

Stitching different NASA UAVSAR SLC segments

Software used:

- ISCE stack processor (stripmapStack)
- Linux C-Shell

Preparing files and executing this code:

Assume stitching segment 1 and 2 of SanAnd_23019 track

1. Go to [UAVSAR Data Search](#) and copy all *wget* lines to a shell

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> mkdir data/  
> cd data/  
> (create the shell)
```

2. Download all the data and remove possible duplicate annotation files

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> csh shell-you-made-to-download-data.csh  
> rm *.ann.l
```

3. Put *UAVSAR_coregStack_StitchSegment.csh* and *MakeShelveData.py* in data/

4. Prepare the input files for *UAVSAR_coregStack_StitchSegment.csh*

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> ls *.slc > filelst
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5. Execute *UAVSAR_coregStack_StitchSegment.csh*

```
> csh UAVSAR_coregStack_StitchSegment.csh filelst 12 SanAnd_23019_01.dop
```

After this is completed, you should see a folder named SLC/ parallel with data/

Step-by-step breakdown of the concatenation workflow:

> *UAVSAR_coregStack_StitchSegments.csh*

1. Stitch SLCs to one consecutive SLC

Simply use *'cat'* to concatenate SLCs

2. Make new annotation files for stitched SLC

It records the new SLC *length*, *width*, *cross track offset from peg (C0)*, *starting azimuth* and *approximate corners*. Note that, there are more attributes that should have been changed, but further processes don't actually depend on those parameters.

(Call external Python script *MakeShelveData.py*)

3. Call Python script (*MakeShelveData.py*) to make the shelve data, xml and vrt files

This script is scraped from *unpackFrame_UAVSAR.py* and *UAVSAR_Stack.py*

This step is crucial as *run_01_reference* reads the shelve data to make geometry files and water masks of the corresponding stitched sizes.

run_08_igram reads the slc.xml and slc.vrt files to properly produce interferograms and unwrap phase.

(Especially **LineOffset** in VRT file is extremely important for producing interferograms. It is produced when calling *MakeShelveData.py*)

4. Move annotation files to the corresponding directories