

# StagLab 4

*Geodynamic diagnostics and scientific visualisation for geodynamic models*

[Crameri \(2018, GMD\)](#)

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Various [contributors](#) to this project are mentioned below.

## Prerequisites

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StagLab necessitates a working version of **MatLab 2014b or later**.

StagLab works best with the latest version of MatLab as earlier versions might disable multiple StagLab features and might cause problems as compatibility is not maintained carefully any longer.

## Installing

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- To install StagLab, simply execute the included ***f\_INSTALL***. This can be done in the MatLab terminal by typing:

```
cd <yourPath>/StagLab3
f_INSTALL
```

Alternatively, add all StagLab files manually to the MatLab search path (in MatLab go to: *HOME > Set Path > Add With Subfolders*).

- It is best practise to delete old StagLab versions.

StagLab removes, however, file duplicates from the MatLab search path and so prevents confusion with old files.

## Testing

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- To test StagLab on your system, simply execute the included ***f\_TEST***. This can be done in the MatLab

terminal by typing:

```
cd <yourPath>/StagLab3
f_TEST
```

This automated test performs various core tasks of StagLab and produces a suite of test figures that are saved to *StagLab > Examples > ExampleFigures*.

## Running

- StagLab is run through parfiles (see folder *Parfiles*). Use one of the parfiles included (e.g., ***ParStagLab2D***) to set your parameters and to run one of the main StagLab Apps (*STAGplot* for parameter fields, *STAGrprof* for radial profiles, *STAGtimedat* for time evolutions). See ***f\_Defaults***, ***f\_DefaultsRprof***, or ***f\_DefaultsTimedat*** for all available options available with the corresponding parfile.

	Parameter Fields	Radial Profiles	Temporal Graphs
Execution File	<i>ParStagLab2D ParStagLab3D ParStagLabYY</i>	<i>ParStagLabRprof</i>	<i>ParStagLabTimedat</i>
Defaults	f_Defaults	f_DefaultsRprof	f_DefaultsTimedat
Routine	STAGplot	STAGrprof	STAGtimedat

You can run your parfile from any directory you like.

You will always be able to re-use your old parfiles to run newer versions of StagLab.

- Adjust file name, number and directory with:

```
IN.Name           = {'test'};
IN.Number         = [1];
IN.Folder         = {'/work/stagyy/'};
```

TIP: Given the above *IN.Folder*, StagLab checks automatically also for the following folder-structures to read:

```
/work/stagyy/+op/<fileToRead>
/work/stagyy/+op/<filename>/<fileToRead>
```

and write:

```
/work/stagyy/+im/<fileToSave>
/work/stagyy/+im/<filename>/<fileToSave>
```

TIP: It is possible to plot or compare multiple files in the same figure by simply adding another file name. *IN.Name* controls which and how many files are plotted. To plot three different files all for the first output number:

```
IN.Name          = { 'test1' 'test2' 'test3'};
IN.Number        = [ 1 ];
IN.Folder        = { '/folder1/' '/folder2/' '/folder3/'};
```

To plot multiple time steps of one single model:

```
IN.Name          = { 'test1' 'test1' 'test1'};
IN.Number        = [ 1 2 3 ];
IN.Folder        = { '/folder_test1/' };
```

If there is just one entry for either *IN.Number* or *IN.Folder*, it will take the same entry for all files specified in *IN.Name*.

- Adjust the dimensional parameters in the parfile for correct dimensionalisation according to ***f\_Dimensions***.

```
IN.Parameter     = [ 11 ];
```

StagLab saves the publication-ready figures and movies, if:

```
SAVE.Figure      = logical(1);
SAVE.Movie       = logical(1);
```

To specify a certain write directory change the default:

```
SAVE.writeDirectory = 'auto';
```

to e.g.:

```
SAVE.writeDirectory = '/work/stagyy/';
```

## NOTE: Preparing Fluidity output

To make readable by StagLab, the original Fluidity output needs to be converted to a .csv file using e.g., Paraview. Adjust StagLab's ***f\_readFluidity*** to the specific details of the .csv file.

## More detailed information

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See [Crameri \(2018, GMD\)](#).

## Acknowledging StagLab

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- Please acknowledge the free use of the StagLab or any of its routines.

Use for example:

"The geodynamic diagnostics and scientific visualisation software StagLab (Crameri 2017; Crameri 2018) is used in this study."

*Crameri, F. (2017), StagLab 3.0, Zenodo, <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1199037>*

*Crameri, F. (2018), Geodynamic diagnostics, scientific visualisation and StagLab 3.0, Geosci. Model Dev., 11, 2541-2562, doi:10.5194/gmd-11-2541-2018.*

## Published studies using StagLab

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- Crameri and Lithgow-Bertelloni (2018), Tectonophysics, [doi:10.1016/j.tecto.2017.09.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tecto.2017.09.013).
- Crameri et al. (2017), Gcubed, [doi:10.1002/2017GC006821](https://doi.org/10.1002/2017GC006821).
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- Crameri et al. (2012), GRL, [doi:10.1029/2011GL050046](https://doi.org/10.1029/2011GL050046).

## Contributing

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- Direct contributions, bug reports, requests and general questions to [Fabio Crameri](#).

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### External routines

- `f_readStagYY` originally by **Boris Kaus** to read StagYY's binary output directly into MatLab.
- `f_readStagYYhdf5` originally by **Kiran Chotalia** to read StagYY's HDF5 output into MatLab.
- `f_readFluidity` originally by **Fanny Garel** to read Fluidity's CSV output into MatLab.
- `f_YYtoMap` originally by **Paul Tackley** to produce horizontal maps of fully spherical yinyang data.
- `export_fig` originally by **Oliver Woodford** to add more flexibility to figure saving.
- `flowfun` and `cumsimp` by **Kirill K. Pankratov** to derive the stream function and to perform the Simpson-

rule column-wise cumulative summation, respectively.

- *MinVolEllipse* by **Nima Moshtagh** to fit a minimum-volume ellipse around a point cloud.
- *hatchfill2* originally by **Neil Tandon** to fill areas with a specific texture.
- *plotboxpos* by **Kelly Kearney** to return the position of the plot more accurately and reliably.
- a few functions including *equalisecolourmap.m* and *sineramp2.m* by **Peter Kovesi** were used to provide the scientific colour-map diagnostics.

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## Versioning

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### StagLab 4

- re-introducing multi-subduction-zone tracking
- introducing plume-mobility diagnostics
- improved Windows compatibility
- improved compatibility with latest StagYY version
- improved handling of 3-D spherical models
- additional parameter fields
- extended suite of scientific colour-maps
- analysis mode for STAGrprof and STAGtimedat
- flexibility extensions to STAGrprof and STAGtimedat
- automatic fixing of corrupt time.dat files
- stability improvements
- bug fixes

### StagLab 3

- introducing automated installation and testing
- introducing 2-D mode for 3-D
- introducing analysis mode
- introducing tracer plot

- introducing surface-variation histogram plot
- introducing topography diagnostics
- introducing perceptually-uniform colour schemes
- option to discretize colour maps
- option to set default figure position on screen
- option to shift or flip data horizontally
- support for partial cylindrical geometry
- magnifier support for cylindrical geometry
- additional parameter fields
- additional plate diagnostics
- major improvements to STAGrprof and STAGtimedat
- compatibility with Fluidity output
- refined visual design
- improved file finder
- improved code design
- improved speed
- bug fixes

## **StagLab 2**

- introducing mantle-dynamics diagnostics
- introducing tectonic diagnostics
- introducing topography components (isostatic,residual)
- introducing plot for up- and downwelling
- introducing parameter table
- introducing plot-in-plot mode
- introducing movies
- introducing fAlo
- more parameter fields added
- automatic detection of side-boundary v-condition
- less-disruptive error handling
- cleaner plot design and layout
- improved colormaps
- improved filefinder
- improved display output
- improved stability of design-routines
- improved saving and plotting of tectonic data
- improvements towards convertibility to other geodynamic codes
- bug fixes

## **StagLab 1**

- Combining Apps to StagLab
- supports all available StagYY model geometries
- supports all available StagYY output, including rprof.dat and time.dat
- option added for YinYang horizontal maps
- hot and cold plume tracking added
- first test version of 3-D Cartesian plate boundary tracking implemented
- code speed optimisations: deriving lithosphere thickness
- option added to plot horizontal residual temperature
- option added to plot heat flux
- option added to plot temporal evolution of tectonic parameters
- option added to save figure to specific directory
- improved code design
- improved user friendliness
- bug fixed that led to empty plate sketch plot
- bug fixes and updates to the dimensionalisation

## Reference

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- Cramer, F. (2018), *Geodynamic diagnostics, scientific visualisation and StagLab 3.0*, *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 11, 2541-2562, [doi:10.5194/gmd-11-2541-2018](https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-11-2541-2018).

## License

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