Python for engineers

Fedor Baart

November 19, 2013

Introduction

Agenda

Python

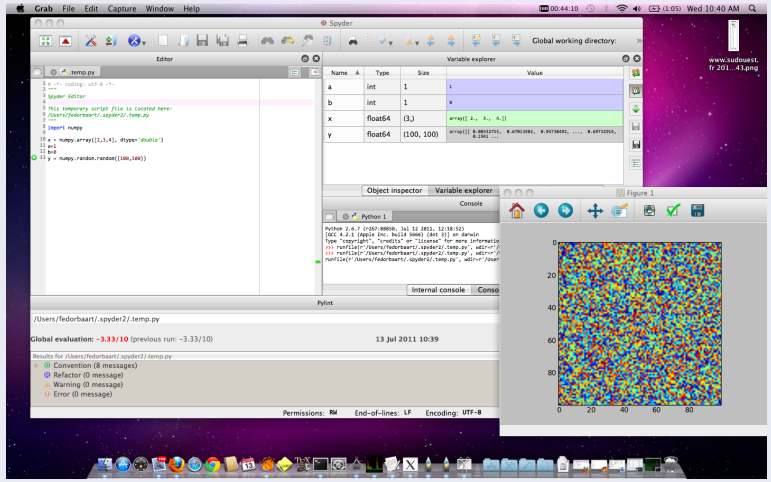
- 16:00 Overview
- 17:00 General excercises
- 18:00 Your examples
- 20:00 Done

Outline

Most popular python IDE (@SO)

15 Spyder

Screenshot

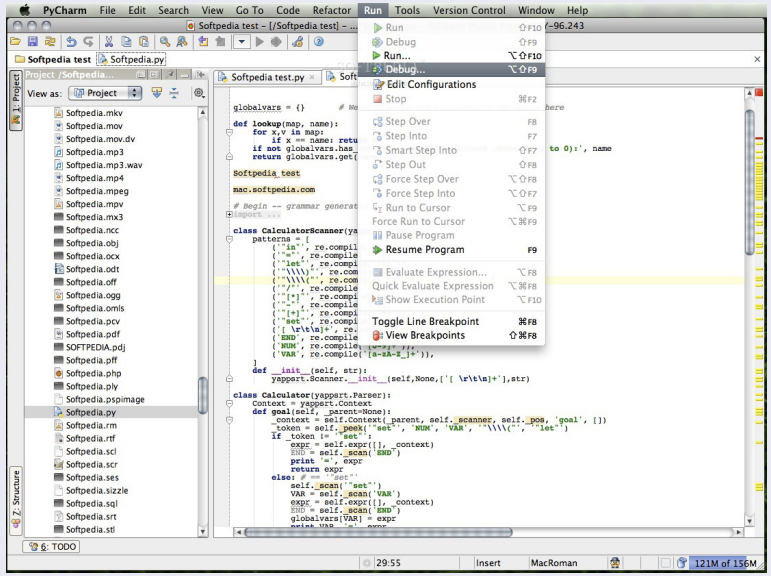


Most popular python IDE (@SO)

4 PyCharm

15 Spyder

Screenshot



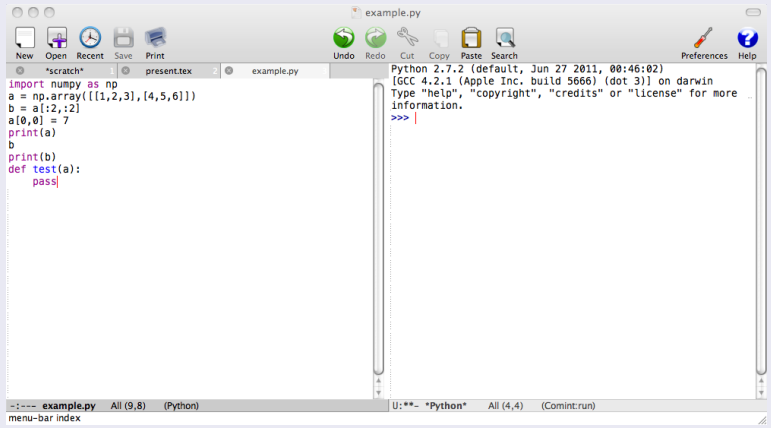
Most popular python IDE (@SO)

3 emacs

4 PyCharm

15 Spyder

Screenshot



Most popular python IDE (@SO)

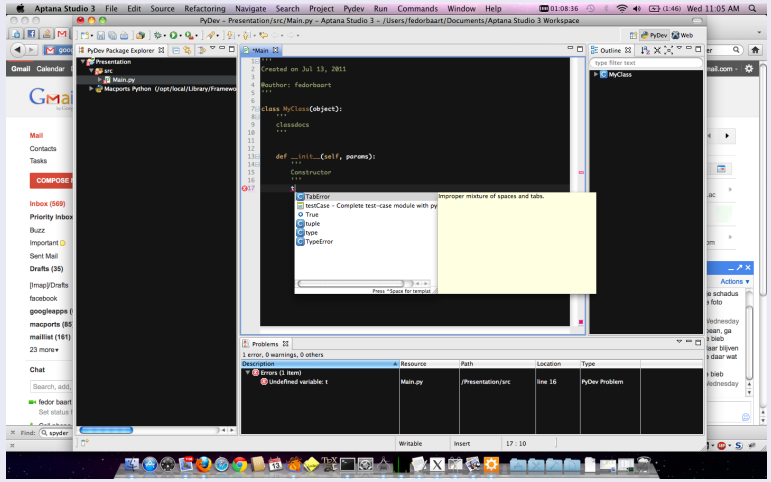
2 PyDev

3 emacs

4 PyCharm

15 Spyder

Screenshot

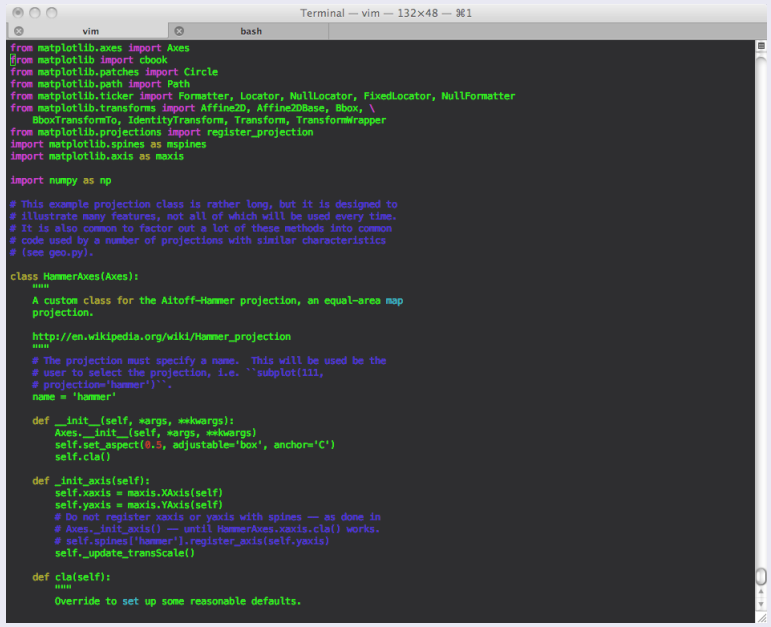


Most popular python IDE (@SO)

1. vim
2. PyDev
3. emacs
4. PyCharm

15. Spyder

Screenshot



Most popular python IDE (@SO)

new ipython notebook

1 vim

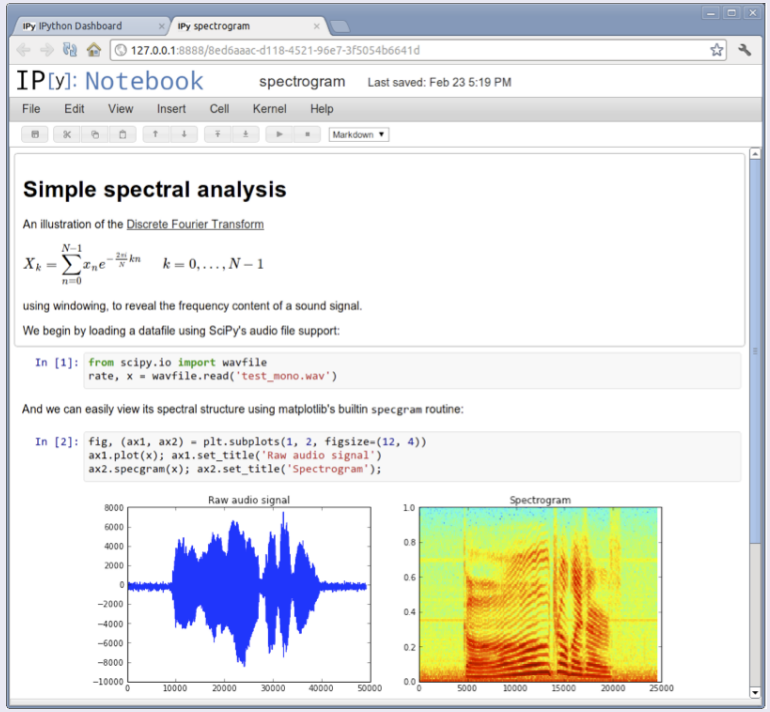
2 PyDev

3 emacs

4 PyCharm

15 Spyder

Screenshot



Which version?

Python

- Python 2.7, current default in python xy, enthought python.
- Python 3.x, use this when all your packages are available

How to install?

Windows

- Python x,y
- Enthought Python Distribution

Linux

- yum
- apt-get (some extra ppd)
- emerge

How to install?

OSX

- macports (from source)
- homebrew

Extra modules

- pip install module
- pypi.python.org
- python setup.py install
- `http://www.lfd.uci.edu/~gohlke/pythonlibs/`

Web development

- virtualenv, isolation
- buildout, isolation and deployment
- fabric, deployment

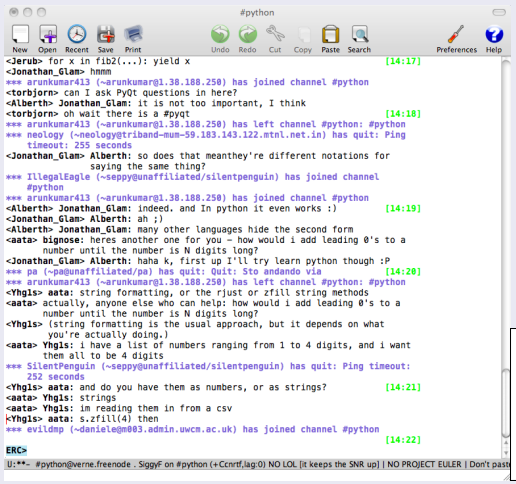
```
help(function) #inline help                                    1
pydoc # from command line
pydoc -p 10000 # webserver
```

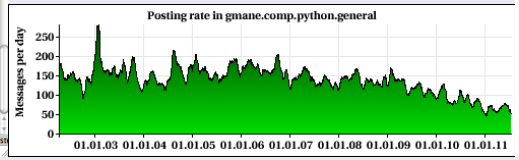
most python modules have a sphinx doc website:

1. docs.python.org
2. docs.scipy.org
3. matplotlib.sourceforge.net
4. readthedocs.org

Communities

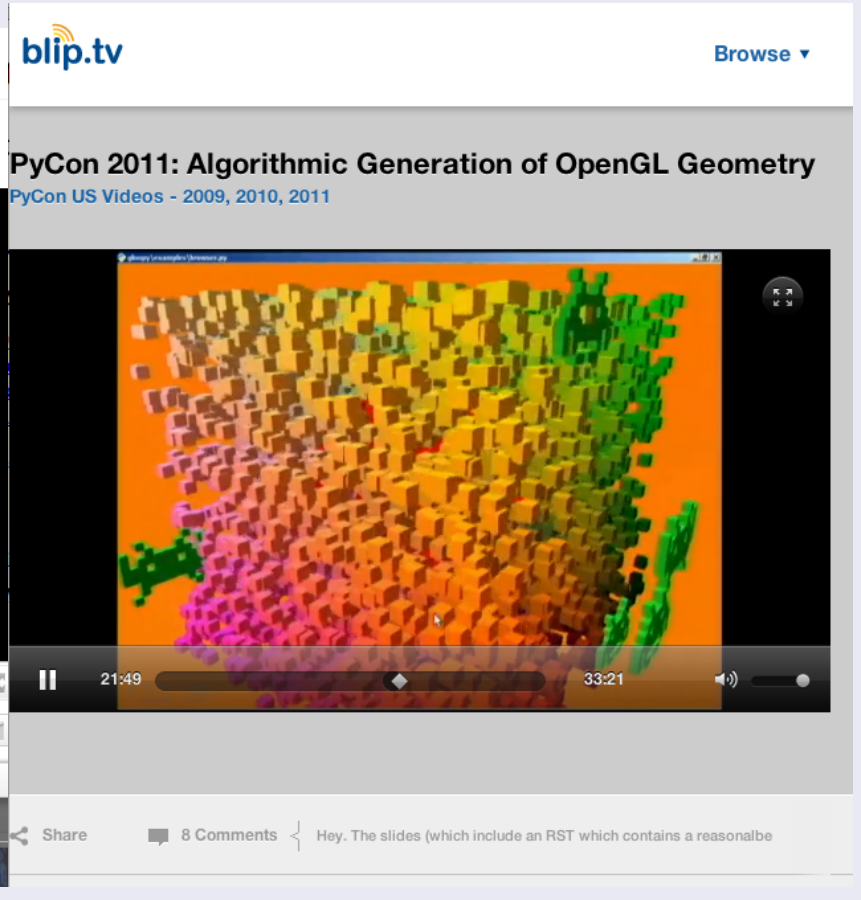
Python





Communities

Python



comparisons

```
>>> x = 5
>>> 1 < x < 10
True
>>> 10 < x < 20
False
```

enumerating

```
a = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
for index, item in enumerate(a):
  print(index, item)
```

```
0 10
1 20
2 30
3 40
4 50
```

swapping

```
>>> a, b = 1, 2
>>> b,a = a,b
>>> a,b
(2, 1)
```

1

decorating

```
@cache
def somethingdifficult():
  time.sleep(1000)
```

1

arguments

```
def point(x, y):
    # do some magic                                    2
point(3, 4)
point(3, y=4)
point(x=3, y=4)
a_tuple = (3, 4)
a_dict = {'y': 3, 'x': 2}                              7
draw_point(*point_foo) # pass in each element
draw_point(**point_bar) # pass named elements
```

doctests

```
def add(x, y):
    """
    add 2 numbers
    >>> add(3, 4)
    7
    """
import doctest
doctest.testmod()
```

string formatting

```
"We are at {lat},{lon}".format(lat=52, lon=3)
```

useful collections

```
>>> a = {1,2,3,4}
>>> b = {3,4,5,6}
>>> a | b # Union
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
>>> a & b # Intersection
{3, 4}
```

string methods

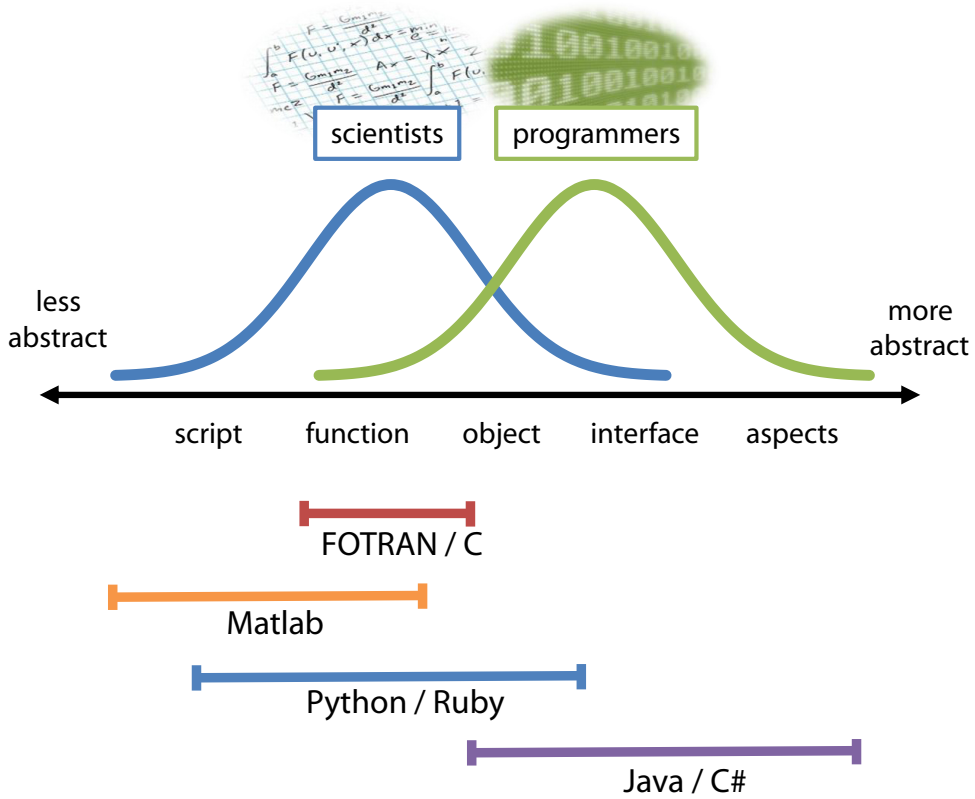
```
>>> "a" in "foobar"
True
>>> ";".join(["foo", "bar"])
"foo;bar"
```

Outline

What aspects are relevant when choosing a language?

- People (What are the other people making?)
- Paradigma (Object Oriented, Procedural, Functional)
- Help (Documentation, community)
- Data types (dict, list, strings, numbers, matrices, vectors)
- Type system (int a = 1 vs a = 1)
- Syntax (Keywords, whitespace, braces)
- Libraries (What can you reuse of others?)

People and paradigma



Python

```
>>> x1 = 1 # integer
>>> x2 = 2.0 # float
>>> x3 = "three" # string
>>> x4 = [4,4,4,4] # list
>>> x5 = {5,"five"} # set
>>> x6 = {"six":6} #
    dictionary
>>> x7 = (4,4,4,4) # tuple
```

1

6

Matlab

```
>> x1 = int16(1) % integer
    (16bit)
>> x2 = 2 % double
>> x3 = "three" % string
>> x7 = {4,4,4,4} % cell
>> %x5 no matlab equivalent
>> x6 = struct('six',6) %
    not quite the same
>> %x7 no matlab equivalent
```

3

Python

```
>>> x1 = 1
>>> x1 == 1
True
>>> x1 + 1
2
>>> x1 + 2.0
3.0
>>> x1 + "three"
... unsupported +: 'int'
    and 'str'
>>> 2 * "three"
'threethree'
>>> x2 = 2.0
>>> x2 * "three"
... can't multiply sequence
     by 'float'
```

Matlab

```
>> x1=1;
>> x1==1;
>> x1+1;
>> x1+2.0;
>> x1+'three'
ans =
   117   105   115   102
       102
>> 2 * 'three'
ans =
   232   208   228   202
       202
>> 2.0*'three'
ans =
   232   208   228   202
       202
```

Python

```
>>> 9223372036854775807 + 1
9223372036854775808L
>>> 2/3  # 2//3 is explicit
    integer division
0 (0.67 in python3)
```

Matlab

```
>> int64
    (9223372036854775807)+1
ans =
 9223372036854775807
>> int64(2)/int64(3)
ans =
   1
```

Python

```
>>> 2.0.is_integer()
True
>>> 2.5.as_integer_ratio()
(5, 2)
>>> 2.0.imag
0.0
```

4

Matlab

```
>> isinteger(2.0)
ans =
     0
>> [a,b] = rat(2.5)
a =         b =
      5           2
>> imag(2.0)
ans =
     0
```

4

9

```
>>> a = "Фёдор"
>>> len(a)
10
>>> print(a)
Фёдор
>>> a = u"Фёдор"
>>> len(a)
5
>>> a.encode("ascii")
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
UnicodeEncodeError: 'ascii' codec can't encode characters in position 0-4: ordinal no
t in range(128)
>>> a.encode("ascii", "xmlcharrefreplace")
'&#1060;&#1105;&#1076;&#1086;&#1088;'
```

Python

```
>>> x1 = array([[1,2,3],
 [4,5,6]])
>>> x1
array([[1, 2, 3],
       [4, 5, 6]])
>>> x1[0,0]
1
>>> x1[1:,1:]
array([[5, 6]])
```

Matlab

```
>> x1 = [1 2 3; 4 5 6]
x1 =
     1     2     3
     4     5     6
>> x1(1,1)
ans =
     1

>> x1(2:end, 2:end)
ans =
     5     6
```

Python

```
>>> x1*x1
array([[ 1,  4,  9],
       [16, 25, 36]])
>>> x1.dot(x1.T)
array([[14, 32],
       [32, 77]])
```

3

Matlab

```
>> x1 .* x1
>> x1 * x1
```

Python

```
>>> print(np.zeros((100,100)))
[[ 0.  0.  0. ...,  0.]
 [ 0.  0.  0. ...,  0.]
...,
 [ 0.  0.  0. ...,  0.]
 [ 0.  0.  0. ...,  0.]]
```

Matlab

```
>> zeros(100)

ans =

   Columns 1 through 13

     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0
```

Python

```
>>> a = np.array
    ([[1,2,3],[4,5,6]])
>>> b = a[:2,:2]
>>> a[0,0] = 7
>>> print(a)
[[7 2 3]
 [4 5 6]]
>>> print(b)
[[7 2]
 [4 5]]
```

Matlab

```
a = [1 2 3; 4 5 6];
b = a(1:2,1:2);
a(1,1) = 7
a =
     7     2     3
     4     5     6
b
b =
     1     2
     4     5
```

Python

```
>>> a = 1
>>> a
1
>>> type(a)
<type 'int'>
```

Matlab

```
>> a = 1

a =

     1

>> whos a
  Name      Class

  a         double
```

Python

```
import numpy                          1
numpy.array([])
import numpy as np
np.array([])
from numpy import *
array([])                             6
from numpy import array
array([])
```

Matlab

```
% Matlab>7.6 +parallel/+gpu          1
    /GPUArray.m
import parallel.gpu.*
GPUArray([])
```

Python

```
>>> dir(1)
['__abs__', ..., 'bit_length', '
    conjugate',
'denominator', ...]
>>> inspect.getfile(inspect)
'/opt/local/.../python2.7/inspect.pyc'
>>> def a(a=1):
...  pass
>>> inspect.getcallargs(a)
{'a': 1}
>>> getframeinfo(currentframe())
Traceback(filename='<stdin>', lineno=1,
    ...)
```

2

7

Matlab

```
% no equivalent to dir (I think)
>> which which
built-in (/Applications/MATLAB_R2011a.
    app/toolbox/matlab/general/which)
>> ?object % only for objects
>> dbstack % only in debugging?
```

4

Exercise

1. Find out the methods of a string object
2. Use the split method to split up the string "1;2;3"

Python

Startup do nothing and shutdown time.

```
$time python -c"pass"
real    0m0.038s
user    0m0.022s
sys     0m0.012s
```

Matlab

Startup do nothing and shutdown time.

```
$ time matlab -r exit                    1
real    1m8.891s
user    0m11.889s (2s with
    -nodesktop -nojvm)
sys     0m3.184s
```

Other languages

C: 0.000s, Java: 0.3s, Perl 0.001s, Bash 0.001s

Python

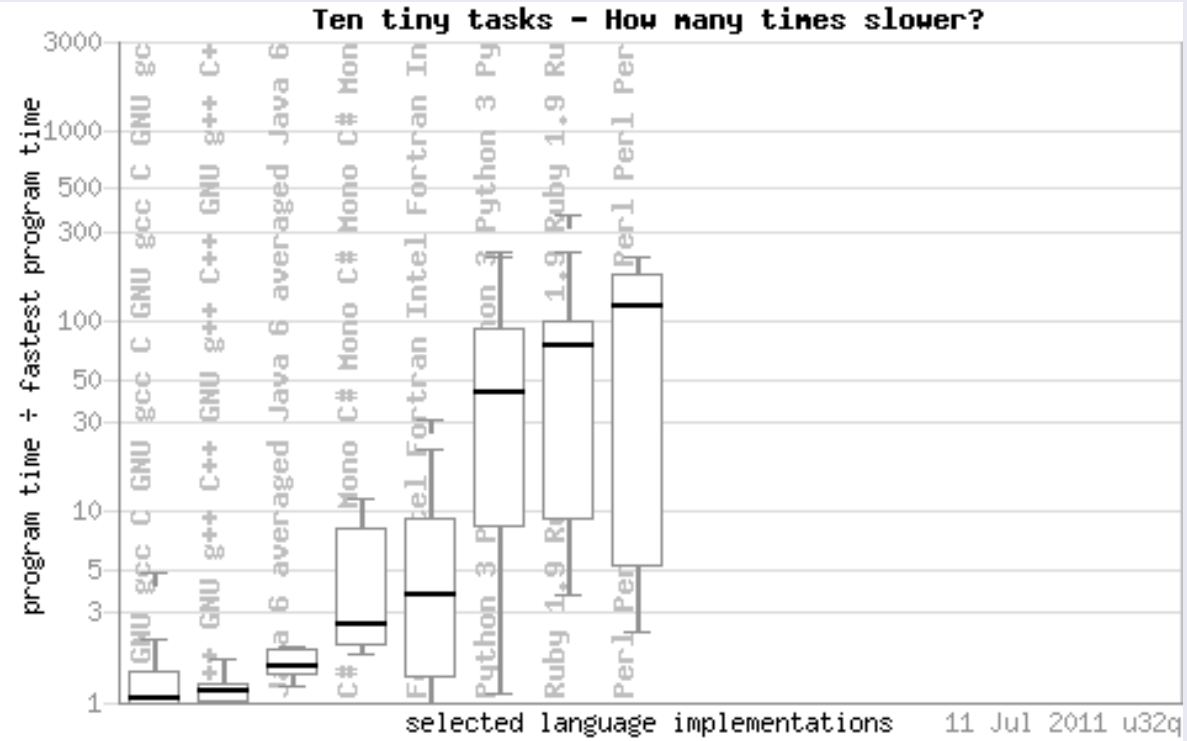
```
>>> setupcode = """
import numpy
x=numpy.zeros((1000,1000))
"""
>>> timeit.timeit('a=x.dot(
    x)',setupcode, number
    =10)
1.5948209762573242
```

Matlab

```
>> x=zeros(1000);
>> tic;for i=1:10;a=x*x;end
    ;toc
Elapsed time is 1.796690
    seconds.
```

Performance shootout

Benchmark (10 different problems)



shootout.alioth.debian.org

Laplace equation

Benchmark using different python techniques (500x500 grid for 100)

- Python: 1500.0s
- Python + NumPy: 29.3s
- Matlab: 29.0s
- Weave 2.3, 4.3, 9.5s
- Fortran 77: 2.9s
- Cython: 2.5s
- Pure C++: 2.16s

`www.scipy.org/PerformancePython`

Outline

- glue (mlabwrap: matlab, ctypes: dll's, fwrap: fortran90)
- plotting (2d: matplotlib, 3d: mayavi, graphs: networkx)
- gis (gdal: data + operations, pyproj: projections)
- data (pydap+netcdf: scientific, sqlalchemy: relational)

Talking to matlab

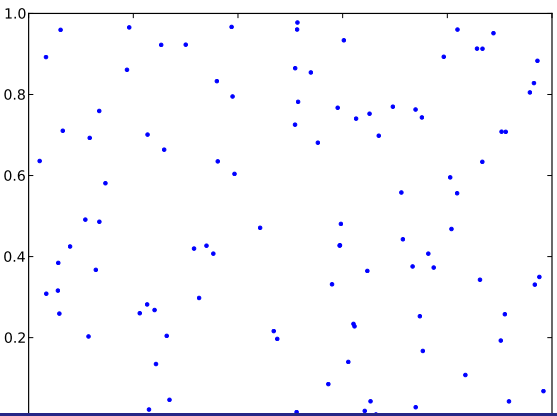
```
>>> import numpy
>>> from mlabwrap import mlab
>>> X = numpy.random.random((500,500))
>>> mlab.imshow(X)
array([[ 174.00366211]])
```

Talking to a dll

```
>>> import ctypes
>>> libfm = ctypes.CDLL('libdflow_fm.so')
>>> libfm.init()
>>> libfm.update()
>>> libfm.get_double_parameter("t")
0.1
>>> libfm.finalize()
```

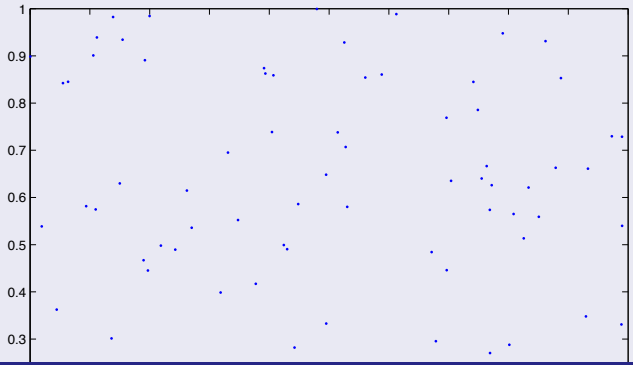
Python

```
>>> plt.plot(random.uniform
    (0,1,100),
                random.uniform
                    (0,1,100),
                '.')
>>> plt.savefig('
    plot1python.pdf')
```

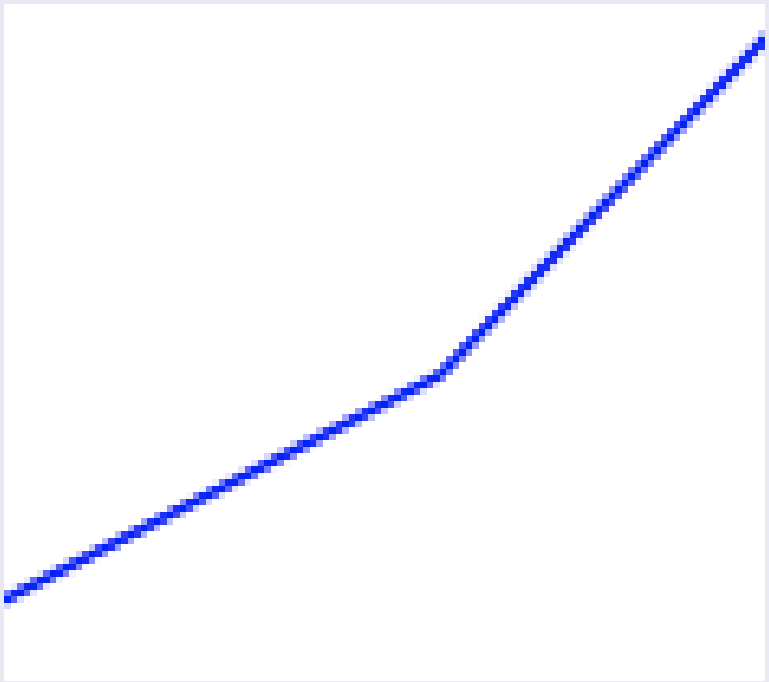


Matlab

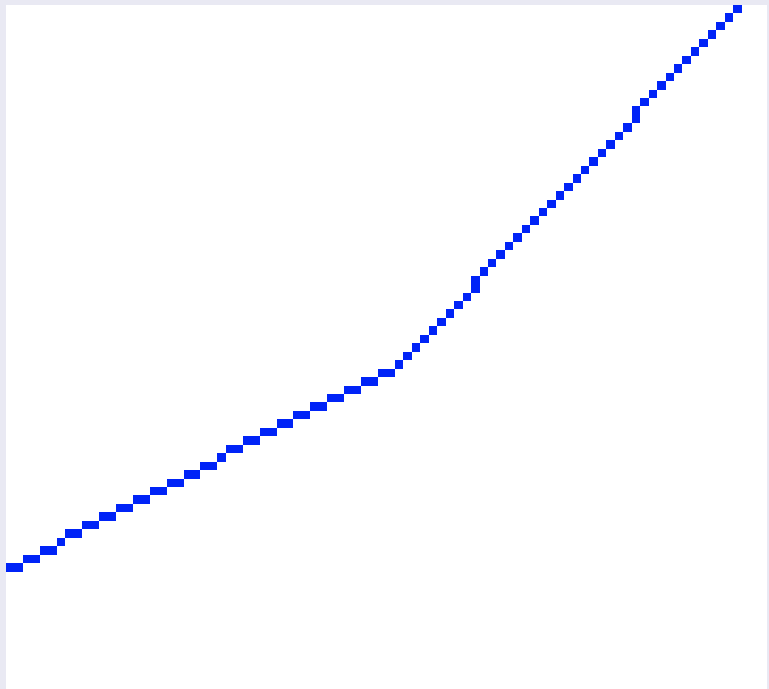
```
>> h = plot(                          1
    random('unif',0,1,1,100)
        ,
    random('unif',0,1,1,100)
        ,
    '.')
h =
   174.0028                           6
>> saveas(h,'plot1matlab.
    pdf')
```



Python



Matlab

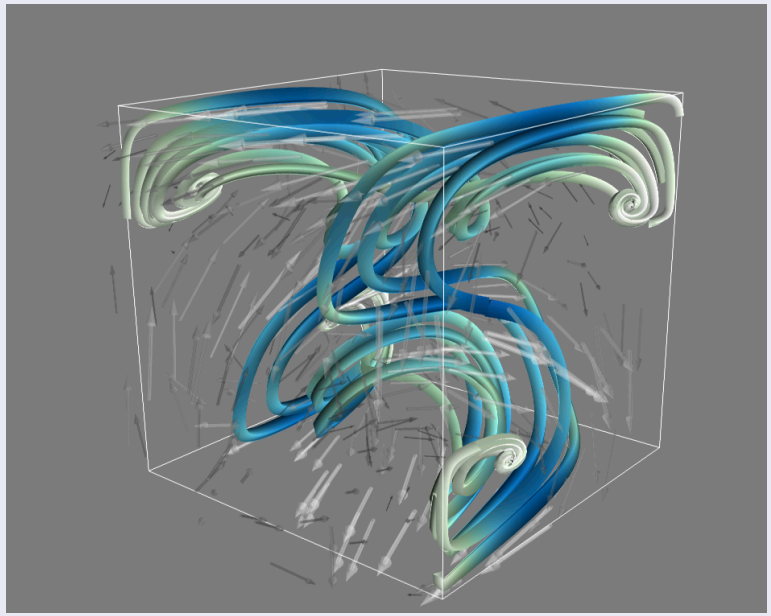


3d plotting

```
import numpy as np
x, y, z = np.mgrid[0:1:20j,
    0:1:20j, 0:1:20j]

u =    np.sin(np.pi*x) * np
   .cos(np.pi*z)
v = -2*np.sin(np.pi*y) * np
   .cos(2*np.pi*z)
w = np.cos(np.pi*x)*np.sin(
   np.pi*z) +
    np.cos(np.pi*y)*np.sin
        (2*np.pi*z)
mlab.quiver3(u,v,w)
mlab.flow(u,v,w)
```

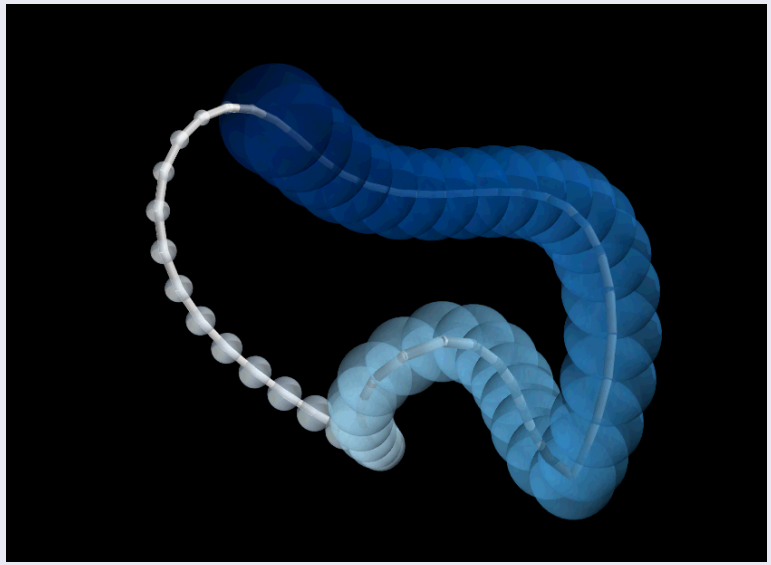
Mayavi plot



networkx

```
import networkx as nx                    1
H = nx.cycle_graph(50)
G = nx.
    convert_node_labels_to_int
    (H)
# layout in 3d
pos = nx.spring_layout(G,
    dim=3)
mlab.points3d( ... )                     6
mlab.pipeline.tube( ... )
```

Networkx plot using mayavi



networkx.lanl.gov

Python with GDAL

```
>>> dataset = ogr.Open('test.kml')
>>> layer = dataset[0]
>>> feature = layer[0]
>>> geometry = feature.geometry()
>>> geometry.GetPoint()
(-122.0822035425683, 37.42228990140251,
     0.0)
>>> geometry.Buffer(3.0).ExportToKML()
'<Polygon>
 <outerBoundaryIs><LinearRing>
   <coordinates>
    -119.082203542568294,37.422289901402507

     ...
```

KML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<kml xmlns="http://www.opengis.net/kml
     /2.2">
  <Placemark>
    <name>Simple placemark</name>
    <description>Attached to the ground.
          Intelligently places itself
       at the height of the underlying
            terrain.</description>
    <Point>
      <coordinates>
           -122.0822035425683,37.422289901402
           </coordinates>
    </Point>
  </Placemark>
</kml>
```

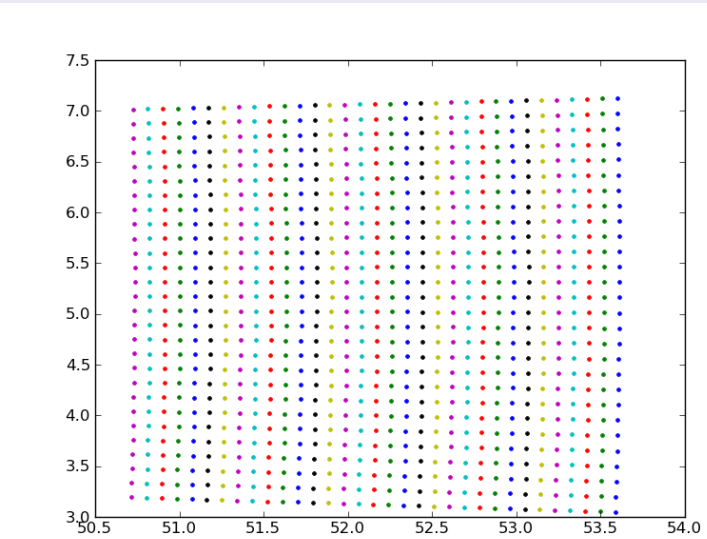
Pyproj

```
from pyproj import Geod
old = Geod(ellps='bessel')
new = Geod(ellps='WGS84')                                                    3
ams_lat = 52.35
ams_lon = 4.917
nyc_lat = 40.+(47./60.)
nyc_lon = -73.-(58./60.)
args = ams_lon,ams_lat,nyc_lon,nyc_lat                                       8
az12,az21, olddist = old.inv(*args) # 5872 km
az12,az21, newdist = new.inv(*args) # 5873 km
```

Python

```
url =
'http://opendap.deltares.nl/thredds/
    dodsC/opendap/tno/ahn100m/mv100.nc
    '
import pydap.client
ds = pydap.client.open_url(url)
ds.keys()
['x', 'y', 'longitude', 'latitude', '
    epsg', 'wgs84', 'depth']
lat = ds['latitude']['latitude']
lon = ds['longitude']['longitude']
depth = ds['depth']['depth']
plt.plot(lat[::100,::100], lon
    [::100,::100], '.')
```

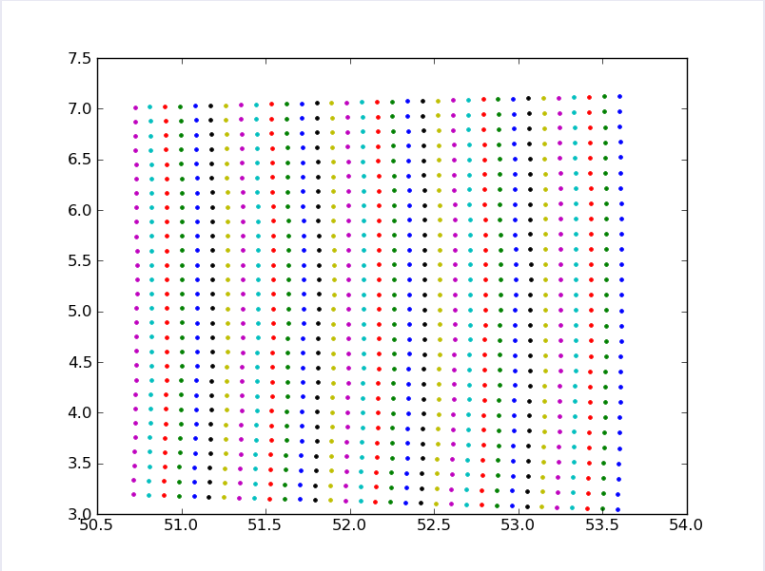
ahn lat/lon



Python

```
lat100 = lat[::100,::100]
lon100 = lon[::100,::100]
idx = reduce(np.logical_and, [
  lat100 < 52.8,
  lat100 > 52.6,
  lon100 > 5.7,
  lon100 < 6.1])
xidx, yidx = np.where(idx)
xslice = slice(xidx.min()*100,xidx.max()
    *100)
yslice = slice(yidx.min()*100,yidx.max()
    *100)
noplat = lat[xslice, yslice]
noplon = lon[xslice, yslice]
nopdep = depth[xslice, yslice]
```

ahn lat/lon

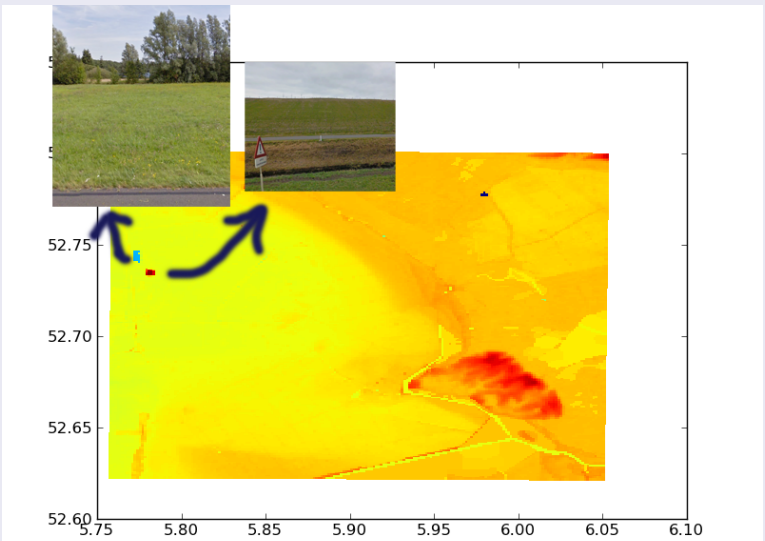


Python

```
plt.pcolormesh(noplon,
    noplat, nopdep)
```

1

ahn lat/lon

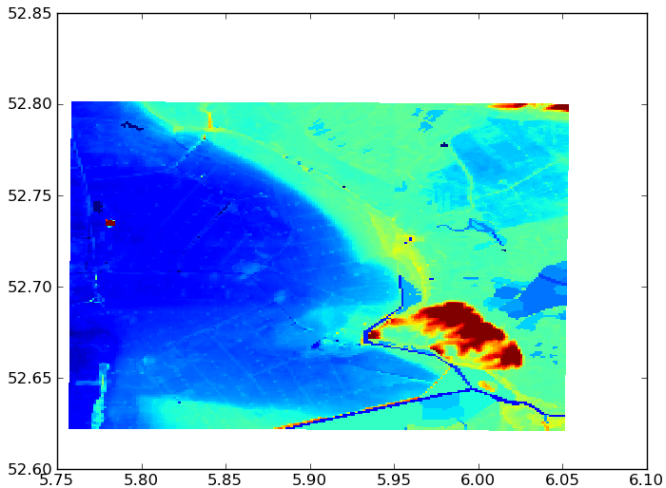


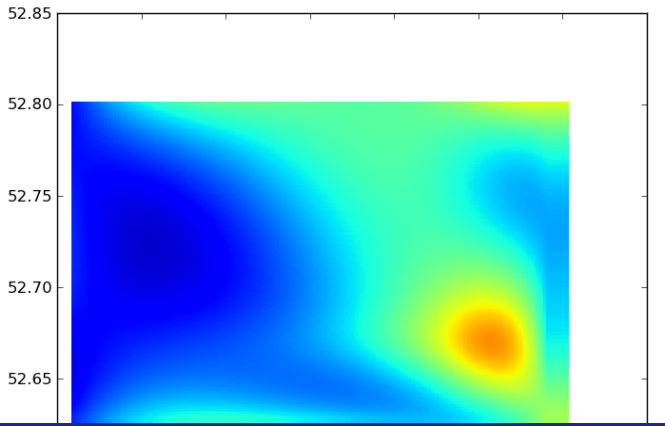
Can we use a rough height map

```
from scipy.interpolate import bisplrep,
     bisplev
roughdep = nopdep[::10,::10]
roughlat = noplat[::10,::10]
roughlon = noplon[::10,::10]
f = bisplrep(roughlon,roughlat,roughdep)
# expects increasing x and y
newdep = bisplev(noplon[:,0], noplat
     [0,::-1], f)[:,::-1].T
plt.pcolormesh(noplon[:,0], noplat[0,:],
      newdep, vmin=-5,vmax=5)
```

4

ahn 100/1000





Outline

```
>>> "%s=%s" % (str(3*0.3),repr(3*0.3))
'0.9=0.89999999999999999'
```

2

```
x = 1.0 / 3
y = 0.333333333333                                          2
print x  #: 0.333333333333
print y  #: 0.333333333333
print x == y  #: False

repr prints too many digits:                                7

print repr(x)  #: 0.3333333333333331
print repr(y)  #: 0.3333333333300003
print x == 0.3333333333333333  #: True
```

```
>>> def a(a=[]):
...   a.append(1)
...   print(a)                                    4
...
>>> a()
[1]
>>> a()
[1, 1]                                             9
```

```
>>> 01                                                          1
1
>>> 07
7
>>> 08
  File "<stdin>", line 1                                       6
    08
     ^
SyntaxError: invalid token
```

```
>>> a=[[1,2,3]]*3                                    1
[[1, 2, 3],
 [1, 2, 3],
 [1, 2, 3]]
>>> a[0][0] = 2
[[4, 2, 3],                                          6
 [4, 2, 3],
 [4, 2, 3]]
```

```
>>> i = 1
>>> ++i
1
>>> i
1
```

2

```
a = 1
    a = 2
```

Outline

Outline

Reading FM output

```
import netCDF4
% open dataset
ds = netCDF4.Dataset('fm.nc')
% inspect (dir, import inspect, ? in ipython, help)
```

Reading FM output

```
import netCDF4                                                    1
# open dataset
ds = netCDF4.Dataset('fm.nc')
# inspect (dir, import inspect, ? in ipython, help)
# Read nodes
netnodex = ds.variables['NetNode_x'][:]                           6
netnodey = ds.variables['NetNode_y'][:]
netnodez = ds.variables['NetNode_z'][:]
netelemnode = ds.variables['NetElemNode'][:]
netlink = ds.variables['NetLink'][:]
```

Reading FM output

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# create figure with 1 axis
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)
# plot on the axis
ax.plot(netnodex ,netnodey,'k.')
# Or plt.plot(...), or just plot(...)
```

Reading FM output

```
# Create split locations
splitidx = np.cumsum(np.r_[self.celltypes()][:-1])

# Convert to 1d filled idx
# Convert from 1 based to 0 based
idx = netelemnode[(~netelemnode.mask)]-1

# Split the netelemnodes by polygons
# x coordinate of cell polygon
xpoly = np.array(np.split(netnodex[idx], splitidx))
ypoly = np.array(np.split(netnodey[idx], splitidx))
zpoly = np.array(np.split(netnodez[idx], splitidx))
# combine all coordinates into a 3,ncell array
cellxycoords = np.concatenate([xpoly[:,np.newaxis],
    ypoly[:,np.newaxis],zpoly[:,np.newaxis]],1)
# transpose (not sure why I do it like this?)
cellcoords = [np.c_[xyz[0],xyz[1], xyz[2]] for xyz
```

Reading FM output

```
# We now have a list of polygons
cells = matplotlib.collections.PolyCollection(
    cellcoords)
# which we can add
ax.add_collection(cells)
# and rescale
ax.autoscale()
```

Reading FM output

```
grid = UGrid.fromfile(filename)
cellcoords = [xy[:,:2] for xy in grid.cellcoords()]
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)
ax.plot(grid.netnodex ,grid.netnodey,'k.')
cells = matplotlib.collections.PolyCollection(
    cellcoords)
ax.add_collection(cells)
ax.autoscale()
```

Outline

Static and docs

tools Html/css/js editor, apache, wiki, cms

goal Serve non changing information

Batch

tools Templates, scripts, teamcity, matlab/python/R, apache

goal Produce semi-static (incidental changes) hard to produce content

Dynamic

tools Python, Web application framework (pyramid), Database (OpenDAP, Postgis)

goal Generate dynamic content (plots, kml, services)

Dynamic

interaction	expose functions
speed	response less than 0.01s
sessions	per user information

Excercise

http://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid/en/latest/

Excercise

1. Install
2. Creating a pyramid project
3. Make a viewer for a dataset on opendap.deltares.nl