Practical Session: Sentinel-1 ice speed tracking

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Objective

To show how to derive Ice Velocity by processing a pair (12 days a part) of Sentinel-1 TOPS Extra Wide Swath (EW_GRDM_1SDH) images by using offset tracking technique.

In particular:

- Only HH polarisation is exploited;
- SNAP version 4 is used;
- Exercise will use Graph Builder, Batch Processing, GUI.





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Product type: EW_GRDM_1SDH

Acquisition mode: Extra Interferometric wide swath Product type: GRD (detected) Polarisation: HH and HV Resolution: 80 m Orbit: Descending

Location: Nioghalvfjerdsfjorden Glacier (Greenland)





Dataset

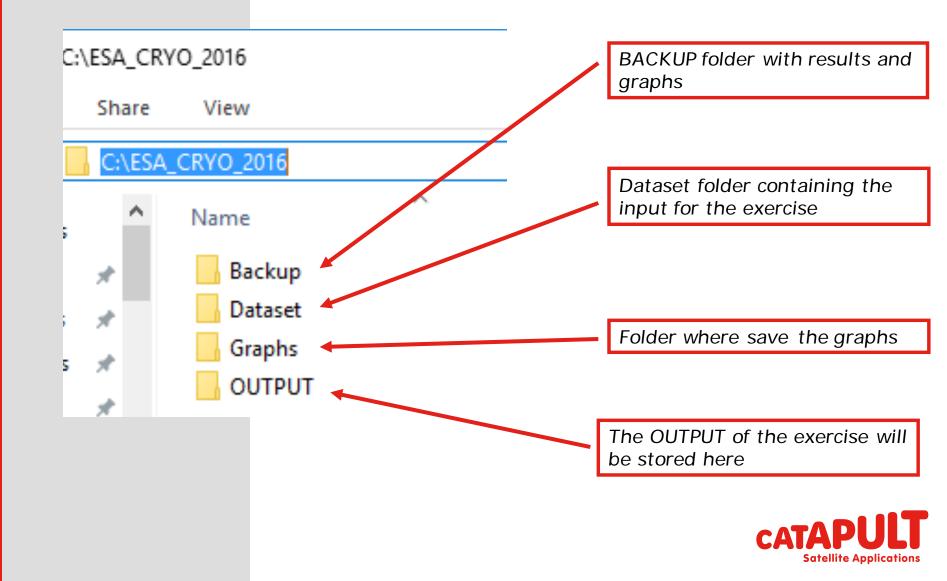
Q1. What is the repeat period of Sentinel-1a only, and what did this reduce to after the launch of Sentinel-1b?

Q2. During this computer practical you are using Sentinel-1 Extra Wide (EW) swath mode data to measure ice velocity, however; the cryosphere community have requested ESA routinely acquire Interferometric Wide (IW) swath mode Sentinel-1 data over the ice sheet margins. What are 2 major differences between EW and IW mode data, and suggest a reason why IW mode was not used during this practical?



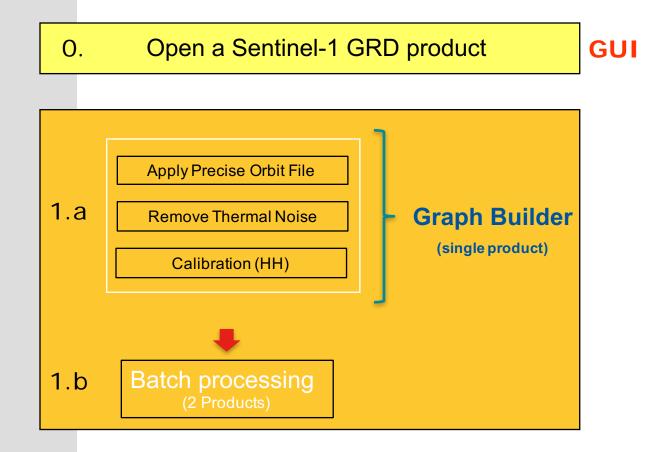


Exercise folders





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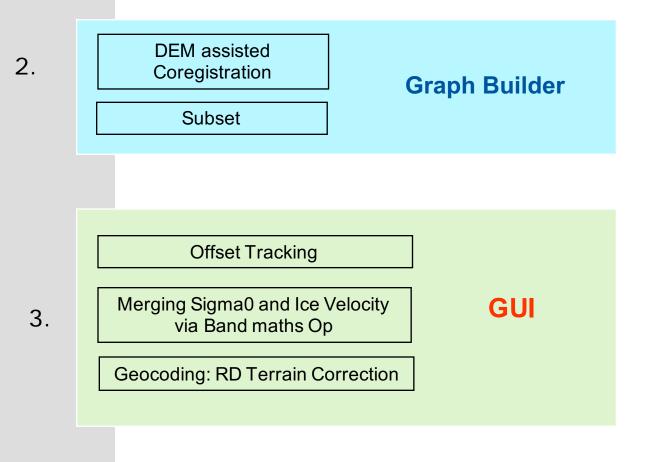




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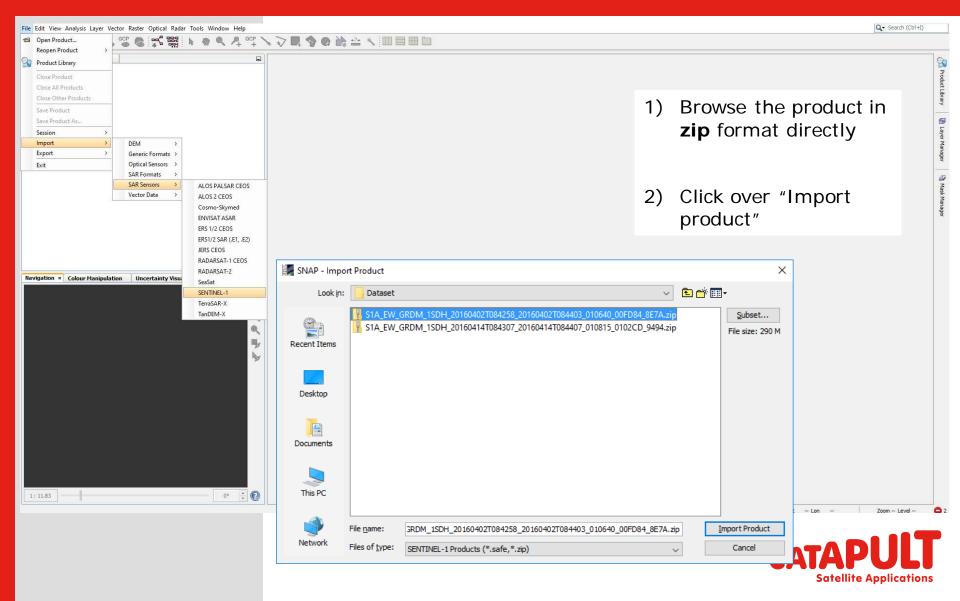




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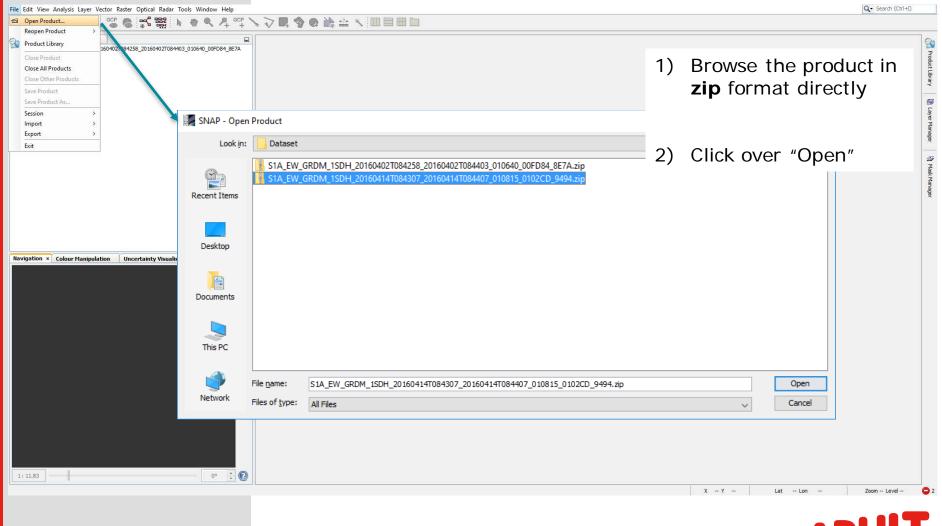


Step 0: Open product (02/04/2016)





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Inspecting the abstracted metadata

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Inspecting the abstracted metadata

Q3. During this computer practical you are using Sentinel-1 GRD format data. Why is it not possible to perform interferometry with GRD format data, and which Sentinel-1 data format would you use if you wanted to do interferometry?





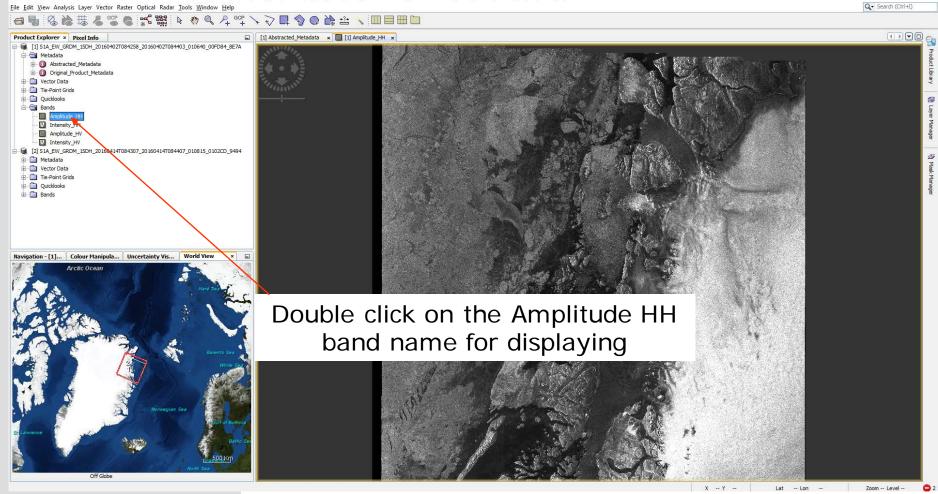
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Display a band (Amplitude HH)

Q4. During this computer practical you are using Sentinel-1 HH polarisation data. What does HH stand for and what 3 other polarisations are acquired by Sentinel-1?

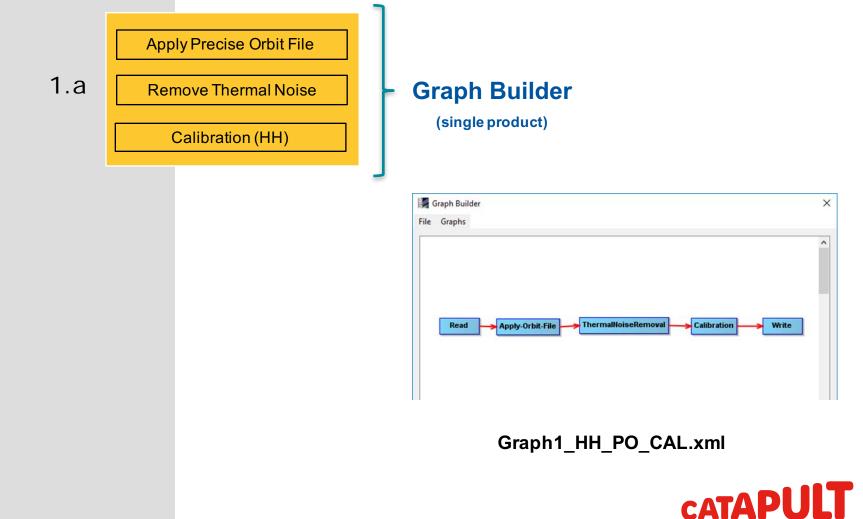
Q5. If you had a single multi-polarisation SAR image acquired over a glacier, what physical properties of the snowpack might influence the radar backscatter from the different polarisations?





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Step 1.a



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1.a - Buiding the chain \rightarrow "Apply Orbit File" operator

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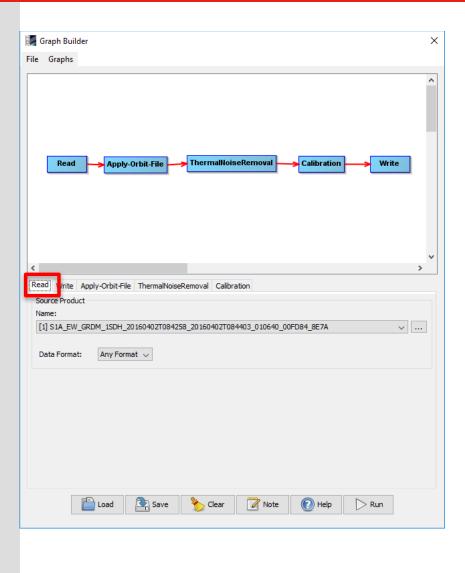
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1.a - GB: Connecting the blocks

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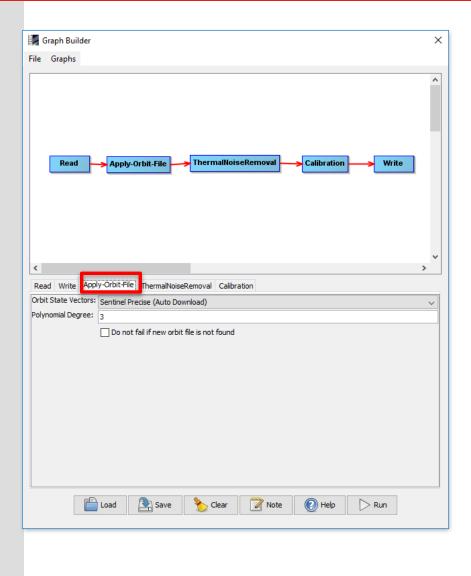
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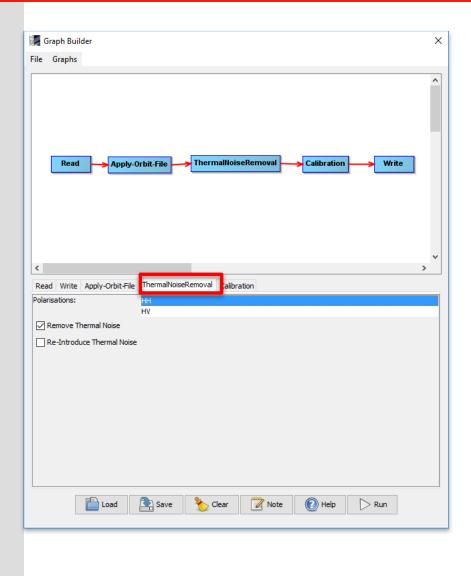






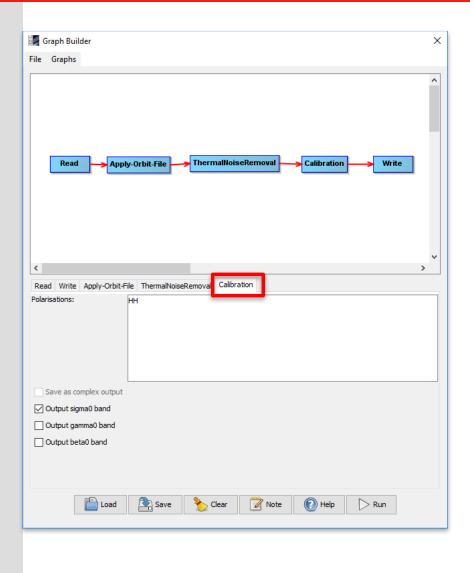
















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1.a - GB: Inserting the parameters

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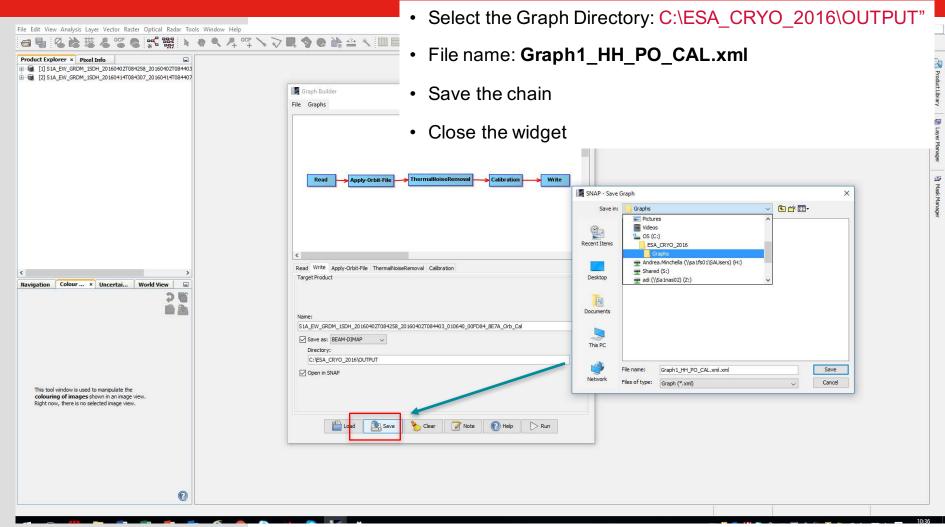
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1.a - GB: Saving the chain







Step 1.b: Batch processing Tool

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Apply Precise Orbit File
Remove Thermal Noise
Calibration (HH)

Now we want to run the chain over the

2 GRD dataset via

batch processing tool

Remember we work with HH polarisation only

Batch processing (2 Products)





Step 1.b: Batch processing Tool

Q6. You have just created a pre-coregistration processing chain which should be applied to each SAR frame before they are coregistered. What were the 3 key steps in this chain, and what was the main reason why you did each step?





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1.b - Batch Processing Tool

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1.b - Batch processing

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1.b - BP: Loading the graph (.xml)

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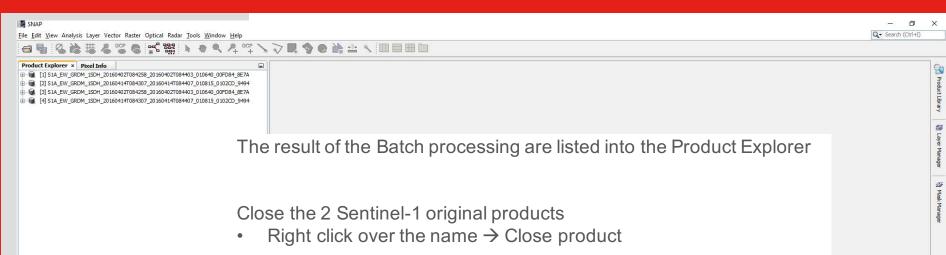
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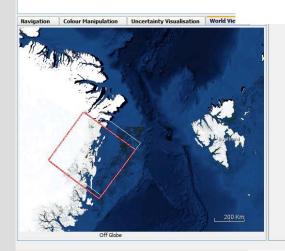
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1.b - Batch processing: results





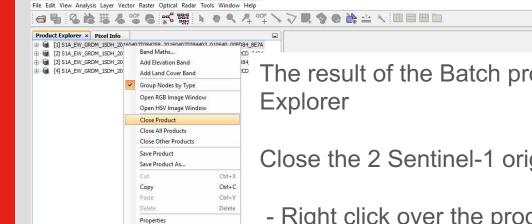




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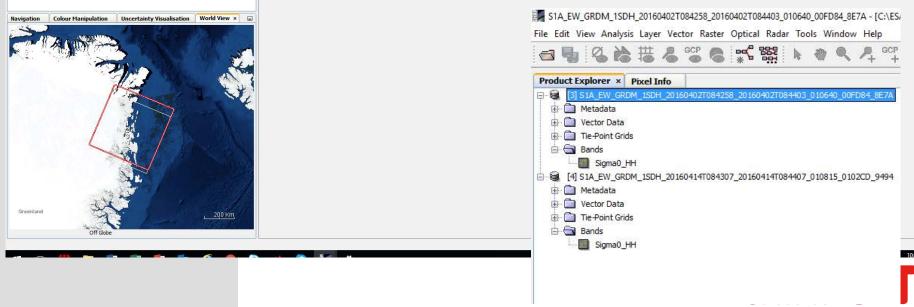
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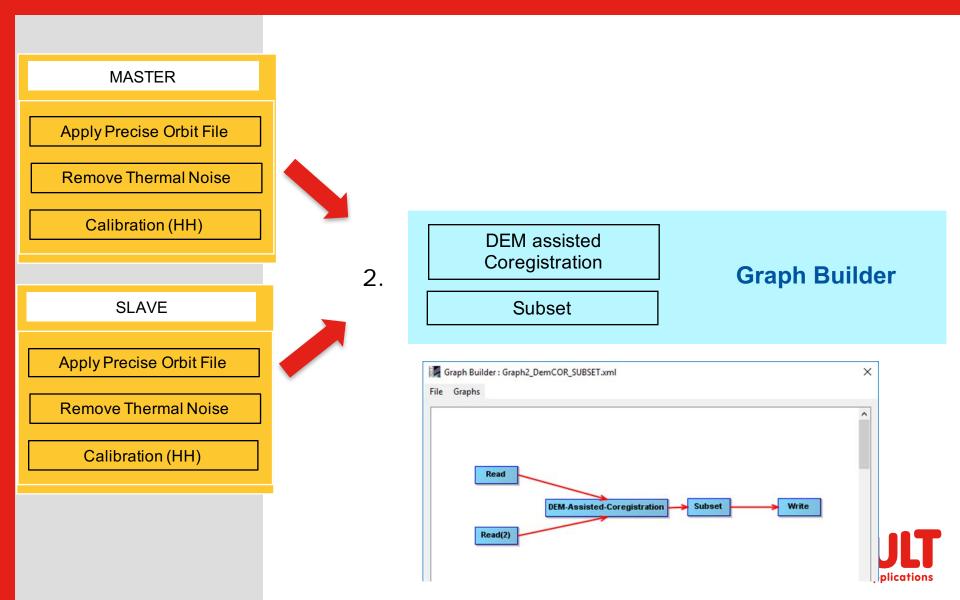
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Step 2: Coregistration and Subset via GPT





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Q7. What is the purpose of the coregistration step?

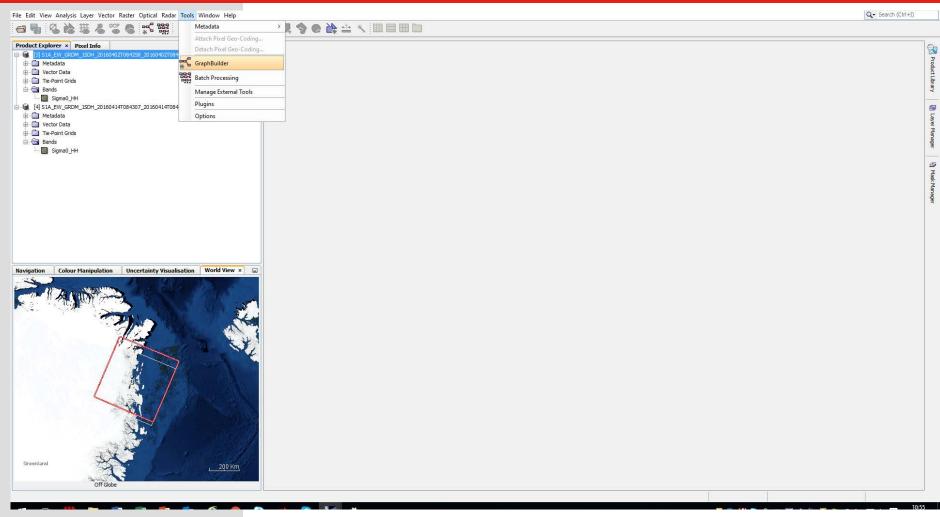
Q8. What are the 2 main calculations performed during image coregistration?

Q9. is it possible to coregister 2 SAR images without a DEM, and if so what information is used?





Step 2: Coregistration and Subset via GPT







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Step 2: DEM assisted Coregistration

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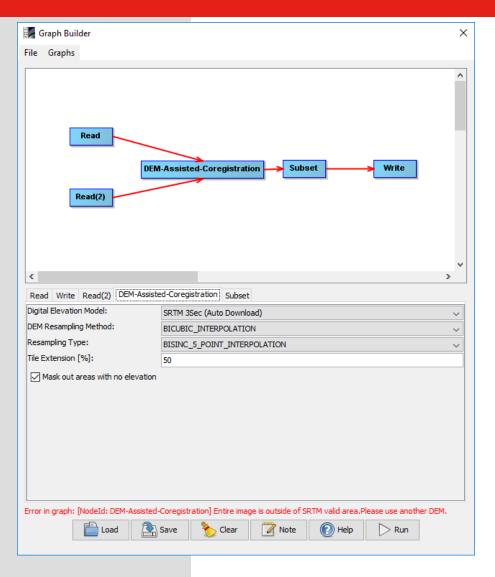


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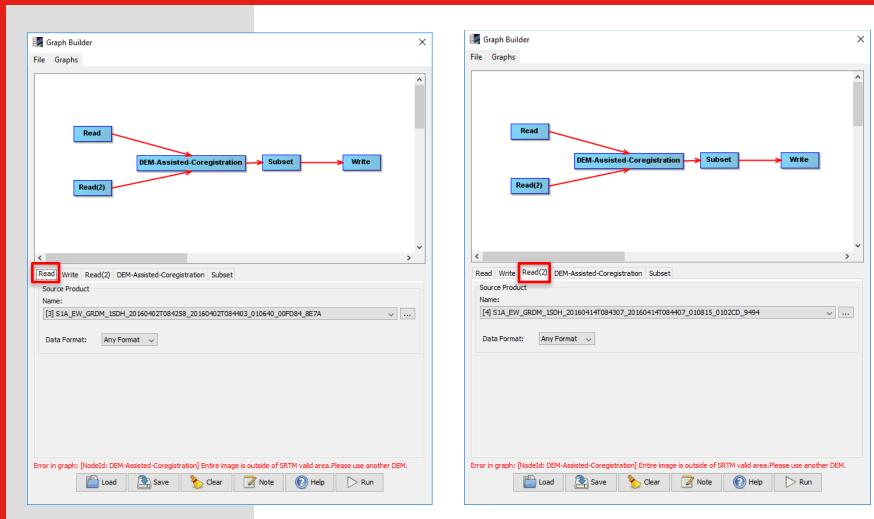


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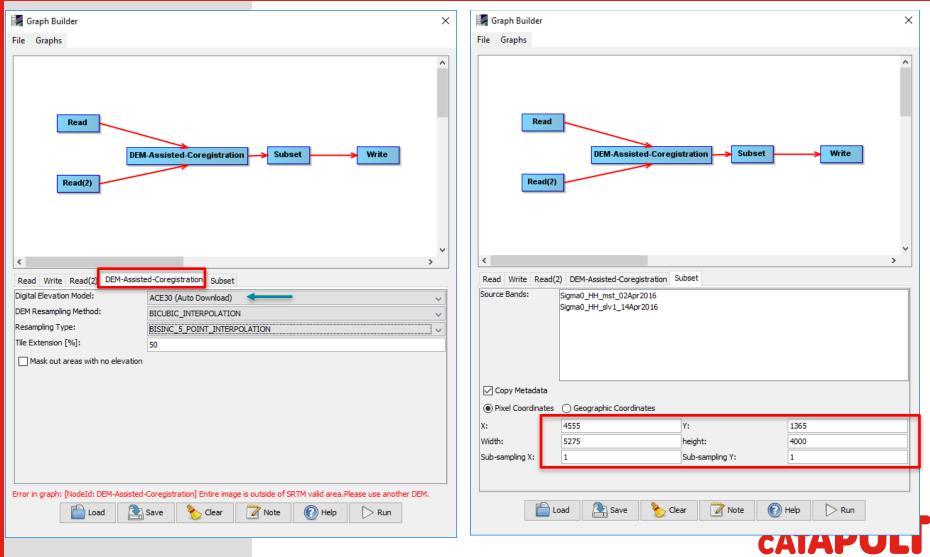
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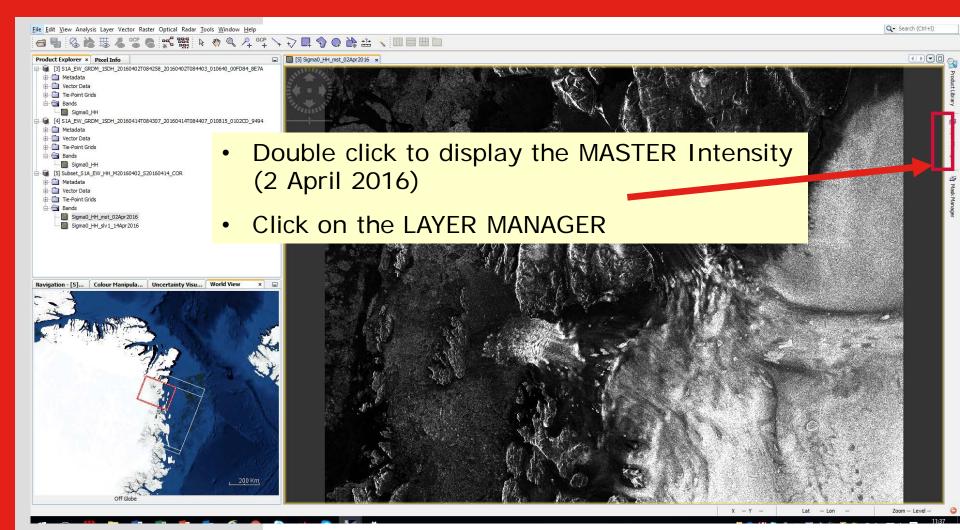
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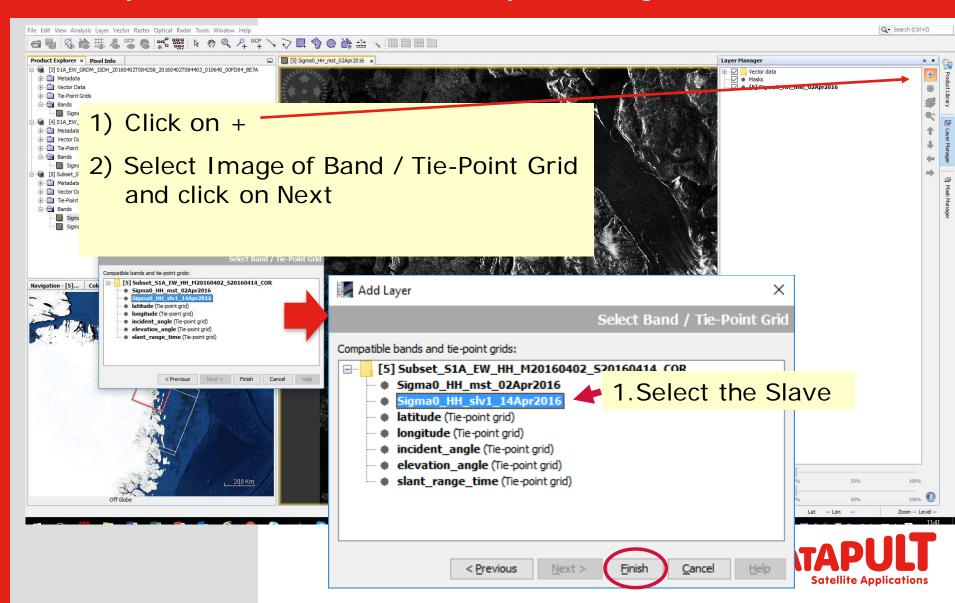
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Overlay Master and Slave: the Layer Manager





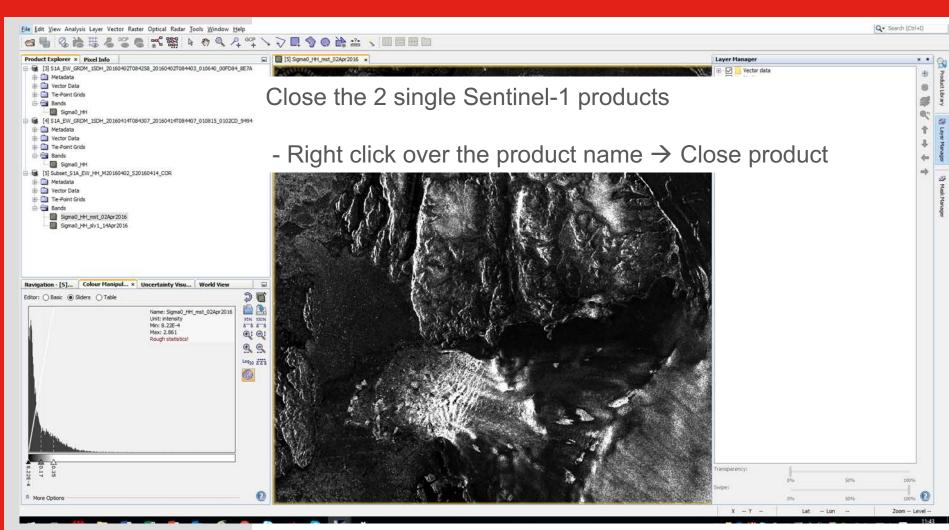
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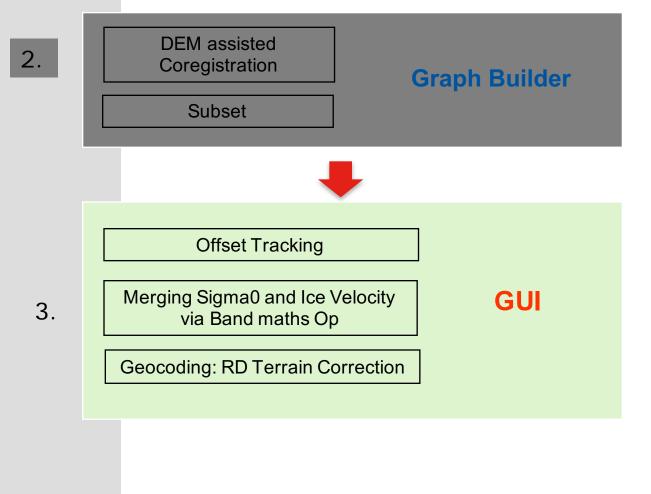
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Q11. You have used a step size of 40, and a window size of 128.

a) what are the units of these two numbers?

b) which number would you need to change if you wanted to produce a finer spatial resolution ice velocity product?

c) would you increase or decrease this number if you wanted to produce a finer spatial resolution ice velocity product?





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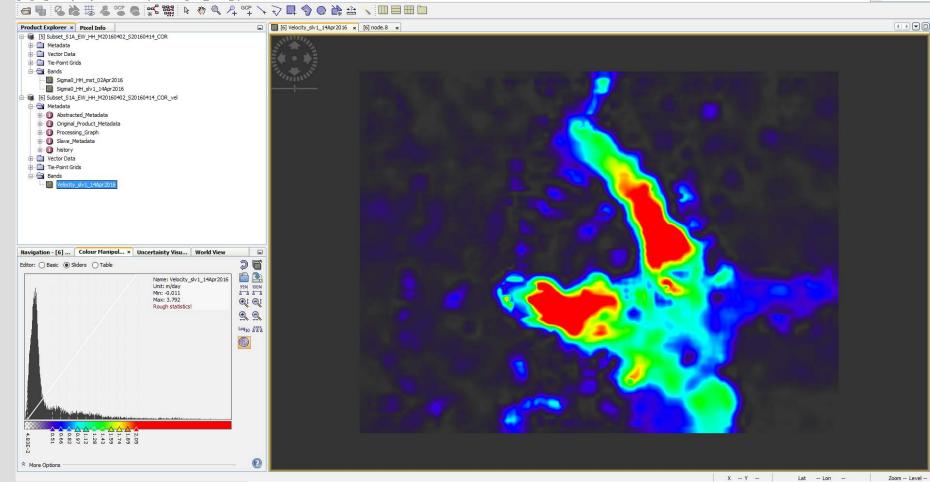
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Q12. What is the maximum ice speed you have measured?





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Step 3: Merging Sigma0 and Ice Velocity via Band Maths Op

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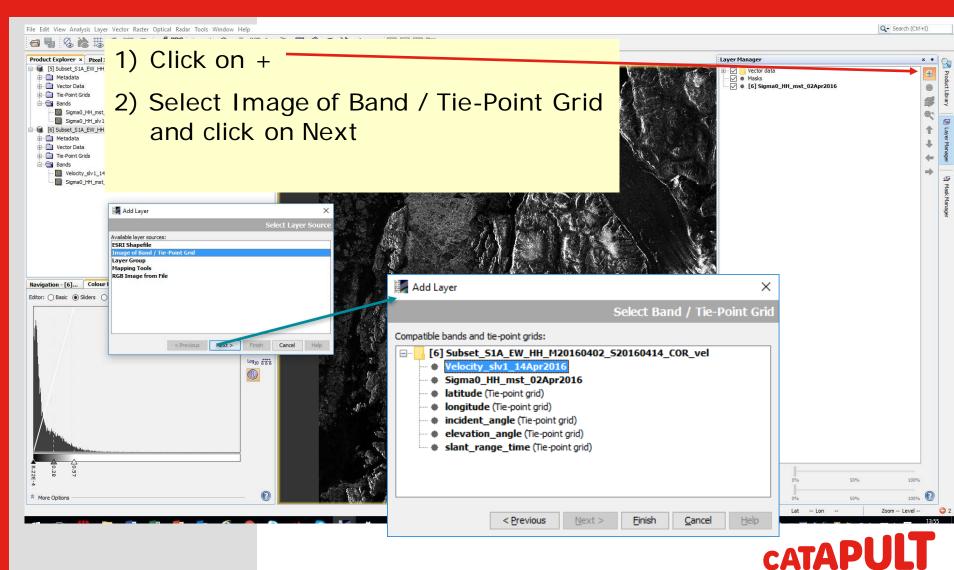
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Overlay Sigma0 and Ice Velocity via the Layer Manager

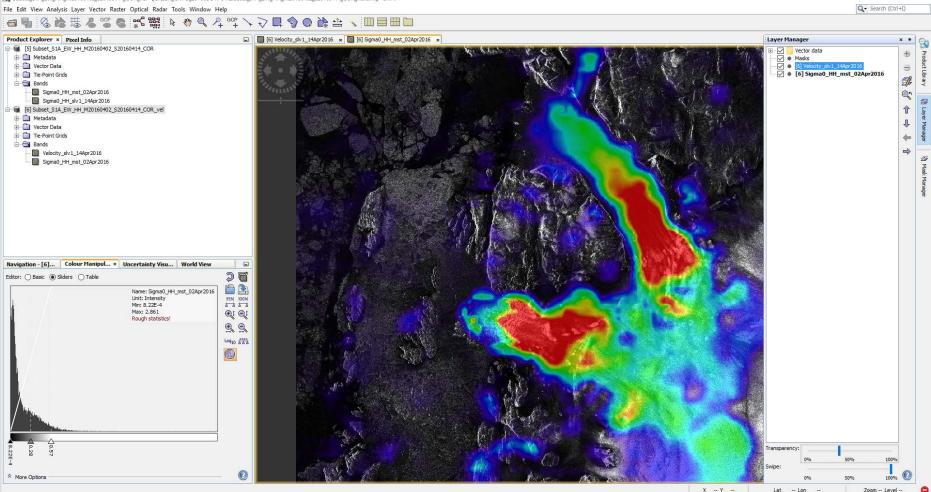




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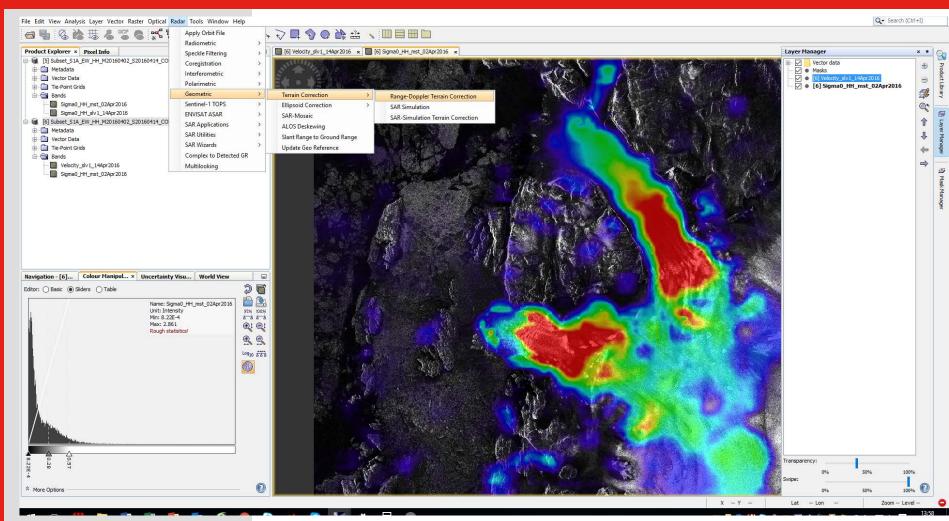
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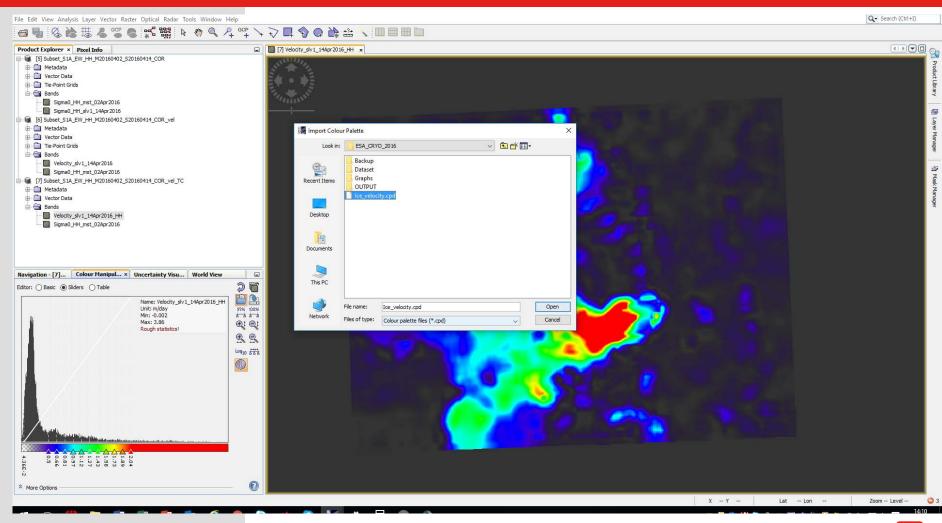
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Q13. What is the purpose of geocoding an image?





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Overlay geocoded Sigma0 and Ice Velocity via the Layer Manager

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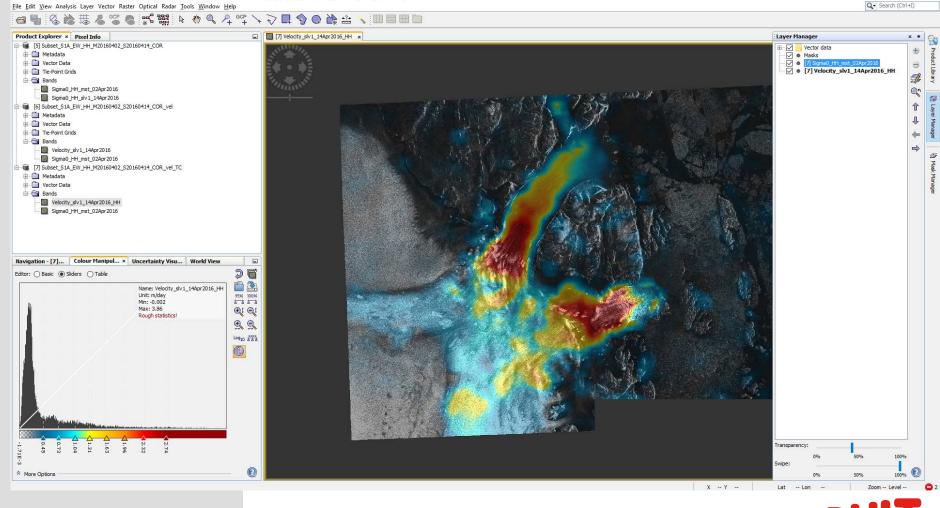




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Looking at the Ice Velocity Values

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Comparison with ice velocity from CPOM NRT IV website

CPOM have build a Near Real Time (NRT) ice velocity monitoring service. Through this data portal, we distribute frequent maps of ice speed for 5 key outlet glaciers of the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets, using SAR data acquired by the European Space Agency's Sentinel-1 satellite.

You can visit the website by following this link: <u>http://www.cpom.ucl.ac.uk/csopr/iv/</u>

Q14. Which 5 glaciers does the CPOM IV data portal provide data for?





Comparison with ice velocity from CPOM NRT IV website

To make sure we are able to notify users of any improvements or issues with out data, we request that you complete a simple online registration form to gain access.

This gives you access to instantly download grids and transects of ice velocity data on all 5 ice streams.

Please register on the website in the area indicated below:



Sea Ice

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Sentinel-1 Near Real Time Ice Velocity

This is the CPOM ice sheet outlet glacier velocity service. Through this data portal, we distribute frequent maps of ice velocity for key outlet glaciers of the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets in near real time. The velocity maps are produced by tracking moving features in synthetic aperture radar data acquired by the European Space Agency's Sentinel-1 satellite.

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Glacier Selection

Click on the map to select a glacier and show maps and charts of the ice velocity data we have processed so far. Grey shading on the plots is used to indicate the floating part of the glacier.

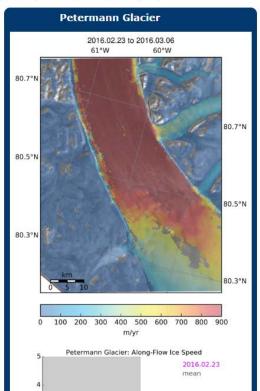


Register for Data Downloads

To access the Ice Velocity data products we request that you complete a quick and simple registration form. We will not pass on your details to anyone else.

Please either sign in below, or click here to register.







Comparison with ice velocity from CPOM NRT IV website

Once you have registered for the service, you are also able to make special requests for SAR data products not already provided on the CPOM NRT IV service.

Q15. Name 3 other glaciologically useful data products that could be produced from SAR data?



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CPOM SAR Facility Data Request Form

Requestor Information

Name*	
Email*	
Organisation*	
Contact Number*	

Dataset Information

Please supply as much information as possible about your requirements. We will aim to fulfil your request based on the data we have access to and will inform you if we cannot fulfil your request. Certain tasks may have a longer lead time as the facility expands its capability. Should this affect your request, we will inform you by email.

Area Of Interest, Name*	
Centre Lat, Lon*	
Approximate bounding box lat,lons. From top left, clockwise	
Period of Interest*	
Number of images	Single image Time series Approx. temporal spacing Other
Satellite (if known)	
Data Type (select all that apply)	Geocoded Amplitude Image Velocity Data (total magnitude only) Velocity Data (2D x and y velocity components)



Comparison with ice velocity from CPOM NRT IV website

Navigate to the same image pair that you have just processed on the 79 fjorden ice stream, (otherwise known as Nioghalvfjerdsfjorden). Either use the website, or click on the link below to reach it directly:

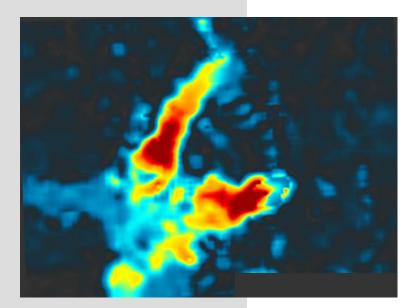
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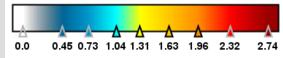


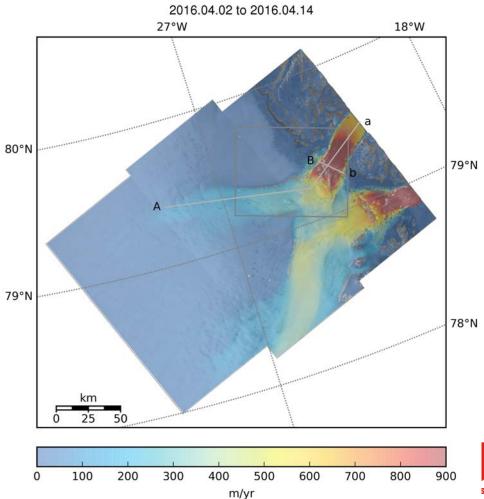
Comparison with ice velocity from CPOM NRT IV website

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Velocity_slv1_14Apr2016_HH [m/day]







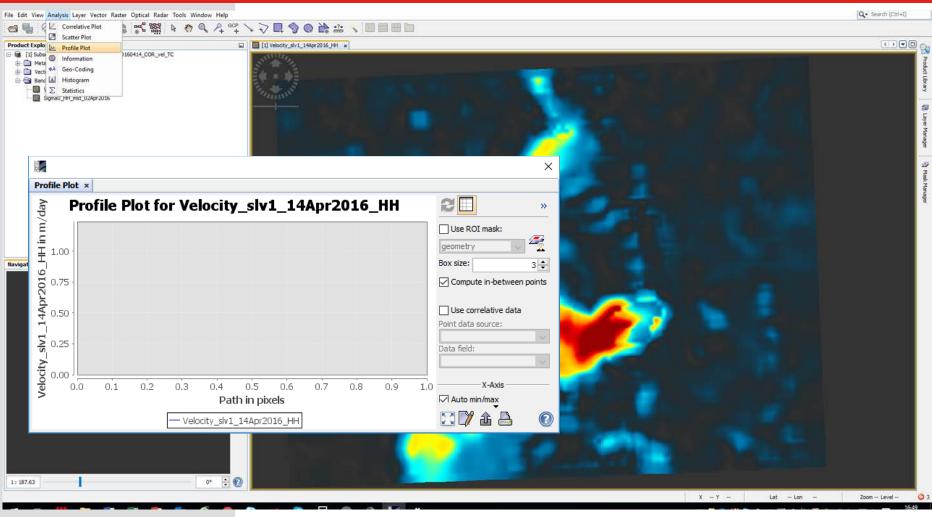
Comparison with ice velocity from CPOM NRT IV website

Q16. Briefly describe the differences you can see between the ice velocity measurements you have produced, and the ice velocity data produced from the same image pair on the CPOM NRT IV website (i.e. the two images on the previous slide)? Q17. Suggest 2 reasons why these differences have occurred?





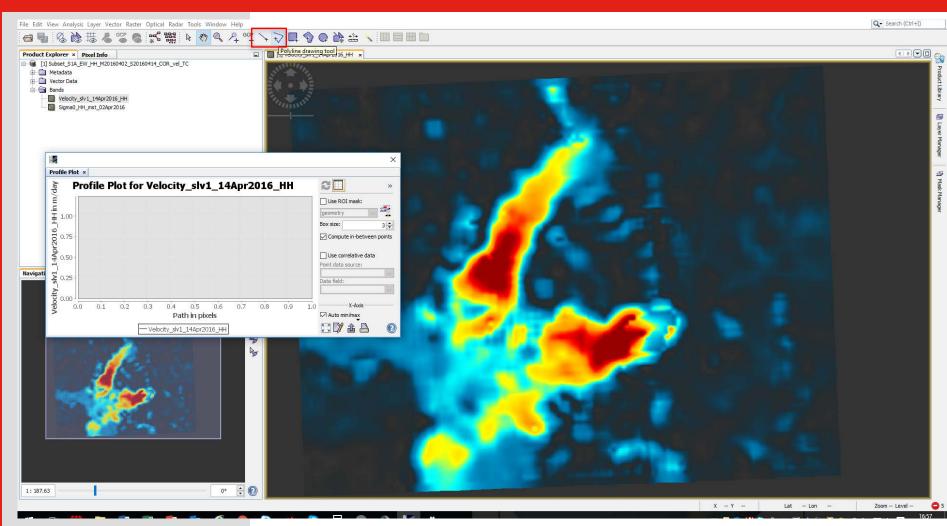
Transect A – Profile Plot







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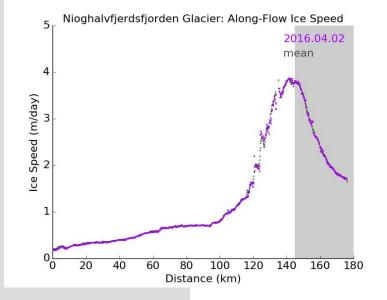
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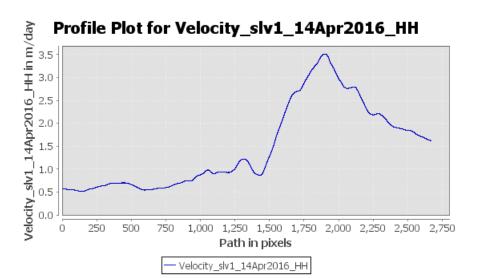
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Comparison transect A









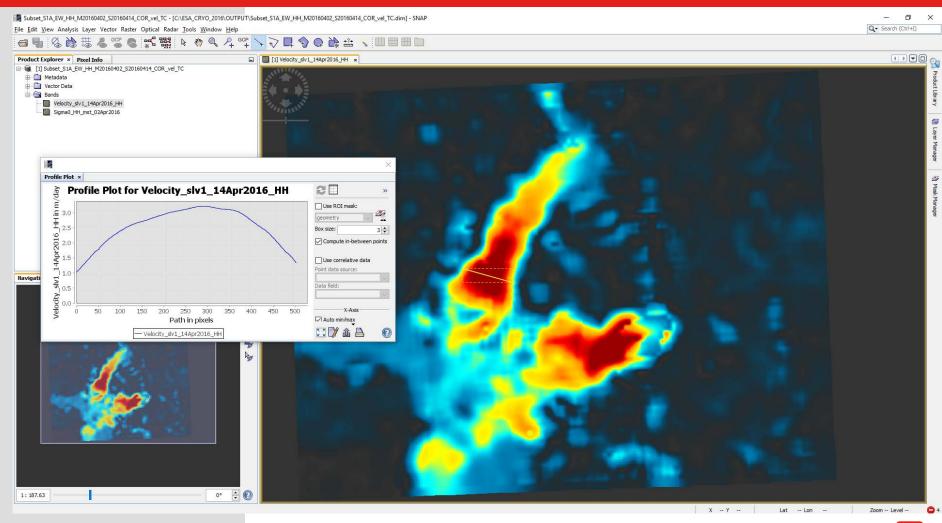
Comparison transect A

Q18. Do you think the ice velocity extracted along the two flow line transects looks the same? Which data product would you use and why?





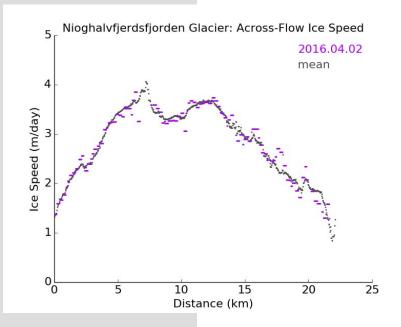
Transect B

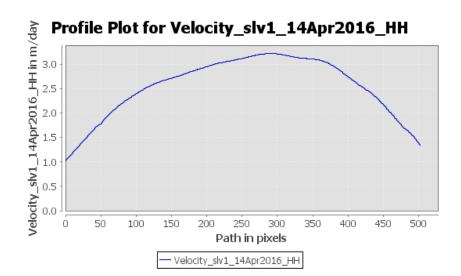






Comparison transect B









Comparison transect B

Q19. What method of mass balance estimation are 'gate' ice velocity transects often used for, and where would the gate ideally be located?

Q20. If you were to download all the flow line transects for 79 fjorden (or look at them in the animation at the top of the CPOM NRT IV website, do you think there has been a long term change in ice speed over the sentinel-1 period of operation?



Satellite Applications

Thank you Any Question?

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