

# SAR ARD code summary

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# Main code files

For  $\langle task \rangle \in \{backsc, dualpol, intcoh\}$ :

- Python script to generate jobs: `<task>_proc_qsub.py`
- Bash shell script executed by each job: `<task>_proc.sh`
- GPT Graph file(s) used by the job shell script: `<task>_proc_graphN.xml`,  $N = 1, 2, \dots$

Ancillary code files:

- Python script to generate DEM data (used by job shell script): `make_DEM.py`
- Shell script to automatically (NCI) or manually (VDI) fix dodgy log files (for  $\langle task \rangle = backsc$  only!): `postproc_out_file.sh`
- Shell script to download DEM tiles (shouldn't need to re-use): `get_DEM.sh`
- Shell script to download orbit files (re-use regularly): `get_orbits.sh`

# Main code files

- Get latest versions of these files from:  
**`/g/data1a/qd04/Eric/proc`**
- Work *still* in progress... (more tweaks possible)
- Will ultimately archive on GitHub...

# General approach

1. Log on to NCI or VDI, create and/or cd to directory, copy **all** files across
2. Then in a terminal, execute:

```
module load python3/3.4.3  
module load python3/3.4.3-matplotlib  
python3.4 <task>_proc_qsub.py --startdate ... --bbox ... --reprocess_existing ...
```



```
<task>_proc_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS_001.list  
<task>_proc_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS_002.list  
<task>_proc_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS_003.list  
...
```

## On NCI:

Creates job summary `xxx.jobs` file  
NCI job 001 submitted to PBS  
NCI job 002 submitted to PBS  
NCI job 003 submitted to PBS  
...

## On VDI:

Creates shell script `<task>_proc_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS.sh`



Execute script:  
[abc123@vdi]\$ . <task>\_proc\_YYYYMMDD\_HHMMSS.sh

OUTPUTS generated

# NCI example

```
python3.4 backsc_proc_qsub.py --reprocess_existing --express_queue \  
    --bbox 146.5 147.5 -38.2 -37.8 --startdate 2018-01-01 --enddate 2018-06-01 \  
    --jobs_basename ./log_backsc_test2/ --base_save_dir \  
    /g/data1a/dz56/ga/ga_s1a_c_ard/1-0-0/Copernicus_backsc_TESTING2
```

This will (automatically) submit PBS jobs such as:

```
qsub -l ncpus=8,mem=88GB,... -q express ... \  
    -v ARG_FILE_LIST=<task>_proc_yyyymmdd_hhmmss_001.list, \  
    BASE_SAVE_DIR='/g/data1a/dz56/...',PIX_RES='25.0' backsc_proc.sh
```

And creates a summary <task>\_proc\_YYYYMMDD\_HHMMSS.jobs file...

# NCI example

Summary <task>\_proc\_YYYYMMDD\_HHMMSS.jobs file:

```
1
2 Batch jobs for BACKSCATTER processing of SAR scenes
3 ~~~~~
4
5 Time is: 2019-03-29 08:20:01.947964
6
7 Input parameters are:
8   Start date: 2018-01-01
9   End date: 2018-06-01
10  Bounding box: [146.5, 147.5, -38.2, -37.8]
11  Base save dir: /g/data1a/dz56/ga/ga_s1a_c_ard/1-0-0/Copernicus_backsc_TESTING2/
12
13 Current directory is:
14   /g/data1a/qd04/Eric/proc2_final
15
16 Submitted jobs are:
17   Job nr. 001 of 3: qsub -l walltime=810:00,ncpus=8,mem=88GB,jobfs=10GB,wd,other=gdata1 -q express -o
18     ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_001.out -e
19     ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_001.err -v
20     ARG_FILE_LIST=./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_001.list,BASE_SAVE_DIR='/g/data1a/dz56/ga/ga_s1a_c_
ard/1-0-0/Copernicus_backsc_TESTING2/',PIX_RES='25.0' backsc_proc.sh
21   Job nr. 002 of 3: qsub -l walltime=810:00,ncpus=8,mem=88GB,jobfs=10GB,wd,other=gdata1 -q express -o
22     ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_002.out -e
23     ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_002.err -v
24     ARG_FILE_LIST=./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_002.list,BASE_SAVE_DIR='/g/data1a/dz56/ga/ga_s1a_c_
ard/1-0-0/Copernicus_backsc_TESTING2/',PIX_RES='25.0' backsc_proc.sh
25   Job nr. 003 of 3: qsub -l walltime=720:00,ncpus=8,mem=88GB,jobfs=10GB,wd,other=gdata1 -q express -o
26     ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_003.out -e
27     ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_003.err -v
28     ARG_FILE_LIST=./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_081956_003.list,BASE_SAVE_DIR='/g/data1a/dz56/ga/ga_s1a_c_
ard/1-0-0/Copernicus_backsc_TESTING2/',PIX_RES='25.0' backsc_proc.sh
```

# VDI example

```
python3.4 dualpol_proc_qsub.py --reprocess_existing \  
    --bbox 146.5 147.5 -38.2 -37.8 --startdate 2018-01-01 \  
    --enddate 2018-06-01 --jobs_basename ./log_dualpol_test2/ \  
    --base_save_dir \  
    /g/data1a/dz56/ga/ga_s1a_c_ard/1-0-0/Copernicus_backsc_TESTING2 \  
    --VDI_jobs --gpt_exec /g/data/qd04/Eric/SNAP/snap/bin/gpt
```

This will create the shell script `<task>_proc_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS.sh...`

# VDI example

Shell script `<task>_proc_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS.sh`:

```
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  ## Batch jobs for BACKSCATTER processing of SAR scenes
4  ## ~~~~~
5  ##
6  ## Input parameters are:
7  ##   Start date: 2018-01-01
8  ##   End date: 2018-06-01
9  ##   Bounding box: [146.5, 147.5, -38.2, -37.8]
10 ##   Base save dir: /g/data1a/dz56/ga/ga_sla_c_ard/1-0-0/Copernicus_backsc_TESTING2/
11 ##
12 ## Current directory is: /g/data1a/qd04/Eric/proc_VDI_final
13
14
15 VDI_JOB=true
16 BASE_SAVE_DIR=/g/data1a/dz56/ga/ga_sla_c_ard/1-0-0/Copernicus_backsc_TESTING2/
17 PIX_RES=25.0
18 GPT_EXEC=/g/data/qd04/Eric/SNAP/snap/bin/gpt
19
20 # Job nr. 1 of 3 ...
21 ARG_FILE_LIST=./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_084352_001.list
22 . backsc_proc.sh 2>&1 | tee ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_084352_001.out
23
24 # Job nr. 2 of 3 ...
25 ARG_FILE_LIST=./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_084352_002.list
26 . backsc_proc.sh 2>&1 | tee ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_084352_002.out
27
28 # Job nr. 3 of 3 ...
29 ARG_FILE_LIST=./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_084352_003.list
30 . backsc_proc.sh 2>&1 | tee ./log_backsc_test2/backsc_proc_20190329_084352_003.out
31
```



# Processing outputs

Output file:

<task>\_proc\_YYYYMMDD\_HHMMSS\_NNN.out  
provides summary information  
about executed job...

```
1
2 === Processing SAR scene =====
3 Zip file nr. 1 of 2:
4
5   /g/data/fj7/Copernicus/Sentinel-1/C-SAR/SLC/2018/2018-06/35S145E-40S150E/S1A_IW_SLC__1SDV_20180608T191653_2018
6   0608T191721_022269_0268EF_89BC.zip
7
8   ~~~ Generating DEM data for current scene ~~~~~
9   Creating output file that is 18001P x 10801L.
10  Processing input file /g/data1a/qd04/SNAP_DEM_data/S40E146.hgt.
11  Using internal nodata values (e.g. -32768) for image /g/data1a/qd04/SNAP_DEM_data/S40E146.hgt.
12  0...10...20...30...40...50...60...70...80...90...100 - done.
13  [...]
14  0...10...20...30...40...50...60...70...80...90...100 - done.
15  Processing input file /g/data1a/qd04/SNAP_DEM_data/S38E150.hgt.
16  Using internal nodata values (e.g. -32768) for image /g/data1a/qd04/SNAP_DEM_data/S38E150.hgt.
17  0...10...20...30...40...50...60...70...80...90...100 - done.
18
19  ~~~ GPT processing for current scene (graph 1 of 3) ~~~~~
20  gpt dualpol_proc_graph1.xml
21  -Sscene=/g/data/fj7/Copernicus/Sentinel-1/C-SAR/SLC/2018/2018-06/35S145E-40S150E/S1A_IW_SLC__1SDV_20180608T19165
22  3_20180608T191721_022269_0268EF_89BC.zip -t /jobfs/local/7155407.r-man2/tmp1.dim
23
24  Executing processing graph
25  ....10%....20%....30%....40%....50%....60%....70%....80%....90% done.
26
27  Elapsed processing times:
28  real 6m40.261s
29  user 32m17.873s
30  sys 6m57.864s
31
32  ~~~ GPT processing for current scene (graph 2 of 3) ~~~~~
33  gpt dualpol_proc_graph2.xml -Sscene=/jobfs/local/7155407.r-man2/tmp1.dim -t /jobfs/local/7155407.r-man2/tmp2.dim
34
35  [...]
36
37  Elapsed processing times:
38  real 3m55.452s
39  user 12m7.647s
40  sys 6m44.990s
41
42  Scene processed (1 of 2): OK -- no abnormal GPT exit status
43
44  === Processing SAR scene =====
45  Zip file nr. 2 of 2:
```

# <task>\_proc\_qsub.py: List of parameters

- Documented in .py file itself
- May vary slightly with <task> = *intcoh* ...

```
--startdate 2018-01-01
    Earliest date to search (inclusive), as yyyy-mm-dd. Non-optional parameter.
--enddate 2018-02-01
    Latest date to search (NOT inclusive), as yyyy-mm-dd. Non-optional parameter.
--bbox 130.0 131.0 -21.0 -20.0
    Lat/long bounding box to search within. Non-optional parameter.
--pixel_res 10.0
    Pixel resolution in output product, in [m]. Default is 25.0 (DEF_PIXEL_RES in
    code below).
--DEM_source_file /path/to/dem.tif
    Sets a source file of DEM data to use for processing; this DEM file will be
    subsetting to the relevant extents for each processed scene. If unused, the
    DEM data will be created from DEM tiles downloaded from the ESA/SNAP server.
```

# <task>\_proc\_qsub.py: List of parameters

```
--product SLC
    Sentinel-1 SAR data product to search / process -- choices are 'SLC' or 'GRD'.
    Default is 'SLC'.
--mode EW
    Required Sentinel-1 SAR data sensor mode -- choices are 'IW' and 'EW'. Default
    is 'IW'.
--polarisation VV
    Required Sentinel-1 SAR data polarisation -- choices are 'HH', 'VV', 'HH+HV',
    'VH+VV'. Default will include any polarisations.
--orbitnumber 123
    Search for Sentinel-1 SAR data in a relative orbit number. Default will includ
    any orbit number.
--orbitdirection Descending
    Search for Sentinel-1 SAR data in a specific orbit direction. Choices are
    'Ascending', 'Descending'. Default will include any orbit direction.
--validatefilepaths
    Validation that products actually exist at the filepaths. Default is to
    validate paths.
--verbose
    Prints extra messages to screen. Default is not to print extra messages.
```

# <task>\_proc\_qsub.py: List of parameters

```
--scenes_per_job 7
    Maximum number of scenes to process per PBS job, to achieve sensible job
    resource requirements (walltime). Default is 5 (DEF_SCENES_PER_JOB in code
    below).
--jobs_basename ./test/job_543
    Base name or folder for the submitted PBS jobs. If it ends with '/' (i.e. a
    directory is provided), the default job name will be added to that path; the
    default name is 'dualpol_proc_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS' (current date and time). If
    unused, the default 'jobs_basename' is set to the above default name.
--base_save_dir ./data_test
    Base directory to save the processed data. Default is
    '/g/data1a/qd04/Copernicus_DualPolDecomp' (DEF_SAVE_DIR in code below).
```

# <task>\_proc\_qsub.py: List of parameters

```
--submit_no_jobs
    For debugging: use this flag to only display the PBS job commands, without
    actually submitting them to the NCI. Default is to submit PBS jobs.
--reprocess_existing
    Use this flag to re-process scenes that already have existing output files in
    the save directory. Default is not to re-process existing data.
--gpt_exec ./gpt
    Path to a local GPT executable (possibly a symlink). Default is to load GPT
    from the SNAP module.
--VDI_jobs
    For debugging: use this flag to create a shell script for execution on VDI
    rather than submitting PBS jobs to the NCI. VDI jobs are hard-coded to always
    use only 4 CPUs. Default is to submit NCI jobs.
--express_queue
    For NCI jobs, submit to the 'express' queue instead of the normal queue.
    Default is to use the normal queue.
--nci_project pr99
    For NCI jobs, submit the job from a specific project. Default is to use
    project qd04 (DEF_NCI_PROJECT in code below).
```

# Miscellaneous

- All members of qd04 are able to log on to VDI. Access it as per:  
<https://opus.nci.org.au/display/Help/VDI+User+Guide>

## SNAP installation

- VDI doesn't have SNAP installed → need manual install
  - download .sh installer from <http://step.esa.int/main/download/> (or get it from /g/data/qd04 ... *old version perhaps?*)
  - only 1 or 2 GB in VDI 'home' directory → need to install SNAP in e.g. /g/data1a/qd04/<user>/SNAP
  - change SNAP's user dir by editing the file /g/data1a/qd04/<user>/SNAP/bin/gpt.vmoptions:  
-Dsnap.userdir=/g/data1a/qd04/<user>/SNAP/.snap
  - NCI only: need symlink to orbit files: .../.snap/auxdata/Orbits -> /g/data/qd04/SNAP\_Orbits\_data  
(on VDI, can also do this, though orbit files can also be automatically downloaded during processing)
- You can also do the same install on the NCI! → Make sure you choose a different install dir. E.g. /g/data1a/qd04/<user>/SNAP\_NCI vs. /g/data1a/qd04/<user>/SNAP\_VDI

# Miscellaneous

## SNAP update

- Manually updating SNAP on VDI: update via the SNAP GUI software...
- Manually updating SNAP on NCI (own local SNAP install):
  - start e.g. Xming locally, log on to Raijin (X11 forwarding enabled)
  - cd to /g/data1a/qd04/<user>/SNAP/bin
  - execute: [abc123@raijin]\$ snap --nosplash --nogui --modules --update-all
- Updating SNAP module on NCI: need to ask NCI-helpers!...

# Miscellaneous

- Currently 120GB in /short, (112GB of) 200GB in /g/data/qd04 – check with 'nci\_account -P qd04' or 'lquota'
  - use /short/<user> to write big (**test**) datasets (though apparently can't access /short from VDI...)
  - get in touch with [Paul.Ryan@csiro.au](mailto:Paul.Ryan@csiro.au) to discuss / request more storage and/or compute resources...
- Typical SNAP install:
  - VDI: -Xmx=21G in SNAP; available memory ~32GB ... *beware of other users!*
  - NCI: -Xmx=65G in SNAP (manual install or 'module load'); available MEM set by job (currently 88GB)
- → there are max. MEM limits ... anything larger required by jobs will fail!
  - e.g. <task> = *backsc* appears to require >32GB MEM (at least for some scenes) and will thus consistently fail on the VDI!
- To update orbit files:
  - log on to VDI
  - execute: [abc123@vdi]\$ . get\_orbits.sh



# Miscellaneous

You might / will frequently encounter the following messages – I've been told to just ignore them!

- *INFO: org.esa.snap.core.gpf.operators.tooladapter.ToolAdapterIO: Initializing external tool adapters*
- *SEVERE: org.esa.s2tbx.dataio.gdal.activator.GDALDistributionInstaller: The environment variable LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH does not contain the current folder '.'. [...]*
- *INFO: org.hsqldb.persist.Logger: dataFileCache open start*
- *INFO: org.hsqldb.persist.Logger: Database closed ... even **during** GPT processing!*
- [...]  
getGeoPos: Maximum number of iterations reached for pixel (26684.0, 0.0)  
getGeoPos: Maximum number of iterations reached for pixel (26704.0, 0.0)  
x = 26144.0, y = 20.0, lat = -33.56962942107605, lon = 146.9941624206096, iter = 1,  
x' = 26144.656455993652, y' = 19.995193234967033  
x = 26184.0, y = 20.0, lat = -33.56857201643739, lon = 146.9899748135287, iter = 1,  
x' = 26184.444358825684, y' = 19.99455628985618  
[...]

# Miscellaneous

... but can't ignore *that* one!  
(your processing will crash –  
likely points to MEM issues,  
though feel free to enlighten  
me!...)

```
java.lang.NullPointerException
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org.esa.snap.core.gpf.OperatorException: java.lang.NullPointerException
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.graph.GraphProcessor$GPFImagingListener.errorOccurred(GraphProcessor.java:363)
    at com.sun.media.jai.util.SunTileScheduler.sendExceptionToListener(SunTileScheduler.java:1646)
    at com.sun.media.jai.util.SunTileScheduler.scheduleTile(SunTileScheduler.java:921)
    at javax.media.jai.OpImage.getTile(OpImage.java:1129)
    at javax.media.jai.PlanarImage.cobbleFloat(PlanarImage.java:3254)
    at javax.media.jai.PlanarImage.getData(PlanarImage.java:2181)
    at com.bc.ceres.glevel.MultiLevelImage.getData(MultiLevelImage.java:64)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorContext.getSourceTile(OperatorContext.java:407)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorContext.getSourceTile(OperatorContext.java:393)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.Operator.getSourceTile(Operator.java:461)
    at org.esa.s1tbx.sar.gpf.geometric.RangeDopplerGeocodingOp.getPixelValue(RangeDopplerGeocodingOp.java:1229)
    at
    org.esa.s1tbx.sar.gpf.geometric.RangeDopplerGeocodingOp.computeTileStack(RangeDopplerGeocodingOp.java:1039)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorImageTileStack.computeRect(OperatorImageTileStack.java:116)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorImageTileStack.computeTile(OperatorImageTileStack.java:85)
    at com.sun.media.jai.util.SunTileScheduler.scheduleTile(SunTileScheduler.java:904)
    at javax.media.jai.OpImage.getTile(OpImage.java:1129)
    at javax.media.jai.PlanarImage.getData(PlanarImage.java:2085)
    at com.bc.ceres.glevel.MultiLevelImage.getData(MultiLevelImage.java:64)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorContext.getSourceTile(OperatorContext.java:407)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorContext.getSourceTile(OperatorContext.java:393)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorImage.computeRect(OperatorImage.java:73)
    at javax.media.jai.SourcelessOpImage.computeTile(SourcelessOpImage.java:137)
    at com.sun.media.jai.util.SunTileScheduler.scheduleTile(SunTileScheduler.java:904)
    at javax.media.jai.OpImage.getTile(OpImage.java:1129)
    at com.sun.media.jai.util.RequestJob.compute(SunTileScheduler.java:247)
    at com.sun.media.jai.util.WorkerThread.run(SunTileScheduler.java:468)
Caused by: org.esa.snap.core.gpf.OperatorException: java.lang.NullPointerException
    at org.esa.snap.engine_utilities.gpf.OperatorUtils.catchOperatorException(OperatorUtils.java:432)
    at org.esa.s1tbx.sar.gpf.geometric.TerrainFlatteningOp.computeTileStack(TerrainFlatteningOp.java:497)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorImageTileStack.computeRect(OperatorImageTileStack.java:116)
    at org.esa.snap.core.gpf.internal.OperatorImageTileStack.computeTile(OperatorImageTileStack.java:85)
    at com.sun.media.jai.util.SunTileScheduler.scheduleTile(SunTileScheduler.java:904)
    ... 23 more
Caused by: org.esa.snap.core.gpf.OperatorException: java.lang.NullPointerException
    at org.esa.snap.engine_utilities.gpf.OperatorUtils.catchOperatorException(OperatorUtils.java:432)
    at org.esa.s1tbx.sar.gpf.geometric.TerrainFlatteningOp.generateSimulatedImage(TerrainFlatteningOp.java:764)
    at org.esa.s1tbx.sar.gpf.geometric.TerrainFlatteningOp.computeTileStack(TerrainFlatteningOp.java:483)
    ... 26 more
Caused by: java.lang.NullPointerException
    at org.esa.s1tbx.sar.gpf.geometric.TerrainFlatteningOp.computeIlluminatedArea(TerrainFlatteningOp.java:1313)
    at org.esa.s1tbx.sar.gpf.geometric.TerrainFlatteningOp.generateSimulatedImage(TerrainFlatteningOp.java:721)
    ... 27 more

Error: java.lang.NullPointerException
```