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# ISCE: A modular library

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# What is ISCE?

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- Python-based SAR/InSAR processing software
  - Modular library
  - No commercial software needed
  - Includes some pre-defined workflows
- What are we going to talk about?
  - ISCE directory structure
  - Available functionality
  - Newer functions not available in ROI\_PAC / other software

# Directory structure

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- ISCE Components
  - Iscesys (Framework elements)
  - Isceobj (Data containers and building blocks)
  - Mroipac (Functionality from ROI\_PAC)
  - Stdproc (stdproc library from Stanford University)
  - Contrib (User supplied functionality)
    - Snaphu
    - DEM utilities etc
- ISCE Applications
  - Apps (Pre-defined workflows)
  - Utilities (Assisting users)

# Iscesys

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- Framework elements of ISCE
- Allows for configurable workflows
  - Defines Components and Applications
- Components
  - Any unit (data / processing) in ISCE
- Applications
  - Pre-defined workflows in ISCE
- Includes low level ImageAPI for handing images
- Typically, not directly used by users

- Short for ISCE objects
- Useful containers and building blocks for SAR/InSAR processing
- Includes most operations that don't need geometry information
  - Polynomial fitting
  - Orbit interpolation
  - Offset outliers estimation etc

# Data Containers in ISCE

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- Image
  - Wrapper class for dealing with images

Loading an ISCE image

```
>> import isceobj  
>> img = isceobj.createImage()  
>> img.load('data.xml')
```

`img.width`, `img.length`, `img.dataType`, `img.bands`,  
`img.scheme`, `img.imageType`

# Data Containers ....

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- Orbit
  - StateVector
    - Time, position, velocity
  - self.interpolateOrbit(time, method='hermite')
  - self.addStateVector(sv)
  - self.unpackOrbit()
  - self.pointonground(azimuthtime, range)
  - self.geo2rdr([lat,lon,hgt])
  - self.exportToC()
  
- Planet
  - Ellipsoid representation (Default WGS84)

# Data Containers

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- OffsetField
  - Offset
  - self.plot()
  - self.getFitPolynomials()
  - self.cull(snrthreshold)
- Platform
  - Antenna length, pointing direction
  - Planet
- Radar
  - PRF, wavelength, bias, sampling frequency, chirp slope, pulse length,



# Frame Data Container

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- Frame (Represents a SAR acquisition)
  - Orbit
  - Radar
    - Platform
  - Image
- Keeping track of the Frame object will let one keep track of most variables used during processing

# Polynomials in ISCE

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- Polynomials
  - Doppler polynomials
  - Offset polynomials
  - FM rate polynomials
  - Range / azimuth carriers
- `isceobj.Util.Poly1D / Poly2D`
  - Simple list of coefficients
  - Mean and norm applied in each direction
  - Include `exportToC` functionality
  - Can make a polynomial looks like an image
  - Used extensively in all processing modules

# Isceobj processing modules

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- `Isceobj.Util.estimateoffsets`
  - Default offset estimation in `insarApp.py`
  - Parallel FFT-based ampcor-like algorithm from Stanford University
  - Returns a list of offsets
  
- `Isceobj.Util.denseoffsets`
  - Dense offset estimation module
  - Parallel FFT-based algorithm from Stanford University
  - Returns offset images

# Isceobj modules

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- `Isceobj.util.simamplitude`
  - Simulate radar amplitude image from outputs of topo
- `Isceobj.util.offoutliers`
  - Identifies outliers in the offset field by fitting an affine transform
- `Isceobj.util.ImageUtil`
  - Library to interface ISCE products to numpy
  - Used extensively by `imageMath.py`
- `Isceobj.XmlUtil`
  - XML reading and writing utilities

- Functionality that was available in ROI\_PAC
  - Bugs fixed and improved
- Ampcor
  - Classic amplitude correlation
  - Time domain convolution
- Variants of ampcor
  - DenseAmpcor (similar to denseoffsets for speckle tracking)
  - Nstage (multi-stage image match for data with bad orbits)

# Mroipac modules

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- Baseline
  - Approximate baseline computation from ROI\_PAC
- Filter
  - Adaptive filtering of interferograms
- Dopiq
  - Doppler Centroid estimation from RAW data
- Grass
  - Residue-cut phase unwrapping algorithm

# Mroipac modules

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- Icu
  - Phase unwrapping module from SRTM
- Fitoff
  - Return offset fit polynomials
  - Only works up to order 3
- Correlation
  - Coherence estimation from amplitude files and interferogram

# Stdproc

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- Modules developed by Howard Zebker @ Stanford University
- insarApp.py built primarily on stdproc
- Stdproc.stdproc.formslc
  - SAR focusing module
  - Range doppler approach
- Stdproc.stdproc.estamb
  - Ambiguity estimator
  - Not really needed for modern sensors



# Stdproc.stdproc .....

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- Stdproc.stdproc.mocompTSX
  - Resample SLC data delivered by other missions to an ideal mocomp geometry
  - Not accurate as no topography is taken into account
- Stdproc.stdproc.resamp
  - Resamples slave and cross multiplies with master
  - Simple Prati filter based on polynomial offsets
  - Sinc interpolation, can optionally flatten in range
- Stdproc.stdproc.resamp\_slc (JPL)
  - Generalized SLC resampling
  - Polynomials + pixel-by-pixel offset files
  - Multiple interpolation methods – sinc, nearest, bilinear

# Stdproc.orbit....

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- Stdproc.orbit.fdmocomp
  - Adjust doppler centroid for mocomp processing
  - Accounts for  $V_h$  and reduces doppler to a function of squint only
- Stdproc.orbit.pulsetiming
  - Line-by-line orbit interpolation
  - Hermite polynomials (WGS84 system)
- Stdproc.orbit.orbit2sch
  - Transform WGS84 orbit to SCH system
  - Uses a peg point for transforming orbits

# Stdproc.orbit....

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- Stdproc.orbit.setmocomppath
  - Given two orbits, return the best ideal mocomp orbit
  - Average of individual peg points
- Stdproc.orbit.mocompbaseline
  - 3 baselines computed and stored
  - Master vs ideal mocomp orbit
  - Slave vs ideal mocomp orbit
  - Master vs slave

# Stdproc.stdproc....

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- Stdproc.stdproc.topo
  - Simulate DEM in radar coordinates
  - Ideal mocomp orbit assumed
  - Pixel-by-pixel lat, lon, z
  - Line of sight file, los.rdr
  - Local incidence angle, inc.rdr
  - DEM interpolation – nearest, bilinear, bicubic, sinc, biquintic
  
- Stdproc.stdproc.correct
  - Simulate topophase with outputs of topo
  - Ideal mocomp orbit assumed
  - Line-by-line baselines from stdproc.orbit.mocompbaseline

# Stdproc.rectify

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- Stdproc.rectify.geocode
  - Generalized geocoding
  - Assumes ideal mocomp orbit
  - Multiple interpolation techniques
    - Nearest neighbor
    - Bilinear
    - Bicubic
    - Sinc
  - Pixel-by-pixel solutions
  - Parallelized and optimized for performance

# Stdproc.model (JPL)

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- Stdproc.model.enu2los
  - Take 3 channel geocoded displacements and project it into radar LOS
  - Simple bilinear interpolation
- Stdproc.model.zenith2los
  - Take geocoded zenith wet delay and project it into radar LOS
  - Simple bilinear interpolation

# Zerodop (JPL)

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- Developed at JPL
- Based on algorithms published in literature over the last decade
- Handles traditional zero doppler and native doppler geometries accurately
- Works for ideal mocomp orbit as well as traditional focusing using the actual orbit

- Simulate DEM in radar coordinates
- DEM interpolation techniques
  - Nearest, bilinear, bicubic, sinc, biquintic
- Pixel-by-pixel solutions
  - Modified Newton-Raphson method
- Parallelized for performance
- LOS angles, Local incidence angles, Radar shadow and layover mask are optional outputs



# Zerodop.geo2rdr

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- Project any lat,lon,z data into radar coordinates
- Reverse geocoding
- Outputs offset files for direct use with resampling routines
- Optionally, also outputs slant range and azimuth time

# Zerodop.geozero

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- Generalized geocoding module
- Similar to geo2rdr, but produces geocoded output
- Multiple interpolation methods
  - Nearest, bilinear, bicubic, sinc

# Hands-on Demo

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- Using these modules together to build custom workflows
- Simple interferogram formation
  - Unpack preprocessed SLCS
  - Lat,lon,z for each pixel of master image
  - Geo2rdr using these lat,lon,z for slave image
  - Resample slave image using output of geo2rdr to generate coregistered SLC
  - Crossmultiply master and coregistered slave to generate interferogram