

# SAGA

## System for Automated Geoscientific Analyses

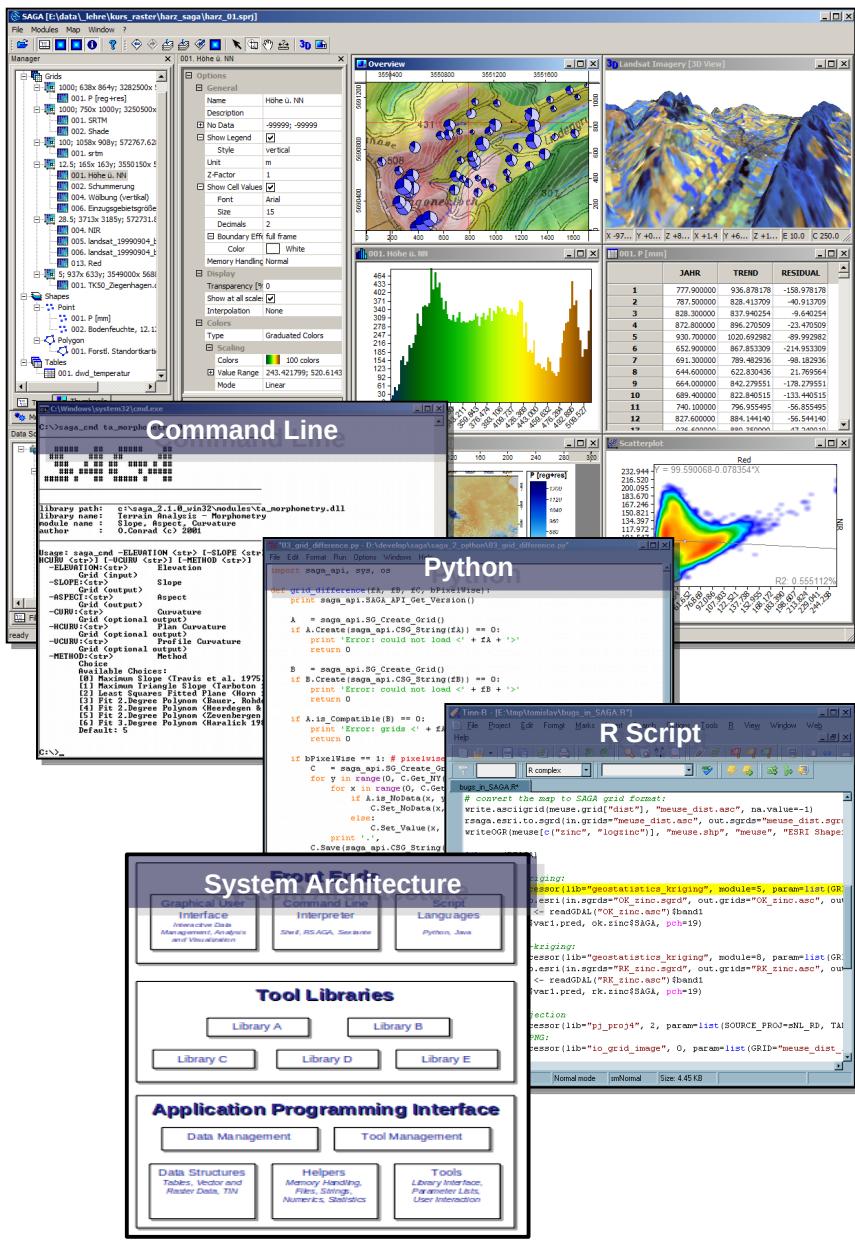
## Version 7.3.0

## LTR

Johan Van de Wauw

Dr. Olaf Conrad  
University of Hamburg

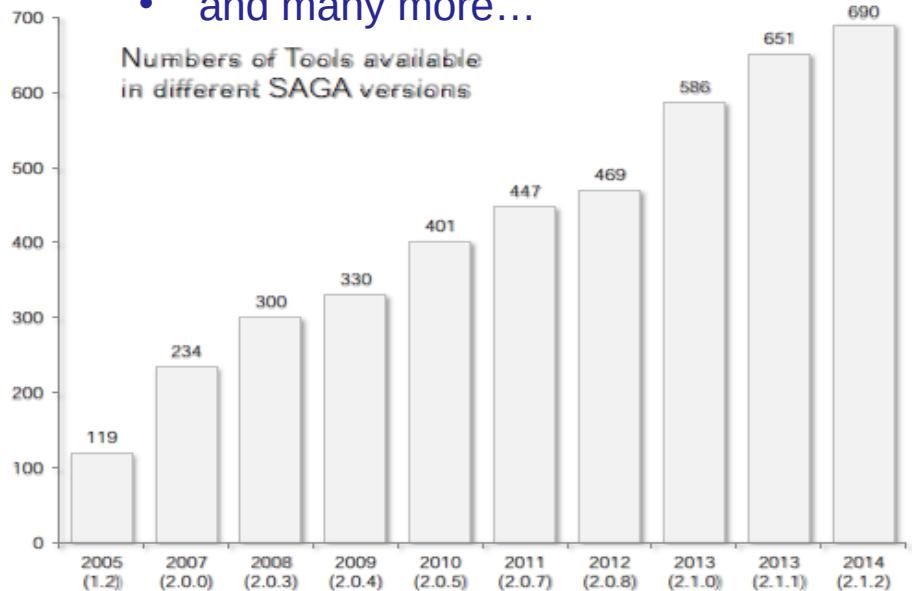
# SAGA | System for Automated Geoscientific Analyses



- 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..**

# 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
  - Point clouds
  - and many more...



The slide displays six panels, each showing a screenshot of a SAGA toolset component:

- Data Import & Export:** Shows various raster and vector data types being imported and exported.
- Vector Tools:** Shows vector data such as point clouds and spatial features.
- Projections:** Shows world maps and projections.
- Terrain Analysis:** Shows terrain analysis tools and data.
- Raster Tools:** Shows various raster processing and analysis tools.
- Image Analysis:** Shows image processing and analysis tools.

SAGA

File Geoprocessing Map Window ?

Manager Tools Data Maps

Tool Libraries

- Climate
- Garden
- Grid
- Grid Collection
- Imagery
- Import/Export
- Projection
- Reports
- Shapes
- Simulation
- Spatial and Geostatistics
- TIN
- Table

Terrain Analysis

- Channels
- Compound Analyses
- Hydrology
- Lighting, Visibility
  - Analytical Hillshading
  - Geomorphons
  - Potential Annual Insolation
  - Potential Incoming Solar Radiation
  - Sky View Factor
  - Topographic Correction
  - Topographic Openness
  - Visibility (points)
  - Visibility (single point) [interactive]
- Morphometry
- Preprocessing
- Profiles
- Slope Stability
- Tool Chains
- Visualization

Properties: Analytical Hillshading

Settings Description

**Tool**

Name Analytical Hillshading  
Author O.Conrad, V.Wichmann (c) 2003-2013  
Version 1.0  
Library ta\_lighting  
ID 0  
Specification grid  
Menu Terrain Analysis > Lighting

**Description**

This tool performs an analytical hillshade computation for an elevation grid. The 'Standard' method simply calculates the angle at which light coming from the position of the light source would hit the surface. This method can produce angles greater than 90 degree. With the second method all values are kept within the range of 0-90 degree. It can be enhanced with shadowing effects, where shadowed cells will be marked with a value of exactly 90 degree. 'Shadows Only' creates a mask for the shadowed areas and sets all other cells to no-data. 'Combined Shading' takes the values of the standard method and multiplies these with the normalized slope. 'Ambient Occlusion' is based on the concepts of Tarini et al. (2006), but only the northern half-space is considered here.

**References**

- Tarini, M. / Cignoni, P. / Montani, C. (2006): Ambient Occlusion and Edge Cueing to Enhance Real Time Molecular Visualization. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, Vol. 12, No. 5, pp. 1237-1244.

**Parameters**

Name	Type	Identifier	Description	Constraints
Input				

**Messages**

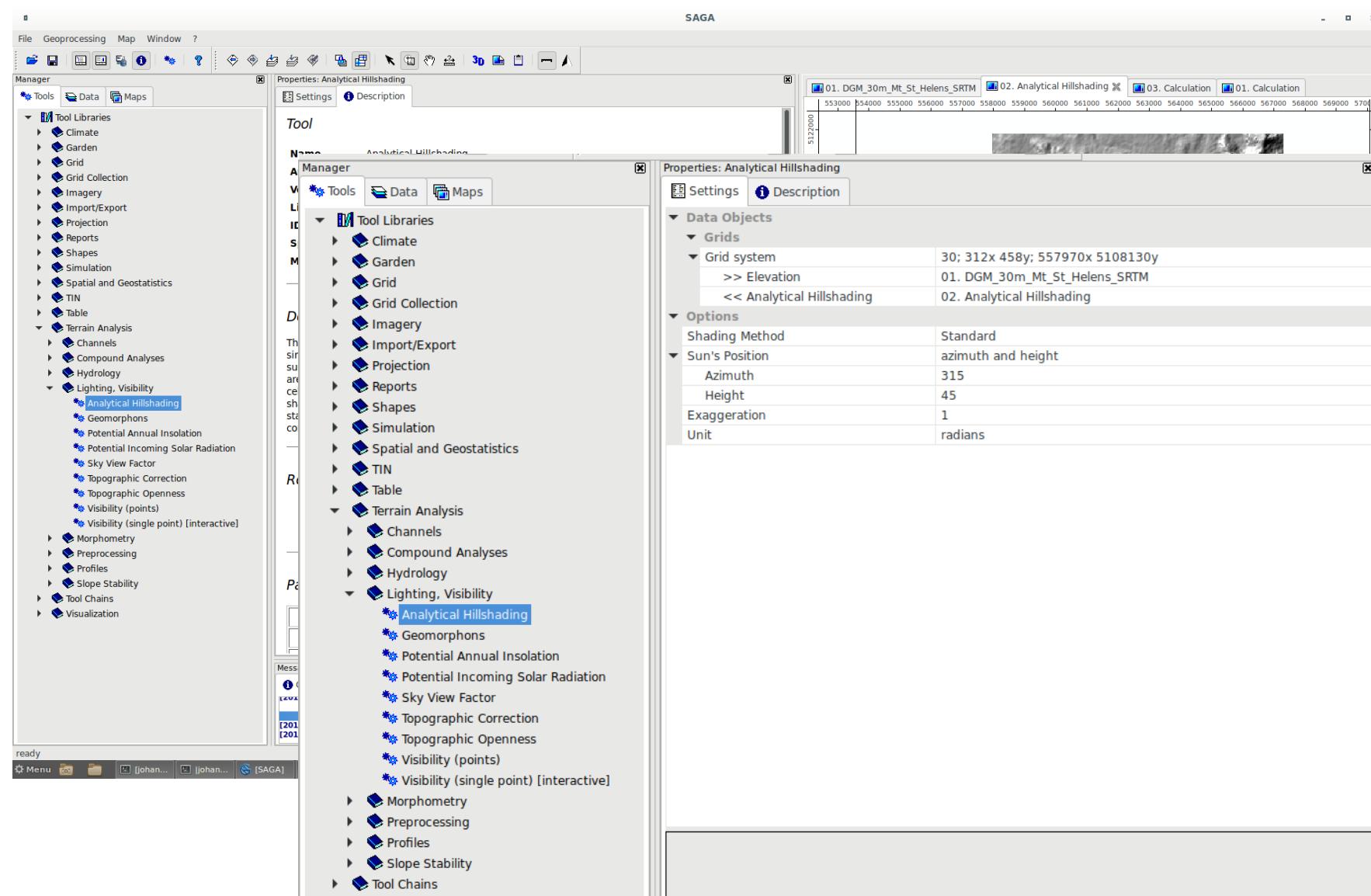
General Execution Errors

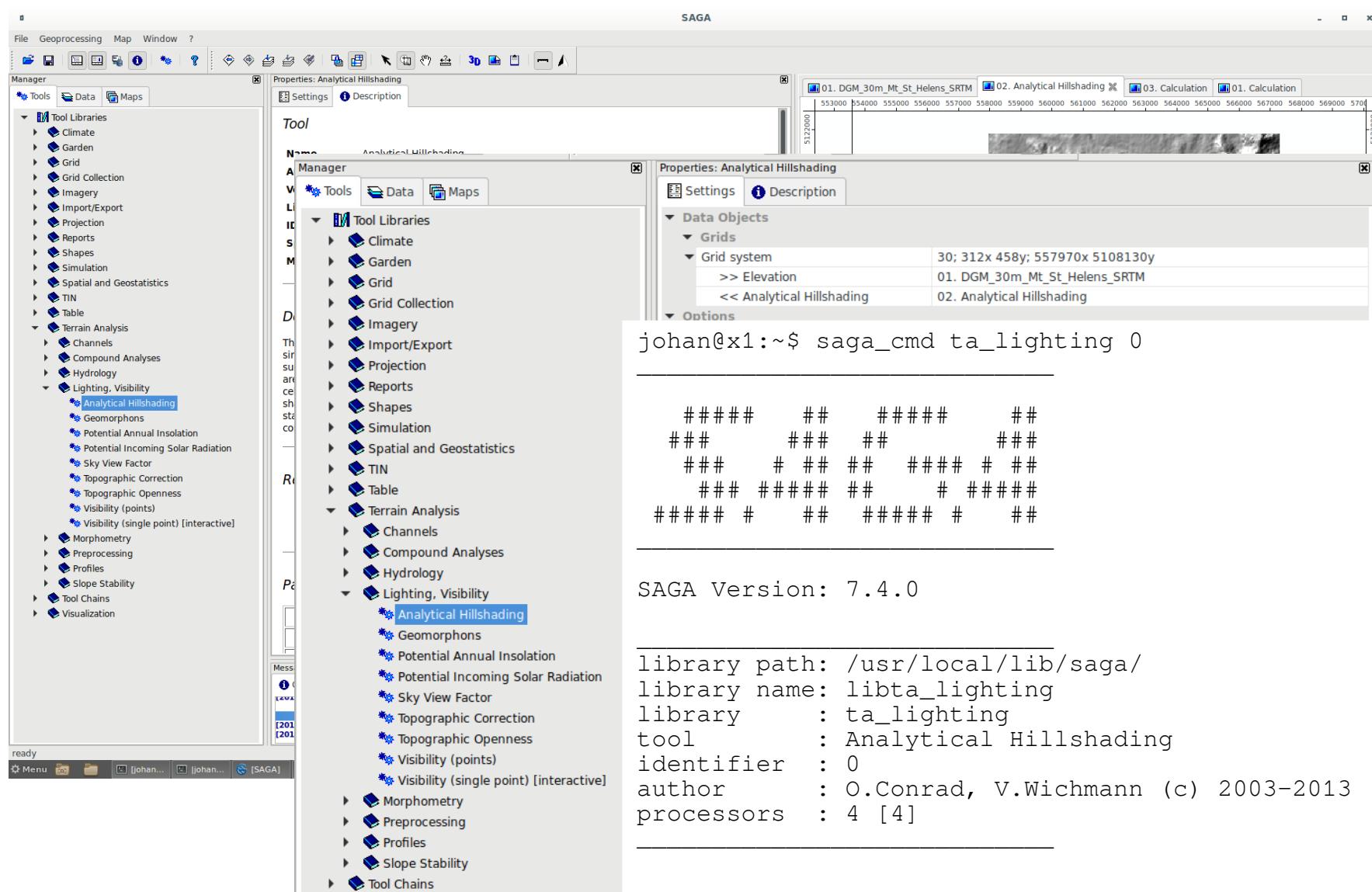
[2019-08-28/10:58:39] Executing tool: Vectorising Grid Classes  
[2019-08-28/10:58:40] Tool execution succeeded

X 553570.945279 Y 5115789.0347... Z

ready

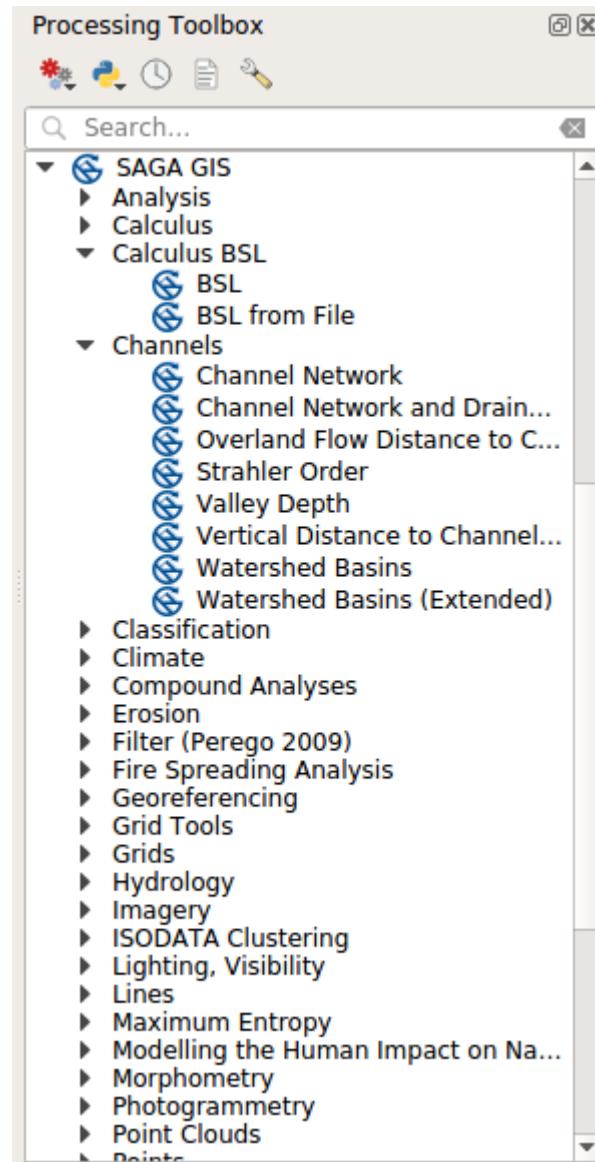
Menu [johan... [johan... [SAGA] \*Untitled... [D180... [geoxyz saga FOSS4... SAGA... SAGA Mozilla... \*Screen... \*Untitled... QGIS... Home Power... arcgis... 1 3 12:29



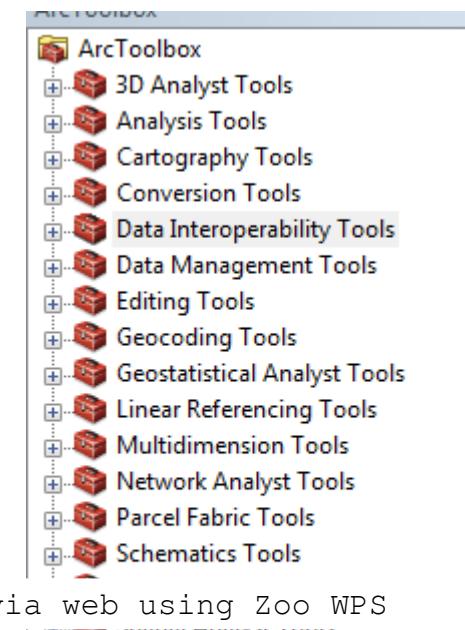


Usage: saga\_cmd ta\_lighting 0 [-ELEVATION <str>]  
[-SHADE <str>] [-METHOD <str>] [-POSITION <str>]  
[-AZIMUTH <double>] [-DECLINATION <double>] [-DATE  
<date>] [-TIME <double>] [-EXAGGERATION <double>]

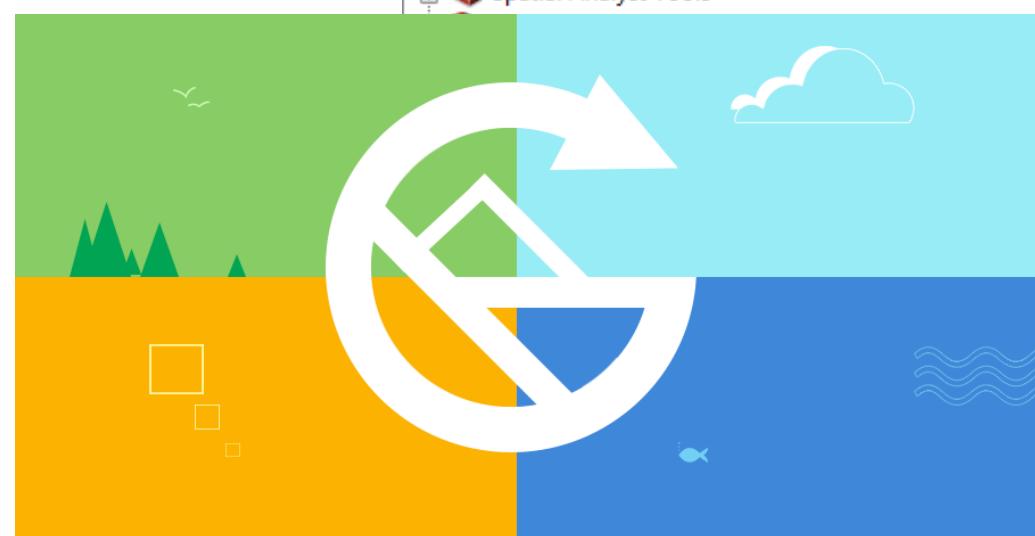
Use from QGIS



Use from ArcGIS



Acces via web using Zoo WPS



The screenshot displays the SAGA GIS software interface. On the left, the toolbox contains various analysis tools under categories like TIN, Table, Terrain Analysis, Hydrology, and Lighting, Visibility. The 'Analytical Hillshading' tool is currently selected. On the right, the code editor shows a Python script named 'analytical\_hillshading.py'. The script performs the following steps:

- Imports the SAGA API, sys, and os modules.
- Defines a function 'Run\_SAGA\_Tool' that takes a file path as input.
- Attempts to load the specified dataset from a file.
- Creates a new instance of the 'Analytical Hillshading' tool.
- Configures the tool parameters: Elevation (Grid input), Method (Standard), Position (azimuth and height), Azimuth (315.000000), Declination (45.000000), Exaggeration (1.000000), and Unit (radians).
- Prints the name of the executing tool.
- Attempts to execute the tool. If successful, it prints 'okay'; if not, it prints 'failed'.
- Saves the results to a file named after the input dataset.

```
#! /usr/bin/env python

import saga_api, sys, os

#####
# Provide your input dataset(s), here -as example- load a dataset from file.
# Using SAGA's central data manager instance for such jobs is an easy way to go...
Data = saga_api.SG_Get_Data_Manager().Add(File)
if Data == None or Data.is_Valid() == False:
    print('Failed to load dataset [' + File + ']')
    return False

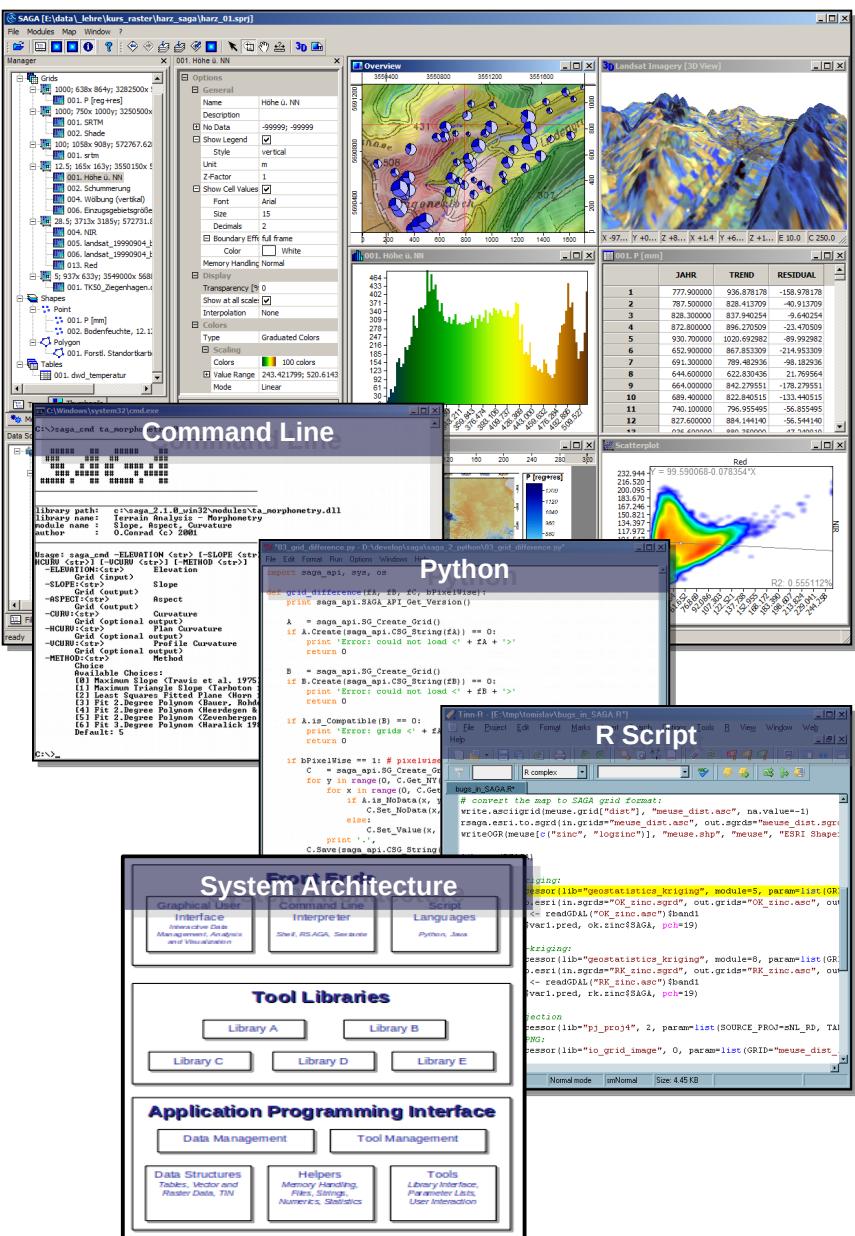
#
# Create a new instance of tool 'Analytical Hillshading'
Tool = saga_api.SG_Get_Tool_Library_Manager().Create_Tool('ta_lighting', '0')
if Tool == None:
    print('Failed to create tool: Analytical Hillshading')
    return False

Parm = Tool.Get_Parameters()
Parm.Reset_Grid_System()
Parm('ELEVATION').Set_Value('Grid input')
Parm('METHOD').Set_Value('Standard')
Parm('POSITION').Set_Value('azimuth and height')
Parm('AZIMUTH').Set_Value(315.000000)
Parm('DECLINATION').Set_Value(45.000000)
Parm('EXAGGERATION').Set_Value(1.000000)
Parm('UNIT').Set_Value('radians')

print('Executing tool: ' + Tool.Get_Name().c_str())
if Tool.Execute() == False:
    print('failed')
    return False
print('okay')

#
# Save results to file:
Path = os.path.split(File)[0] + os.sep
Parm = Tool.Get_Parameters()
Parm('SHADE').asDataObject().Save(Path + Parm('SHADE').asDataObject().Get_Name() +
```

# 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
- More than 700 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
- 15+ years of continuous development

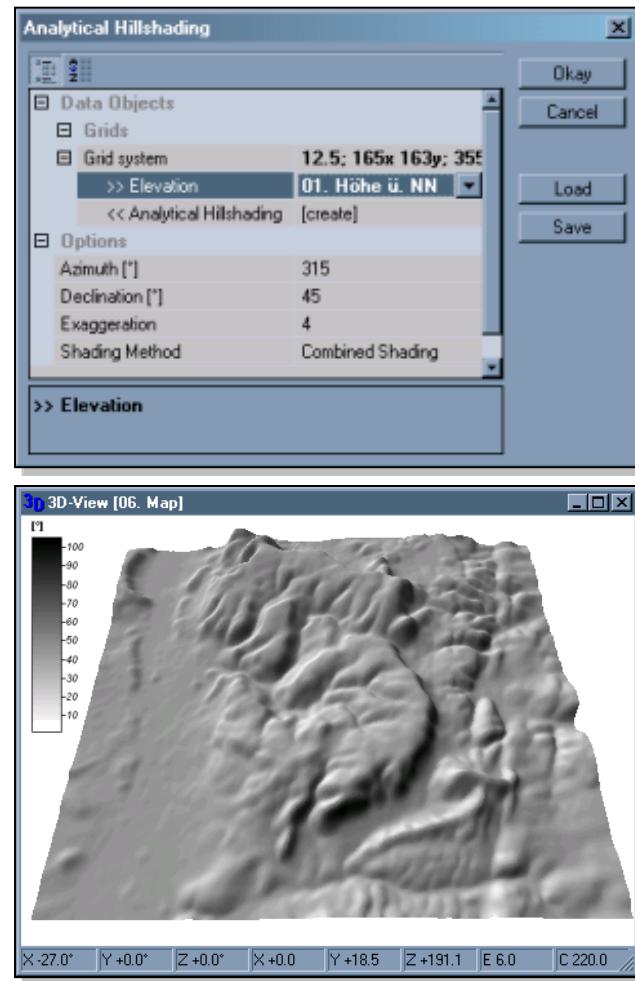
# Tool Programming

```
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);
            }
        }
    }
}
```



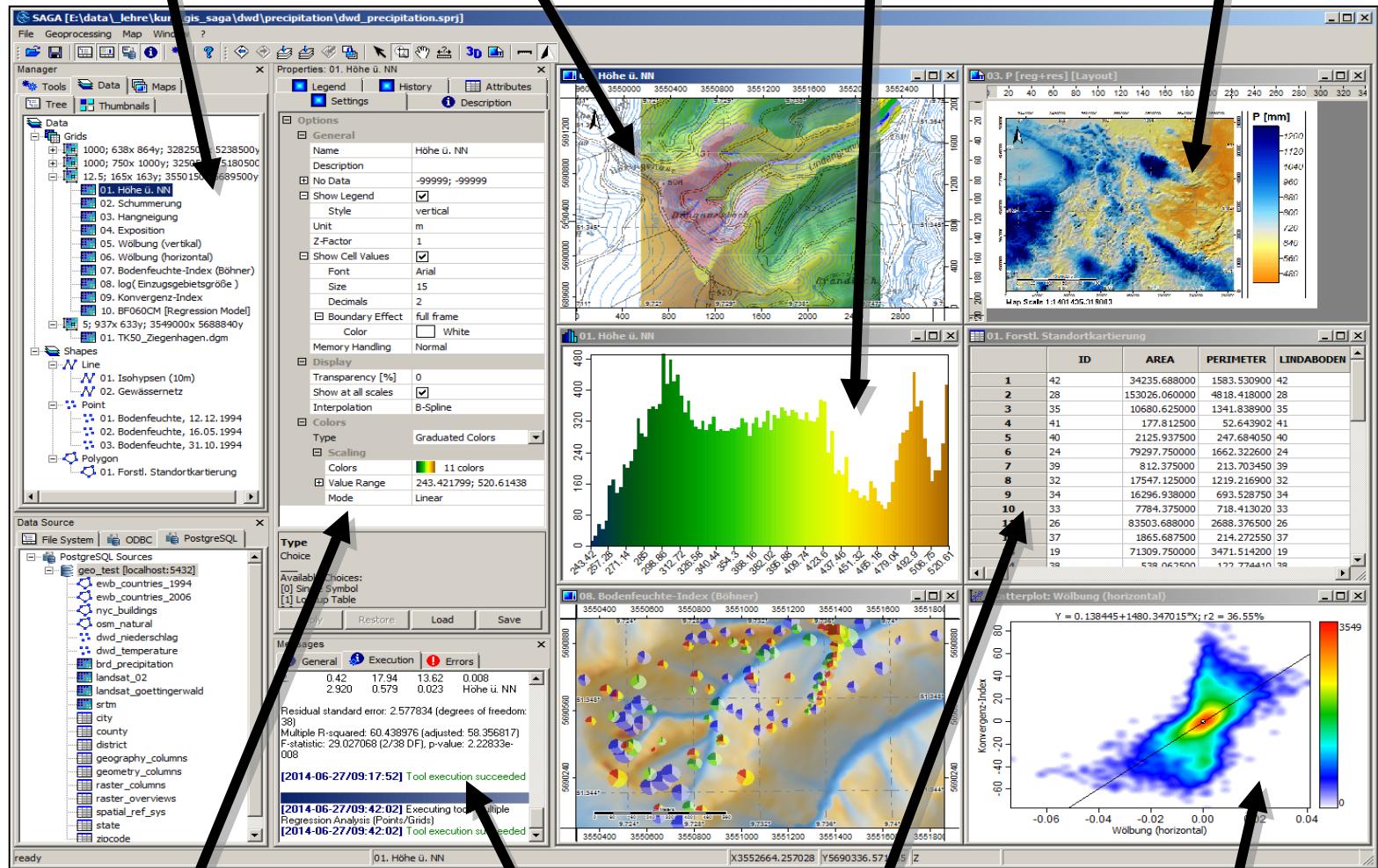
# Front Ends | Graphical User Interface

## Manager

## Map View

## Histogram

## Print Layout



## Properties

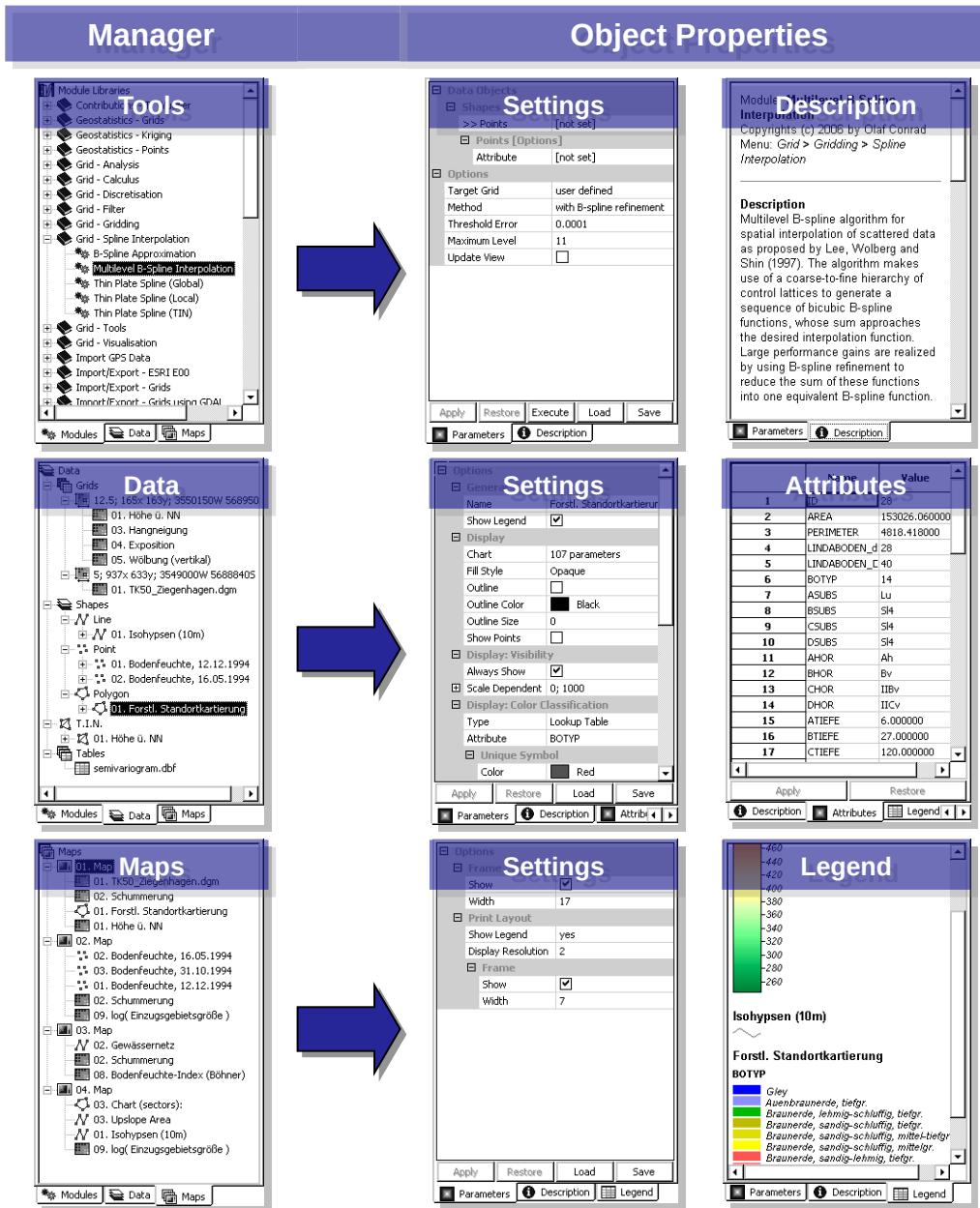
## Notifications

## Attributes

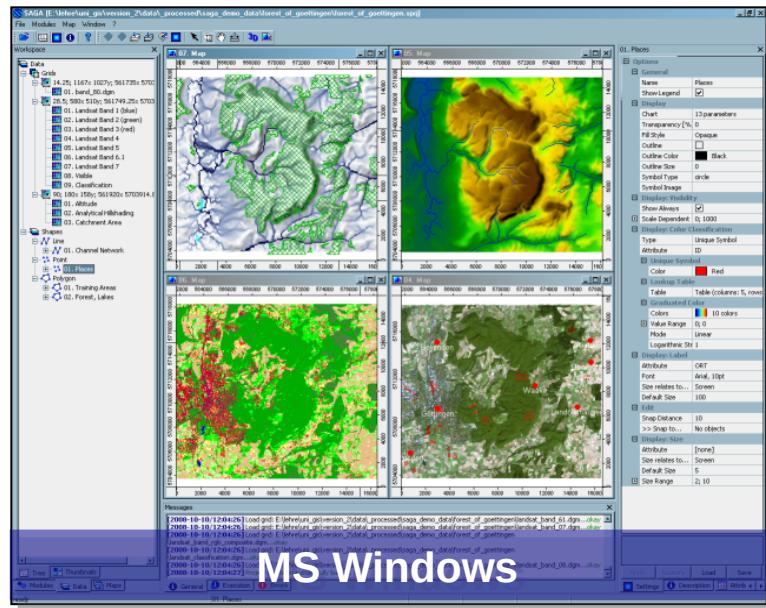
## Scatterplot

# Front Ends | Graphical User Interface

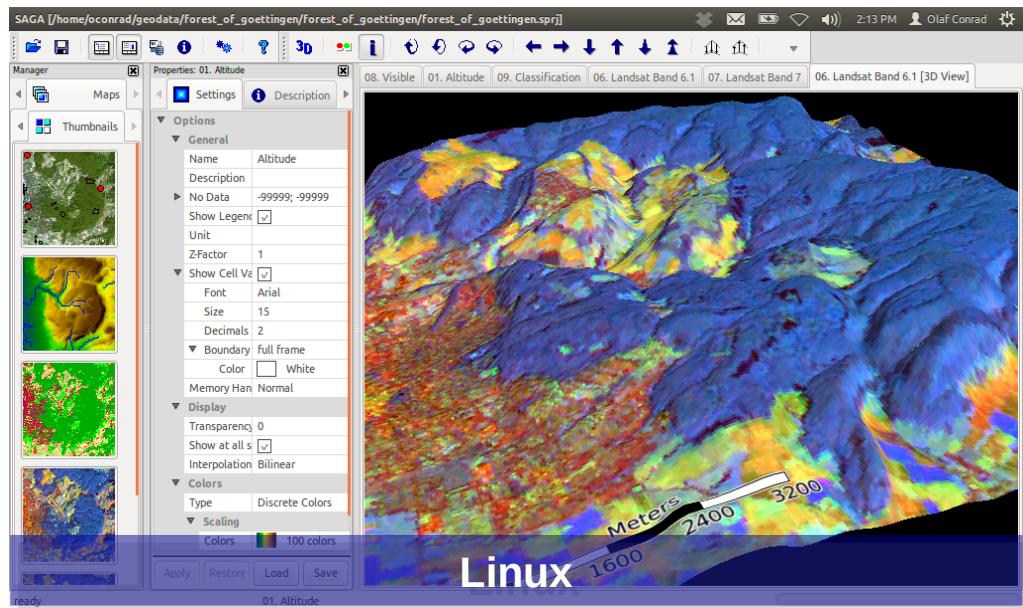
- Three Manager Controls
  - Modules, Data, Maps
- Properties depend on the object type selected in the manager control.
  - A settings and a description tab are common to all items.
  - In case of a tool, the settings show the tool's execution parameters. The description gives further information about 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.



# Supported Platforms

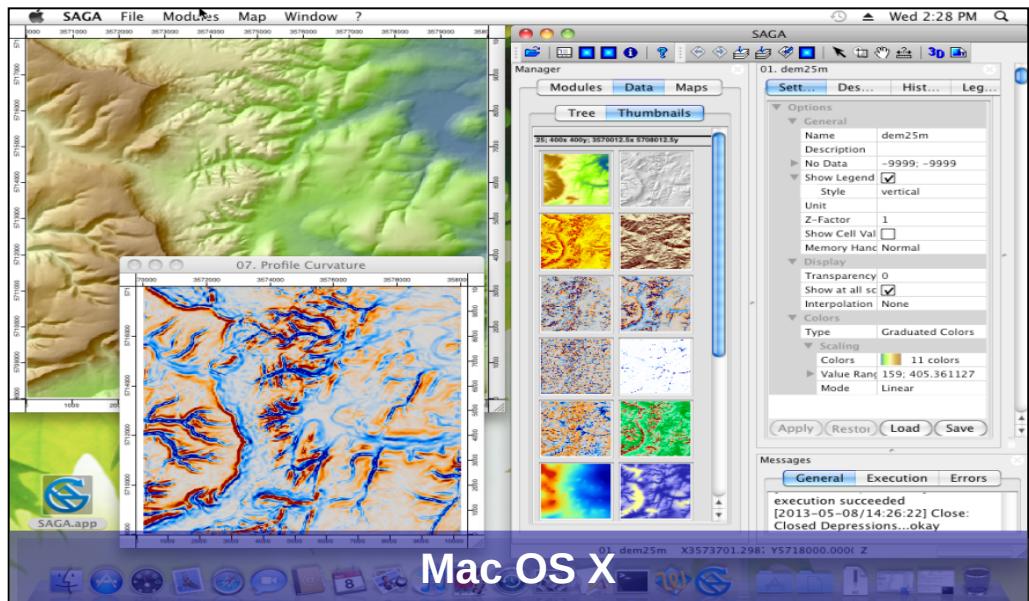


MS Windows



Linux

- MS Windows
- Linux
- FreeBSD
- Mac OS X
  - Maintainer: Wanted !



Mac OS X

# Automate your analysis - toolchain

The screenshot shows the SAGA 7.3.0 software interface with a focus on toolchain creation. On the left, the 'Properties' panel displays a 'Tool' configuration for a 'demo' tool, including fields for Name, Author, Version, Library, ID, and File. Below this is a 'Description' section stating 'created from history'. In the center, a 'Tool' window titled 'demo' shows a grid visualization of elevation data over a polygonal area. A context menu is open over the grid, with the 'Save as Tool Chain' option highlighted. To the right of the visualization, a terminal window shows the command: `johan@x1:~/saga/tools$ saga_cmd foss4g demo`. This is followed by a series of '#' symbols representing the generated tool chain. Further down, the text 'SAGA Version: 7.3.0' is displayed, along with the library configuration details:

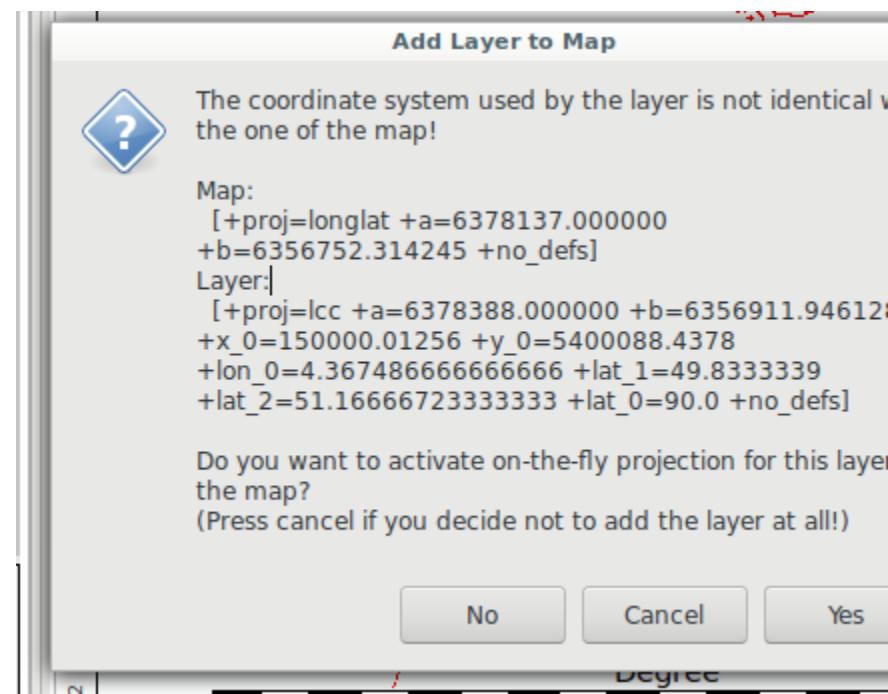
```
library path: ./
library name: demo
library      : foss4g
tool        : demo
identifier   : demo
author      : unknown
processors  : 4 [4]
```

At the bottom, the usage information for the `saga_cmd toolchains` command is provided:

```
Usage: saga_cmd toolchains demo [-tool_03__ELEVATIO<str>] [-tool_01__POLYGONS <str>]
                               -tool_03__ELEVATION:<str>    Elevation
                                         Grid (input)
                               -tool_01__POLYGONS:<str>    Polygons
```

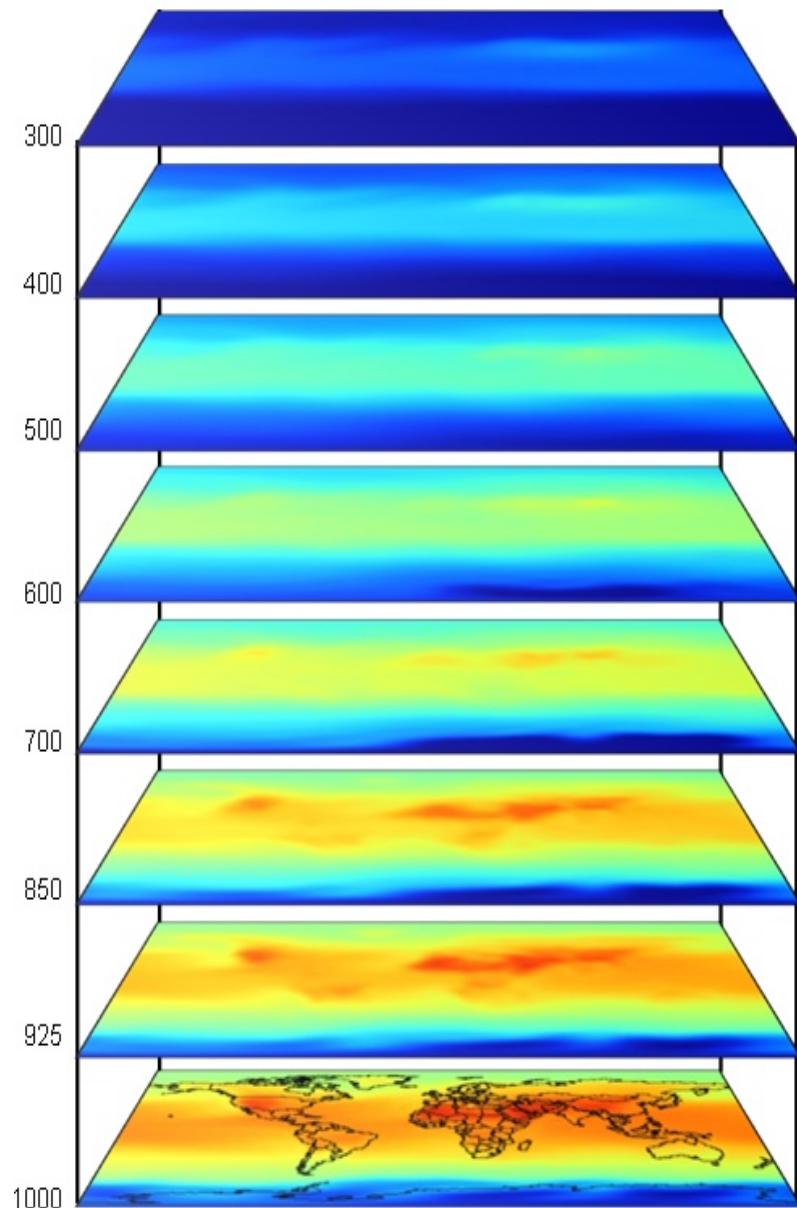
# New Features in SAGA

- Optional compressed grid format sg-grd-z (also gdal 2.3)
- Projection support
  - Live reprojection in gui
  - Proj 6 support
- Grid collections
  - RGB and Hyperspectral images
  - Geological layers
  - 3D interpolation
- Modules
  - Classification
  - Geomorphology
  - Geostatistics (registration)
- Unicode
  - Russian translation
- Save to gpkg and geojson directly
  - `saga_cmd shapes_points 21 -POINTS:test.gpkg`



# New Features in SAGA

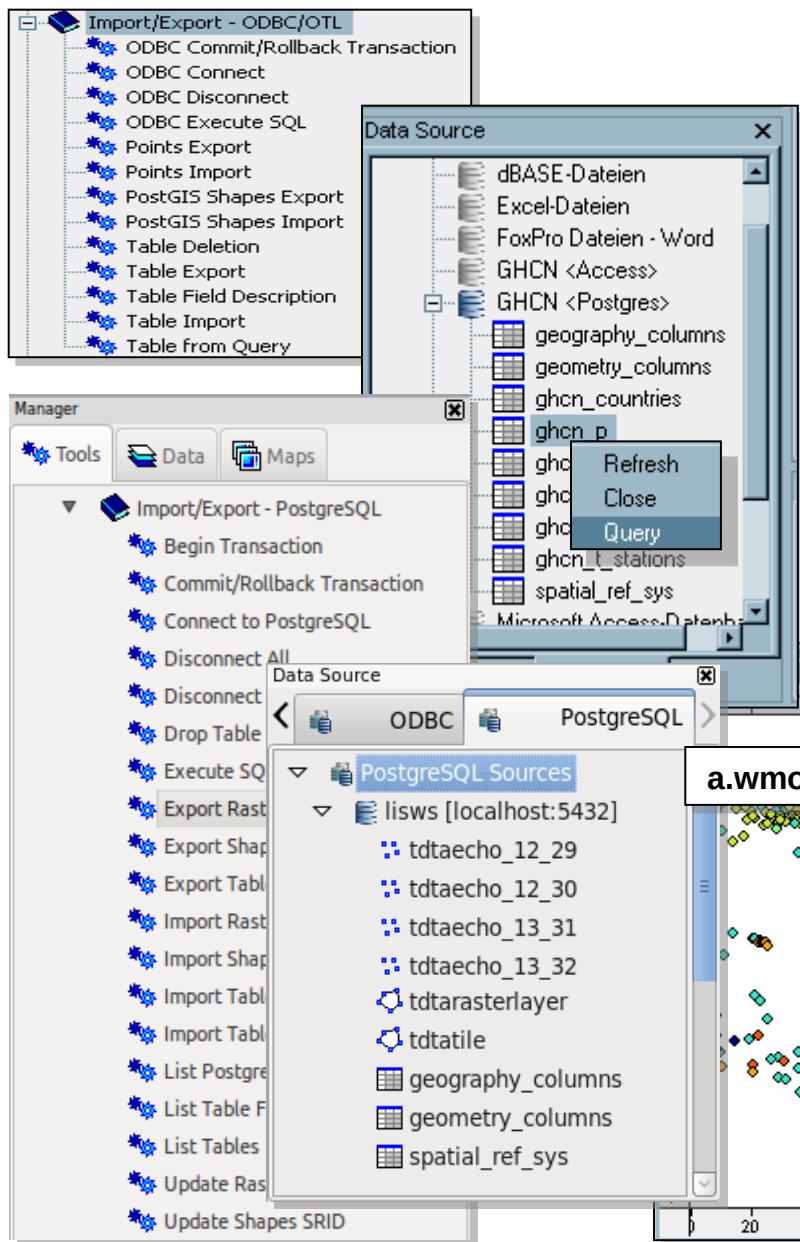
- Optional compressed grid format sg-grd-z (also gdal 2.3)
- Projection support
  - Live reprojection in gui
  - Proj 6 support
- Grid collections
  - RGB and Hyperspectral images
  - Geological layers
  - 3D interpolation
- Modules
  - Classification
  - Geomorphology
  - Geostatistics (also 3D)
- Unicode
  - Russian translation
- Save to gpkg and geojson directly
  - `saga_cmd shapes_points 21 -POINTS:test.gpkg`



# New Features in SAGA

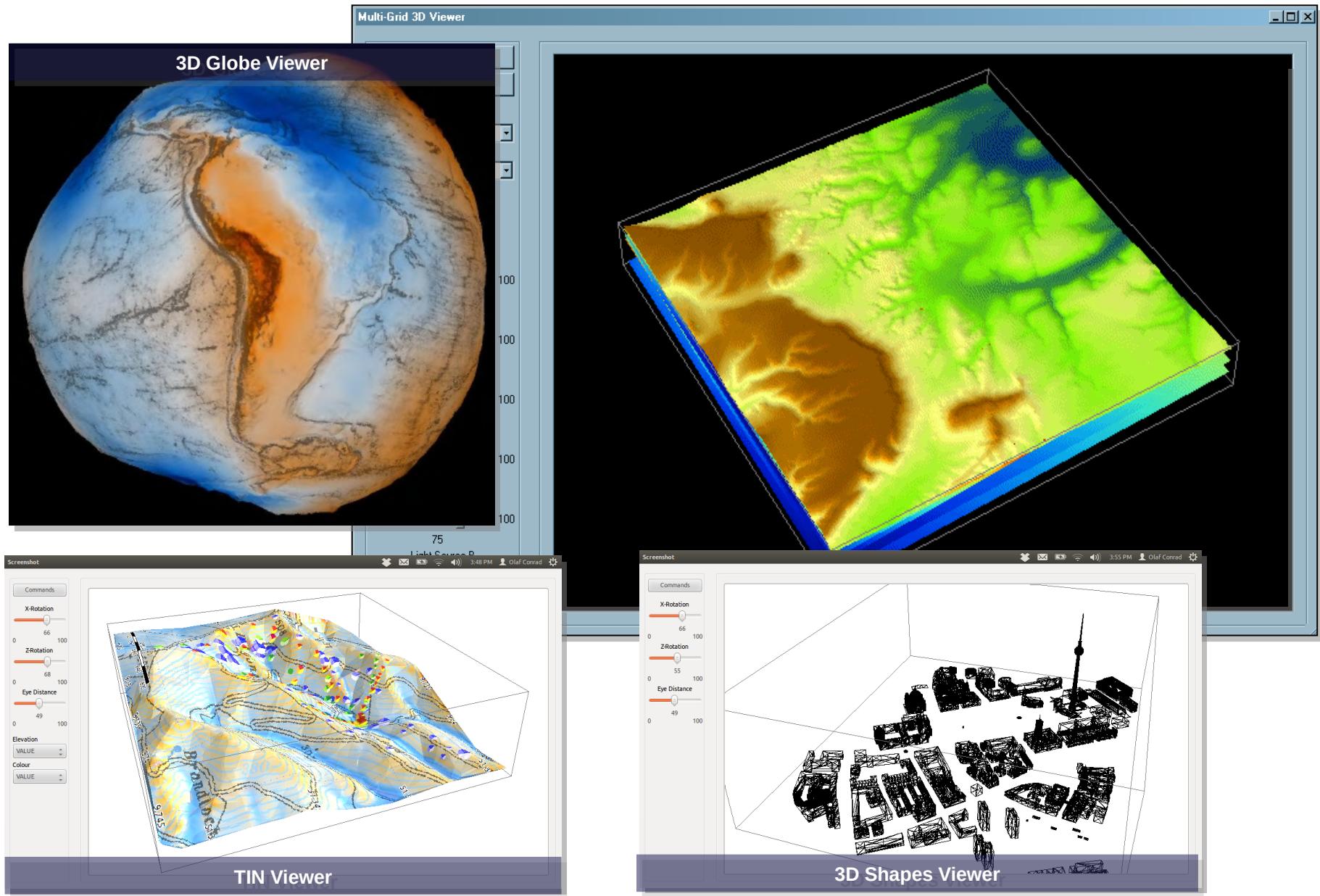
- Optional compressed grid format sg-grd-z (also gdal 2.3)
- Projection support
  - Live reprojection in gui
  - Proj 6 support
- Grid collections
  - RGB and Hyperspectral images
  - Geological layers
  - 3D interpolation
- Modules
  - Classification
  - Geomorphology
  - Geostatistics (also 3D)
- Unicode
  - Russian translation
- Save to gpkg and geojson directly
  - `saga_cmd shapes_points 21 -POINTS:test.gpkg`

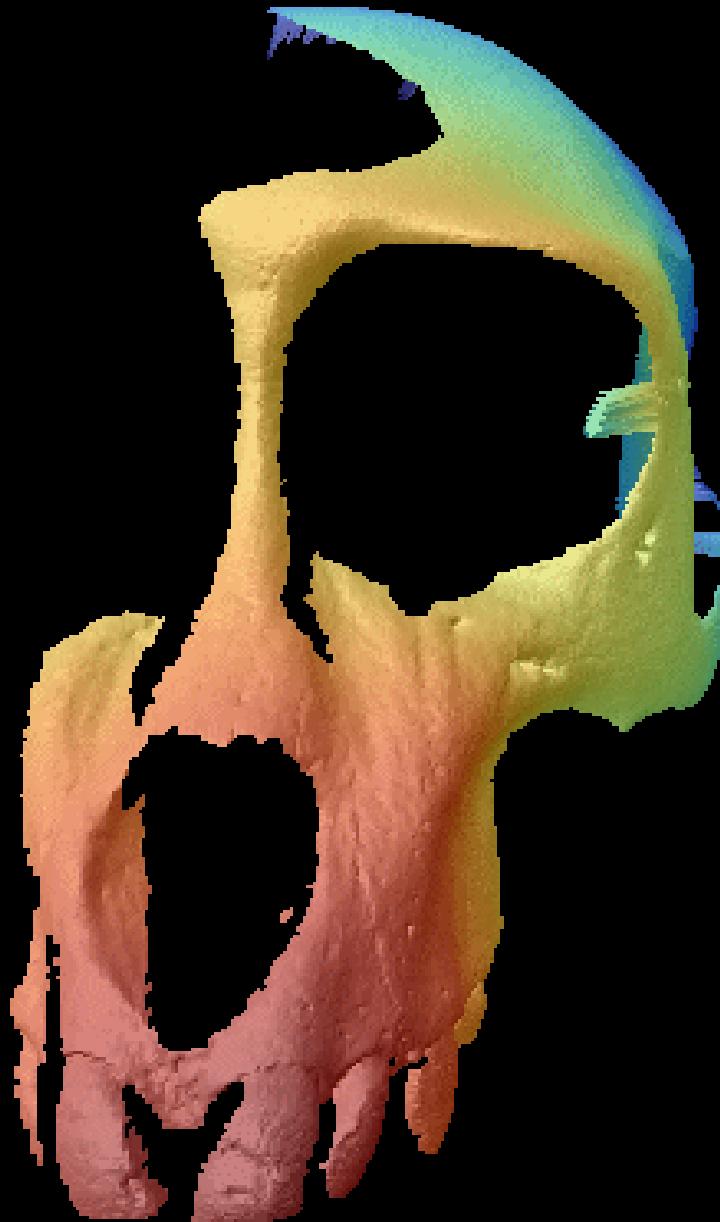
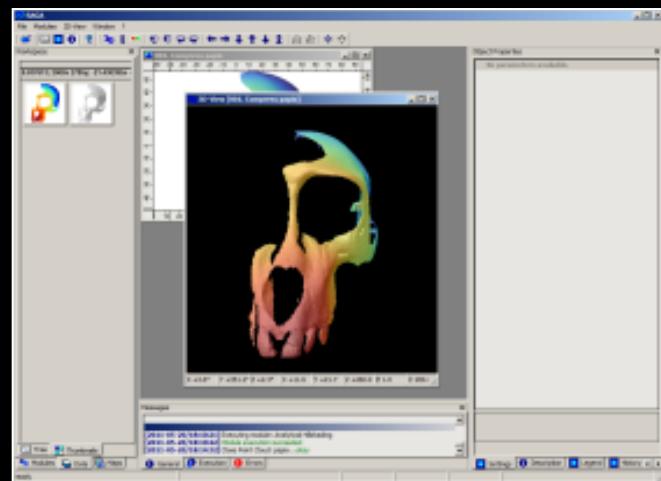
# Data Base Integration



- 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 | 3D Viewer

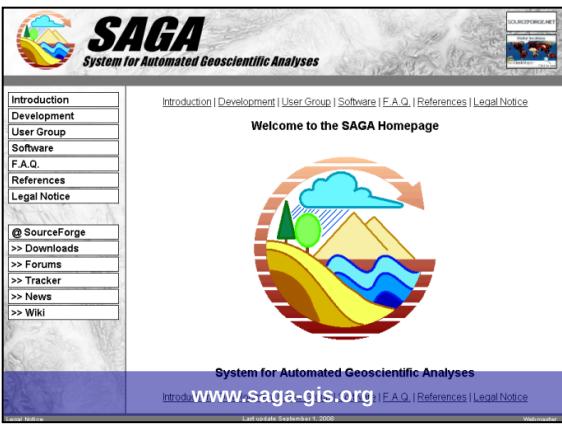




Many thanks  
for your attention

**[www.saga-gis.org](http://www.saga-gis.org)**

# SAGA | Resources



**Discussion Forums: User Forum**

User Forum		
Topic	Topic Starter	Replies
area calculation	is-bailly	4
RSAGA on Hardy 64	montanabay	3
geometrical properties of polygons	hydrogost	1
Sampling a table dataseting data from tables.	dermtl	2
compiling on Hardy 64	montanabay	3
Ubuntu Hardy 64bit	montanabay	0
Straightening a linestring of points	itheelen	0
shade grid with..	huberthilbert	2
TIN tools	nideux	1
surfkit-saga	huberthilbert	2
saga 2.0.3 and fedora 9	lpoglio	0
gridding	josemuni	2

## 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

**SAGA GIS**

**Wiki Navigation**

- Recent Changes
- Manage Space

**home**

page | discussion | history | notify me | backlinks | Protected

**SAGA WIKI**

Welcome to SAGA Wiki Home. This is the main page of the Wiki, other pages are accessible via the links provided.

**Getting Started**

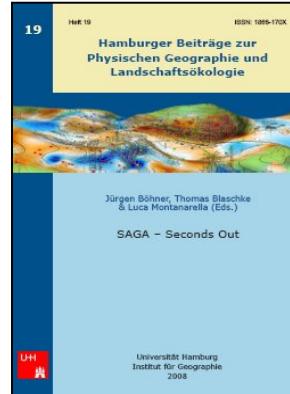
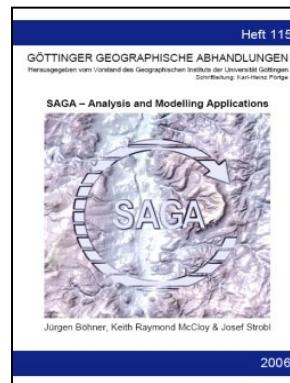
- The Philosophy of SAGA
- Quick Start
- First Steps

o Climbing Mount St. Helens during the learning curve

**Adobe Acrobat Professional - [SAGA2\_UserGuide\_Cinnery\_20070401.pdf]**

Das Dokument ist eine PDF-Datei mit einer Größe von 1,1 MB. Es besteht aus 2 Seiten und ist in Deutsch verfasst. Die Datei enthält verschiedene Abbildungen und Diagramme, die zur Verwendung von SAGA-GIS-Daten im Map View detailliert erläutern. Ein Beispiel ist ein Karte mit einem geologischen Modell, das verschiedene Schichten und Werte darstellt. Ein weiteres Diagramm zeigt einen geologischen Schnitt durch einen Berg mit entsprechenden Werten. Die Dokumentation ist in Kapitel unterteilt, wie z.B. 'Getting Started' und 'Advanced Topics'. Die Seiten sind mit 'Page 1' und 'Page 2' beschriftet.

**Vern Cinnery's User Guide**



## 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"><li>• <a href="#">Saga Homepage</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Saga Forum on Sourceforge</a></li></ul> Saga installation files. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Saga Files on Sourceforge</a></li><li>• The ZIP version (not the unexplained EXE setup version) should be copied to a convenient location and unzipped to C:\</li><li>• Run by clicking on <b>saga_gui.exe</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Windows 32 or 64. Create a shortcut to the executable <b>saga_gui.exe</b> to run the program</li><li>• <a href="#">Saga's Tutorials Collection</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Australia-Indonesia Training in Saga for Resource Management with Imagery</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Rohan Fisher's Saga Tutorials</a> (in English and Indonesian)</li><li>• <a href="#">1.3 Running 32-Bit Saga on a Mac with WINE</a> - Provided by a student</li><li>• <a href="#">Saga Wiki on Sourceforge</a> for Linux information</li><li>• "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 <a href="http://sourceforge.net/p/saga-gis/discussion/790705/thread/b11de126/">http://sourceforge.net/p/saga-gis/discussion/790705/thread/b11de126/</a> Have a look at <a href="http://www.wxwidgets.org">http://www.wxwidgets.org</a> for background information about the wxWidgets project."</li><li>• <a href="#">DOMINOC925</a> - 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</li></ul>
------	---	--	--

# SAGA | More Sources of Information

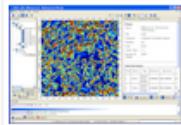
[dominoc925.blogspot.com](http://dominoc925.blogspot.com)

**dominoc925**

About Geospatial Applications, Intergraph GeoMedia, FME, Visual Studio, gvSIG, Google Maps, SAGA GIS, Android, QGIS

Monday, February 20, 2012

Simple method to count trees using Saga GIS



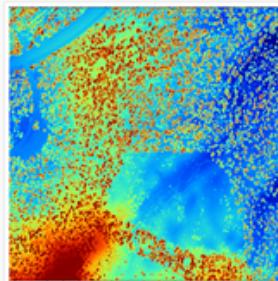
It is possible to make a rough estimation of the number of trees in an area from LiDAR derived digital surface (DSM) and digital terrain models (DTM). One method is to use some of the grid analysis modules algorithm in SAGA GIS, such as Gaussian Filter, and Watershed Segmentation. Then simply count the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



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

[rohanfisher.wordpress.com/open-source-geo-spatial](http://rohanfisher.wordpress.com/open-source-geo-spatial)

rohanfisher

ICT4D – Appropriate tech for decentralisation

HOME BLOG INDONESIA ICT4D MAPPING PHOTOS



Open Source Geo-spatial

Capacity building using Open Source Geo-spatial Software

MY LINKS

Monitoring impacts and risks of Manganese mining in West Timor  
SMS for Health information in Eastern Indonesia

FIRE

Darwin Center for Bushfire Research  
North Australia Fire Information

CATEGORIES

Blog  
Fire  
ICT4D  
Indonesia  
Mapping

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.

[DOWNLOAD LATEST VERSION SAGA GIS HERE](#)

Training Screen Shot Videos:

[Terrain Analysis with SAGA GIS](#)

[dst-iget.in](http://dst-iget.in)

[www.cdu.edu.au/itl/AII-RS/](http://www.cdu.edu.au/itl/AII-RS/)

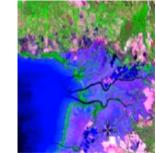
Satellite image display and analysis with a focus on Nusa Tenggara Timur.

**Penampilan dan analisa citra satelit dengan focus terhadap Nusa Tenggara Timur**

Workshop

Tutorial

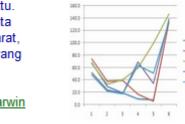
Links - contacts



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-nationals. 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 mendalam pengertian 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), yang memperkenalkan ketrampilan dasar data citra satelit. Dana dari [Australia](#) dan [Indonesia](#).



Australia  
Indonesia  
Institute

Charles Darwin  
UNIVERSITY

**dst-iget.in**

Search...

HOME ABOUT US TUTORIALS > RESOURCES > CONTACT US FORUM

UNDERSTANDING GIS >  
REMOTE SENSING >  
DATABASE  
SPATIAL ANALYSIS  
TRENDS IN GIS  
CUSTOMISATION

Introduction to SAGA  
Visual Interpretation  
Georeferencing  
Mosaicking Subsetting  
Terrain Analysis  
Change Detection

Lunar Crater, Maharashtra

Understanding GIS Remote Sensing Database Spatial Analysis Trends in GIS Customisation