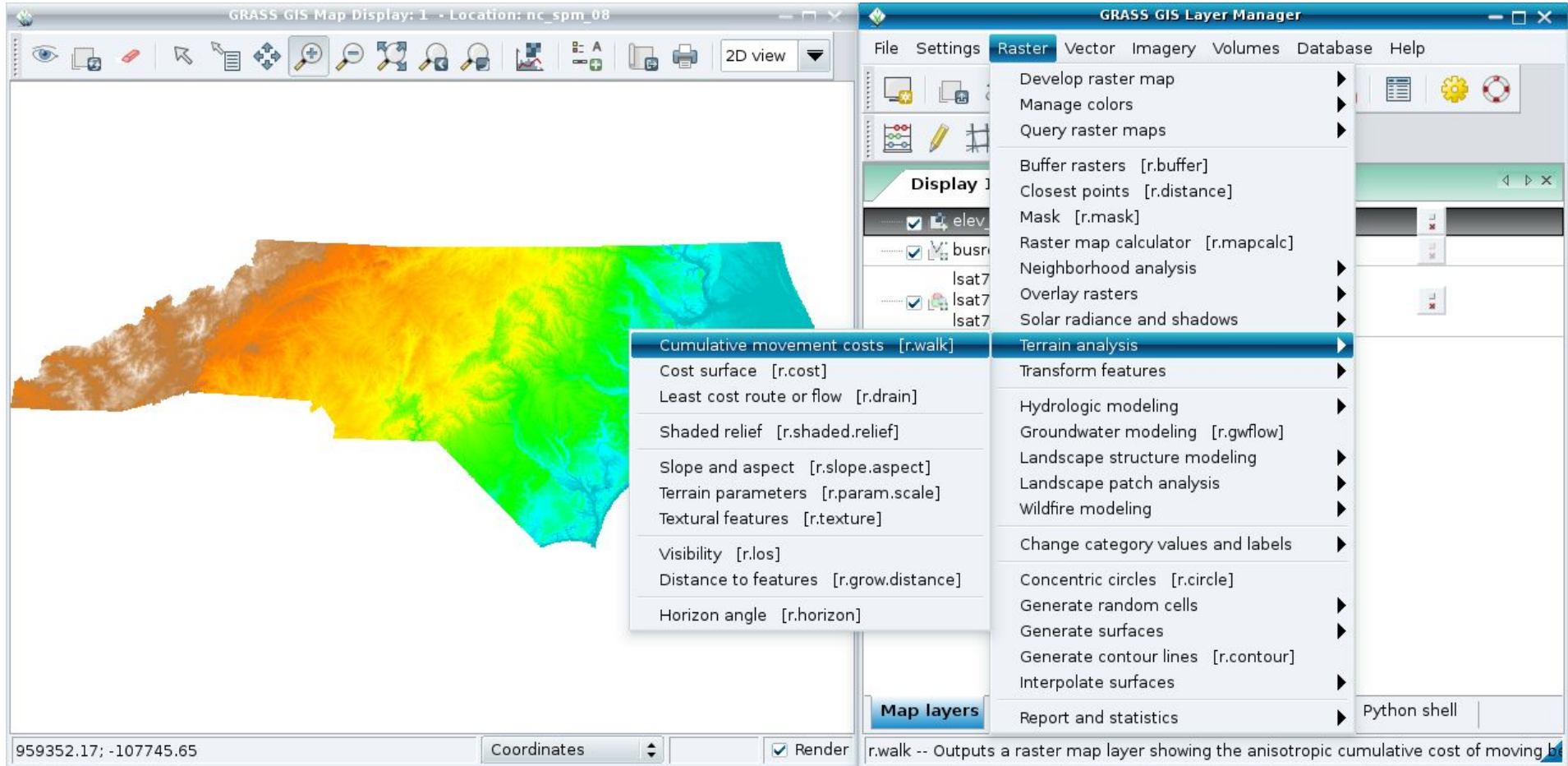


Project Cost Calculator		GRASS 6 - 6/2011
Include		All Code
Codebase		583,001 lines
Effort (est.)		157 person-years
Average Salary	\$ 55000	per year
Estimated Cost		\$ 8,641,329

https://www.ohloh.net/p/grass_gis



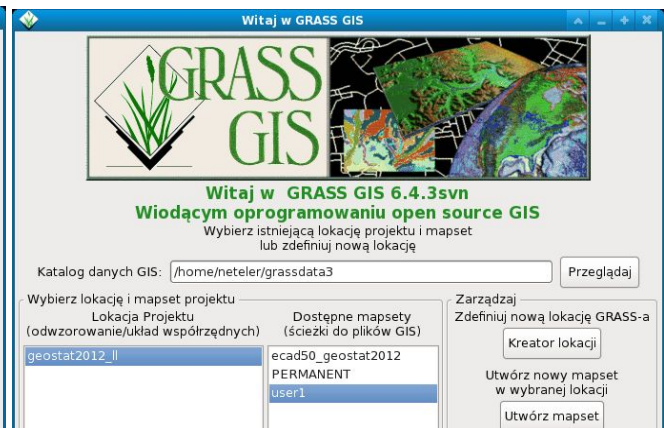
New GRASS GIS User interface



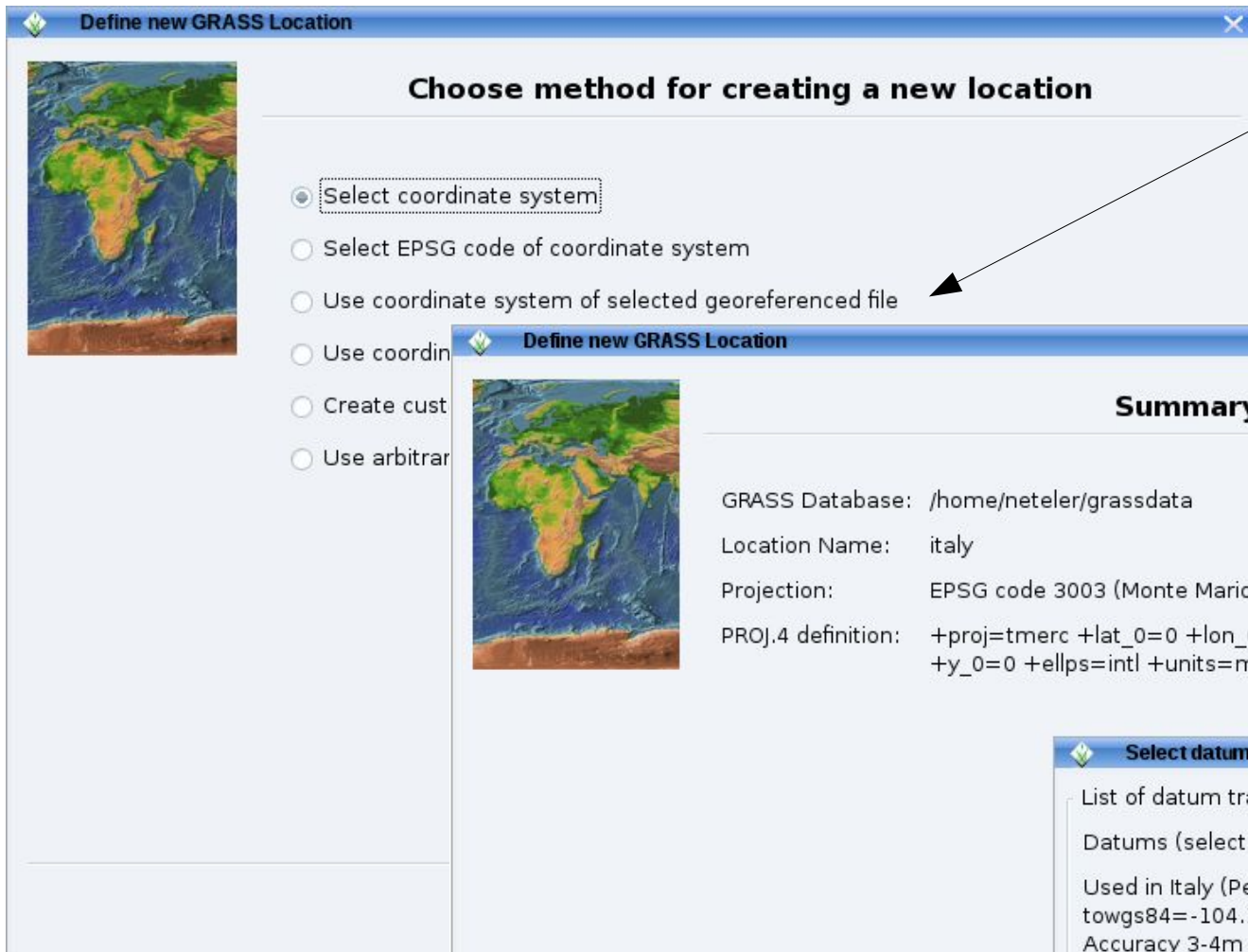
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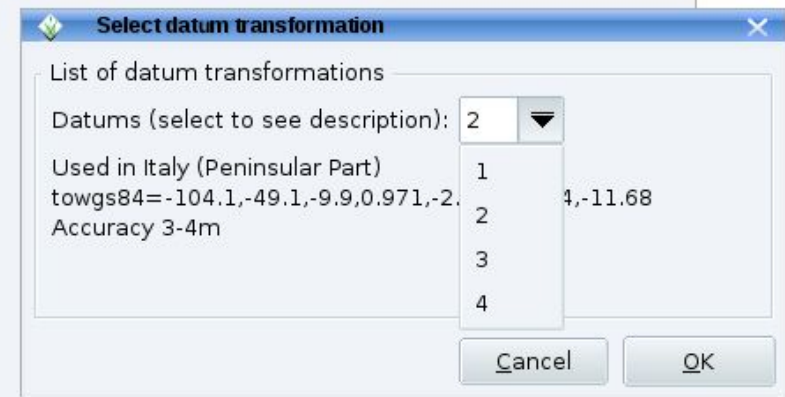
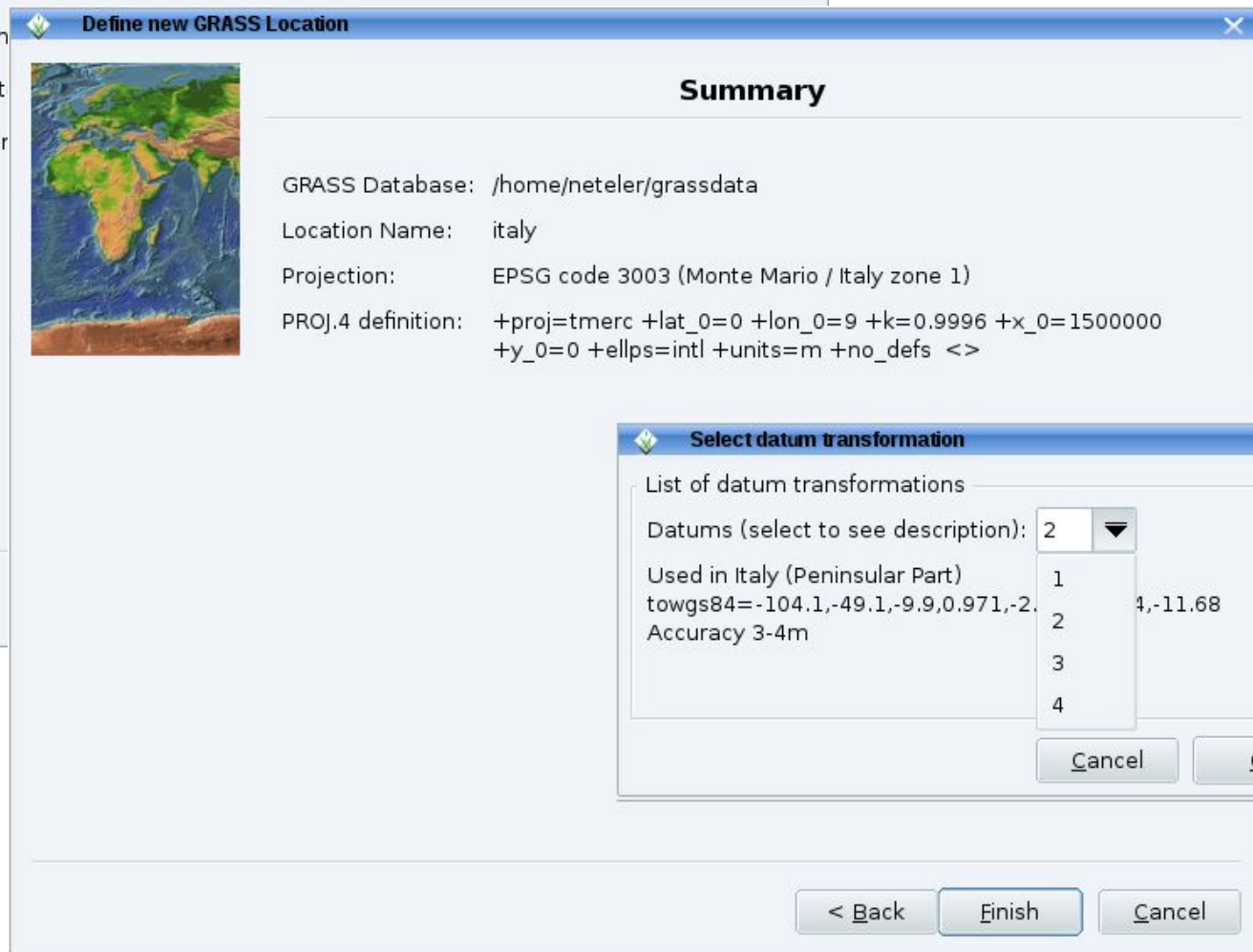
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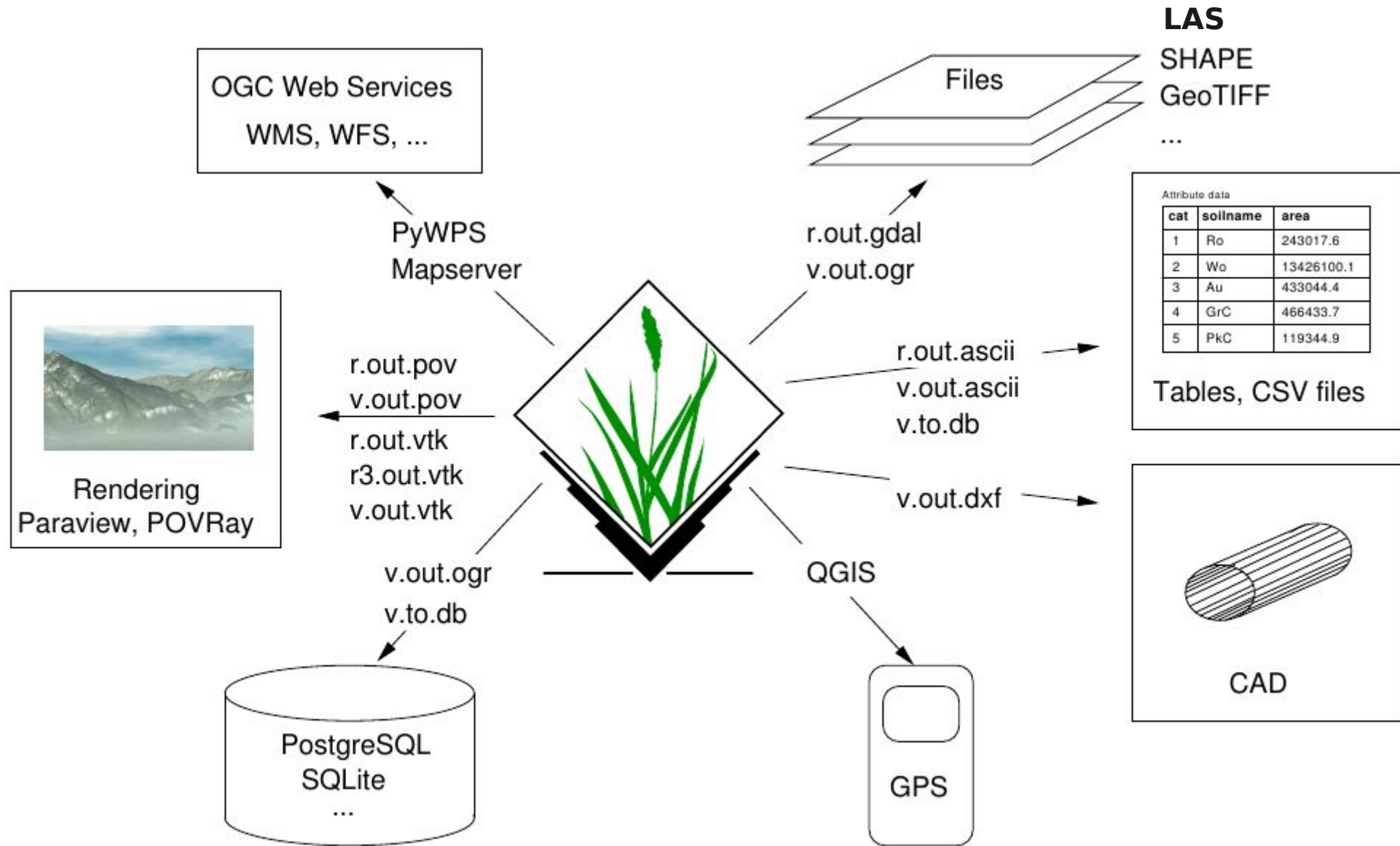
GRASS: Project database (Location) wizard



From GeoTIFF or
SHAPE or ...
Now directly
Imported then.



GRASS GIS: Interoperability



GRASS: New Geospatial Modeller

The screenshot displays the GRASS GIS Graphical Modeller window titled "GRASS GIS Graphical Modeller - gnip.gxm*". The main workspace shows a workflow diagram with the following components:

- Green boxes (Processes):** (1) db.select, (2) g.mapset, (3) v.in.ogr, (4) db.execute, (5) g.region, (7) r.mask, (9) v.surf.idw.
- Blue ovals (Variables):** rast mask%rok, output obs_%sloupec_%rok.
- Pink oval (Input/Output):** input/output vzorky.
- White rounded rectangle (Loop):** (6) sloupec in %sloupce.split(" ").
- White diamond (Condition):** (8) %method == 'idw'.

The workflow starts with (1) db.select, (2) g.mapset, (3) v.in.ogr, and (4) db.execute feeding into the input/output vzorky oval. This oval feeds into (5) g.region and (6) sloupec in %sloupce.split(" "). (5) g.region also feeds into (6). (6) feeds into (7) r.mask. (7) feeds into the condition (8). (8) has two paths: one leading to (9) v.surf.idw and another leading to (6). (9) v.surf.idw feeds into the output obs_%sloupec_%rok oval.

An "if-else properties" dialog box is open, showing the condition and lists of items for the 'if' and 'else' blocks.

if-else properties

Condition: %method == 'idw'

List of items in 'if' block

ID	Name	Command
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	db.execute db.execute input=/home/martin/grassdata/nc_...
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	g.region g.region --overwrite rast=mask2006 res=10
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	loop Condition: sloupec in %sloupce.split(" ")
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	r.mask r.mask -r
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9	v.surf.idw v.surf.idw -n --overwrite input=vzorky output=o...

List of items in 'else' block

ID	Name	Command
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	db.select db.select -c sql=SELECT id FROM farms WHER...
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	g.mapset g.mapset -c mapset=vracov
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	v.in.ogr v.in.ogr -o --overwrite dsn=PG:dbname=prefer...
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	db.execute db.execute input=/home/martin/grassdata/nc_...
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	g.region g.region --overwrite rast=mask2006 res=10

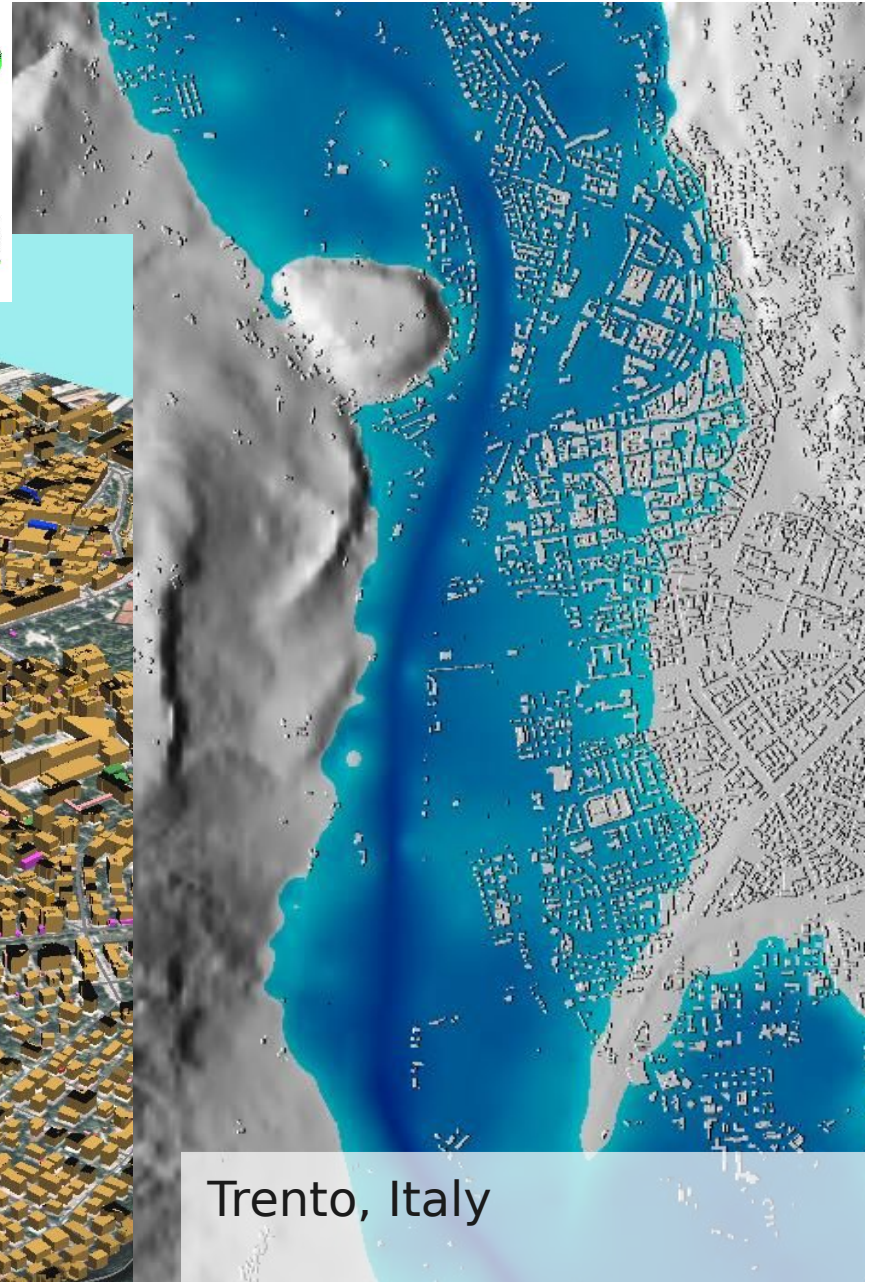
Buttons: Cancel, OK

Model Items Variables Command output
Condition: %method == 'idw'

Extra bonus:
export to Python scripts

Raster and 3D vector

Elevation model combined with extruded 3D buildings; also true 3D vector supported



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Optional: KML export for virtual globes

GRASS Topological 2D/3D Vector model

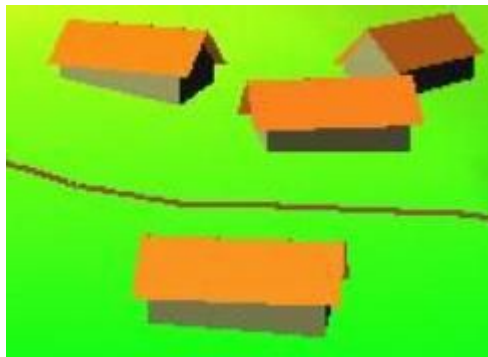
Vector geometry types

- Point
- Centroid
- Line
- Boundary
- Area (boundary + centroid)
- face (3D area)
- [kernel (3D centroid)]
- [volumes (faces + kernel)]

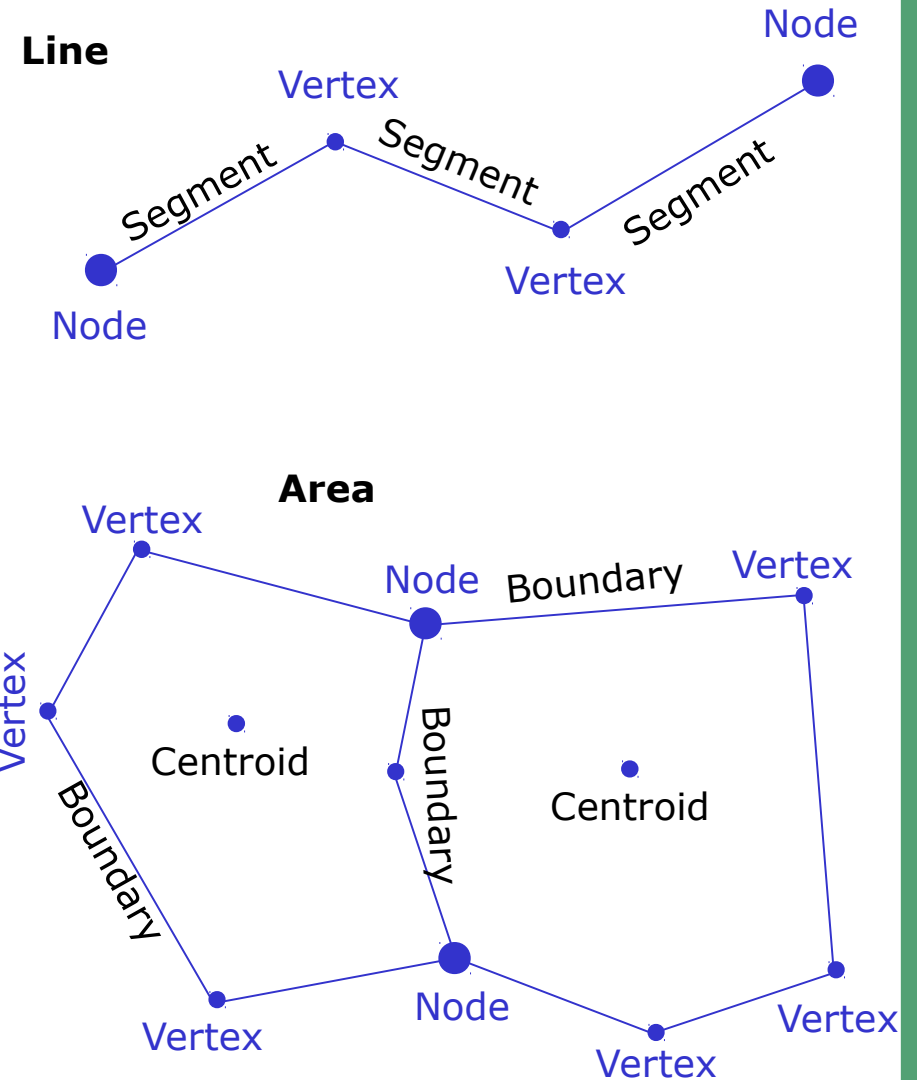
Geometry is **true** 3D when: x, y, z



Face
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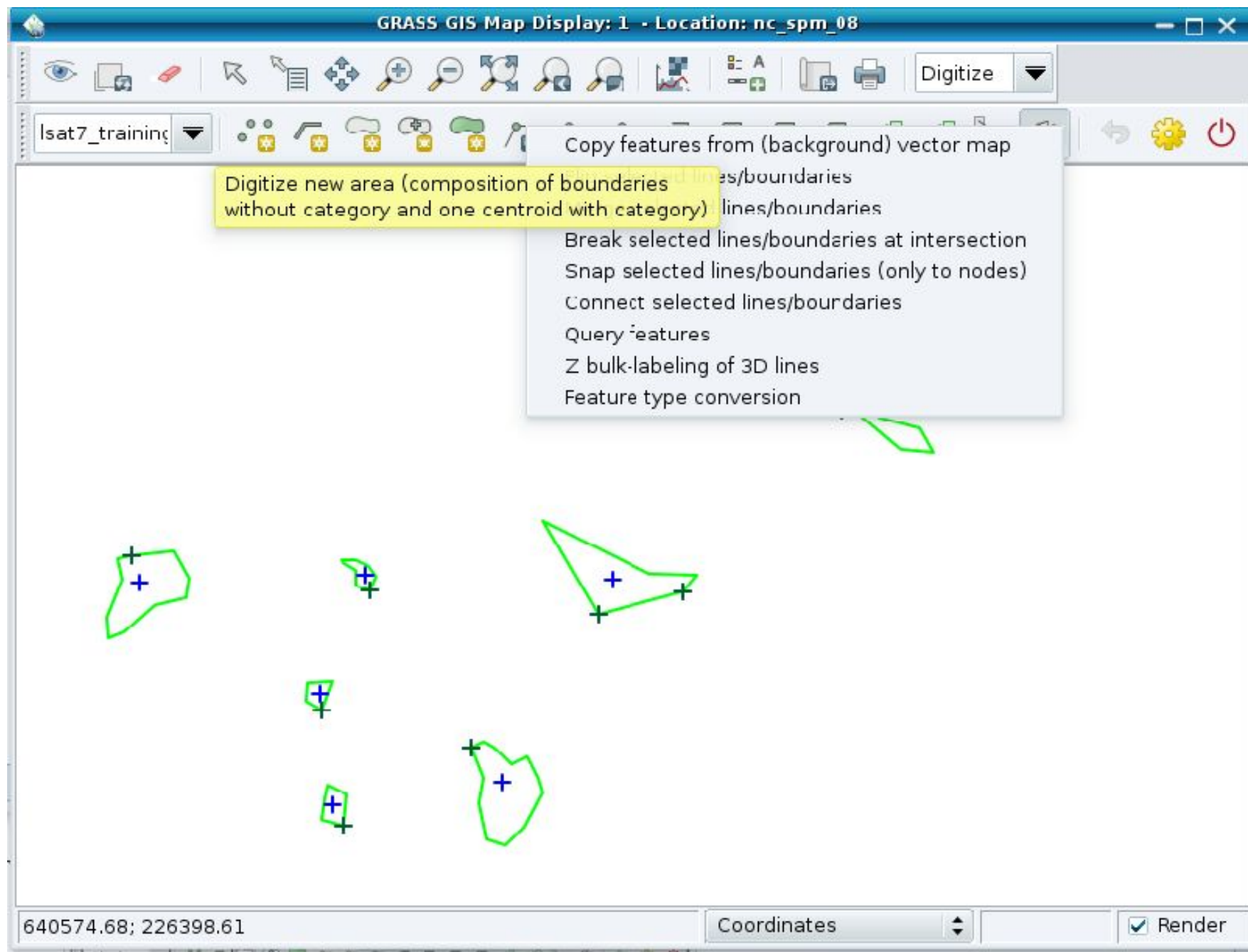


not in all GIS!



Use of Spatial Index

GRASS Topological Vector Digitizer



GRASS Addons: User contributed extensions

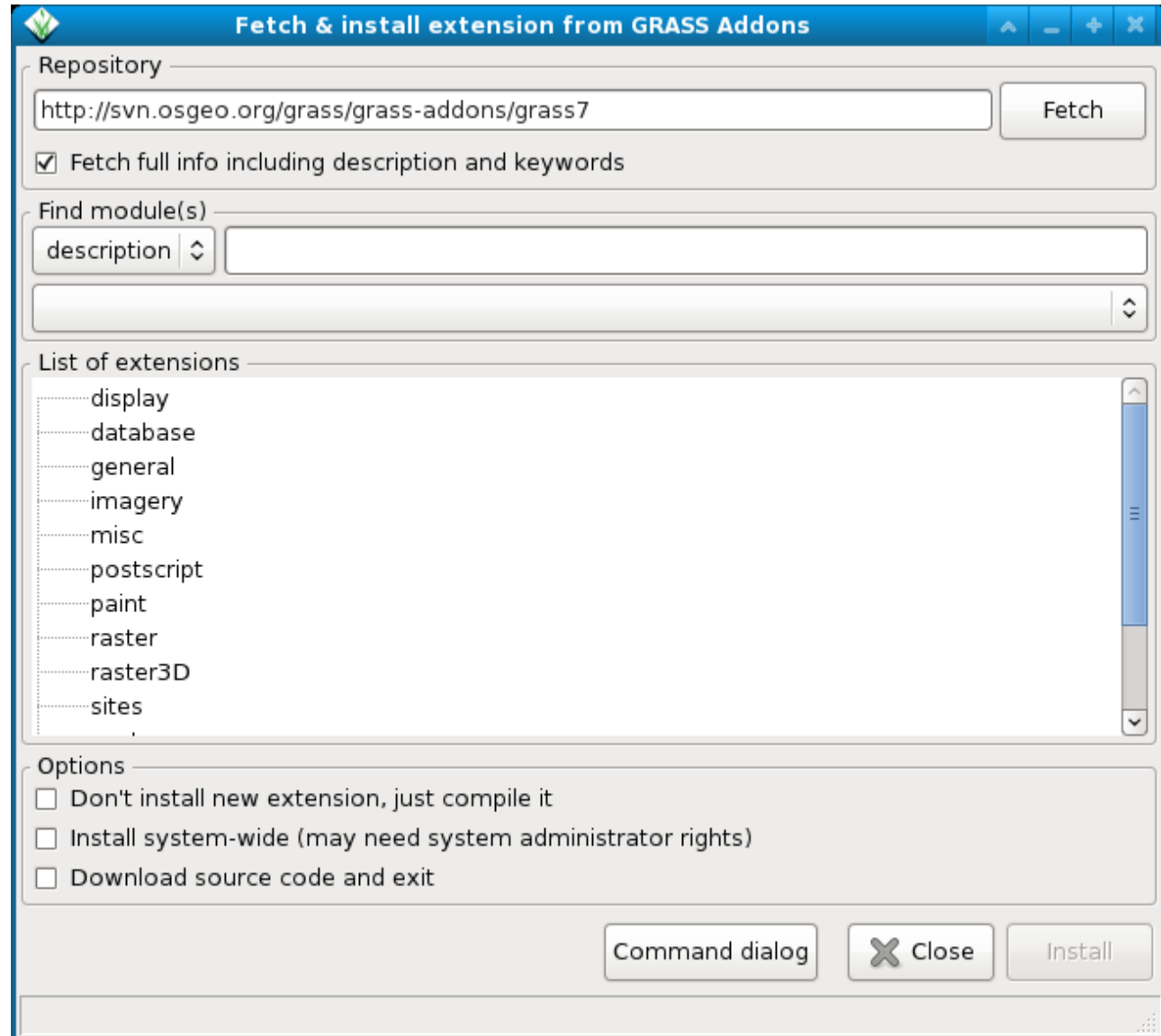
The Addons repository is SVN based:

User can easily obtain **write** access to develop new functionality

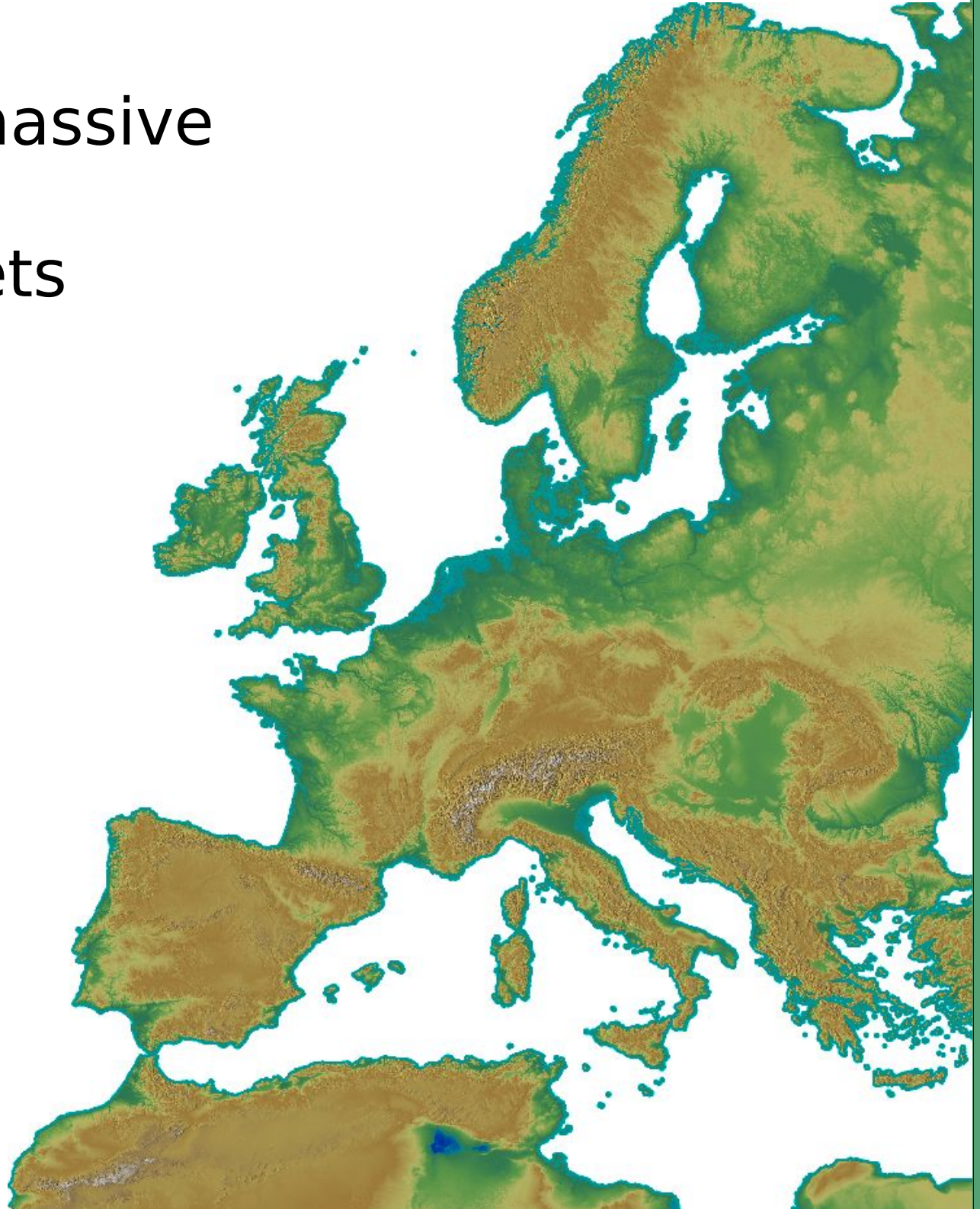
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Installation with
extension manager

Increasing inflow
of Python scripts



Support for massive spatial datasets in GRASS GIS



GRASS 7 raster processing

Raster resampling

Standard

nearest neighbour, linear, cubic, lanczos

Spline based

Regularized Spline Tension (RST), bspline

Statistical

average, median, mode, min, max, sum, variance, stddev, quantile

Filtering window

Bartlett, gauss, hermite, sinc, lanczos1, lanczos2, lanczos3, hann, hamming, blackman and any combination thereof

GRASS 7 raster processing

Raster surface interpolation from raster or vector points

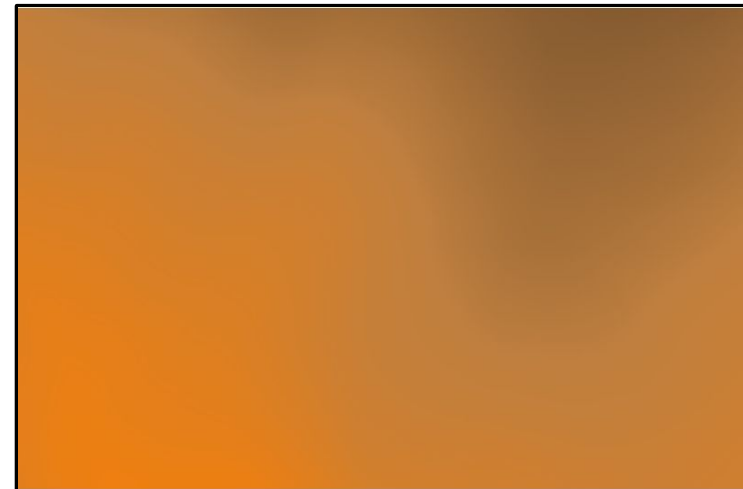
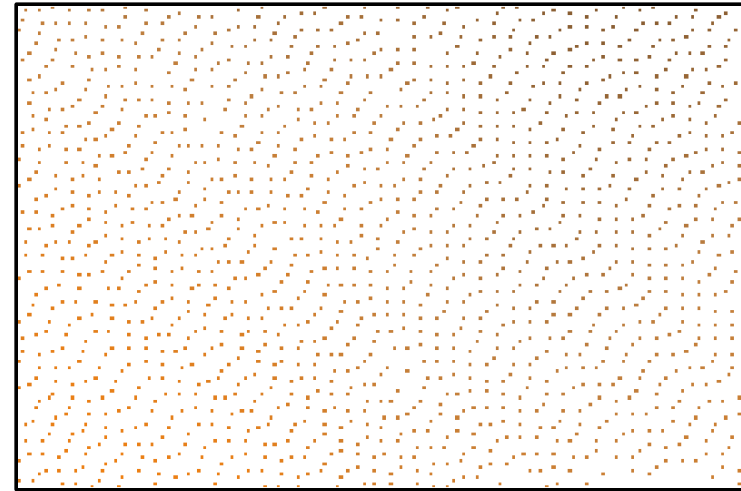
Inverse Distance Weighing (IDW)

Regularized Spline Tension (RST)

Bspline (Tykhonov regularization)

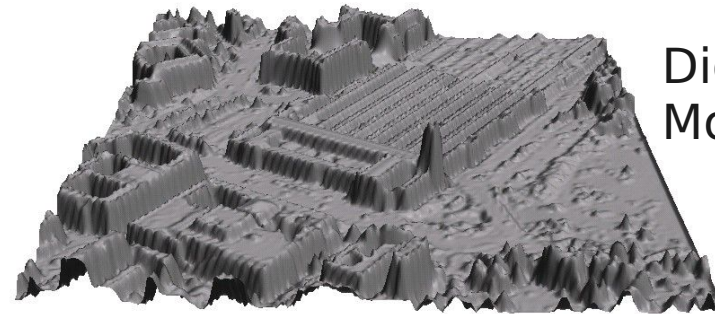
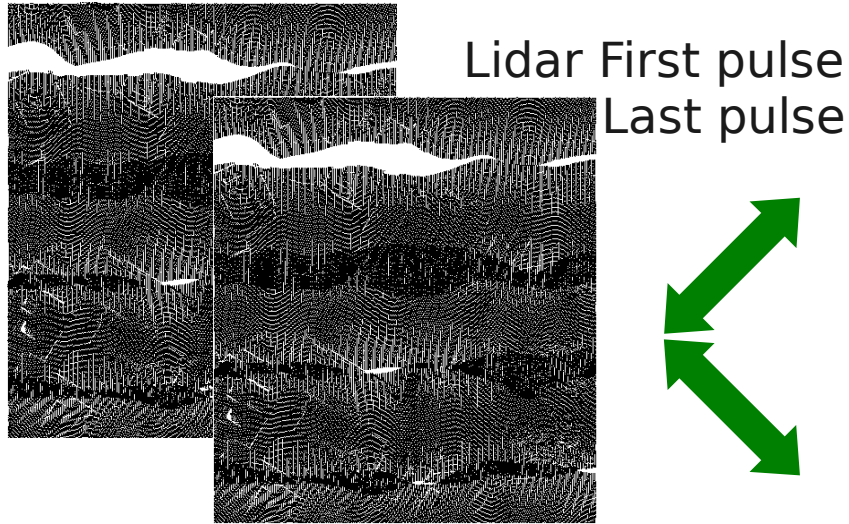
Ordinary kriging

Filtering window

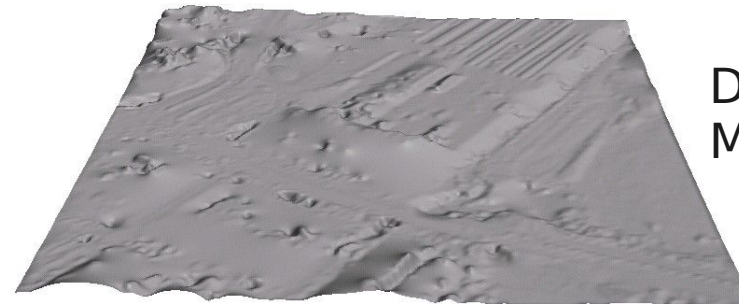


Processing of LiDAR data: laser scanning of the terrain

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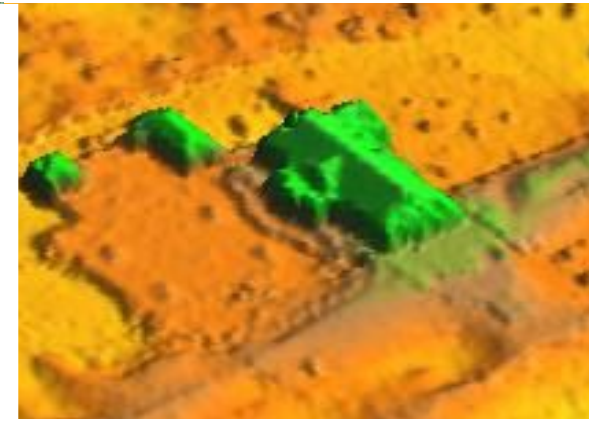
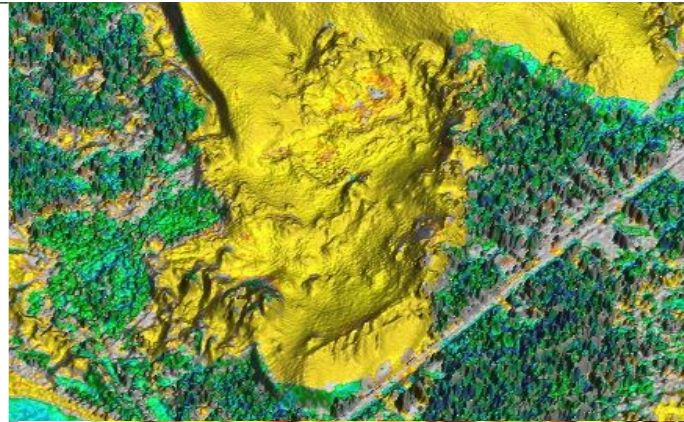
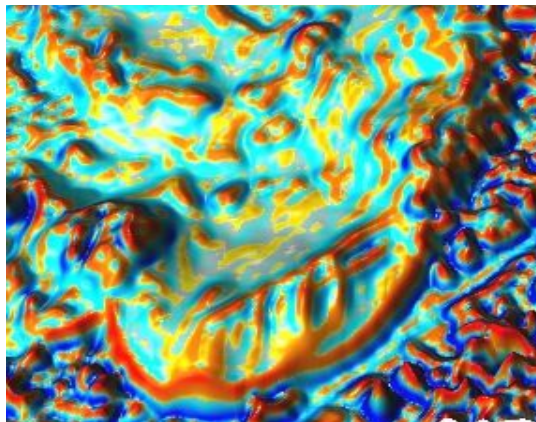


Digital Situation
Model (DSM)



Digital Terrain
Model (DTM)

Processing 500 Million points....



Processing of LiDAR data: laser scanning of the terrain

New in GRASS 7: direct import of LiDAR LAS files



Output as vector points:

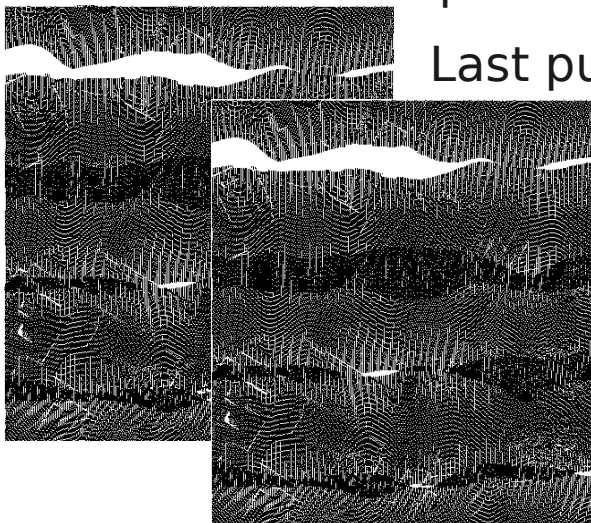
v.in.lidar



Lidar

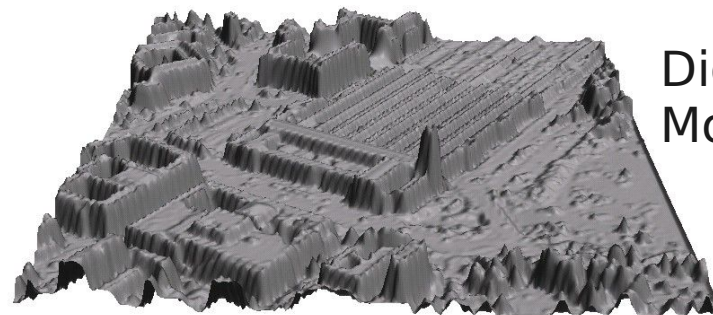
First pulse

Last pulse

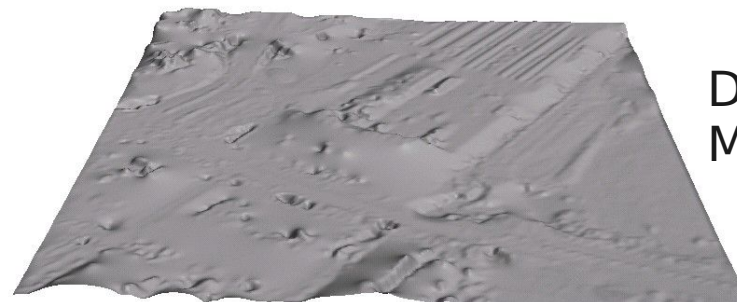


Output as raster map:

r.in.lidar



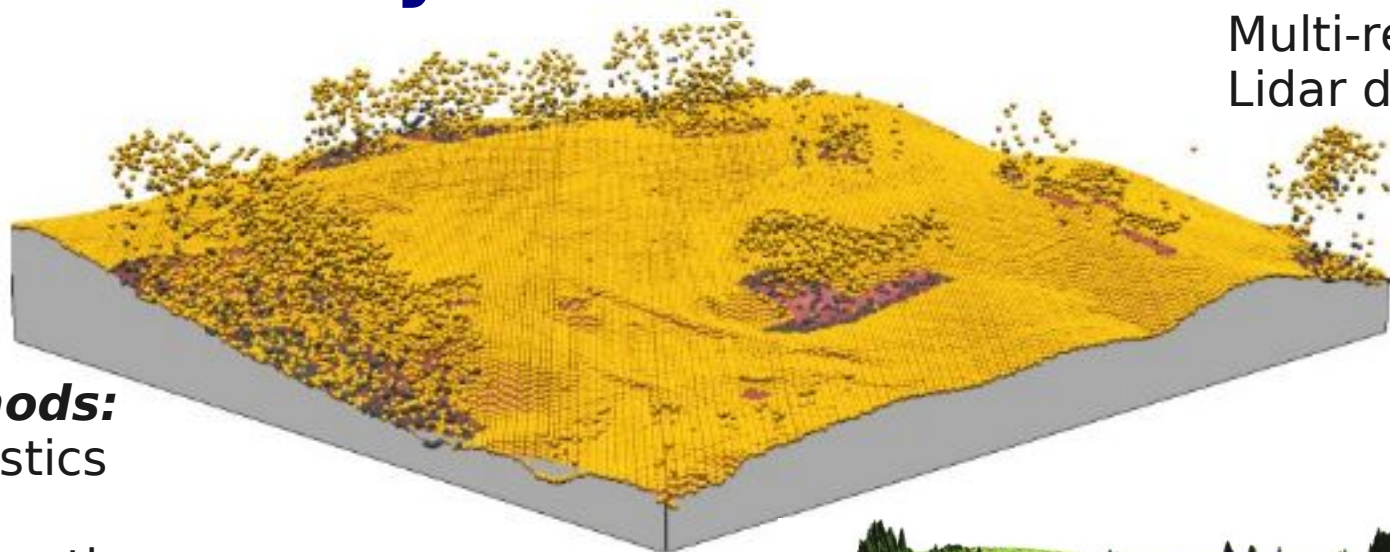
Digital Surface Model (DSM)



Digital Terrain Model (DTM)

Lidar data analysis in GRASS GIS

Multi-return
Lidar data

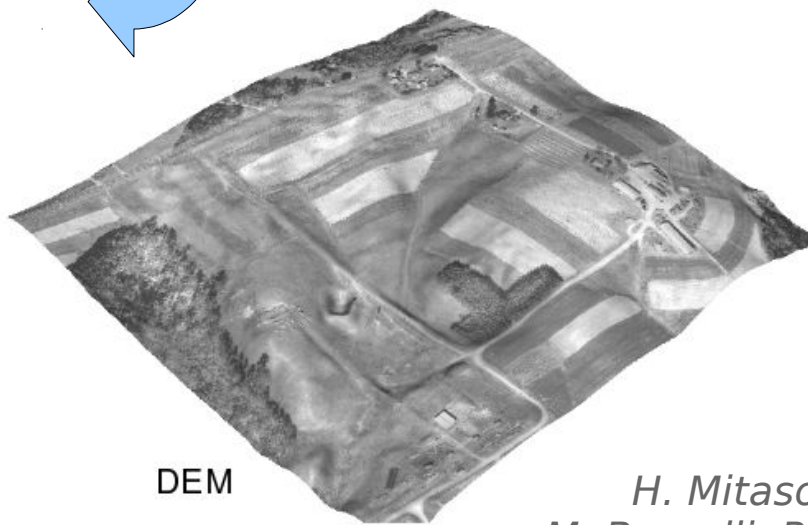
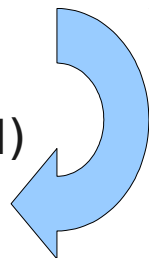
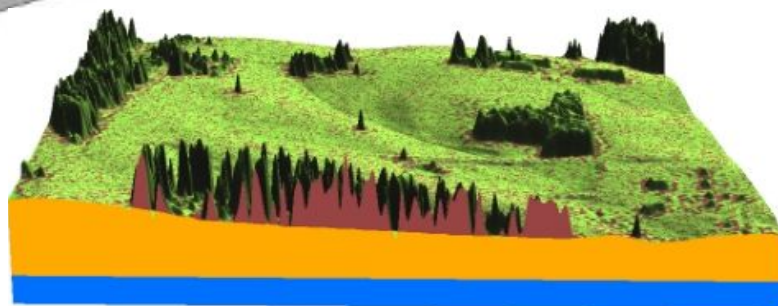


Available Methods:

- cell based statistics
- binning
- spatial approximation
- smoothing

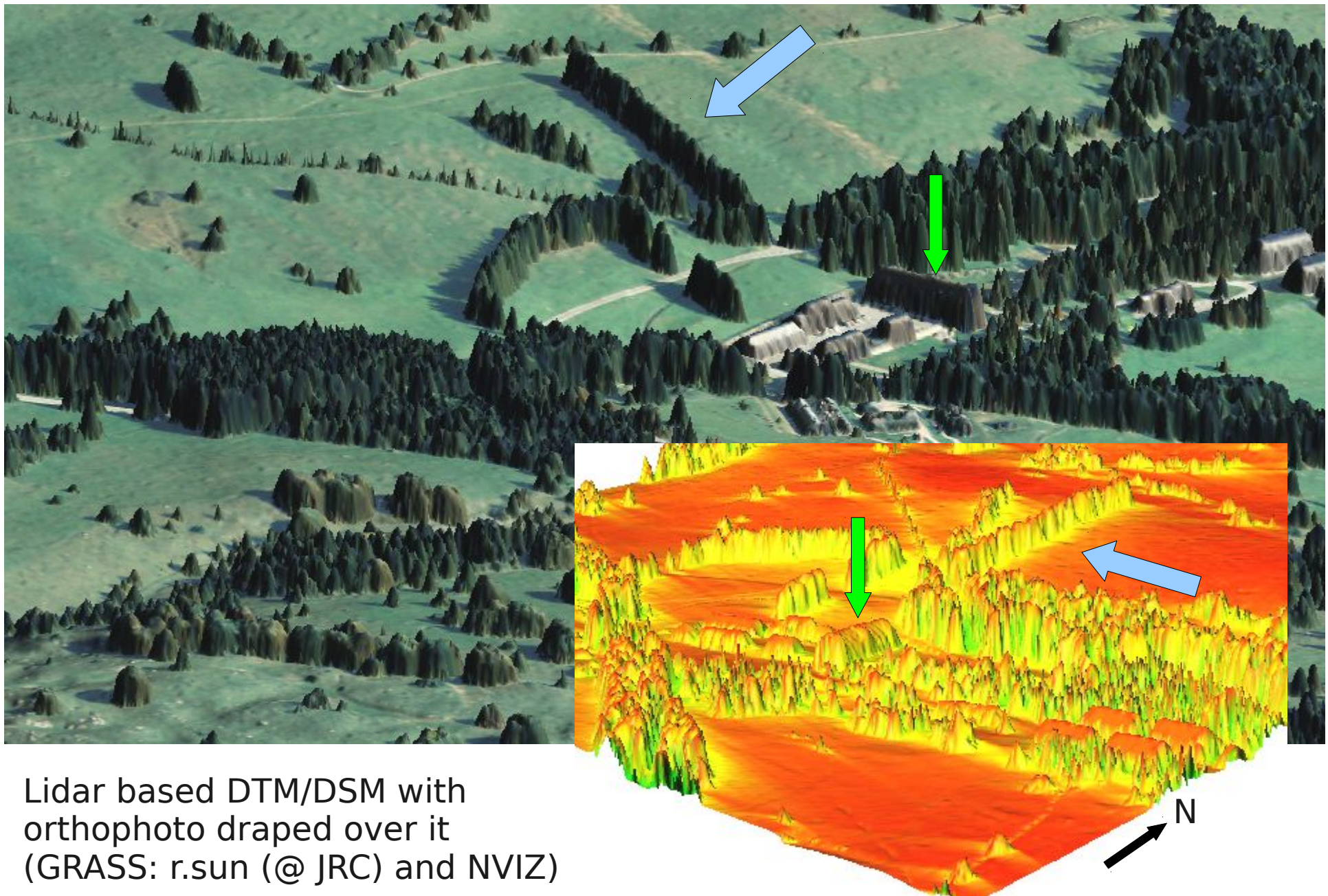
Use cases:

- topographic analysis
- Feature extraction (Separation DEM/DSM)



*H. Mitasova, NCSU
M. Brovelli, PdM, Como*

Lidar data in action: Visualization and solar energy



Lidar based DTM/DSM with
orthophoto draped over it
(GRASS: r.sun (@ JRC) and NVIZ)

GRASS 7: Support for massive datasets

What is massive?

Massive is relative to

- Hardware resources

- Software capabilities

- Operating system capabilities

Limiting factors

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- Processing time

- Disk space

- Largest supported file size

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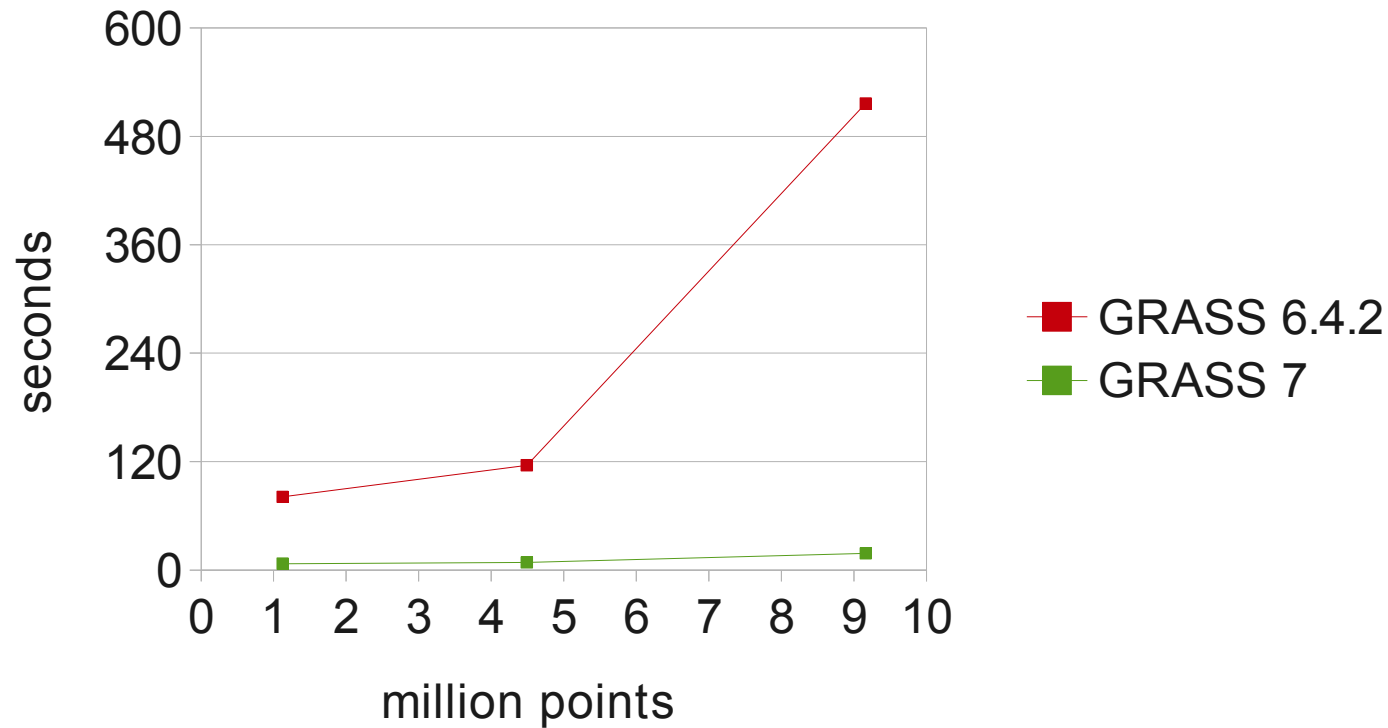
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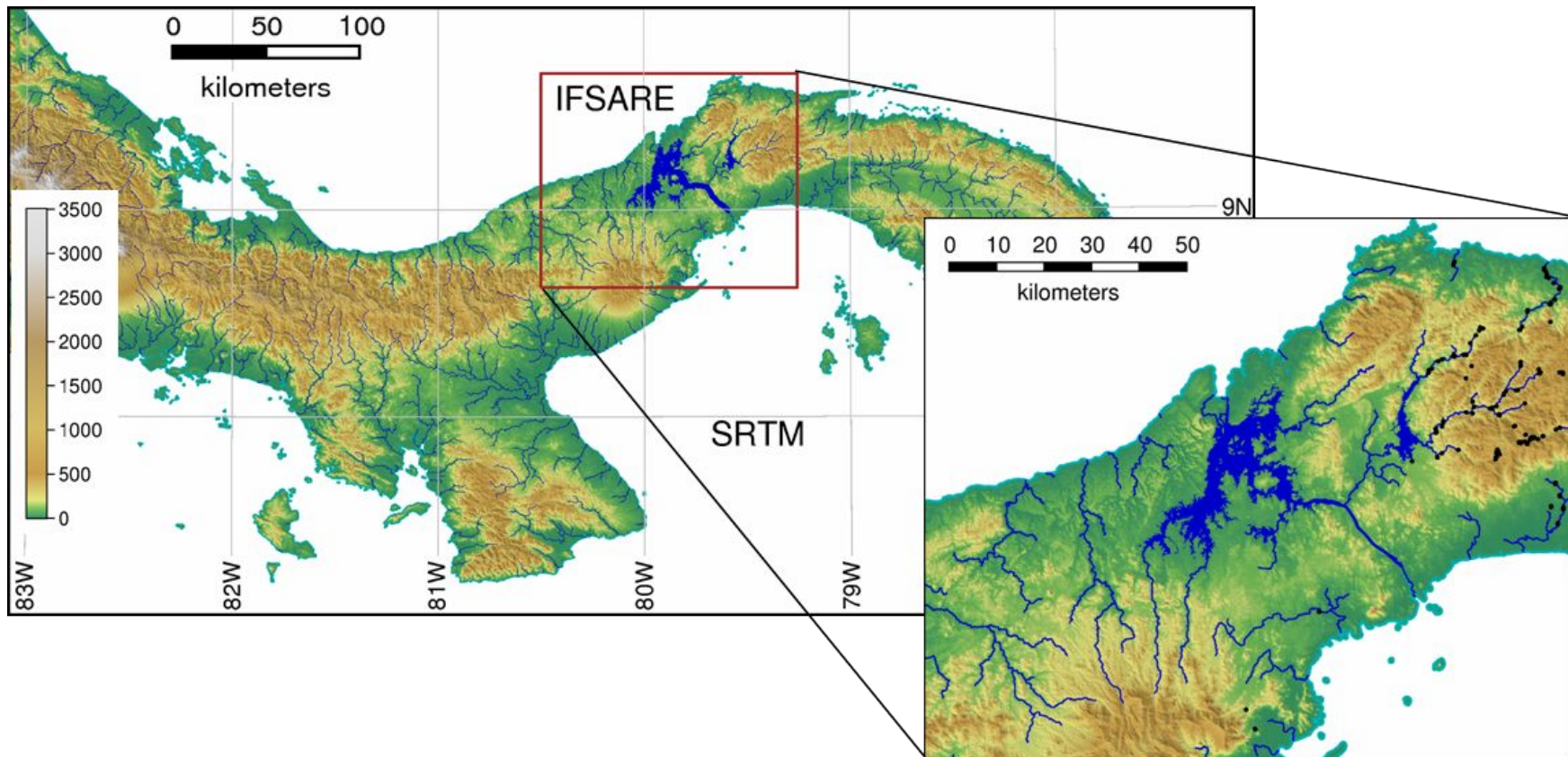
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Cost surfaces: *r.cost*



Example: Hydrological modelling (think massive data)

*Stream network extraction around the Panama channel
(250 million pixel)*



Metz et al. 2011, Hydrology and Earth System Sciences

New tools for hydrological modelling

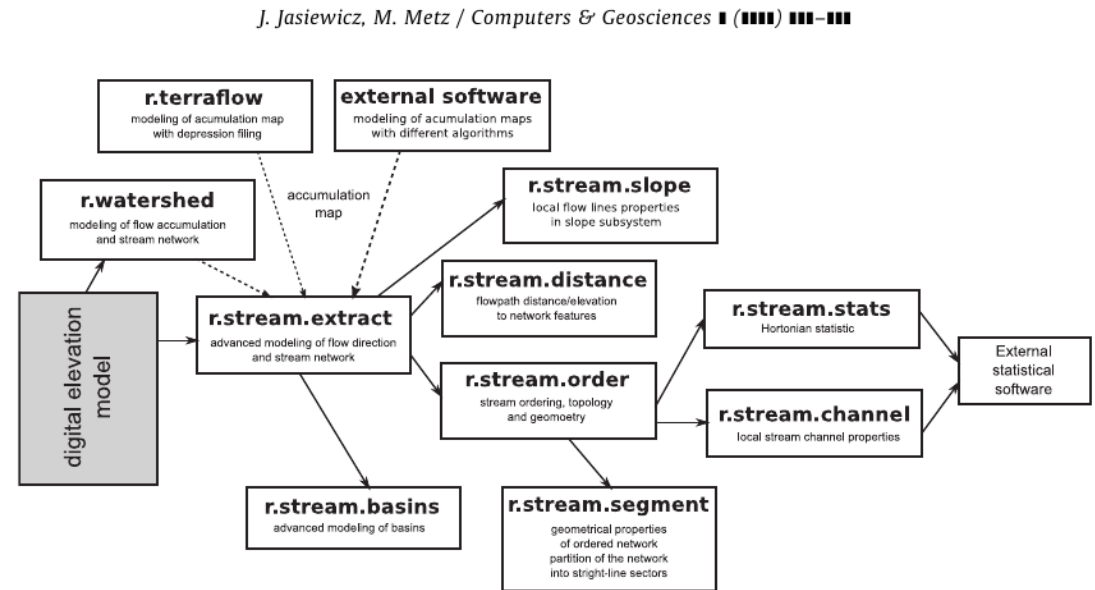


Fig. 2. The structure of the r.stream toolset and data flow between particular modules and external software.



A new GRASS GIS toolkit for Hortonian analysis of drainage networks

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The aim of this paper is to present a new GRASS GIS toolkit designed for Hortonian analysis of drainage networks. The r.stream toolkit uses a multiple flow direction algorithm for stream network extraction as well as for calculating other hydrogeomorphological features in the catchment's area. As all GRASS GIS toolsets, r.stream consists of several separate modules that can extract stream networks from a spectrum of accumulation maps, order the extracted network using several ordering methods, do advanced modeling of basin's boundary, perform Hortonian statistics, calculate additional parameters such as flow path distance to watershed elements, partition ordered and unordered networks into near-straight-line sectors, and calculate sector directions. The package is free and open-source software, available for GRASS version 6.4 and later.

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News in Image processing

Improved modules:

Georectification

Orthorectification

Atmospheric correction

Terrain correction

Landsat cloud detection

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Robust rectification of aerial photographs in an Open Source environment.
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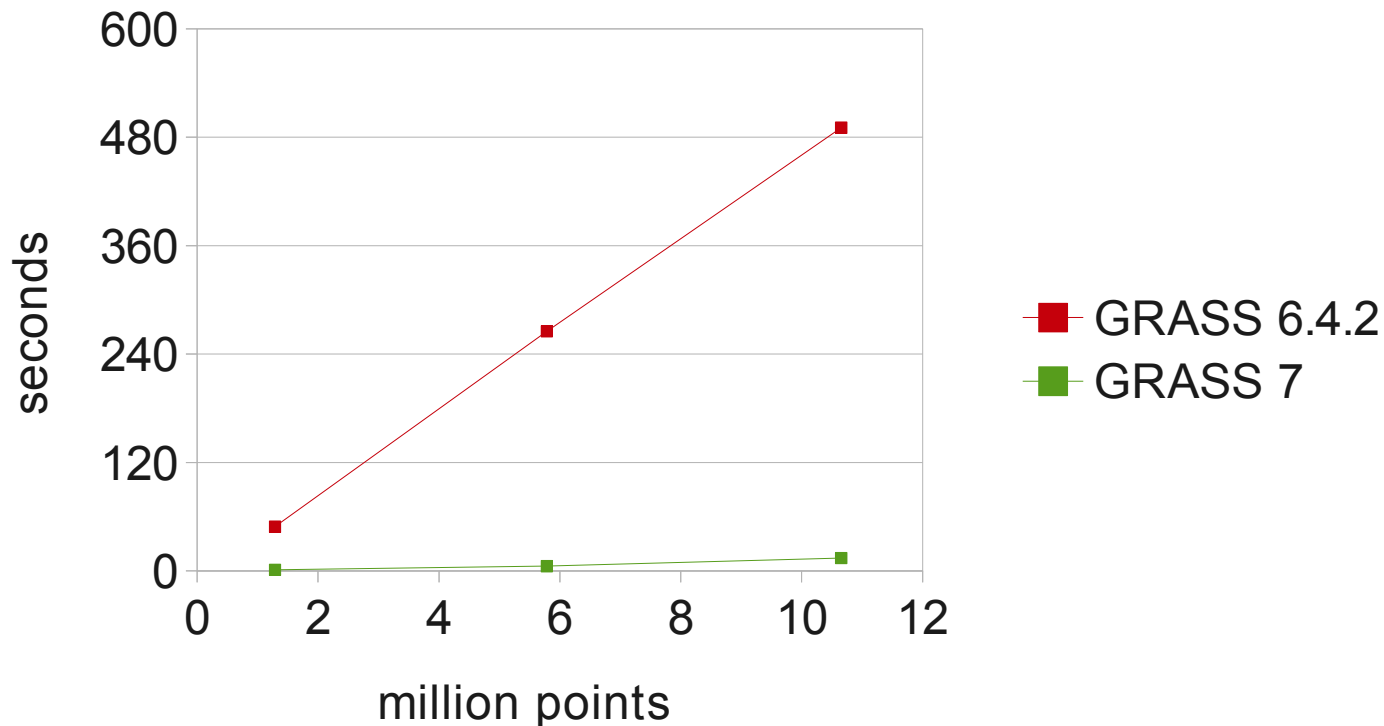
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Spatial query example

Query of vector point maps

GUI: click on vector map, what is there?

CLI: `v.what east_north=east,north`



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Slimmed down topology format

Size reduction most prominent for 3D points

E.g with ~120 000 points

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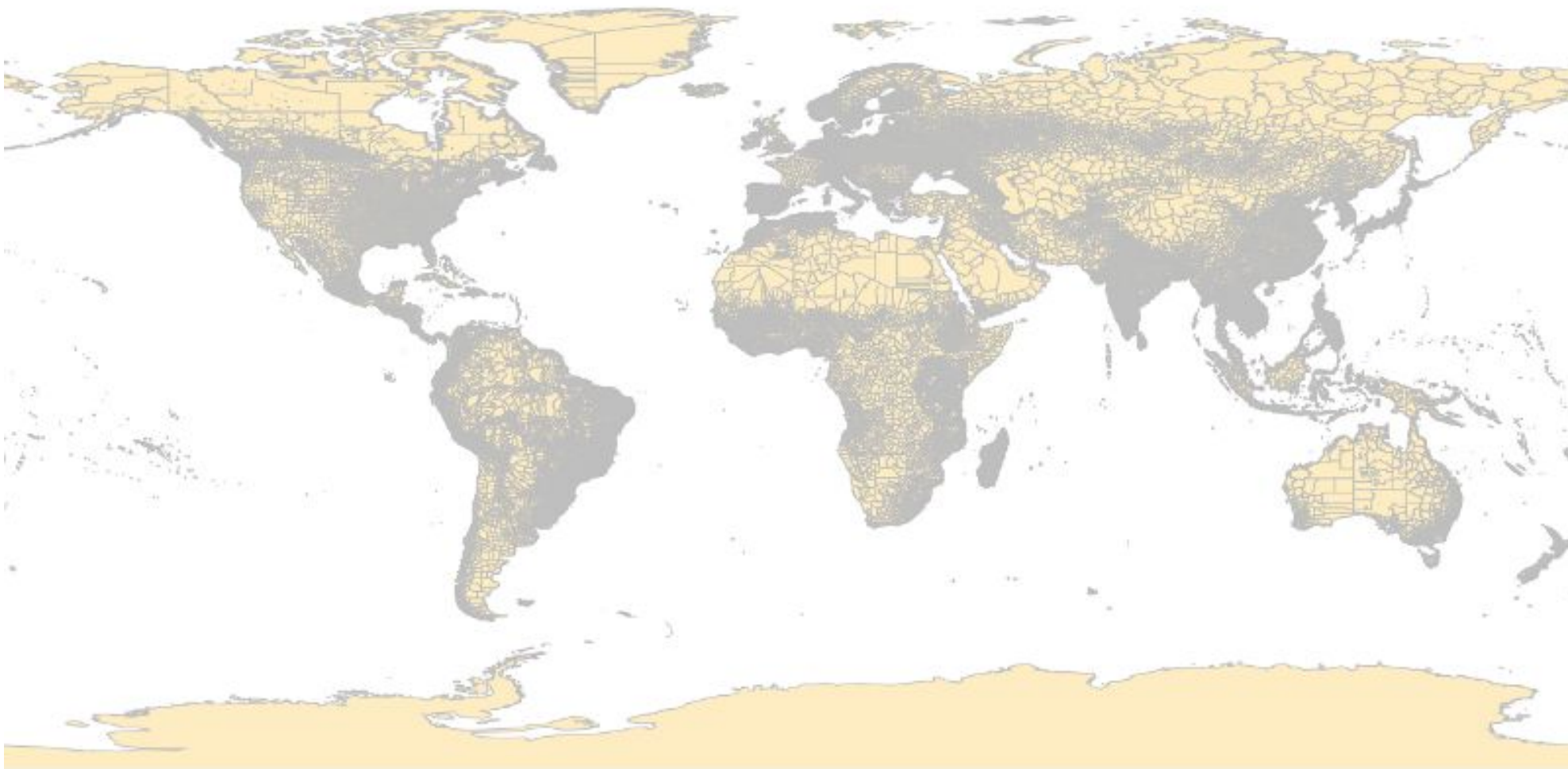
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Topological cleaning, vector import example

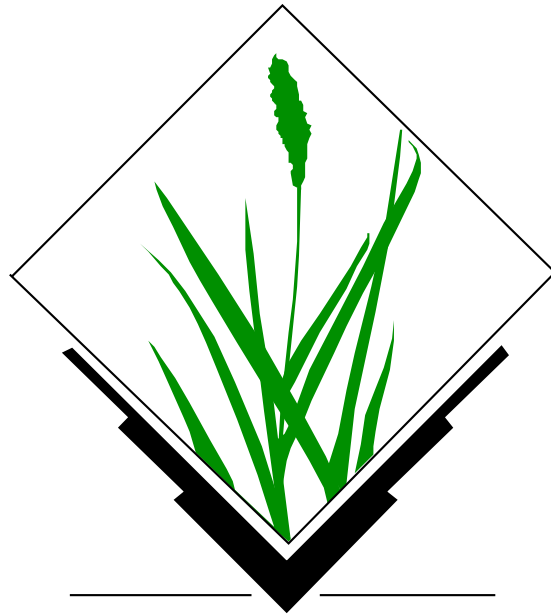
Example:

Global Administrative Database (GADM), all three levels, global



GRASS GIS as Open Source GIS backbone:

Connecting to other software packages



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GRASS 7 Programmer's Manual

GRASS GIS (*Geographic Resources Analysis Support System*) is an open source, free software *Geographical Information System* (GIS) with raster, topological vector, image processing, and graphics production functionality that operates on various platforms through a graphical user interface (GUI) or command line interface (CLI). It is released under [GNU General Public License \(GPL\)](#).

This manual introduces the reader to the *Geographic Resources Analysis Support System* from the programming perspective. Design theory, system support libraries, system maintenance, and system enhancement are all presented. This work is part of ongoing research being performed by the [GRASS Development Team](#), an international team of programmers, GRASS module authors are cited within their module's source code and the contributed manual pages.

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Main web site: <http://grass.osgeo.org>

Note: Missing entries below still need to be documented in Doxygen format.

Note: Diagram below needs to be updated for GRASS 7

<http://grass.osgeo.org/programming7/>

Doxygen generated programmer's manual

GRASS and Python

Parser part (for GUI autocreation and command line support):

```
#!/Module
#% description: Drapes a color raster over a shaded relief map using d.his
#%End
#%option
#% key: reliefmap
#% type: string
#% gisprompt: old,cell,raster
#% description: Name of shaded relief or aspect map
#% required : yes
#%end
#%option
#% key: drapemap
#% type: string
#% gisprompt: old,cell,raster
#% description: Name of raster to drape over relief map
#% required : yes
#%end
```

Script part:

```
import sys
from grass.script import core as grass

def main():
    drape_map = options['drapemap']
    relief_map = options['reliefmap']
    brighten = options['brighten']
    ret = grass.run_command("d.his", h_map = drape_map, i_map = relief_map, brighten = brighten)
    sys.exit(ret)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    options, flags = grass.parser()
    main()
```

New GRASS-Python API since 2012

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Welcome to PyGrass's documentation!

Since in the 2006 GRASS developers start to adopt python for the new GUI, python becoming more and more important and developers plan to convert all the bash scripts in to python for the next major release GRASS 7.

`pygrass` want to improve integration between GRASS and python, make the use of python under GRASS more consistent with the language itself and make the GRASS scripting and programming activity easier and more natural to the final users.

This project has been funded with support from the google Summer of Code 2012.

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GRASS and Java

Source path: [svn/ trunk/ Modules/ Java/ v_sample_rast.java](#)

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```
1  /*
2  * Program: vtkGRASSBridge
3  * COPYRIGHT: (C) 2011 by Soeren Gebbert, soerengebbert@googlemail.com
4  *
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13 */
14
15 import vtk.*;
16
17 public class v_sample_rast {
18
19     static {
20         System.loadLibrary("vtkCommonJava");
21         System.loadLibrary("vtkGRASSBridgeIOJava");
22         System.loadLibrary("vtkGRASSBridgeRasterJava");
23         System.loadLibrary("vtkGRASSBridgeVectorJava");
24         System.loadLibrary("vtkGRASSBridgeCommonJava");
25     }
26
27     public static void main(String[] args) {
28         // Initiate GRASS
```

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What you can do with Open Source GIS....



ZOO
http://zoo-project.org

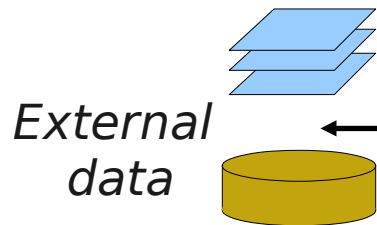


Web Processing Service

Geostatistics
Predictive modeling



View
Interact
Teach



External data



raster
vector



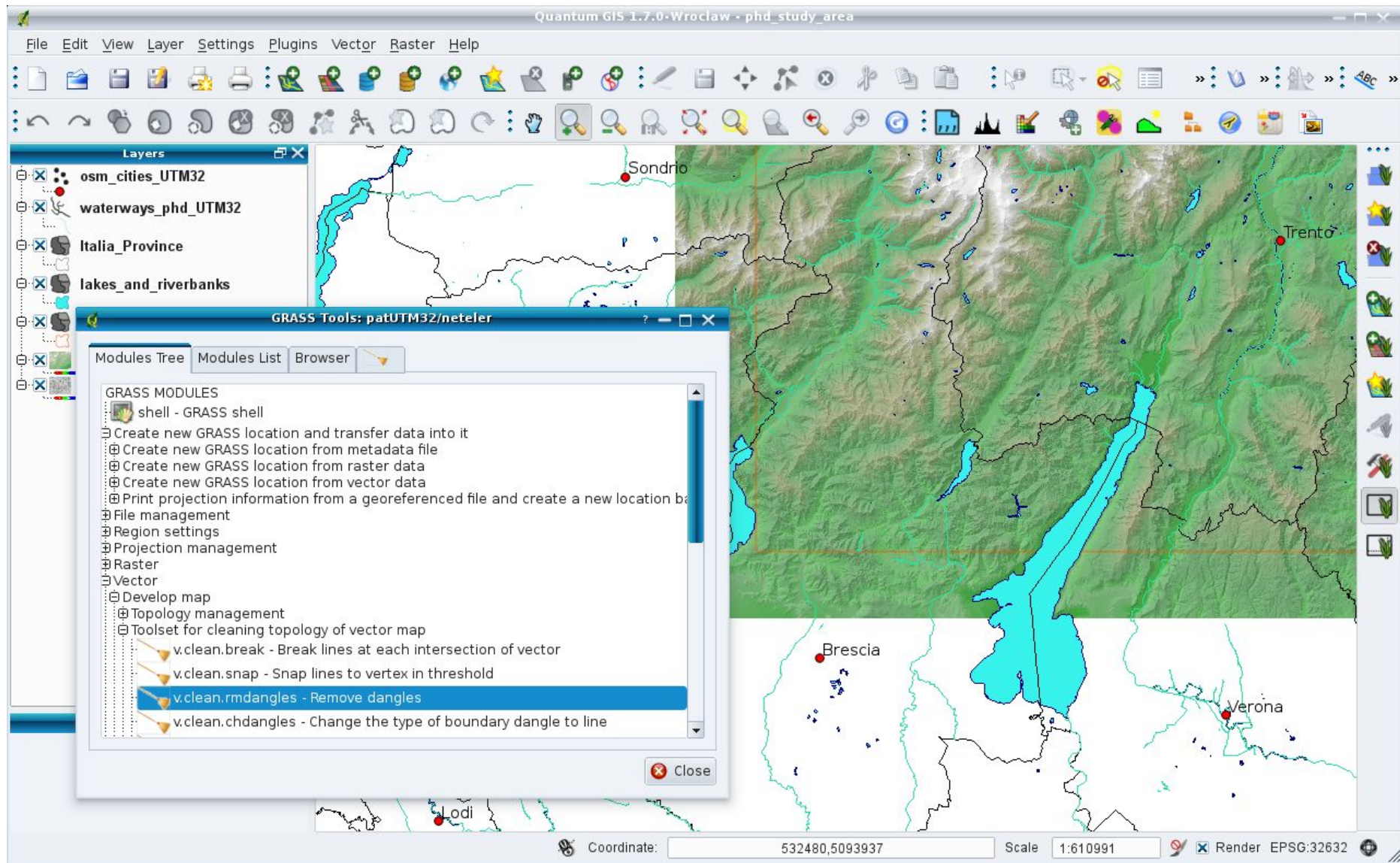
Spatial
Analysis
Modeling

Database engine:
Tables,
attributes



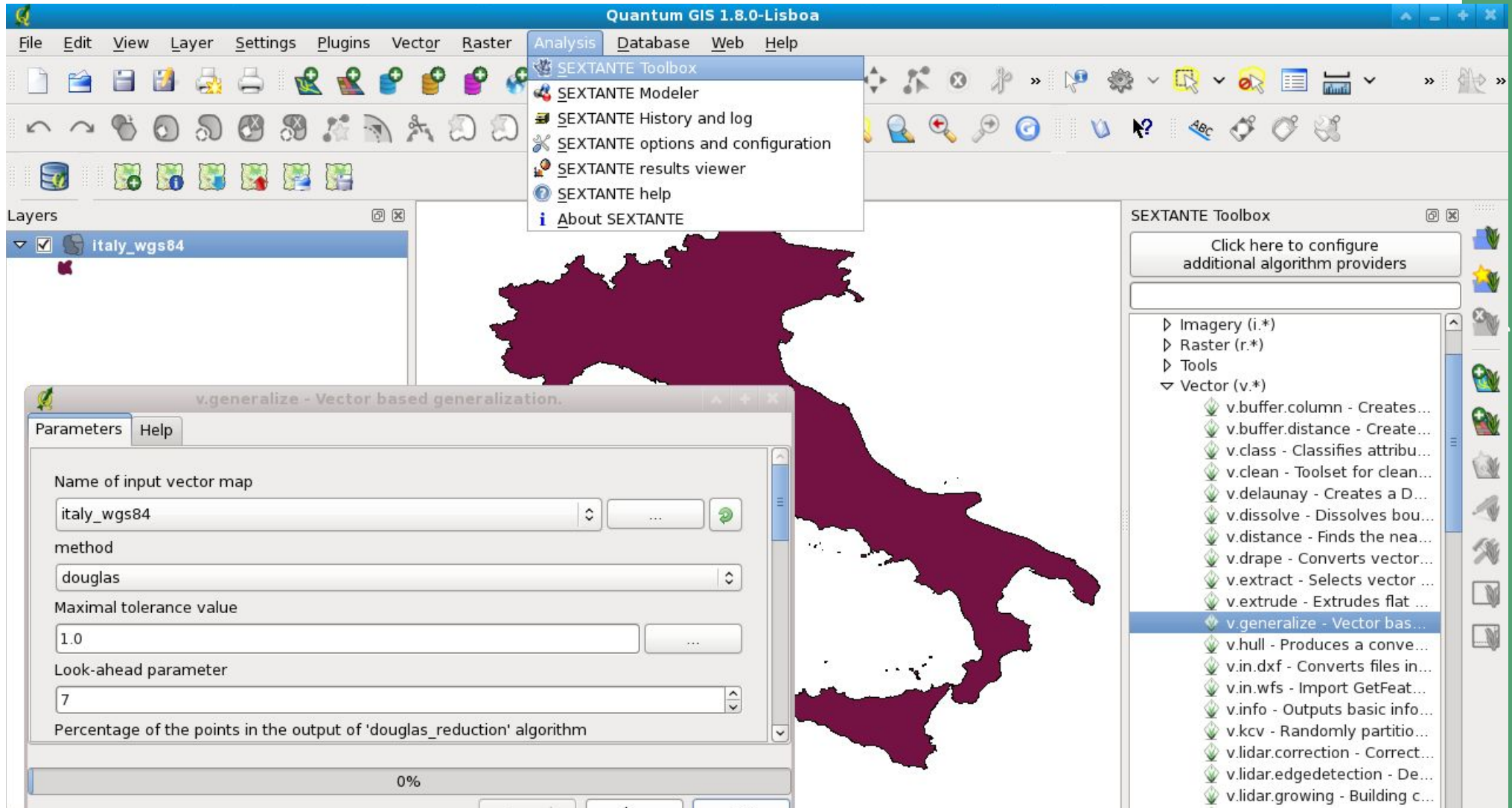
Visualize

GRASS and QGIS Integration: GRASS Toolbox



http://grass.osgeo.org/wiki/QGIS_GRASS_Cookbook

New GRASS and QGIS Integration: Sextante



The screenshot displays the QGIS 1.8.0-Lisboa interface. The 'Analysis' menu is open, showing the 'SEXTANTE Toolbox' option. The 'Layers' panel on the left shows a layer named 'Italy_wgs84'. The 'SEXTANTE Toolbox' panel on the right is open, displaying a list of tools under the 'Vector (v.*)' category, with 'v.generalize - Vector based generalization...' selected. The 'v.generalize - Vector based generalization' dialog box is open in the foreground, showing the following parameters:

- Name of input vector map: italy_wgs84
- method: douglas
- Maximal tolerance value: 1.0
- Look-ahead parameter: 7
- Percentage of the points in the output of 'douglas_reduction' algorithm: 0%

SEXTANTE – GRASS Integration: Modeller

SEXTANTE



The screenshot displays the SEXTANTE Modeller interface. The main window, titled "Modeller", shows a workflow named "Watershed modelling" under the group "Calculus tools for raster layer". The workflow consists of the following steps:

- DEM (input)
- r.fillnulls (process)
- r.contour (process)
- r.fill.dir (process)
- r.watershed (basin) (process)
- Vectorize raster layer (polygons) (process)

The "Parameters" dialog for the "Watershed modelling" process is open, showing the following settings:

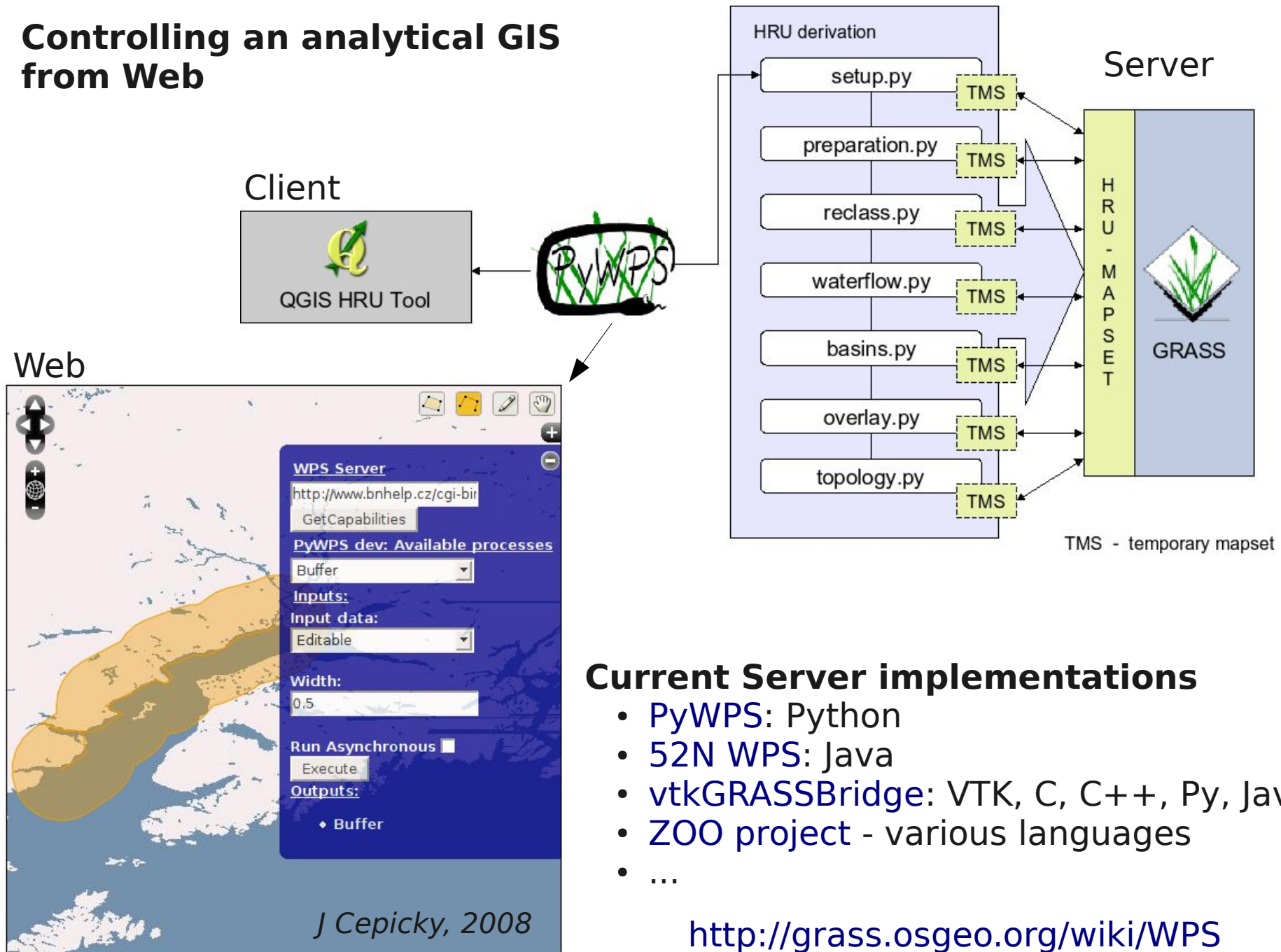
- Inputs: Raster layers: DEM (wake_elevation.tif)
- Outputs: contour_lines10m[vector] (/home/markus/contours_10m.shp), basins[vector] (/home/markus/wake_watersheds.shp)

Buttons for "Run", "New", "Save", and "Open" are visible at the bottom of the workflow window.

Note:
Partially functional in
gvSIG OADE 2010,
more to come in (near) future...

Web Processing Service – WPS

Controlling an analytical GIS from Web



Current Server implementations

- PyWPS: Python
- 52N WPS: Java
- vtkGRASSBridge: VTK, C, C++, Py, Java
- ZOO project - various languages
- ...

<http://grass.osgeo.org/wiki/WPS>

GRASS 7 WPS Support

```
r.grow --wps-process-description
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<wps:ProcessDescriptions xmlns:wps="http://www.opengis.net/wps/1.0.0"
xmlns:ows="http://www.opengis.net/ows/1.1"
xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/wps/1.0.0
http://schemas.opengis.net/wps/1.0.0/wpsDescribeProcess_response.xsd"
service="WPS" version="1.0.0" xml:lang="en-US">
  <ProcessDescription wps:processVersion="1" storeSupported="true" statusSupported="true">
    <ows:Identifier>r.grow</ows:Identifier>
    <ows:Title>Generates a raster map layer with contiguous areas grown by one cell.</ows:Title>
    <ows:Abstract>The manual page of this module is available here: http://grass.osgeo.org/grass70/manuals/html70\_use</ows:Abstract>
    <ows:Metadata xlink:title="raster" />
    <DataInputs>
      <Input minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1">
        <ows:Identifier>input</ows:Identifier>
        <ows:Title>Name of input raster map</ows:Title>
        <ComplexData maximumMegabytes="2048">
          <Default>
            <Format>
              <MimeType>image/tiff</MimeType>
            </Format>
          </Default>
          <Supported>
            <Format>
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          </Supported>
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      </Input>
    </DataInputs>
  </ProcessDescription>
</wps:ProcessDescriptions>
```

GRASS and R Integration

```
GRASS 6.4.2svn (patUTM32):~/papers > R
```

```
R version 2.13.1 (2011-07-08)
```

```
...
```

```
> library(spgrass6)
```

```
Loading required package: sp
```

```
Loading required package: rgdal
```

```
Geospatial Data Abstraction Library extensions
```

```
Loaded GDAL runtime: GDAL 1.7.3, released 20
```

```
Path to GDAL shared files: /usr/local/share/gdal
```

```
Loaded PROJ.4 runtime: Rel. 4.7.1, 23 September 2009, [PJ_VERSION: 470]
```

```
Path to PROJ.4 shared files: (autodetected)
```

```
Loading required package: XML
```

```
GRASS GIS interface loaded with GRASS version: 6.4.2svn
```

```
and location: nc_spm_08
```

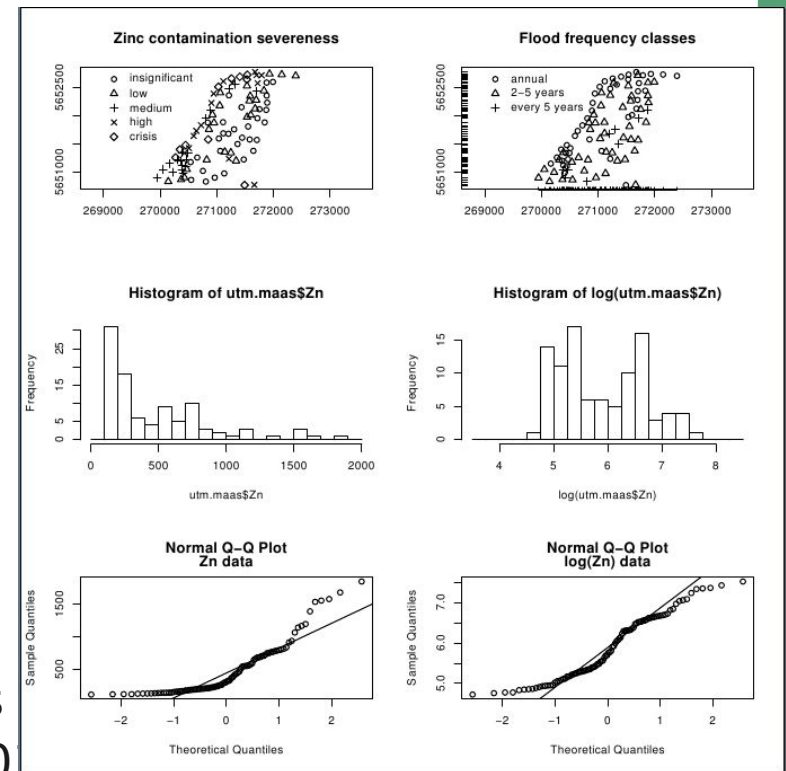
```
> myrast <- readRAST6(c("geology", "elevation"), cat=c(TRUE, FALSE))
```

```
> myvect <- readVECT6("roads")
```

```
...
```

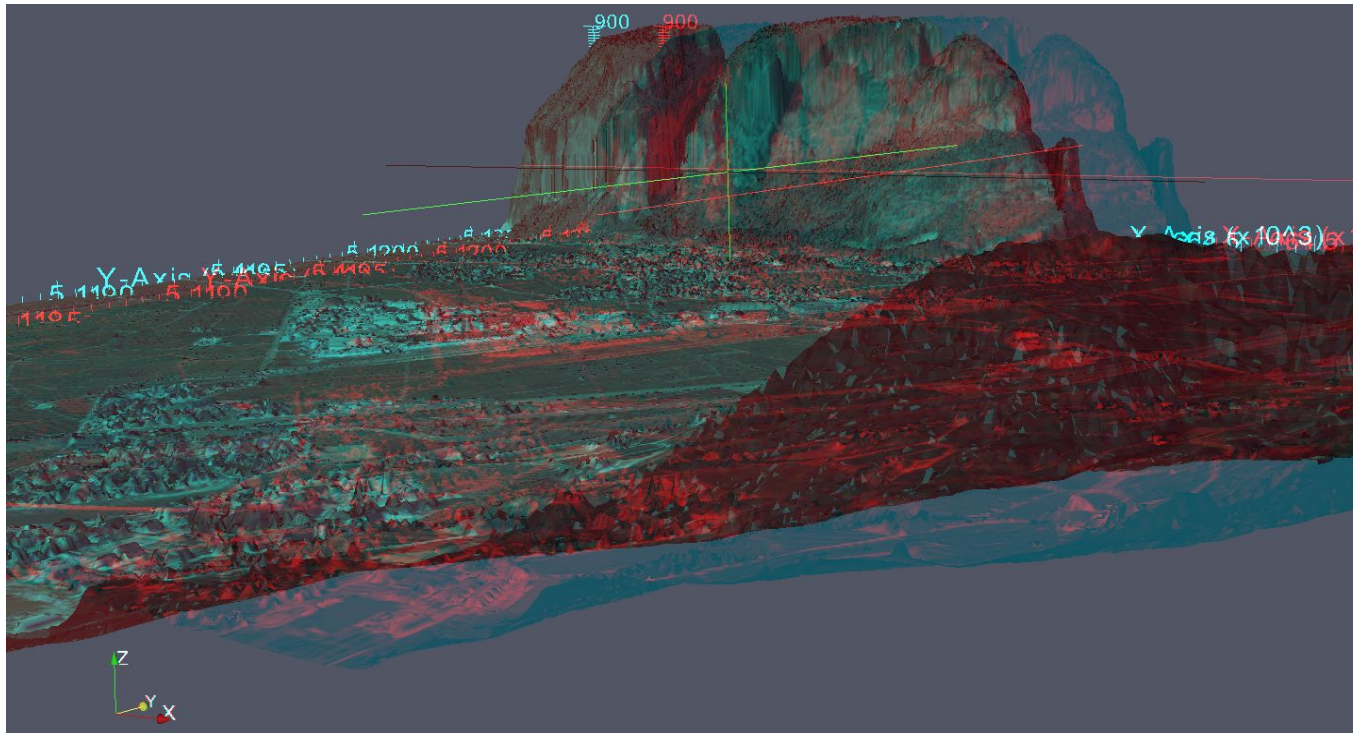
```
> writeRAST6(myrast, "elev_filt", zcol="elev")
```

```
...
```

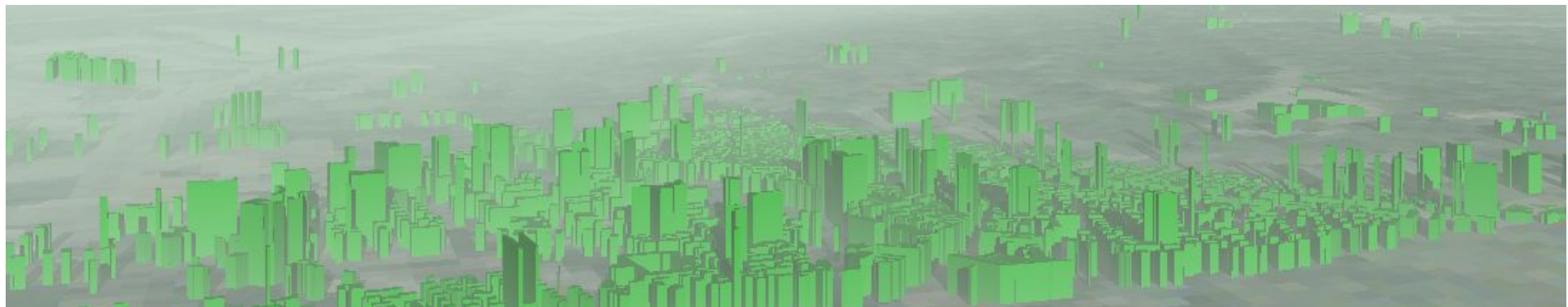


http://grass.osgeo.org/wiki/R_statistics

Visualization: GRASS data export to Paraview and Povray

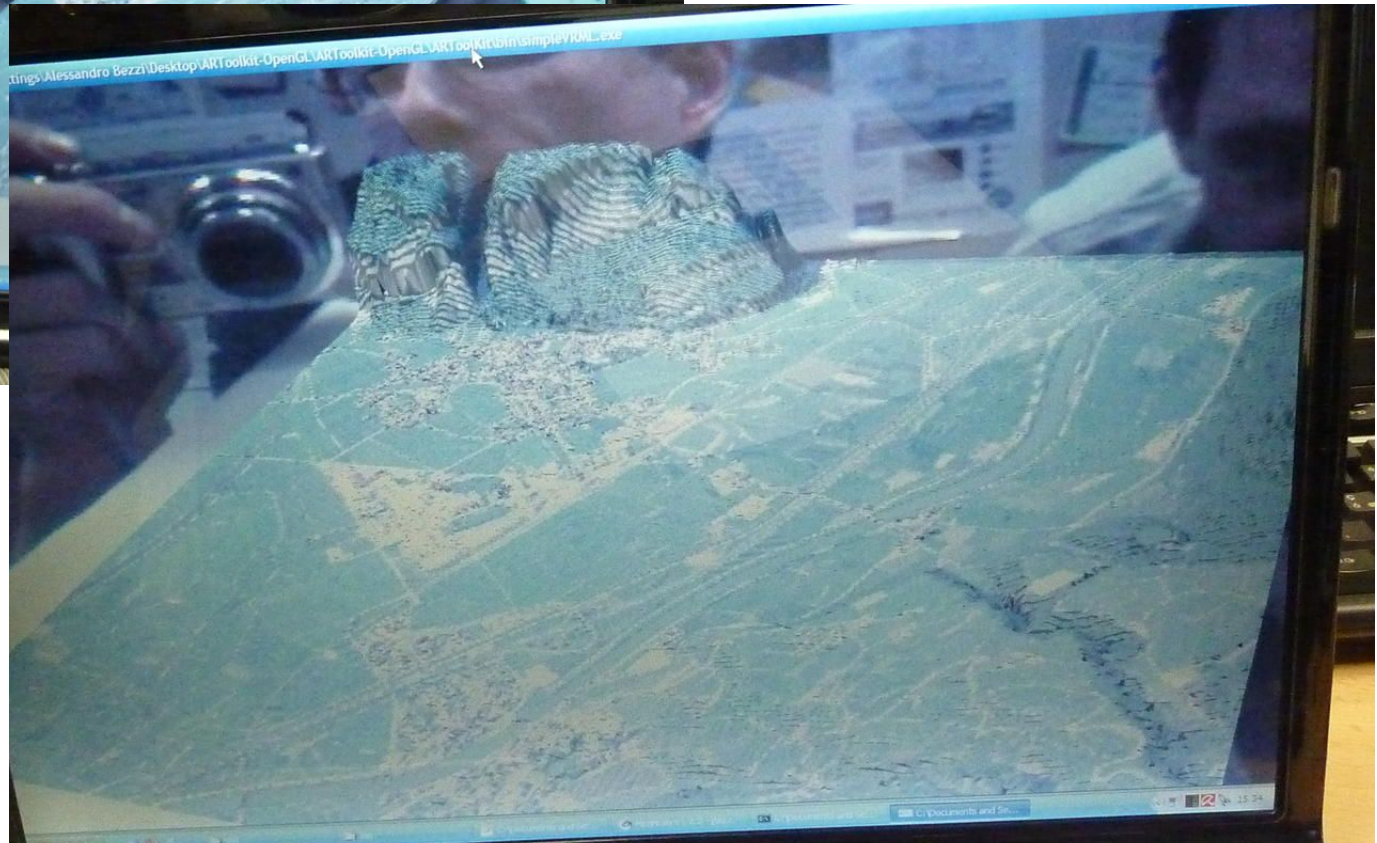


Povray rendering (www.povray.org): adding clouds and haze



Furthermore: OpenSceneGraph, Ratman, ...

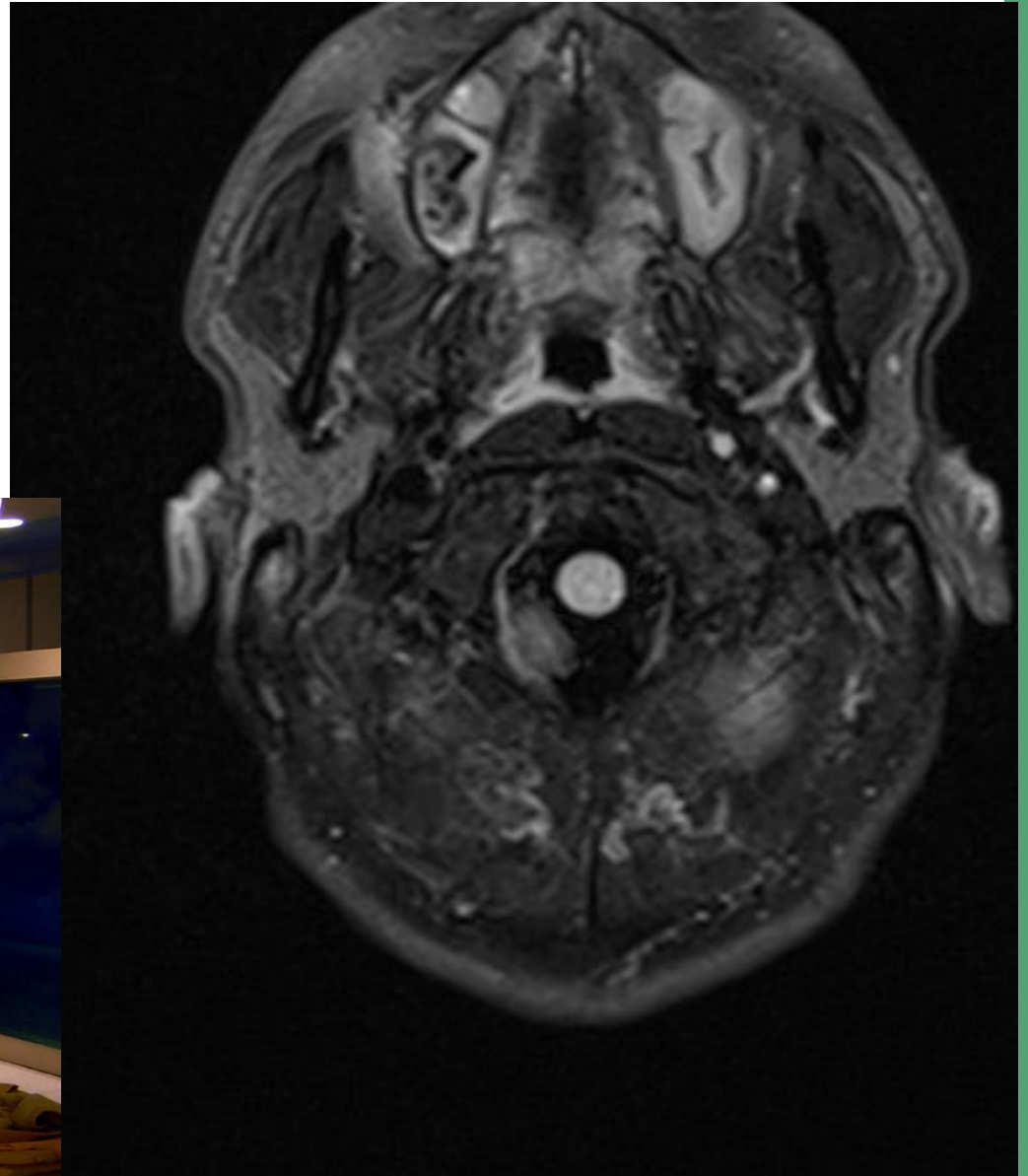
Visualization: GRASS data export to for Augmented Reality



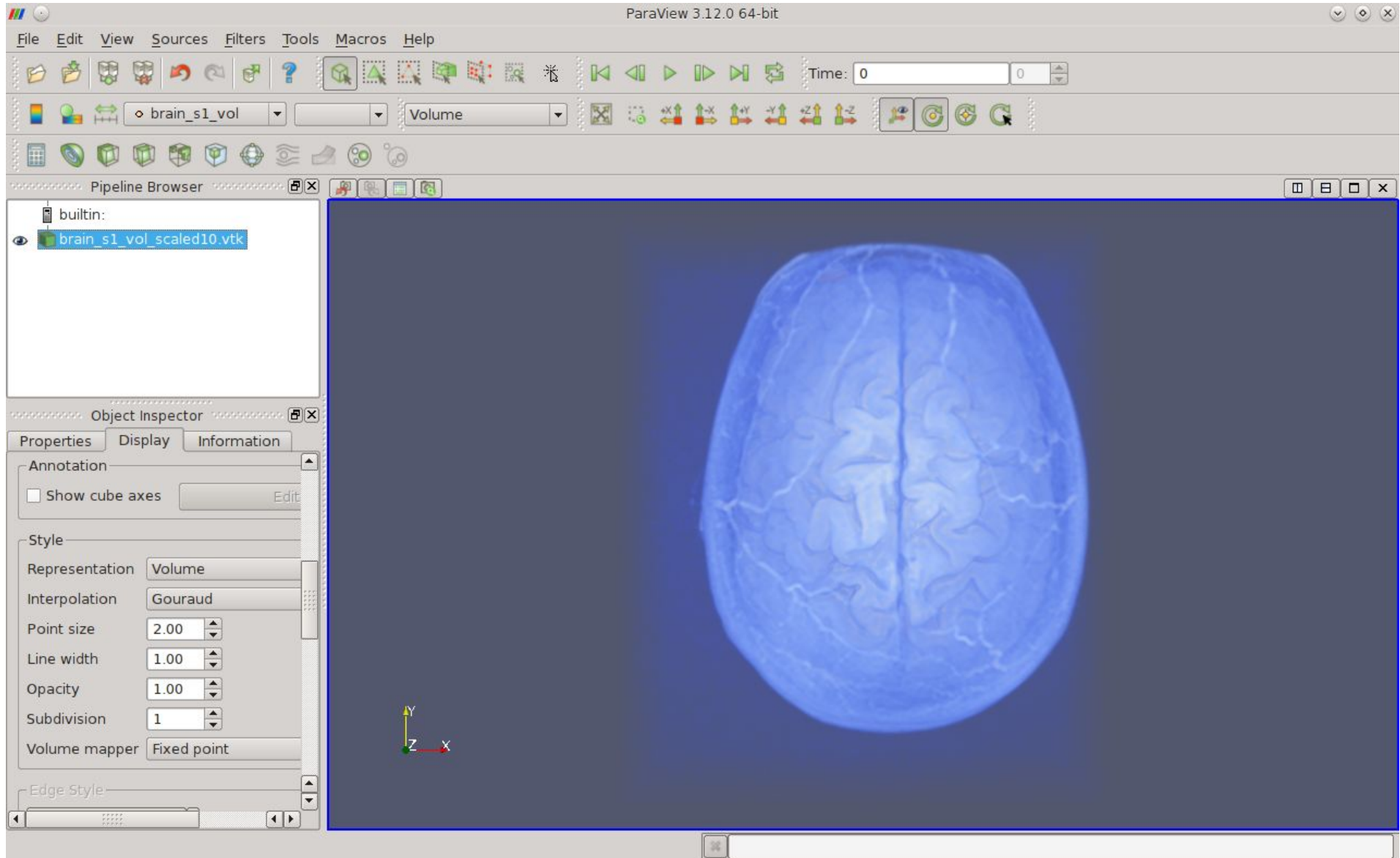
GRASS GIS,
Paraview, and
ARToolkit

A researcher's brain... From MRT scan to Voxels

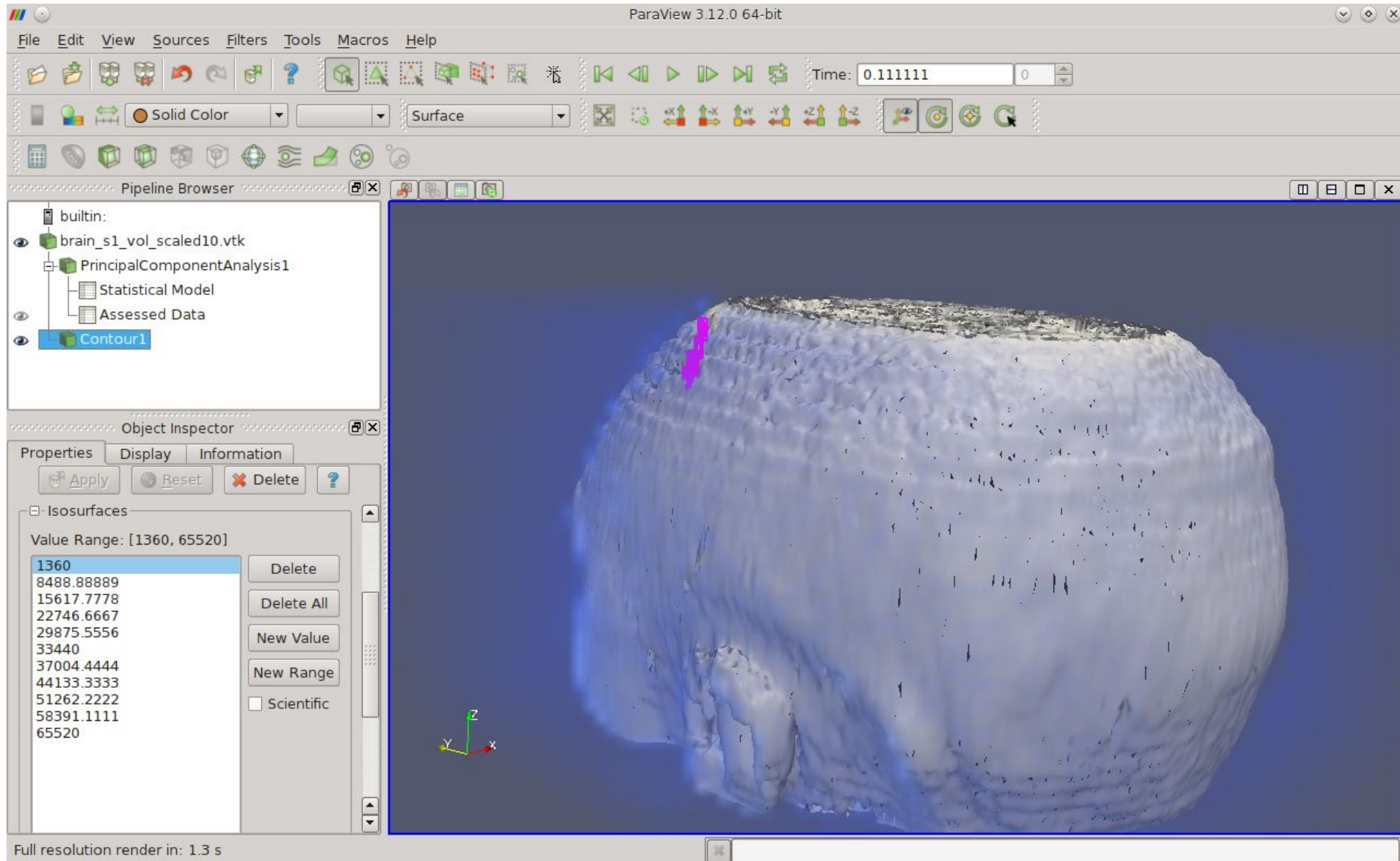
Our FEM colleague
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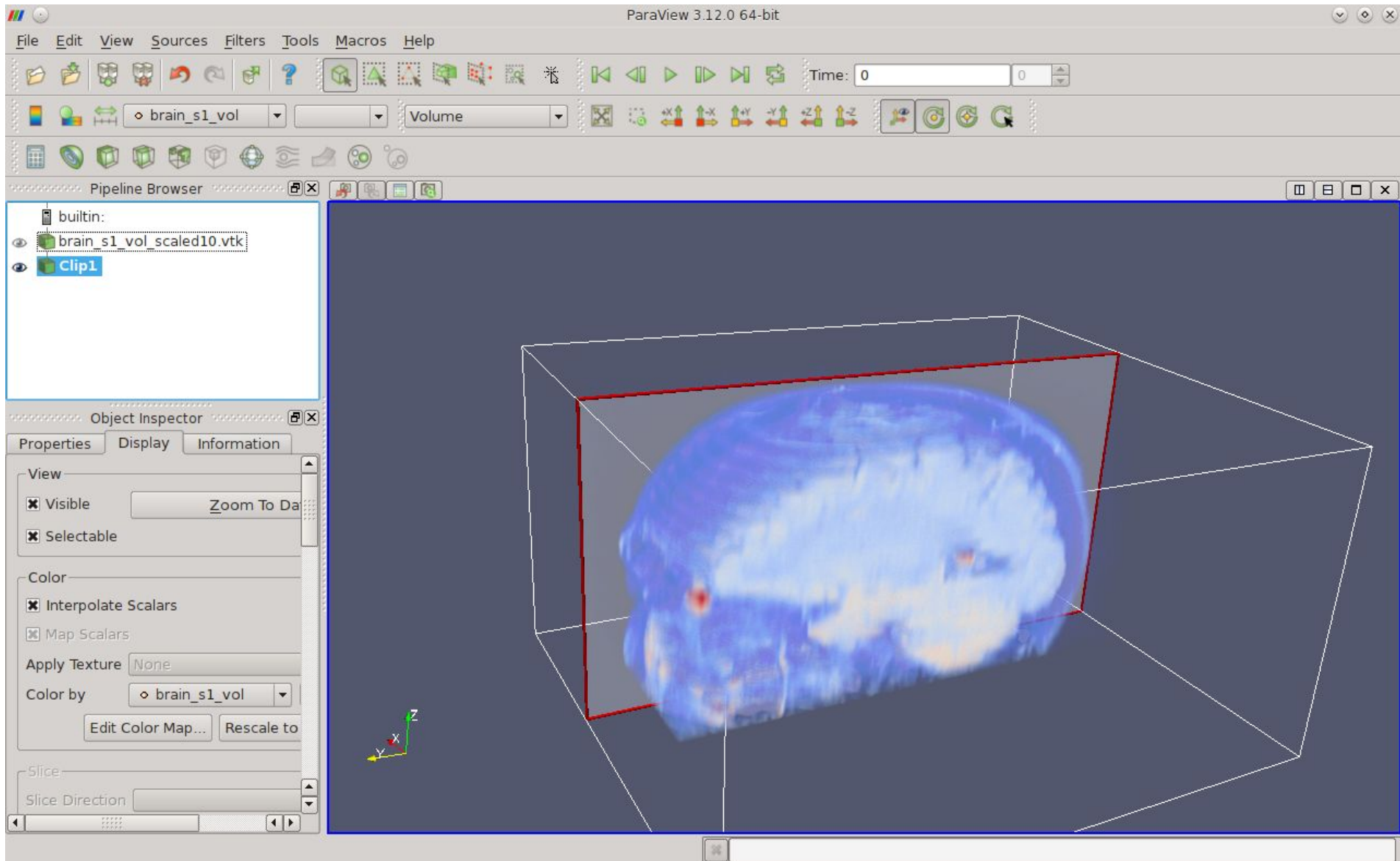
A researcher's brain... From MRT scan to Voxels



A researcher's brain... From MRT scan to Voxels



A researcher's brain... From MRT scan to Voxels



New Space-Time functionality in GRASS 7

Developed by Sören Gebbert
--> Enjoy on Friday!

Temporal data processing in GRASS GIS

The temporal GIS framework in GRASS introduces three new datatypes that are designed to handle time series data:

- *Space time raster datasets* (strds) are designed to manage raster map time series. Modules that process strds have the naming prefix *t.rast*.
- *Space time 3D raster datasets* (str3ds) are designed to manage 3D raster map time series. Modules that process str3ds have the naming prefix *t.rast3d*.
- *Space time vector datasets* (stvds) are designed to manage vector map time series. Modules that process stvds have the naming prefix *t.vect*.

Temporal data management in general

List of general management modules:

- [t.connect](#)
- [t.create](#)
- [t.remove](#)
- [t.register](#)
- [t.unregister](#)
- [t.info](#)
- [t.list](#)
- [t.rast3d.list](#)
- [t.vect.list](#)
- [t.vect.db.select](#)
- [t.sample](#)
- [t.support](#)
- [t.topology](#)

Export/import conversion

- [t.rast.export](#)
- [t.rast.import](#)
- [t.rast.out.vtk](#)
- [t.rast.to.rast3](#)
- [r3.out.netcdf](#)
- [t.vect.export](#)

Statistics and gap filling

- [t.rast.gapfill](#)
- [t.rast.univar](#)

Querying and map calculation

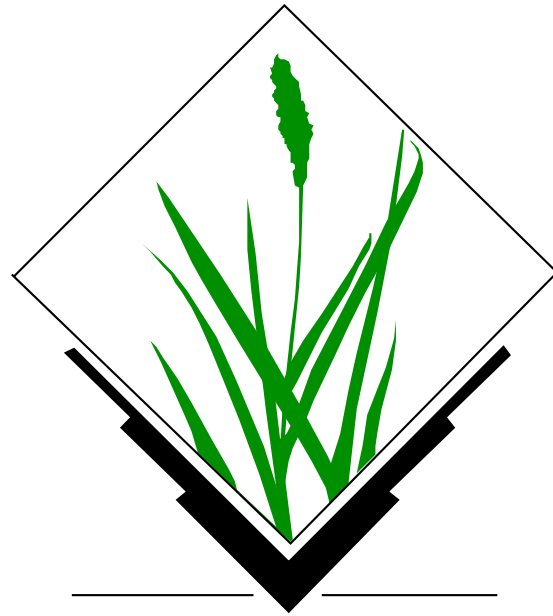
- [t.rast.list](#)
- [t.rast.extract](#)
- [t.rast.gapfill](#)
- [t.rast.mapcalc](#)
- [t.rast3d.extract](#)
- [t.rast3d.mapcalc](#)
- [t.rast3d.univar](#)
- [t.vect.extract](#)
- [t.vect.import](#)
- [t.vect.observe.strds](#)
- [t.vect.univar](#)
- [t.vect.what.strds](#)

Aggregation

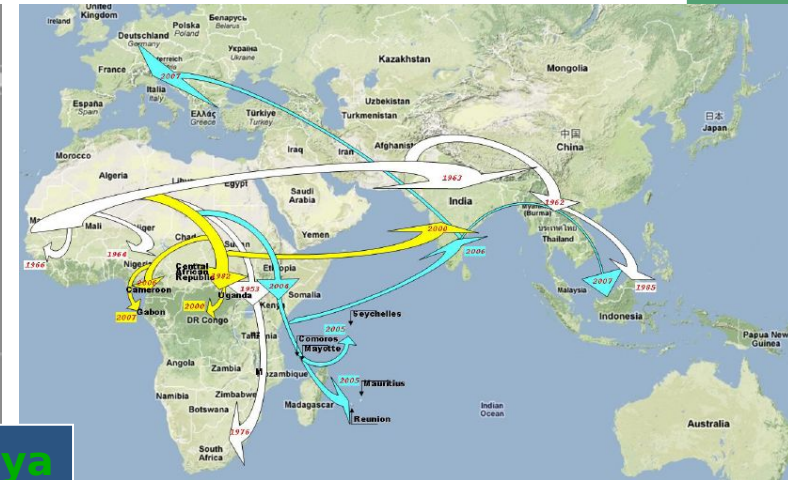
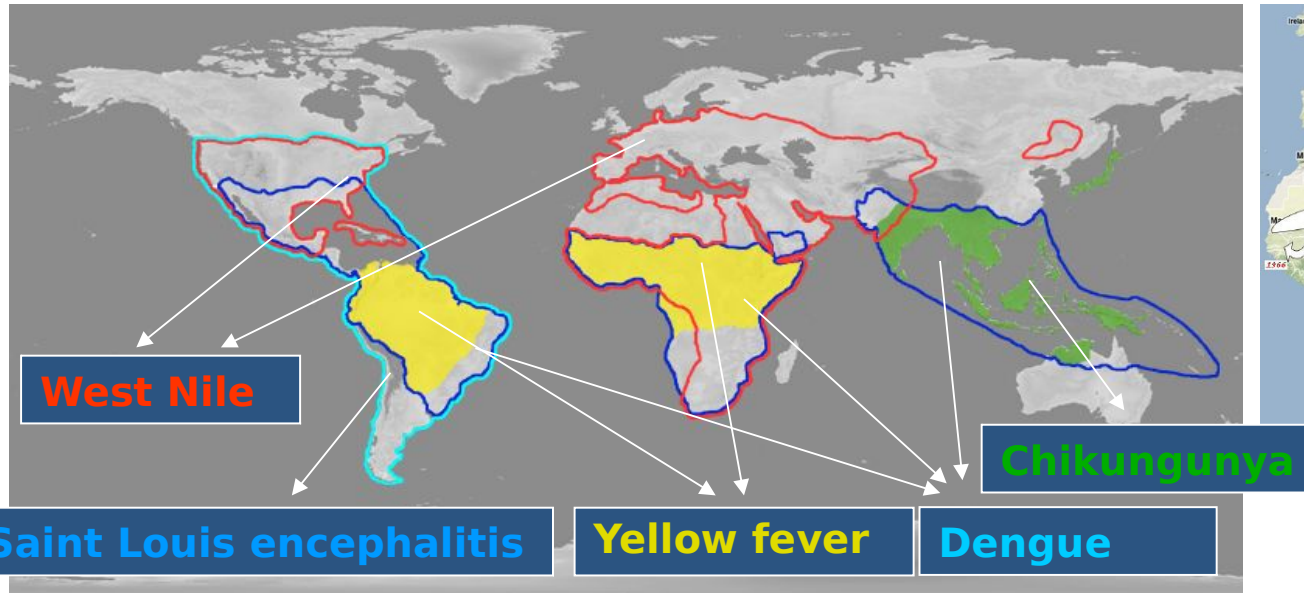
- [t.rast.aggregate.ds](#)
- [t.rast.aggregate](#)
- [t.rast.series](#)

Space time datasets are stored in a temporal database. SQLite3 or PostgreSQL are supported as SQL database back end. Connection settings are performed with [t.connect](#). As default a sqlite3 database will be created in the PERMANENT mapset that stores all space time datasets and registered time series maps from all mapsets in the location.

GRASS GIS applications in public health and eco-epidemiology



Spread of the tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*): infectious disease vector



Roiz, Neteler et al. 2011

- Tiger mosquito: Disease vector
- Spreads in Europe and elsewhere
- Small containers, used tires and lucky bamboo plants are relevant breeding sites
- >200 cases of Chikungunya in northern Italy in 2007 (CHIKv imported by India traveler and was then spread by *Ae. Albopictus*)



Potential distribution of *Aedes albopictus* from reconstructed Daily MODIS Land Surface Temperature maps

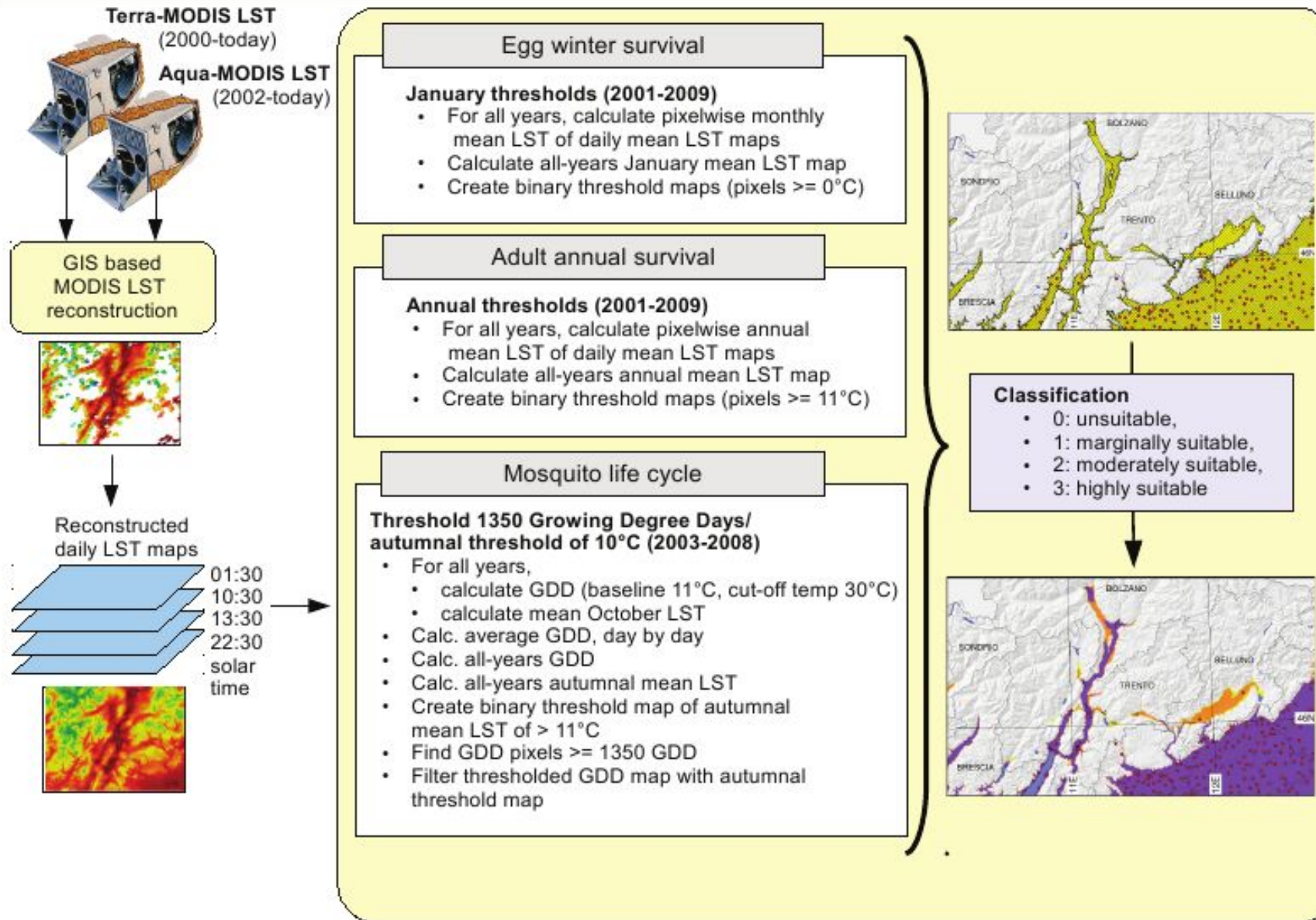
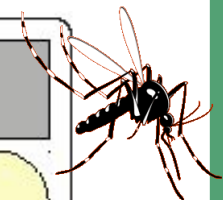


Figure 1 Workflow of aggregating MODIS LST into ecological indicators for the potential distribution of *Ae. albopictus*. The original daily MODIS LST data are reconstructed mapwise and then aggregated into three different ecological indicators used as proxies to predict the potential distribution of *Ae. albopictus*.

Parallelised GIS Processing

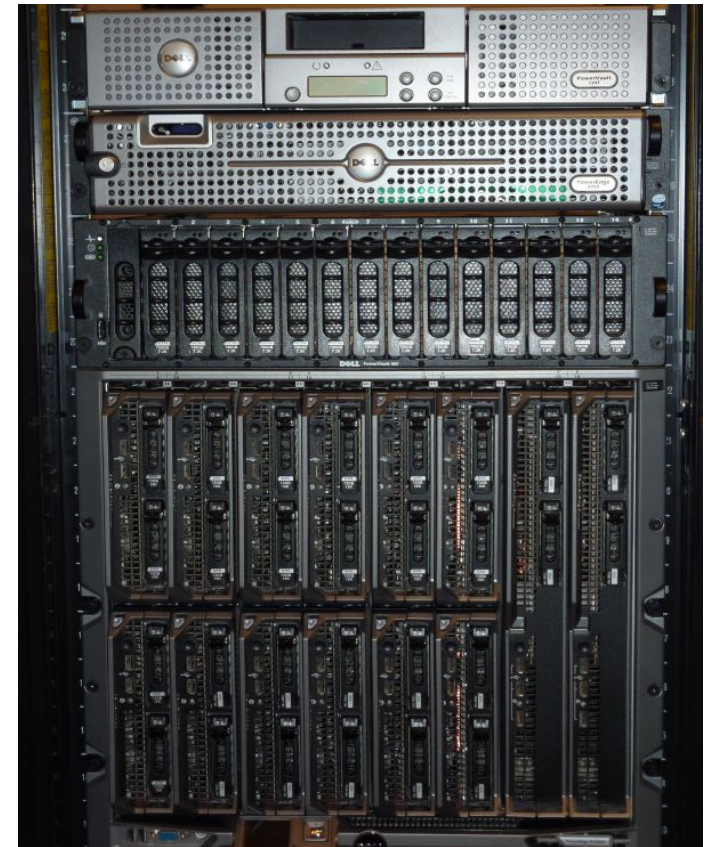
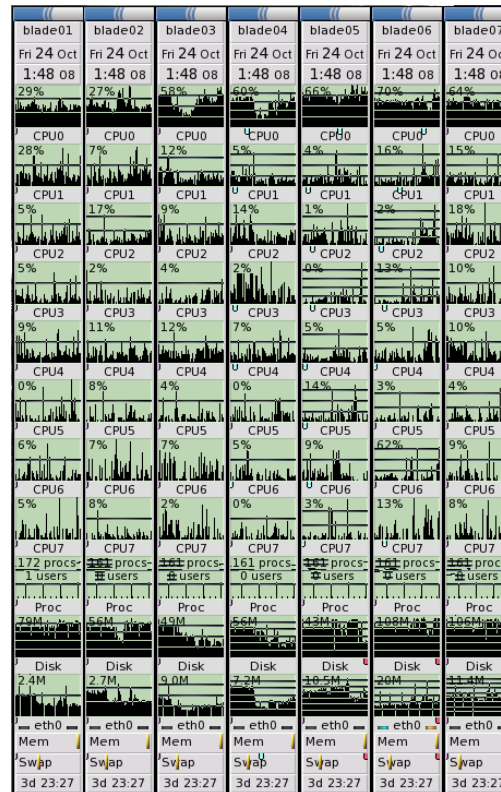
Infrastructure: FEM-GIS Cluster

- 19 single-blades and 2 double-blades
- In total 300 nodes with 600 Gb RAM
- Circa 2 Tflops/s
- Linux operating system, blades headless with oneSIS

- **GRASS GIS and R-stats**

- Queue system for job management (Grid Engine)

- Processing of all 14,000 maps in parallel: one map per node
- Computational time: 3 weeks with LST-algorithm V1.1



LST Applications: Tiger mosquito survival today...

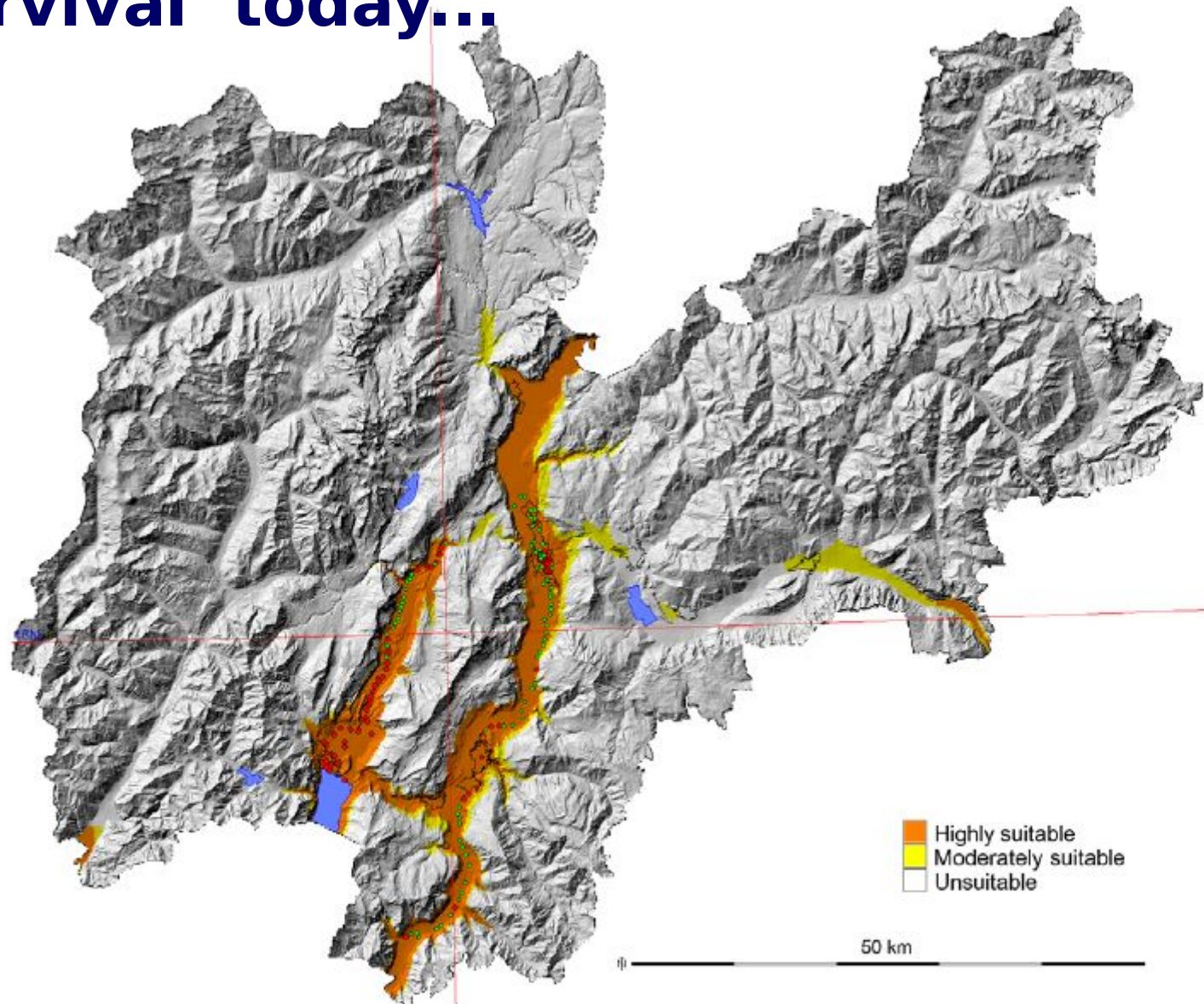
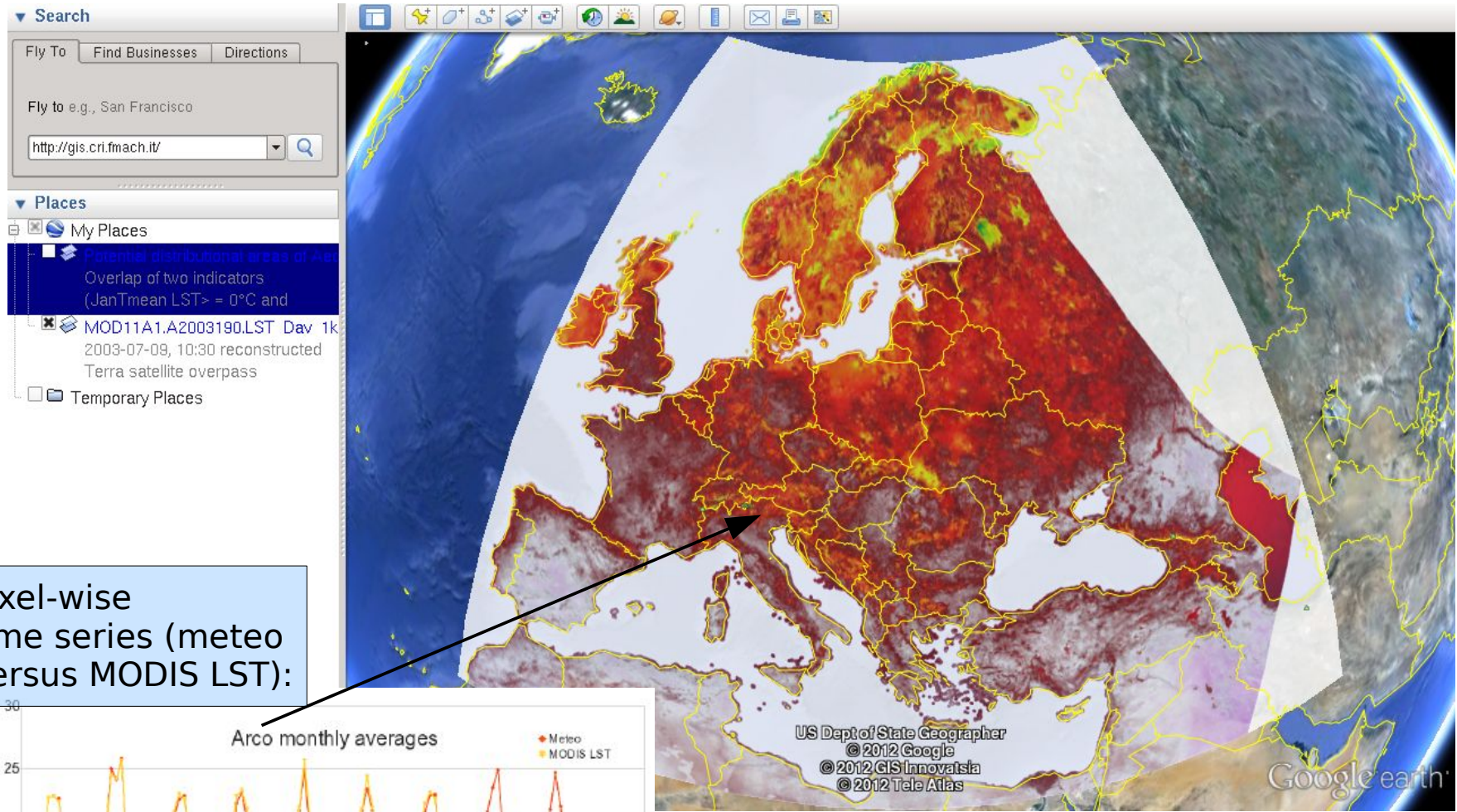


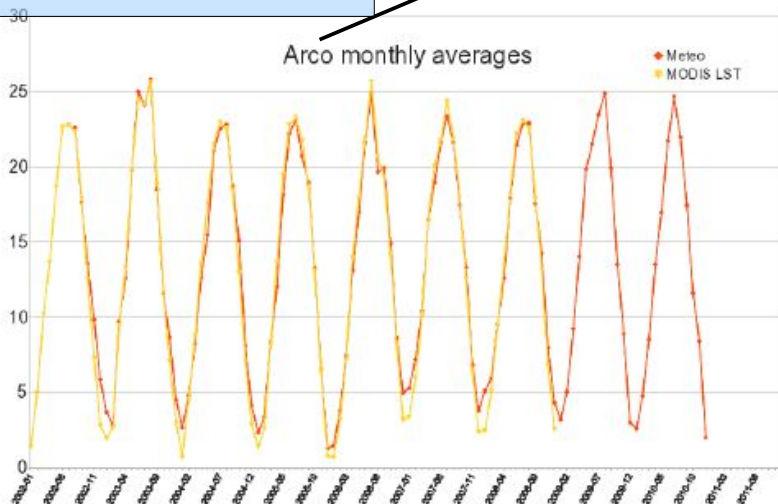
Figure 3. Potential and current distributional areas of *Ae. albopictus*. Overlap of both indicators ($\text{JanT}^{\text{mean}} \text{LST} \geq 0^\circ\text{C}$ and $\text{AnnT}^{\text{mean}} \text{LST} \geq 11^\circ\text{C}$) were plotted for the period 2001–09 and integrated in a final map with 3 categories (see methods). Red spots represent the presence and green spots the absence of *Ae. albopictus*.

Roiz D., Neteler M., Castellani C., Arnoldi D., Rizzoli A., 2011: Climatic Factors Driving Invasion of the Tiger Mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) into New Areas of Trentino, Northern Italy. PLoS ONE. 6(4): e14800

The new European daily MODIS LST time series



Pixel-wise
time series (meteo
versus MODIS LST):



European LST mosaic
... usable as **virtual meteorologic stations for temperature**

250m resolution,
4 maps per day,
data since 2000

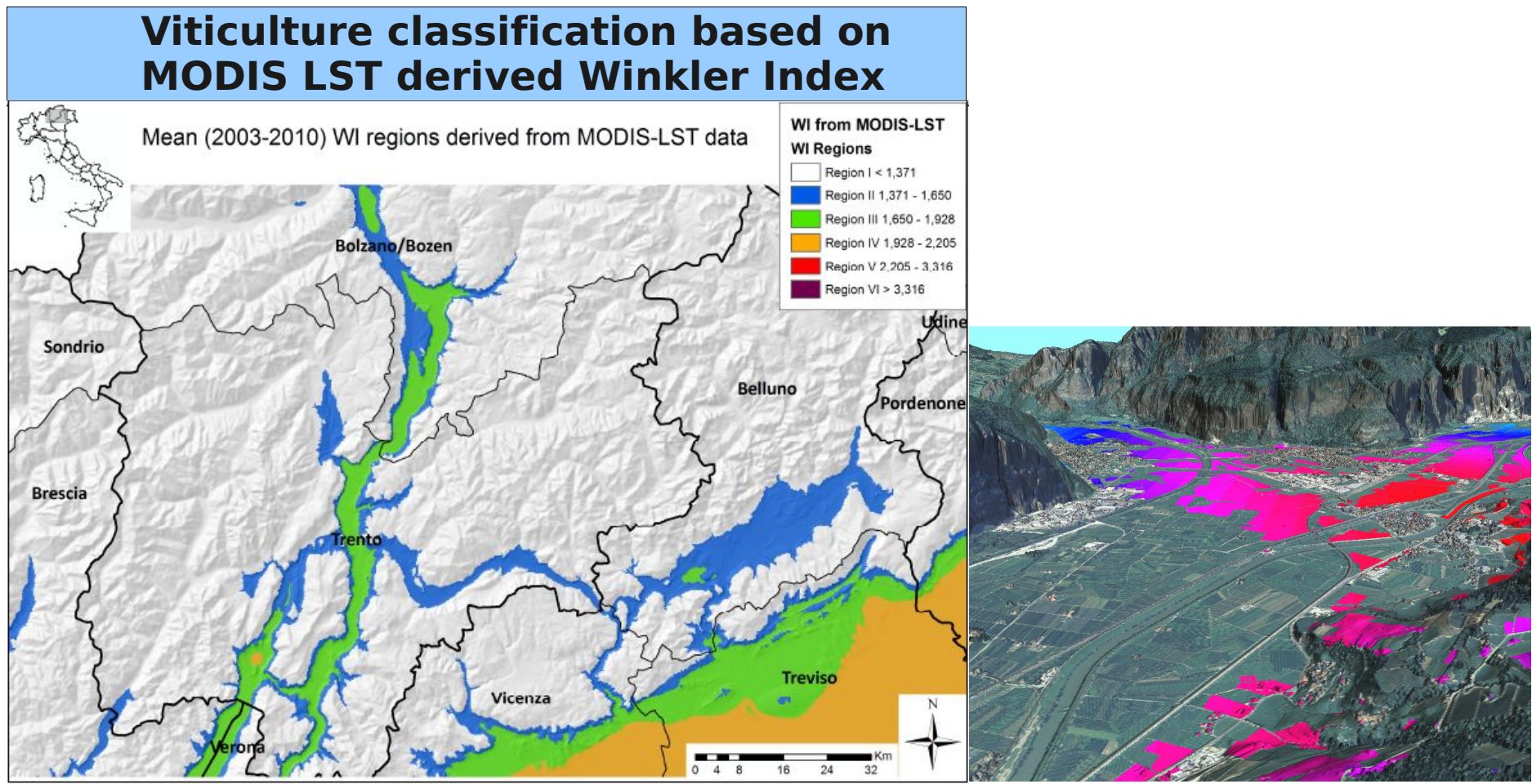
Metz & Neteler, in prep.

*Neteler, M., 2010: Estimating daily LST...
Remote Sensing 2(1), 333-351 [PDF]*

Further MODIS LST Applications

Agriculture examples:

- Wine production: Winkler index in order to classify climate
- Growing degree day (GDD) maps: plant- and insect phenology



Zorer et al., 2011. *Use of multi-annual MODIS land surface temperature data for the characterization of the heat requirements for grapevine varieties.*

Proc. Multitemp 2011, Trento, <http://www.multitemp2011.org>

Open science wants Open Source!

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Let the four freedoms paradigm apply to ecology

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In 1985, Richard Stallman, one of the most brilliant minds in computer science, founded the Free Software Foundation and launched the concept of 'copyleft', the opposite of copyright. The aim, outlined in the GNU Manifesto (<http://www.gnu.org/gnu/manifesto.html>, [1]), was to make software programs 'free' as in 'freedom'.

The famous 'four freedoms' expounded by Stallman [1] are: (i) the freedom to run the program for any purpose; (ii) the freedom to study how the program works and adapt it to one's own needs; (iii) the freedom to redistribute copies; and (iv) the freedom to make improvements to the program and release them to the public. Thus, the whole (scientific) community benefits from software development. These freedoms are also inherent in several free software licenses, the GNU General Public License (GPL) being one of the most popular.

Approximately a quarter of a century after Stallman put forward his ideas, William K. Michener and Matthew B. Jones, in an article in *TREE* [2] focusing on the analysis of ecological data, stated that: 'analytical processes are fundamental to most published results in ecology'. Explicit reference to the analytical procedures adopted in generating scientific results is crucial for reproducibility, yet these processes are rarely documented in published ecological papers [2]. Scientific workflow applications, such as Kepler (<https://kepler-project.org>), attempt to address the problem [2], but are only partially successful because the underlying algorithms may still be opaque.

In our view, the explicit use of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) with availability of the code is essential for completely open science: 'scientific communication relies on

evidence that cannot be entirely included in publications', but 'anything less than the release of source programs is intolerable for results that depend on computation' [3].

The idea of FOSS and the public availability of the code has been around for almost as long as software [4]. Nonetheless, as far as ecologists are concerned, the open source philosophy is only just taking off, as Stokstad has also pointed out [5].

The increasing availability of open ecological data through networks such as the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF, <http://www.gbif.org>, [6]) or the Data Observation Network for Earth (DataONE) federated data archive (<http://www.dataone.org>, [7]) makes it increasingly possible to test cutting-edge ecological theories, such as dark diversity [8], evolutionary paths [9] and climate change scenarios [10]. In using a shared open-source code for testing these ecological theories, researchers can be sure that their results are reliable and also that the code they have used is robust [11]. This is particularly true when complex algorithms (or statistical approaches) are involved.

To avoid black box calculations and built-in user interfaces, criticized in [2], researchers have recourse to several examples of FOSS in areas of ecological research, such as ecological statistics (e.g. R Language and Environment for Statistical Computing, <http://www.R-project.org>, [12]) and spatial ecology (e.g. Geographical Resources Analysis Support System (GRASS) GIS, <http://grass.osgeo.org>, [4]). The modular design of such software means decentralized contributions can be made to the source code and allows different institutions and individuals around the world to improve the code base.

If FOSS were more widely employed in ecology and the code used in data analysis provided in scientific papers, more researchers [11] would be able to rely on and replicate

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peer-reviewed functions. Efforts still need to be made in this area to improve the processes for sharing what is in effect the backbone of ecological software: its code. Therefore, there is an urgent need to embrace Stallman's four freedoms paradigm in ecology.

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Why we are here...

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Conclusions

- Almost **unlimited possibilities** with GRASS GIS and other FOSS4G software thanks to the contributing communities
- Use GRASS GIS yourself on **Tuesday!**
- Enjoy!

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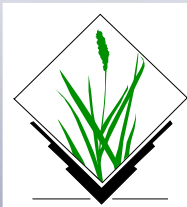
A gentle introduction to OSGeo: Open Source Geospatial Foundation



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The open source Java GIS toolkit



PostGIS

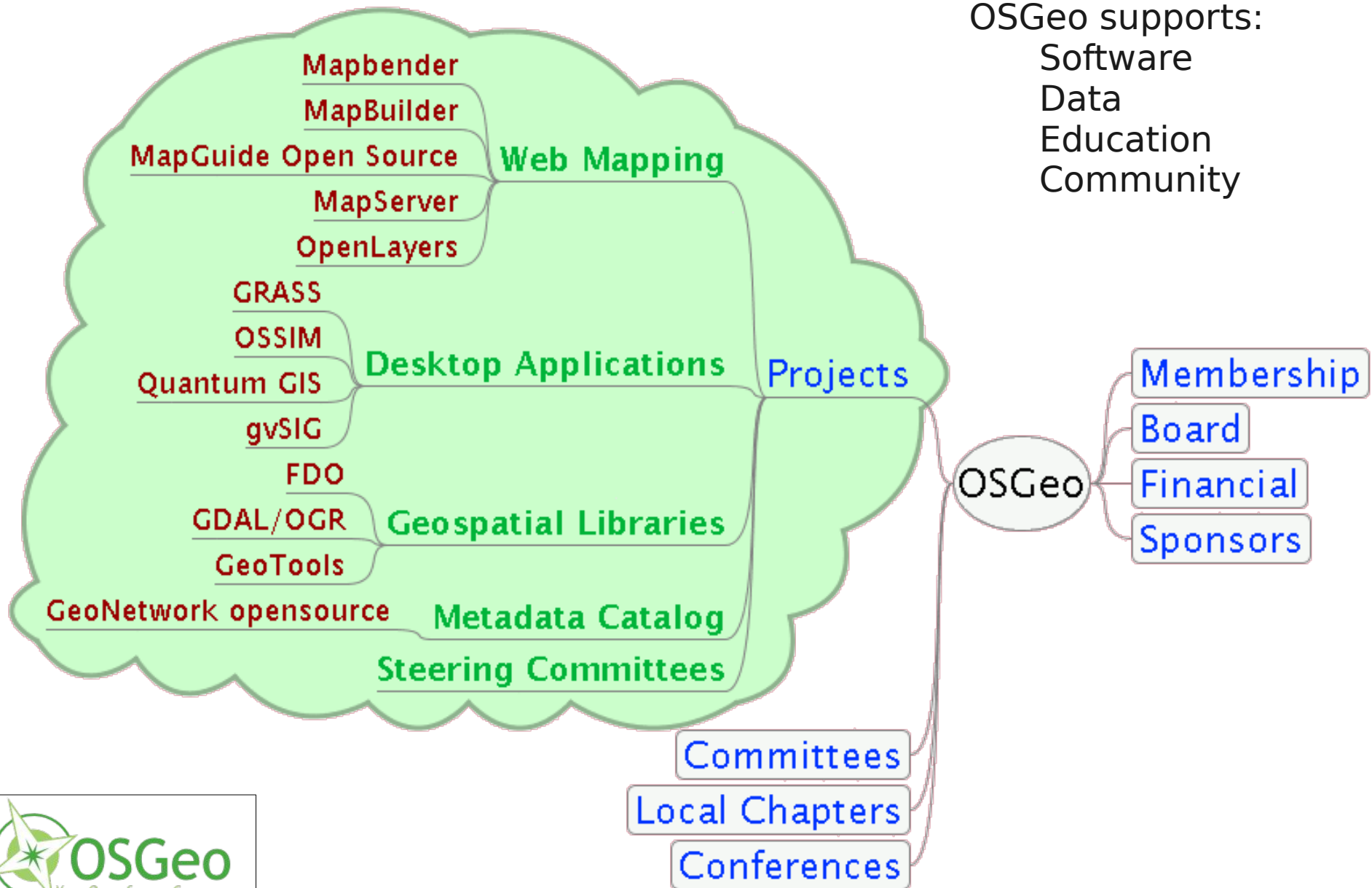
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Geodata Repository

The notes on the *Talk:Geodata_Repository* Talk page for this page describe the background to this effort

A full list of suggestions for public domain data sets that are nice-to-haves is maintained at [Geodata Discovery Working Group](#).

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 - 3.1.2 On Offer !

On Offer ! [edit]

Short explanation of available datasets (to be extended - the number of datasets as well as their explanation ;-):

Name	Description	# of layers
VMap0	Selected subsets of Vector Smart Map Level 0 polygons, lines and points, starting with a selection that has proven to be useful for creating FlightGear Scenery from it. Added a 'geonameid' column for joining urban areas with GeoNames (see below). Current details explained at the World Custom Scenery Project , will get synced some day.	33 (DETAIL)
VMap1	First attempt of a selection that would be "nice to have" for FlightGear from Vector Smart Map Level 1 - and certainly for other purposes as well. Added a 'geonameid' column for joining urban areas with GeoNames. Details similar to VMap0.	58 (DETAIL)
AptNav	Geometric average of runway center locations plus runway/taxiway shapes as used by the FlightGear and X-Plane flight simulators; data taken from Robin Peel's Airport Database . Locations converted to OGC-style POINT geometries. Use 'icao' column for searching. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ This import is currently tied to the state of the FlightGear 1.0.0 Base Package release.	1 (DETAIL)
GSHHS	Global Self-consistent, Hierarchical, High-resolution Shoreline Database 1.6 shorelines.	4 (DETAIL)
PGS	NGA Prototype Global Shoreline .	1 (DETAIL)
SWBD	SRTMv2 Water Body Data.	1 (DETAIL)

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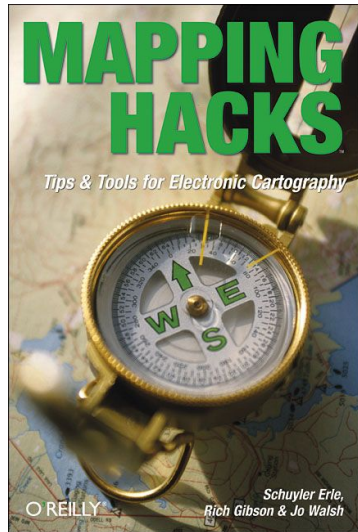
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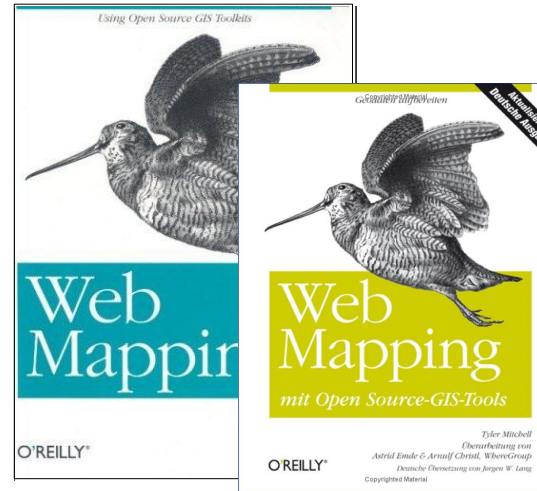
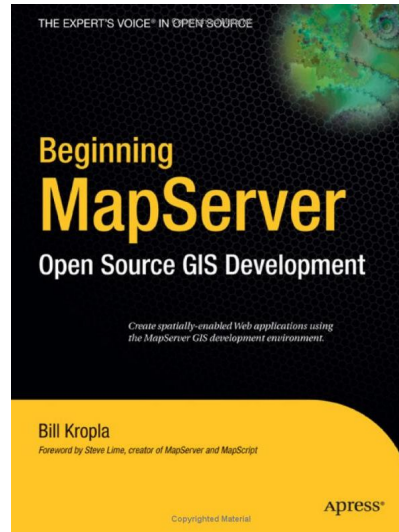
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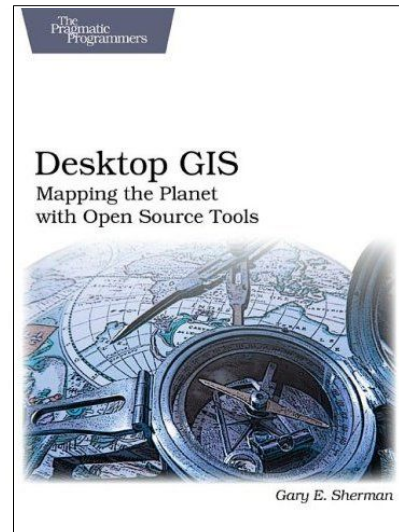
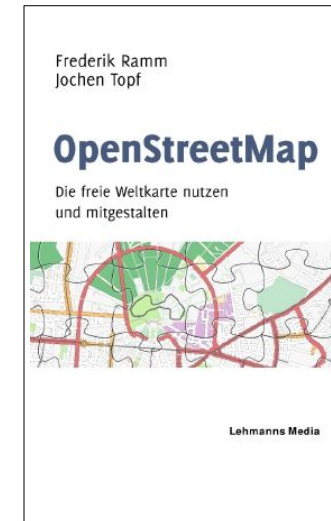
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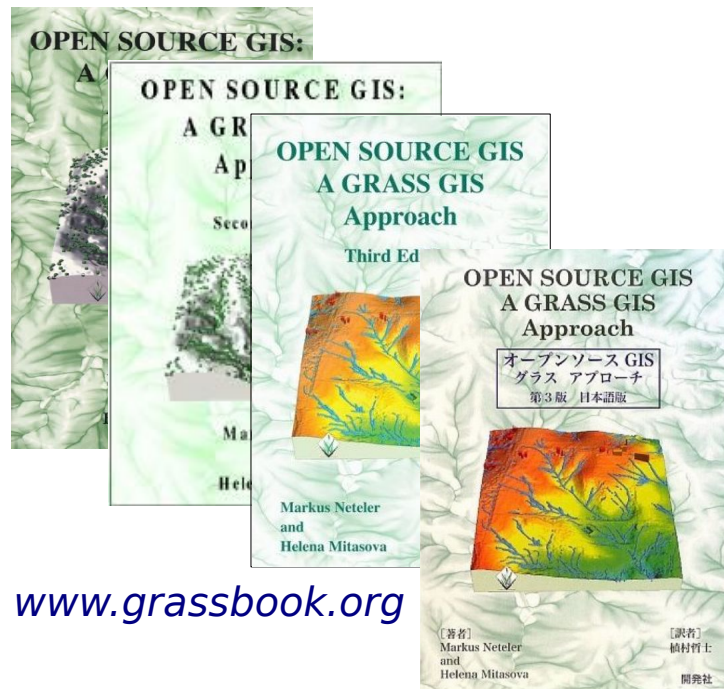
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