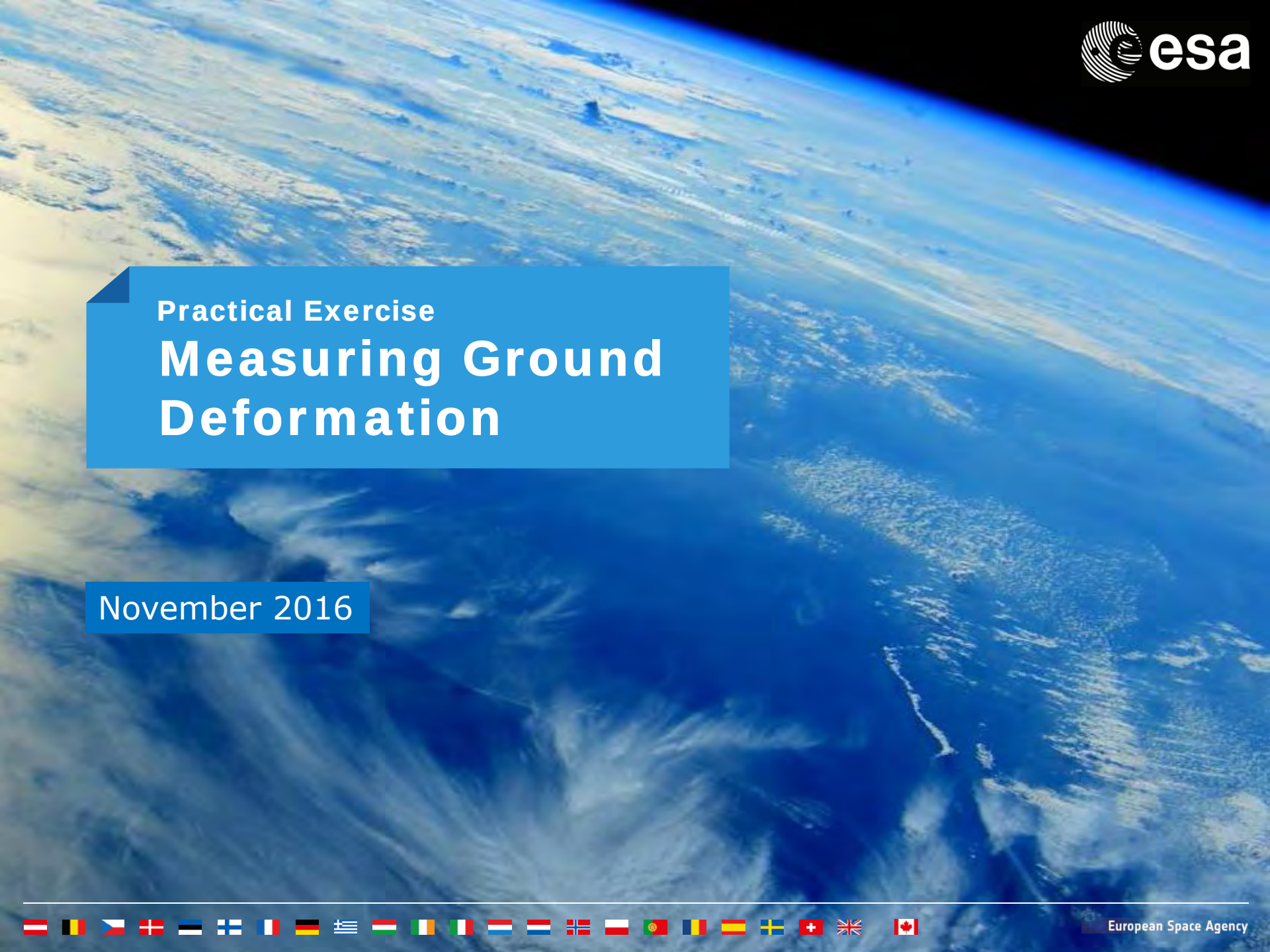


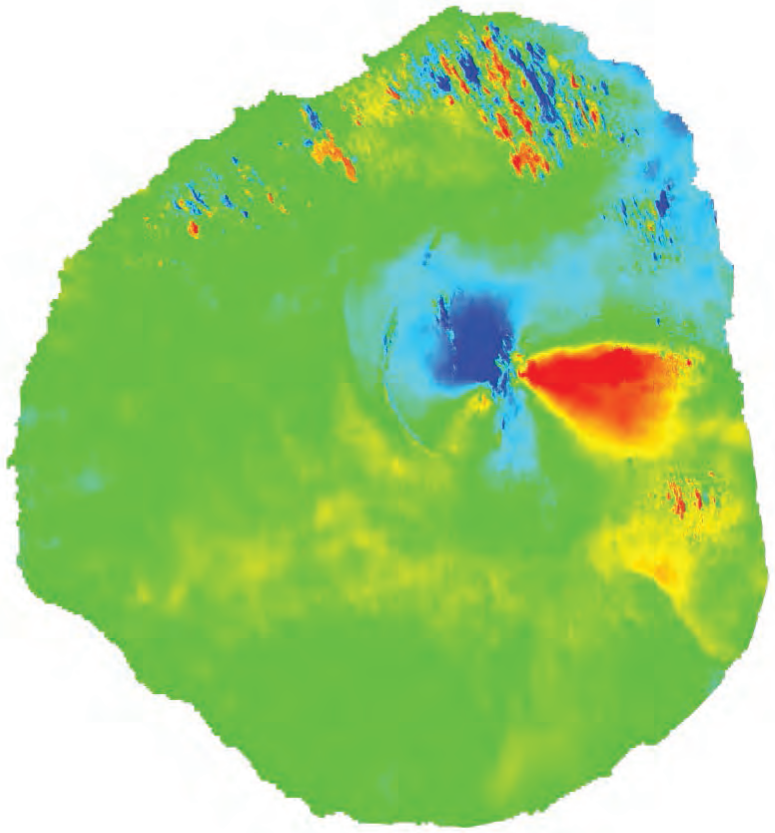
Practical Exercise

Measuring Ground Deformation

November 2016

Goals of the Exercise

- Familiarize with open source ESA SNAP/Sentinel-1 Toolbox
- Training on TOPS Differential SAR Interferometry (DInSAR) for measuring ground deformation
- Provide instruction on step-by-step interferometric processing of Sentinel-1 TOPS data (incl. parameters, tips etc.)
- End-to-end show case (Fogo Volcano eruption)



Contains modified
Copernicus Sentinel data [2014]

Input Dataset

- A set of **Sentinel-1A SLCs** YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS

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  S1A_IW_SLC__1SSV_20141127T195042_20141127T195056_003472_004117_2B48.zip

  [downloadable @ https://scihub.esa.int]

- Sentinel-1 **Precise Orbits** (PODs) for the corresponding S1A dates (auxiliary data)

  S1A_OPER_AUX_POEORB_OPOD_*.EOF.zip

  [downloadable @ https://qc.sentinel1.eo.esa.int]

  [stored locally @ C:\Users\#username#\.snap\auxdata\Orbits\Sentinel-1\POEORB\2014]

- **Digital Elevation Model** (DEM) dataset from SRTM 3 arc-sec covering the Area of Interest (auxiliary data)

  srtm_32_09.zip & srtm_32_10.zip

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Sentinel-1 TOPS
Interferometry with S1TBX

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TOPS InSAR Processing

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PART 3
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Terrain Geocoding

» Geocoded Terrain Corrected
S1 TOPS Ground Displacement Map

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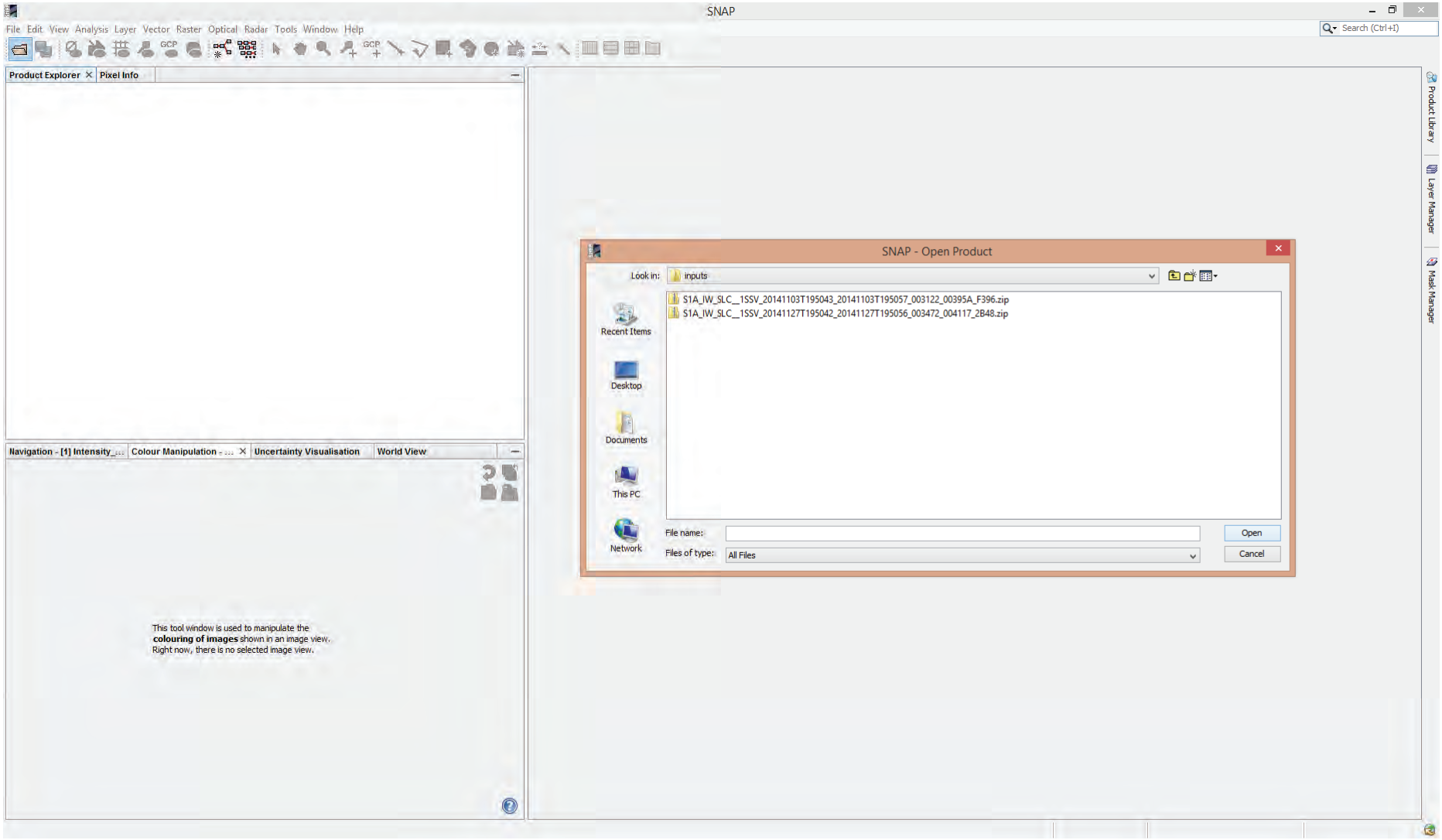
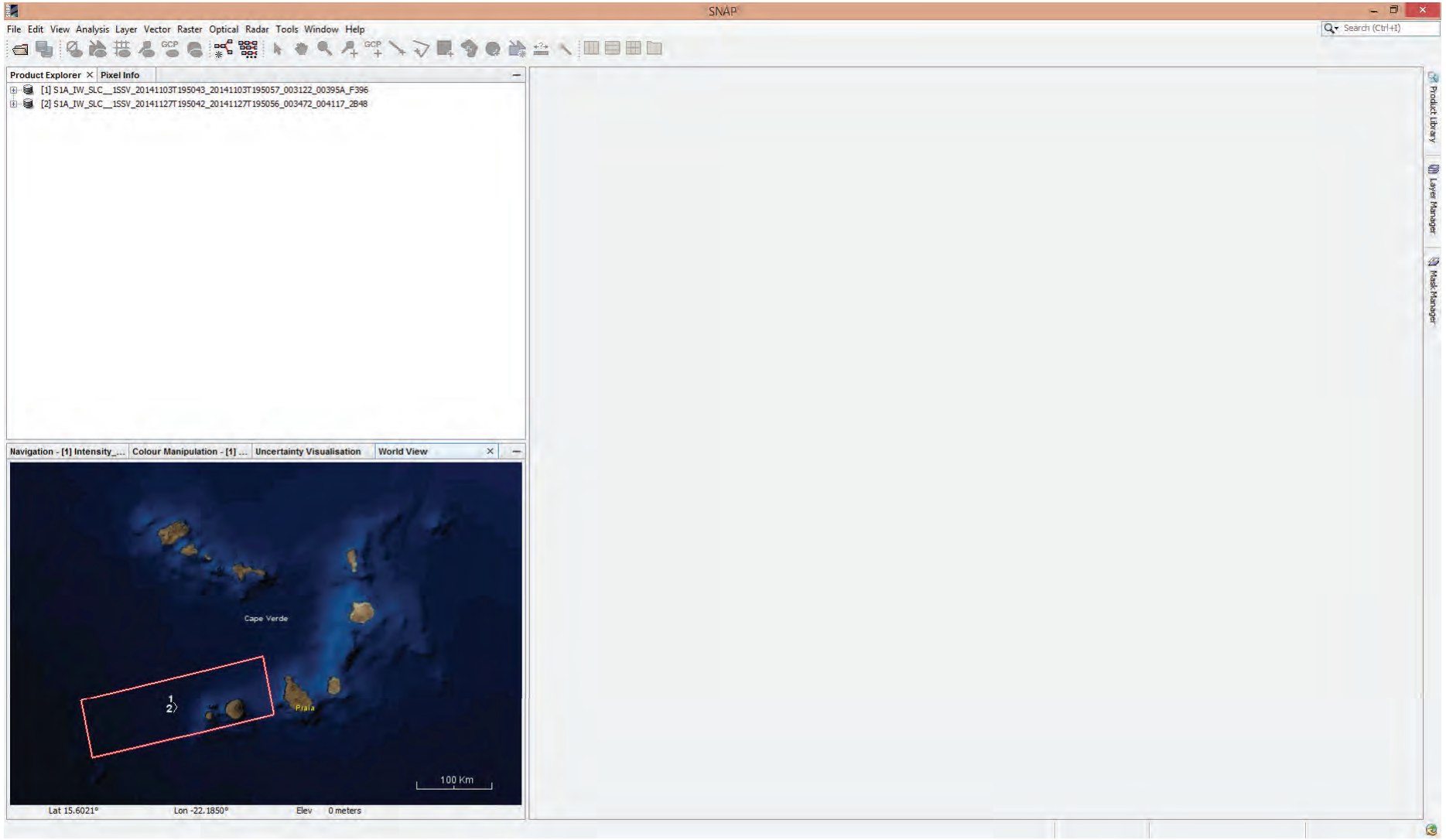
Read Sentinel-1 SLC Products (directly *.zip files)



Sentinel-1 IW TOPS (Swath of 250km)



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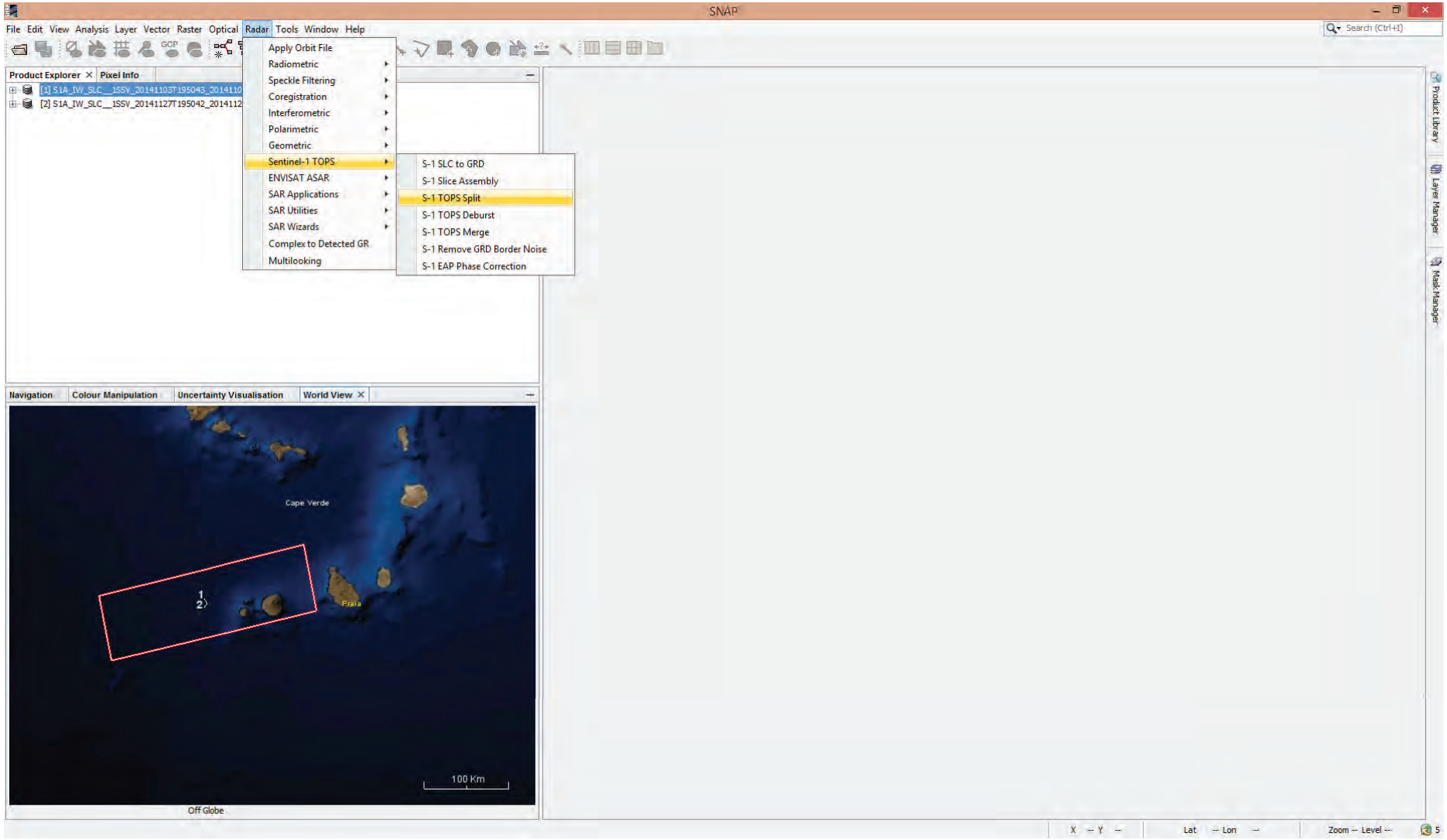

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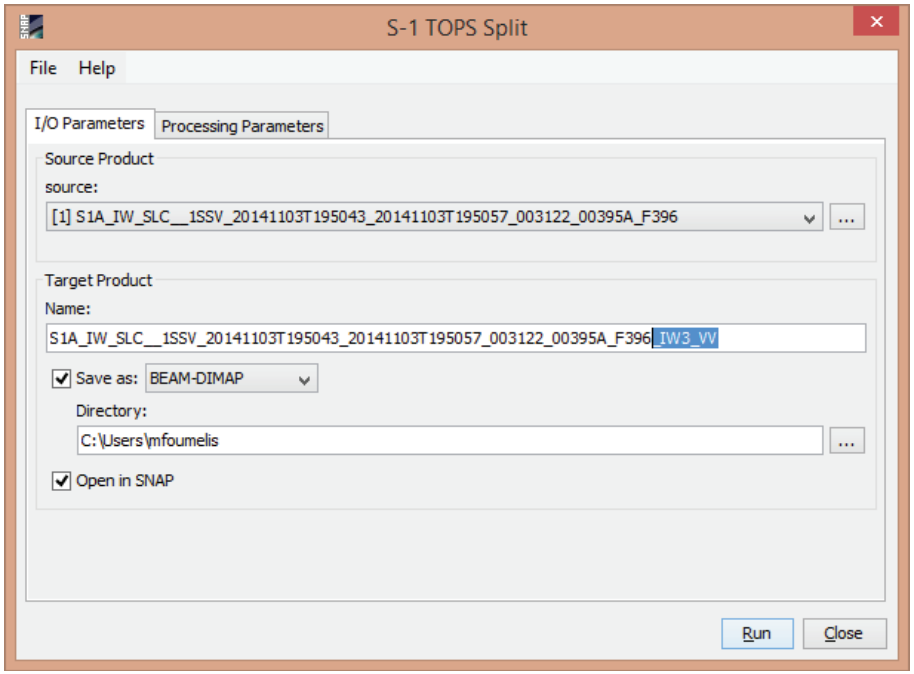
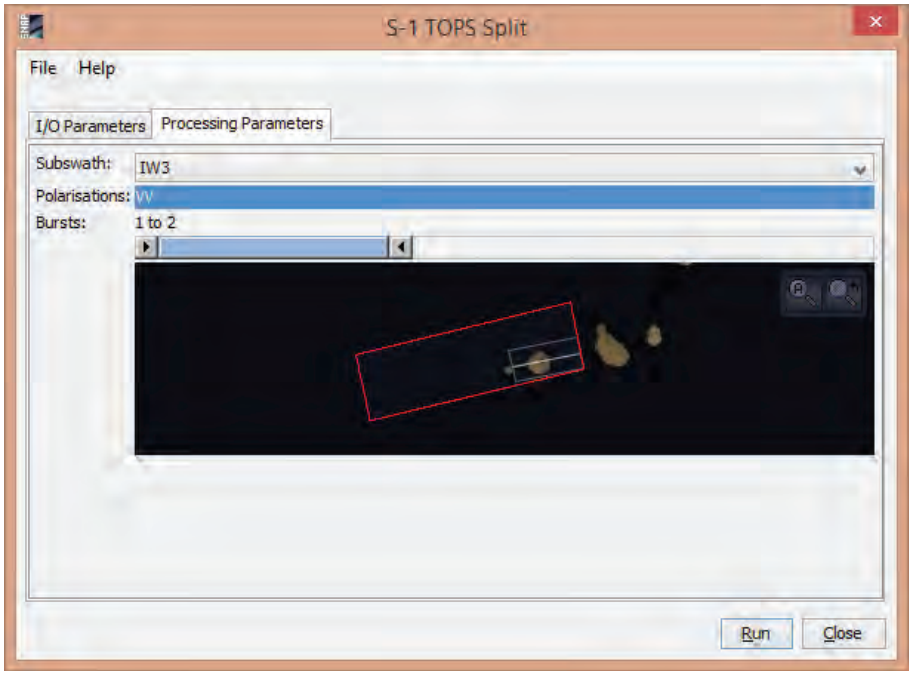
Selection of sub-swath (IW1, IW2 & IW3), burst and polarization (VV & VH)





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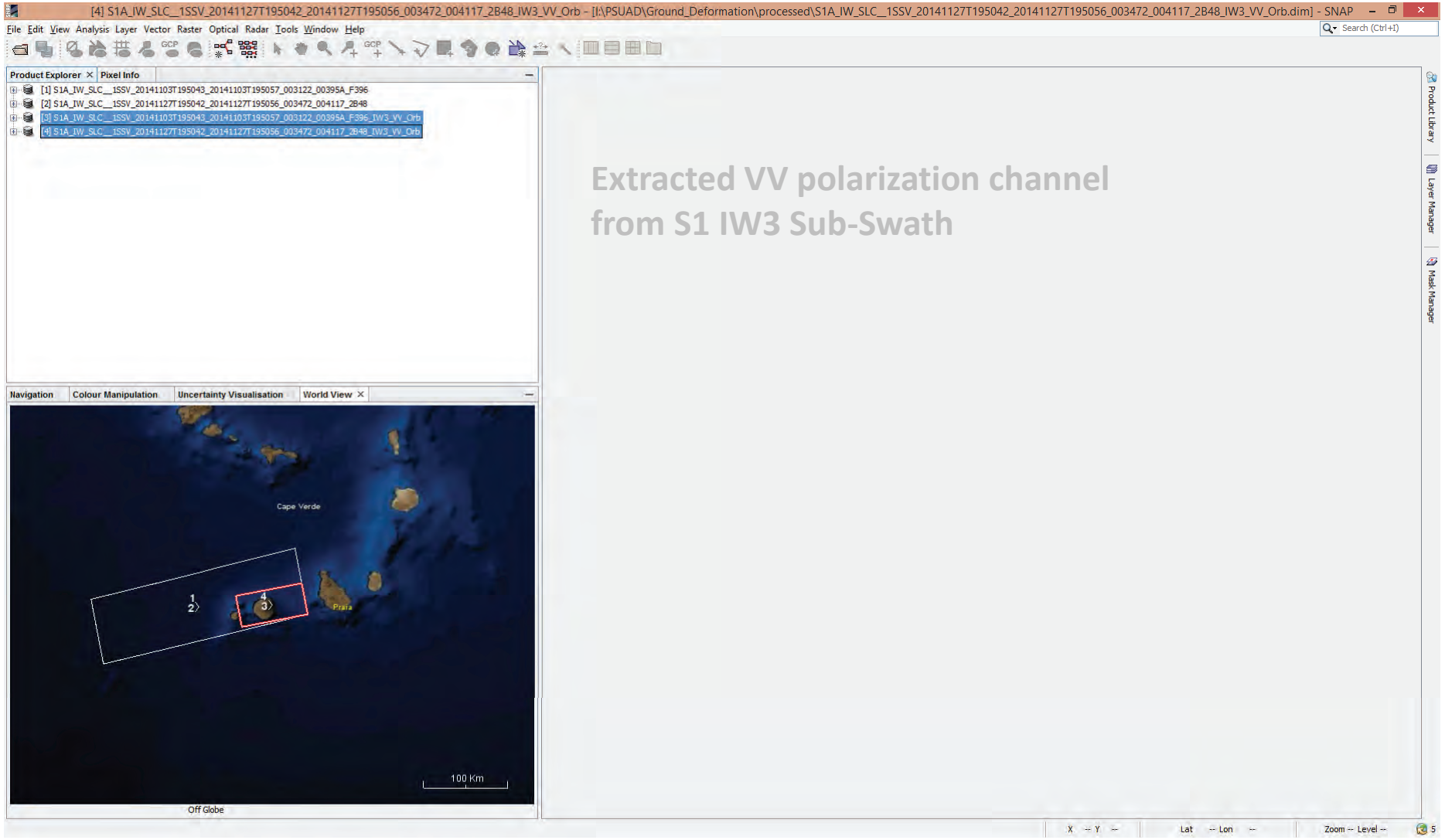
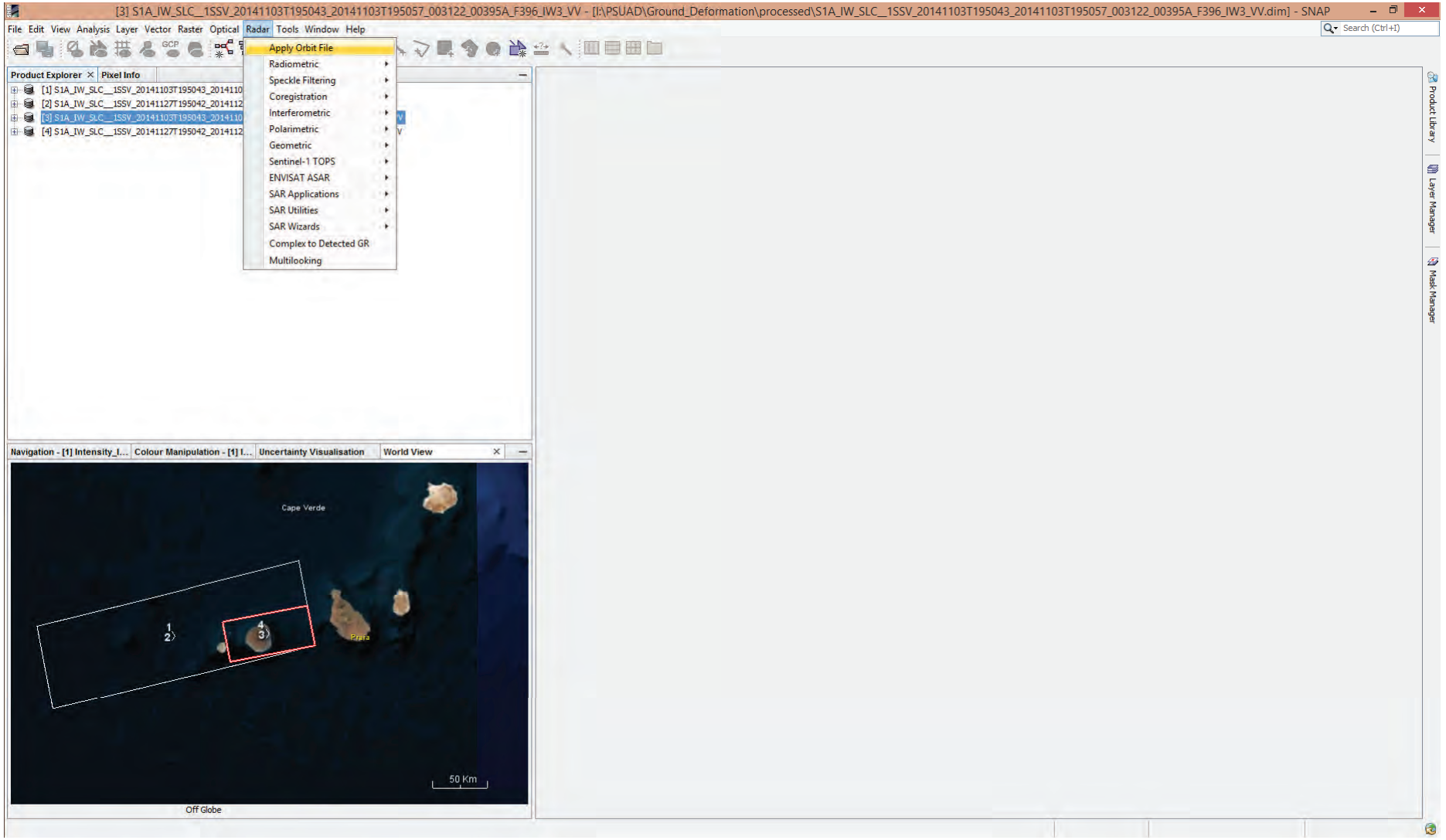


Update Orbital Information (Orbit State Vectors)



S1 Precise Orbits (https://qc.sentinel1.eo.esa.int)

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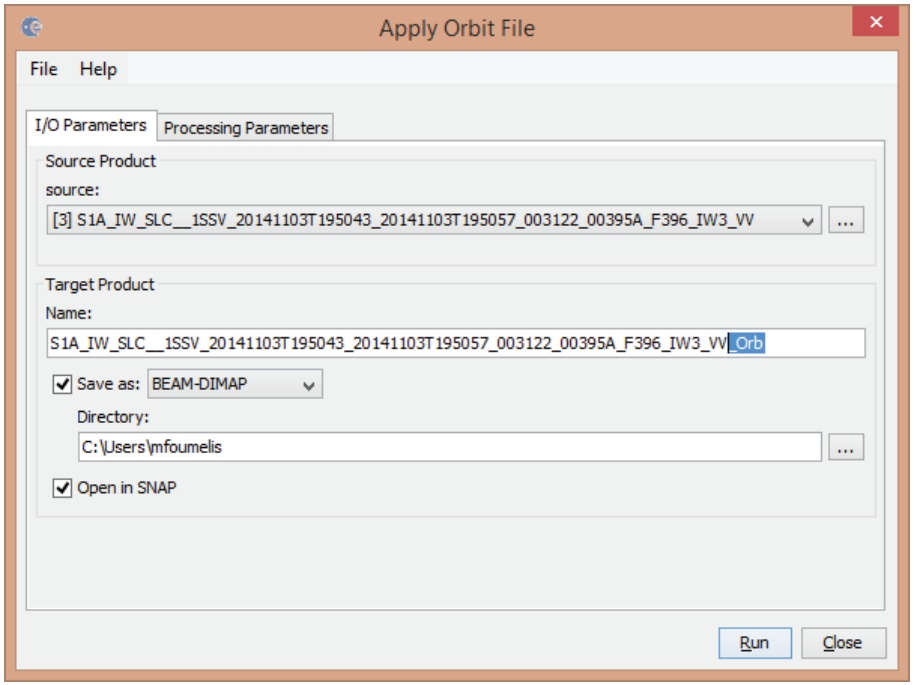
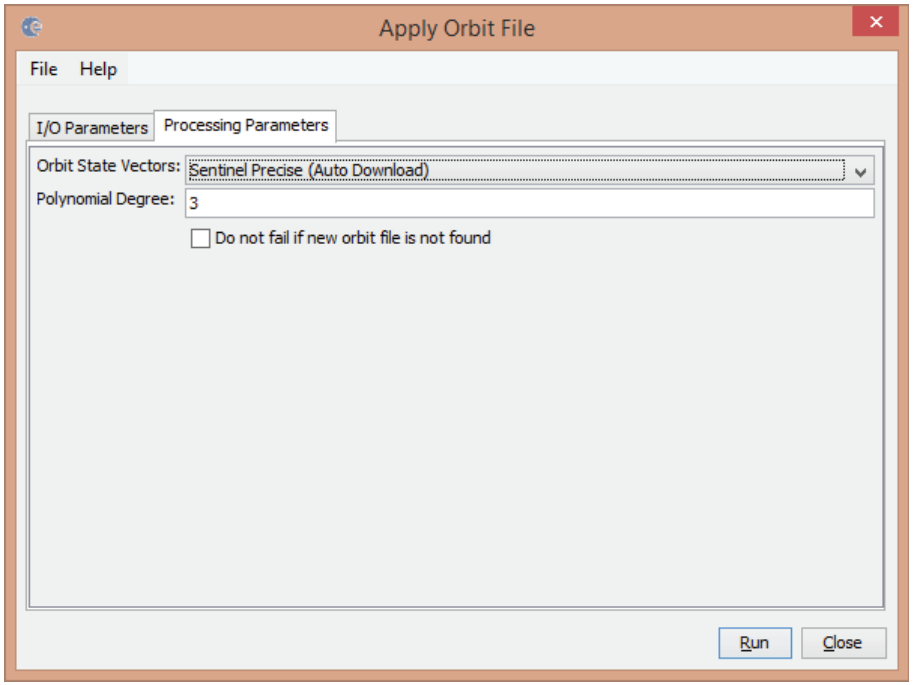
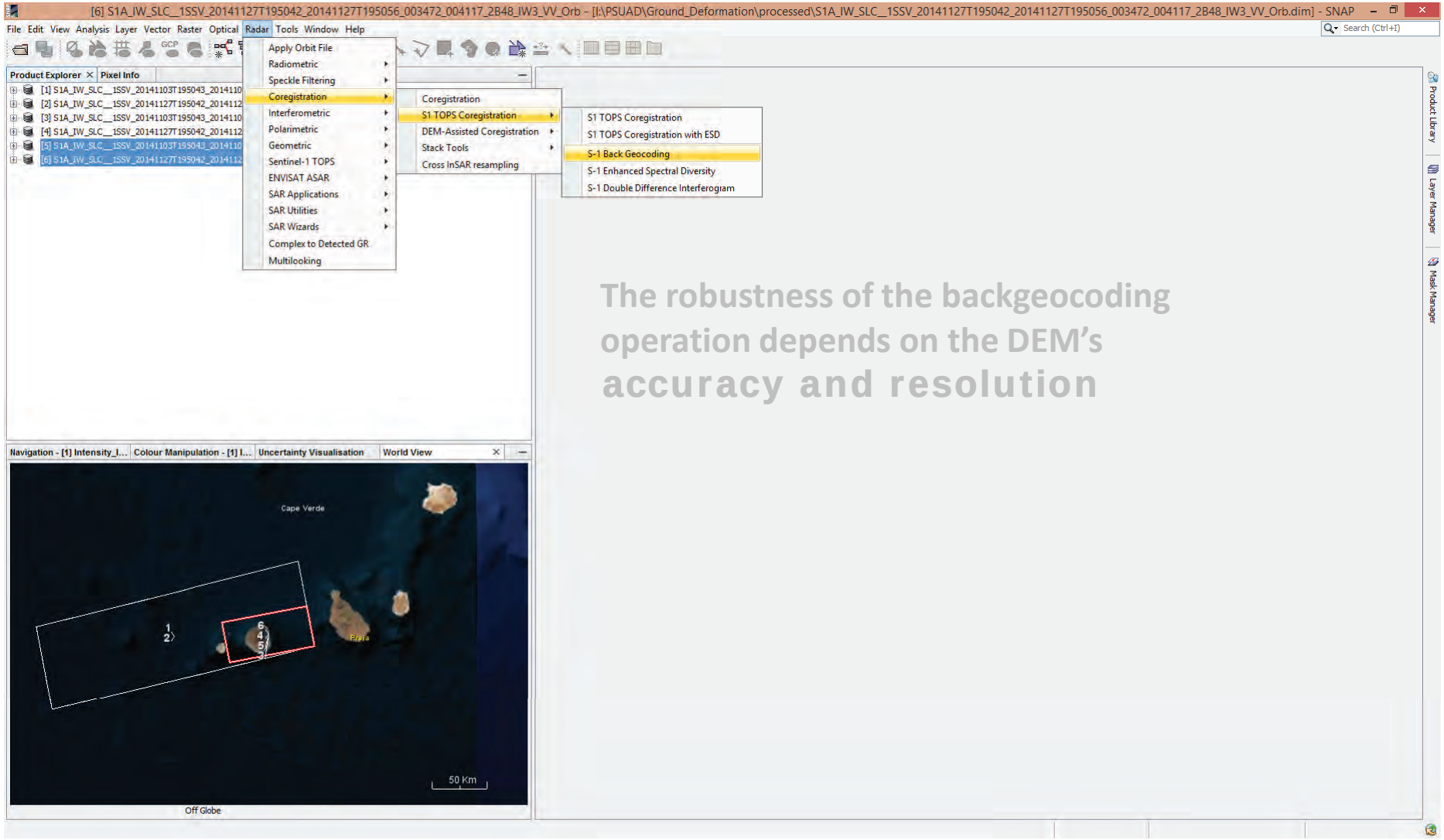




Back-geocoding TOPS SLCs (Geometric Co-registration)



The robustness of the backgeocoding operation depends on the DEM's accuracy and resolution

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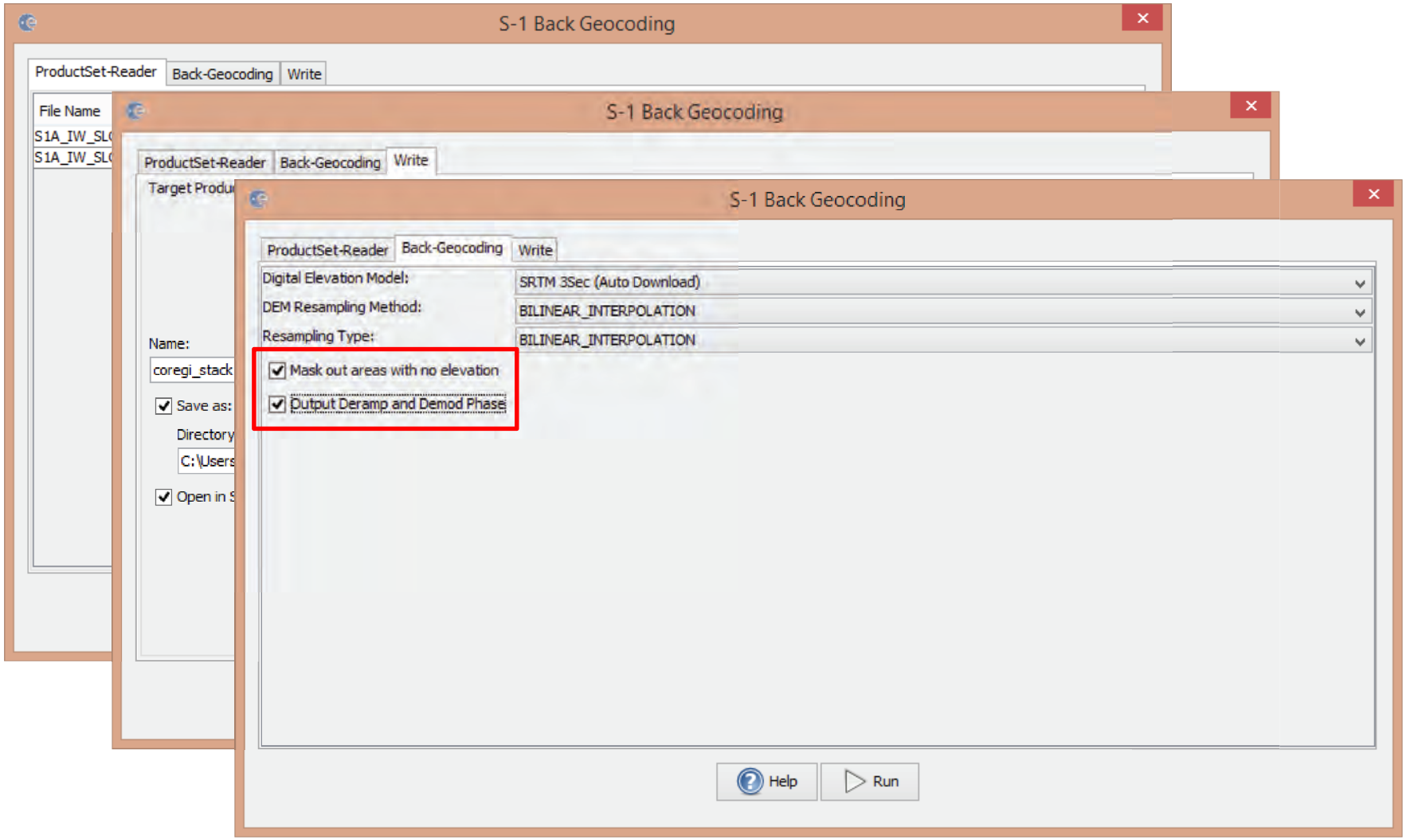

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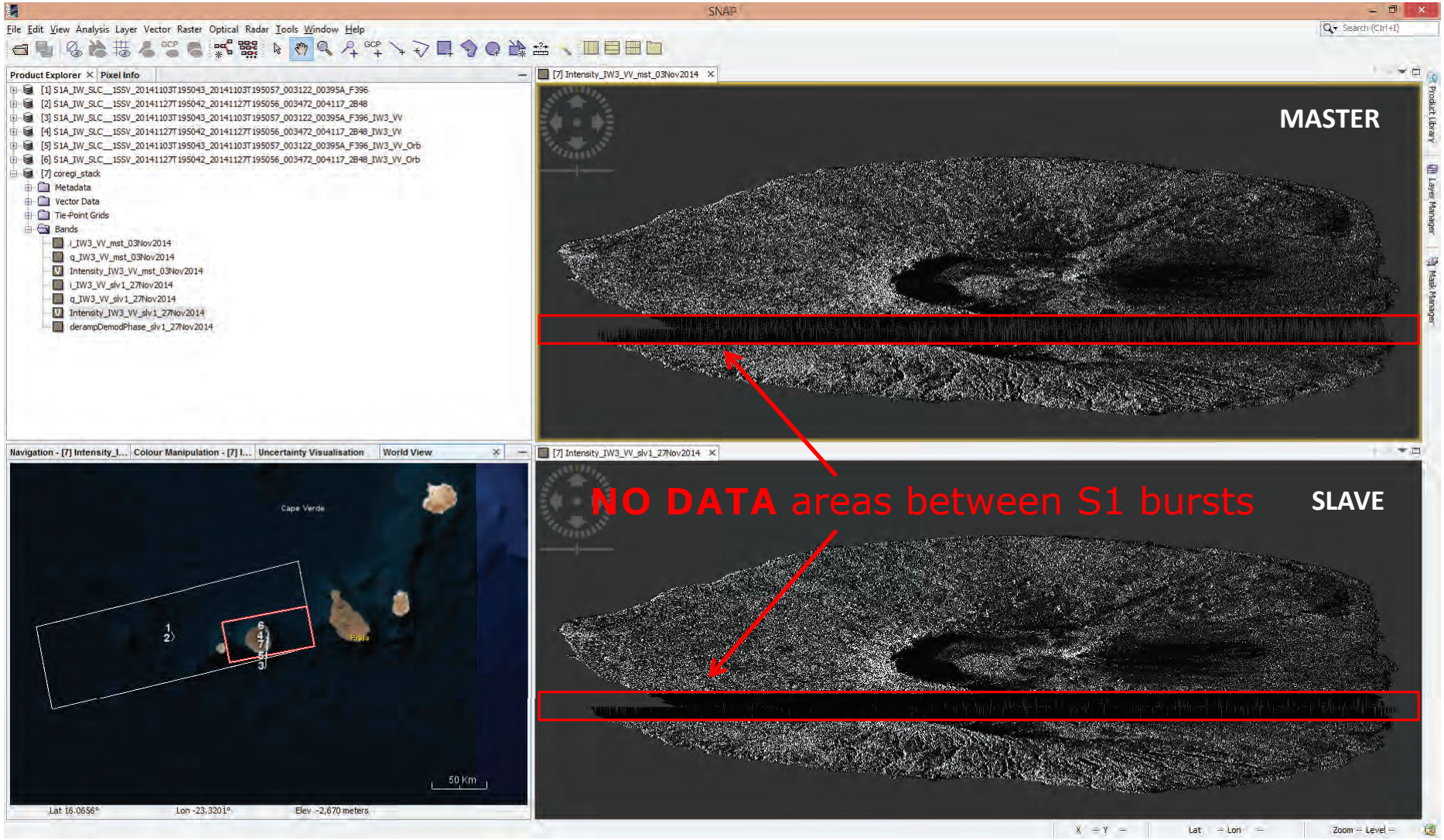
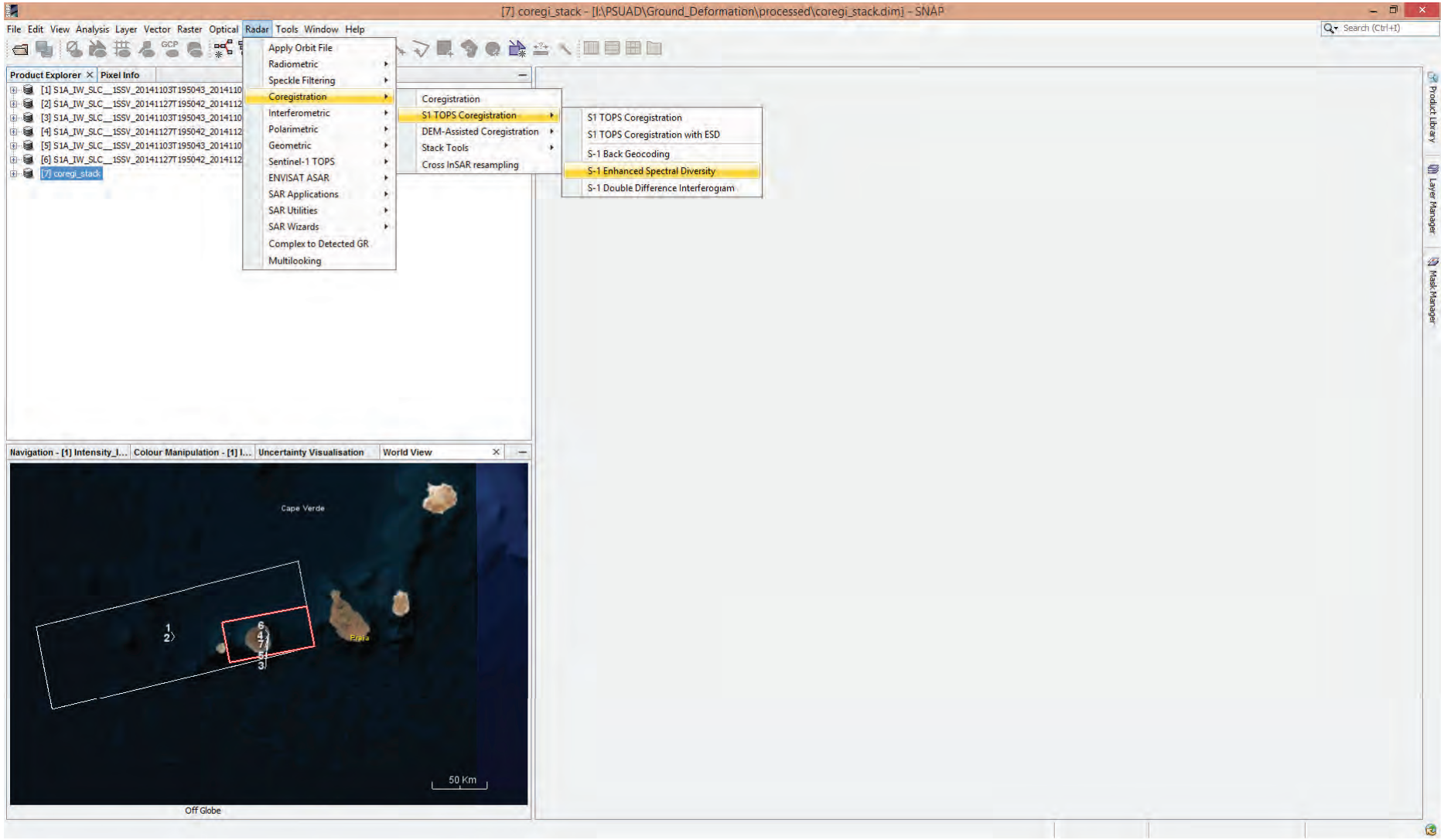
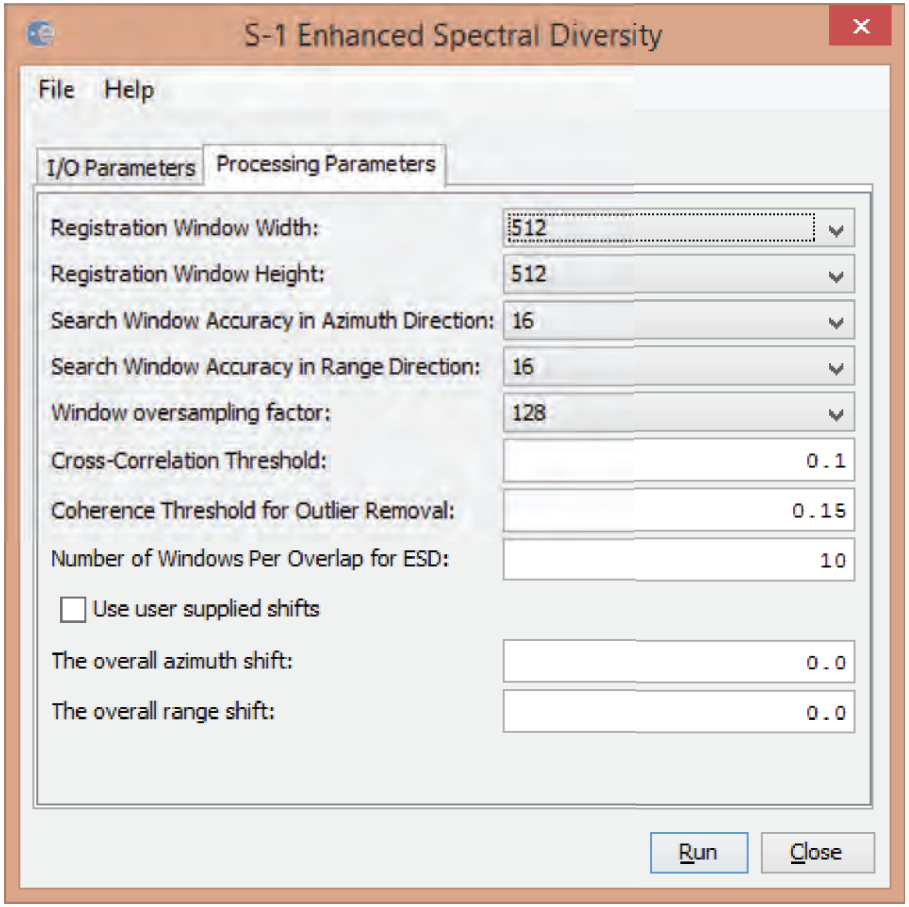


Improvement of Co-registration Accuracy
Enhanced Spectral Diversity (ESD)



Enhanced Spectral Diversity (ESD) algorithm

Implementation of the **Enhanced Spectral Diversity** (ESD) algorithm for correcting shifts in range and azimuth direction considering the burst overlap areas



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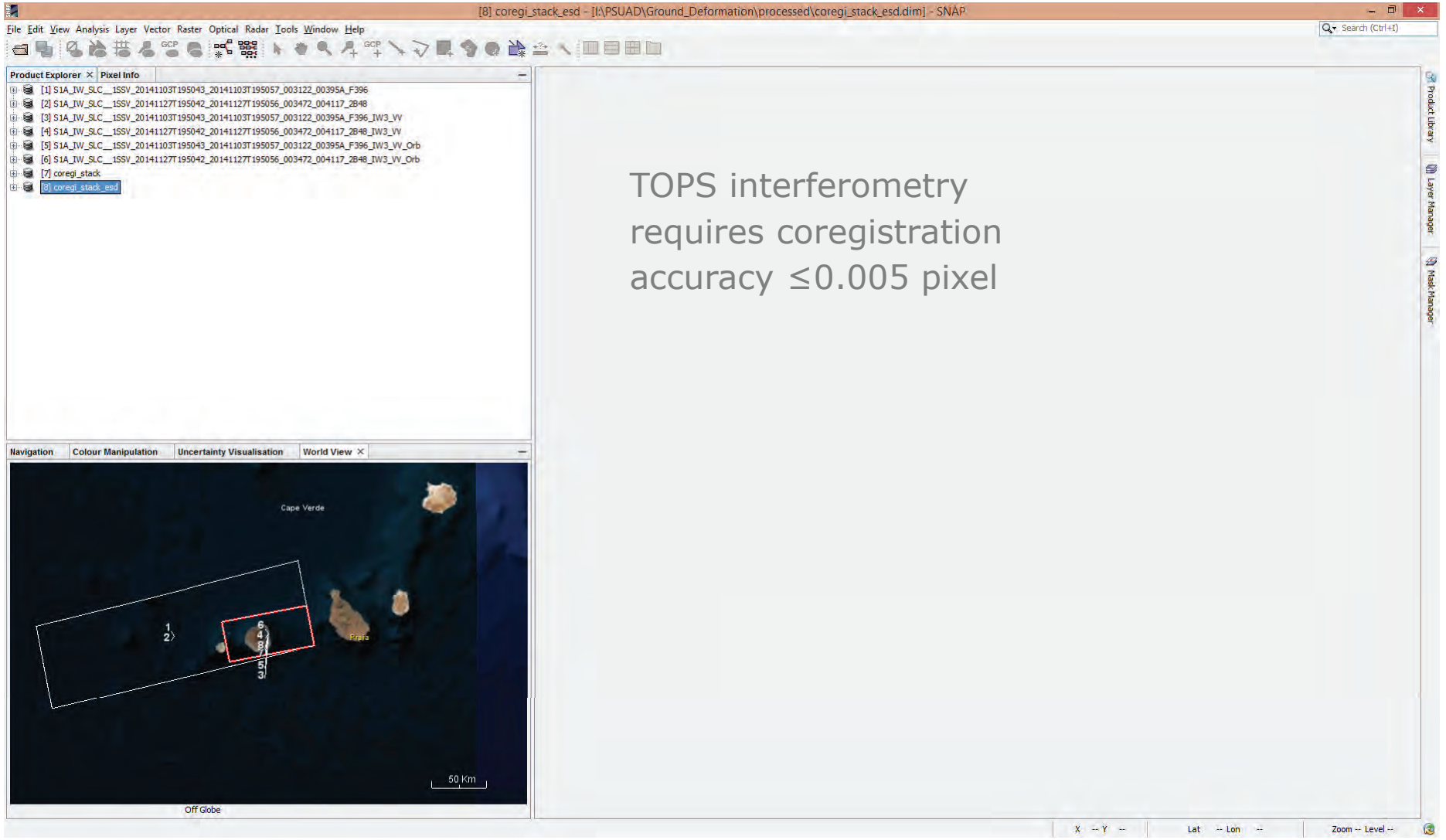
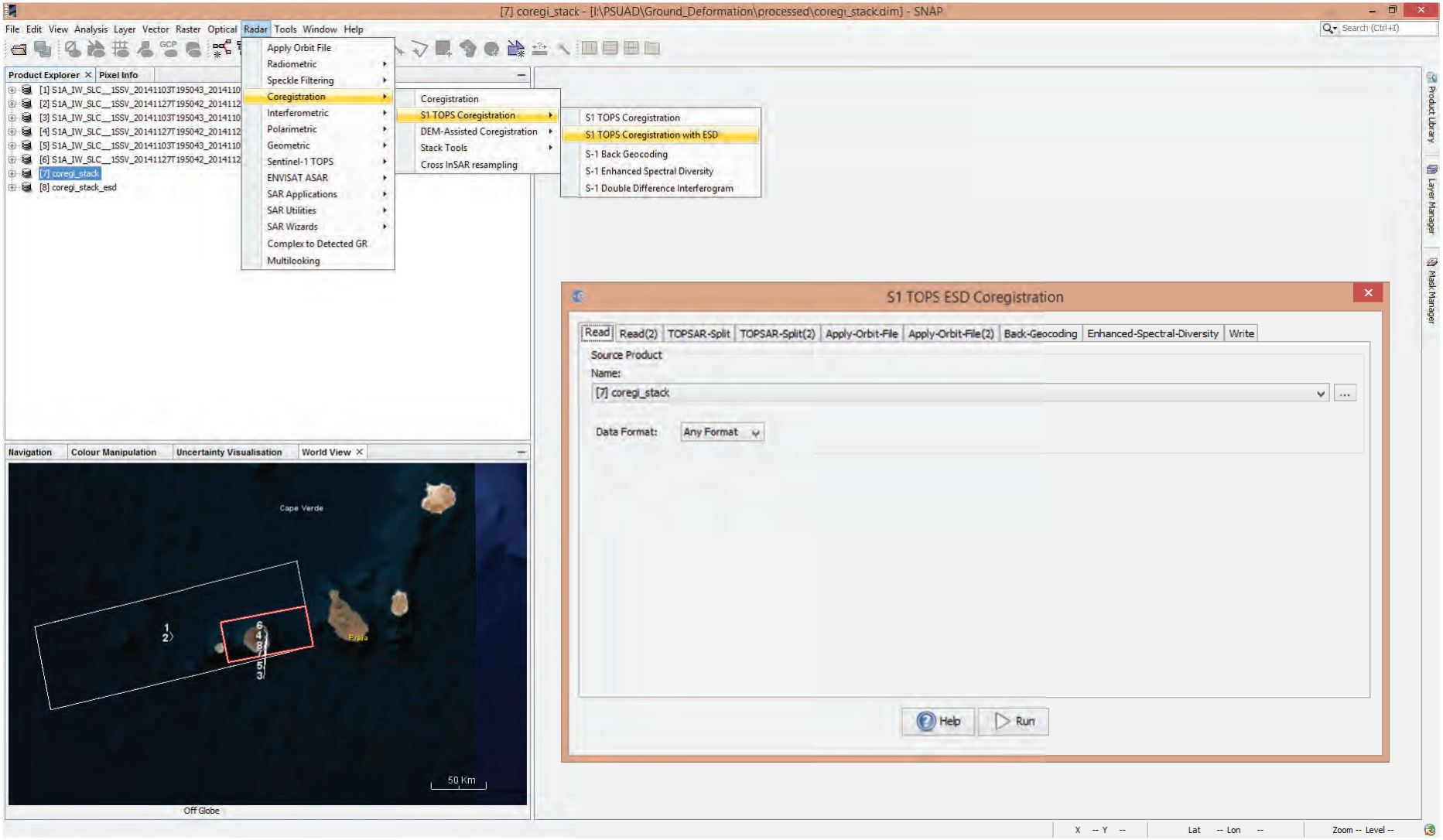
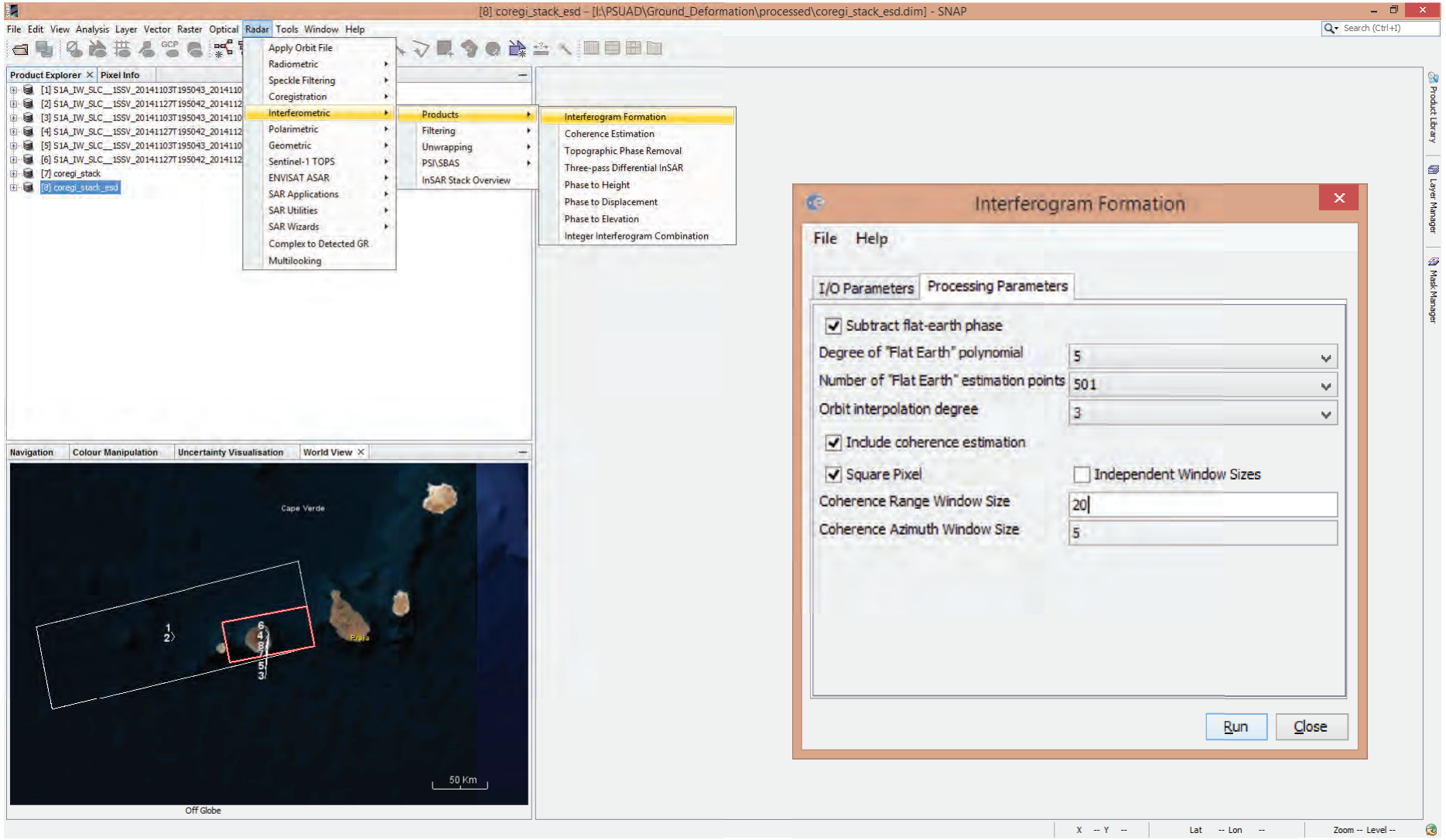


TOPS interferometry
requires coregistration
accuracy ≤0.005 pixel

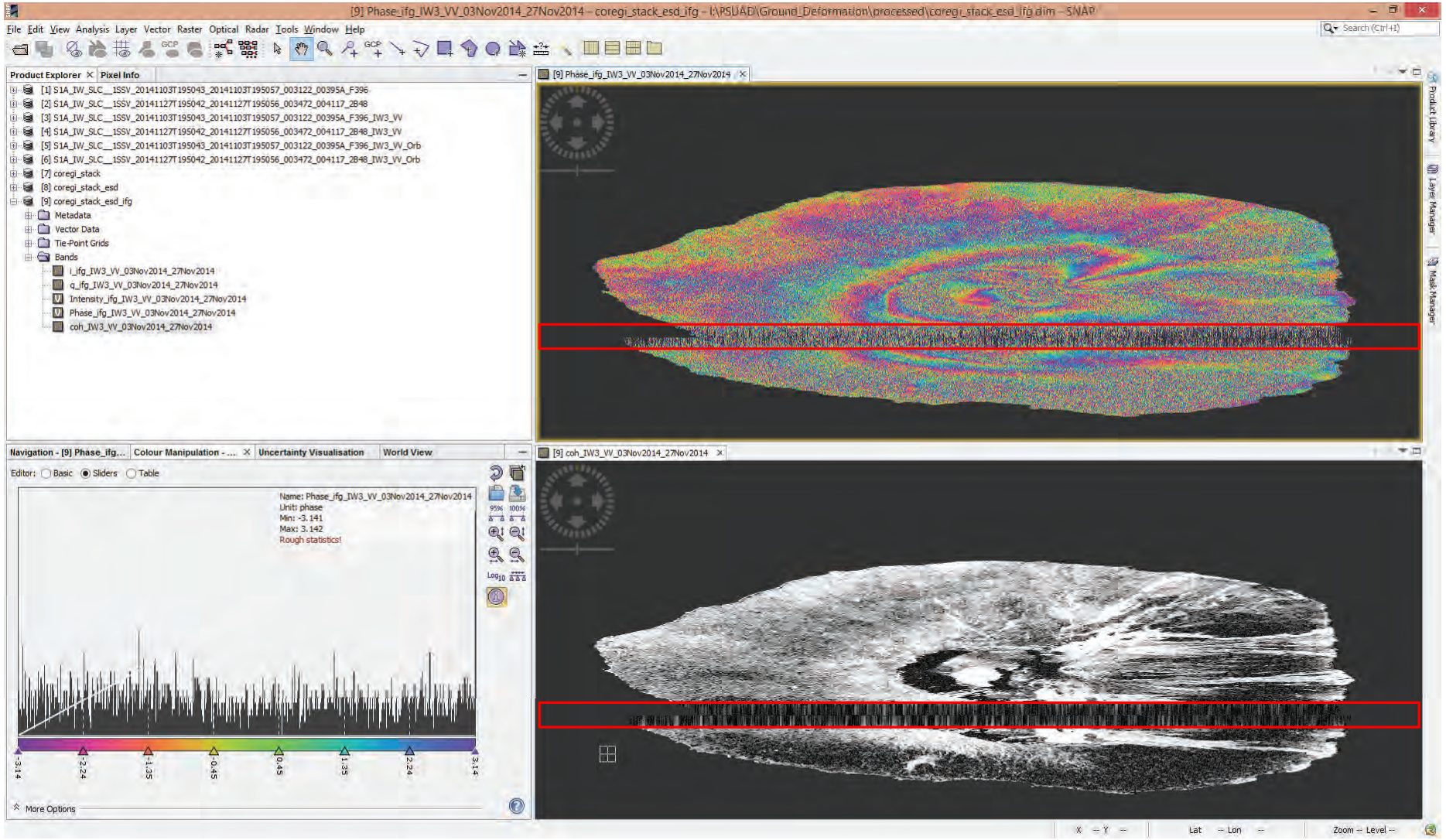
Alternative Option for TOPS Coregistration (all-in-one)



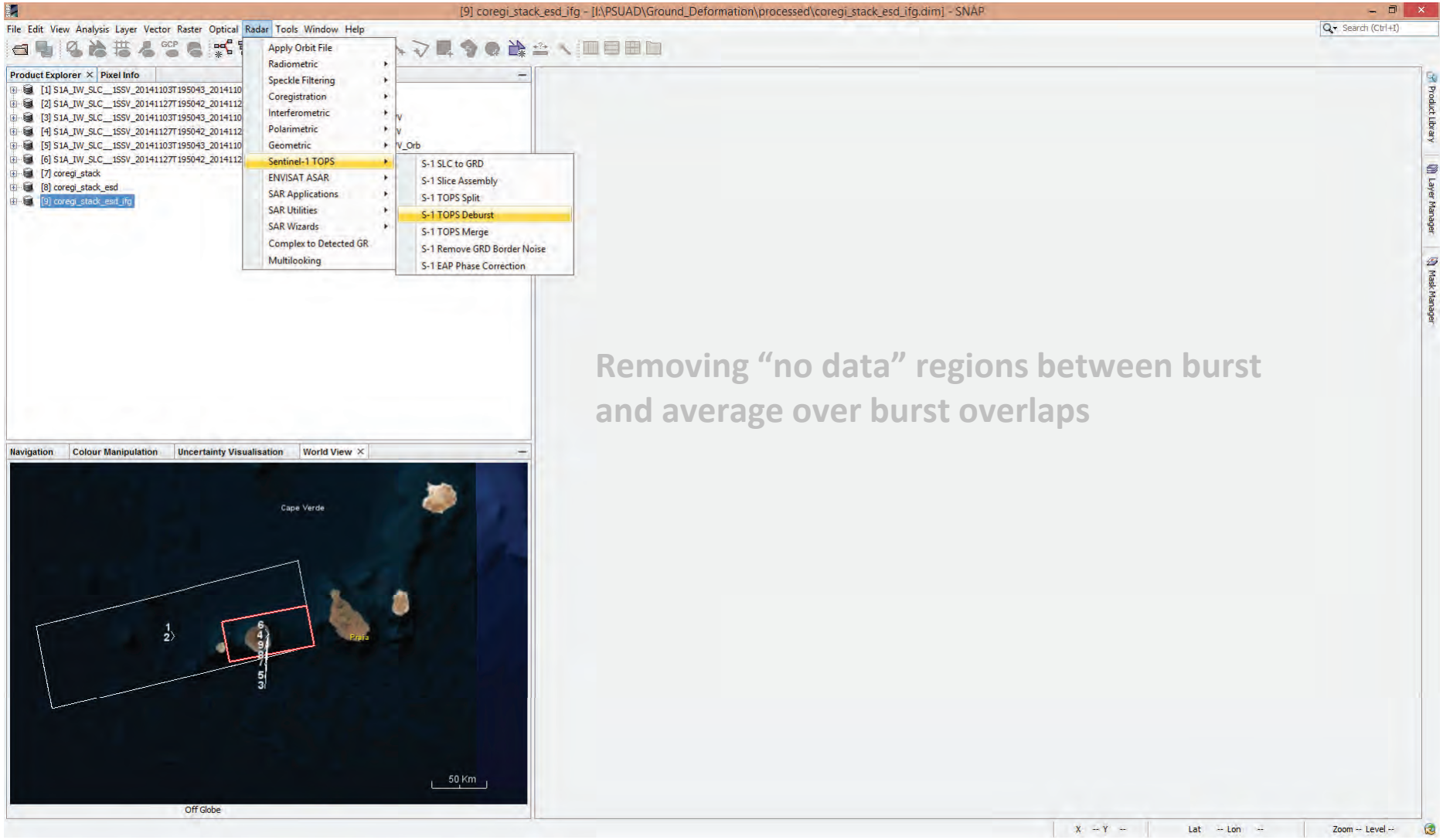
Sentinel-1 TOPS Interferogram Generation



Sentinel-1 TOPS InSAR (InSAR Phase & Coherence)

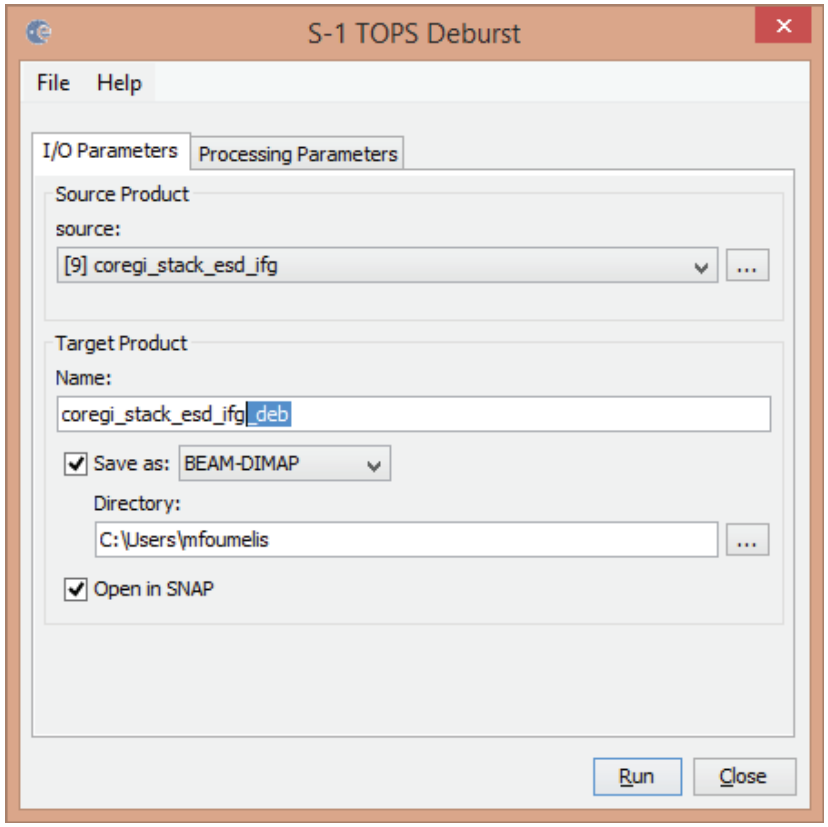


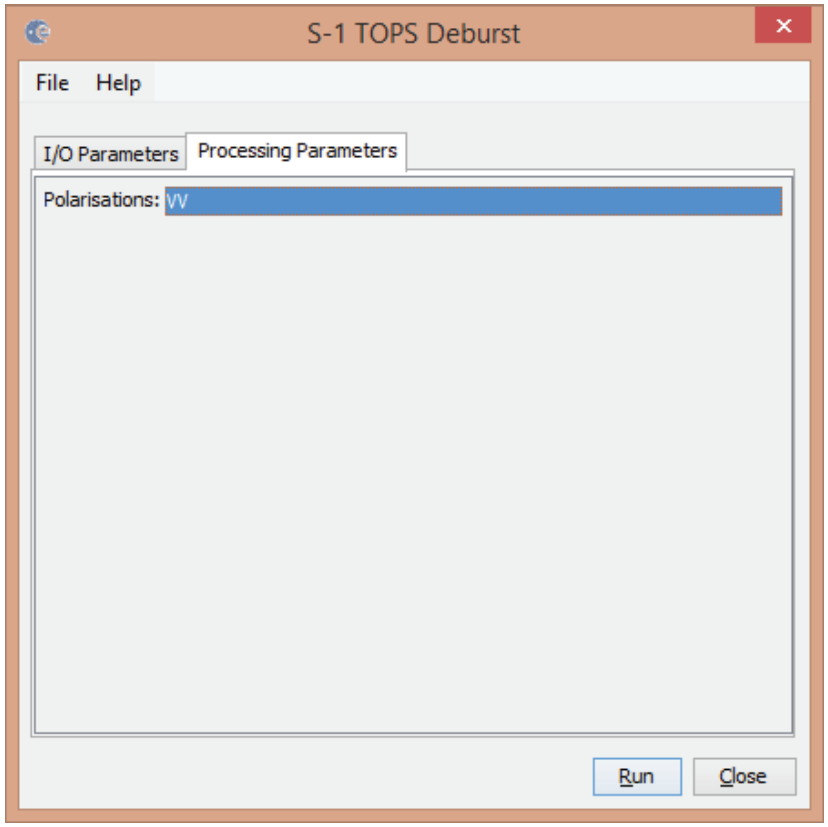
Sentinel-1 TOPS Deburst



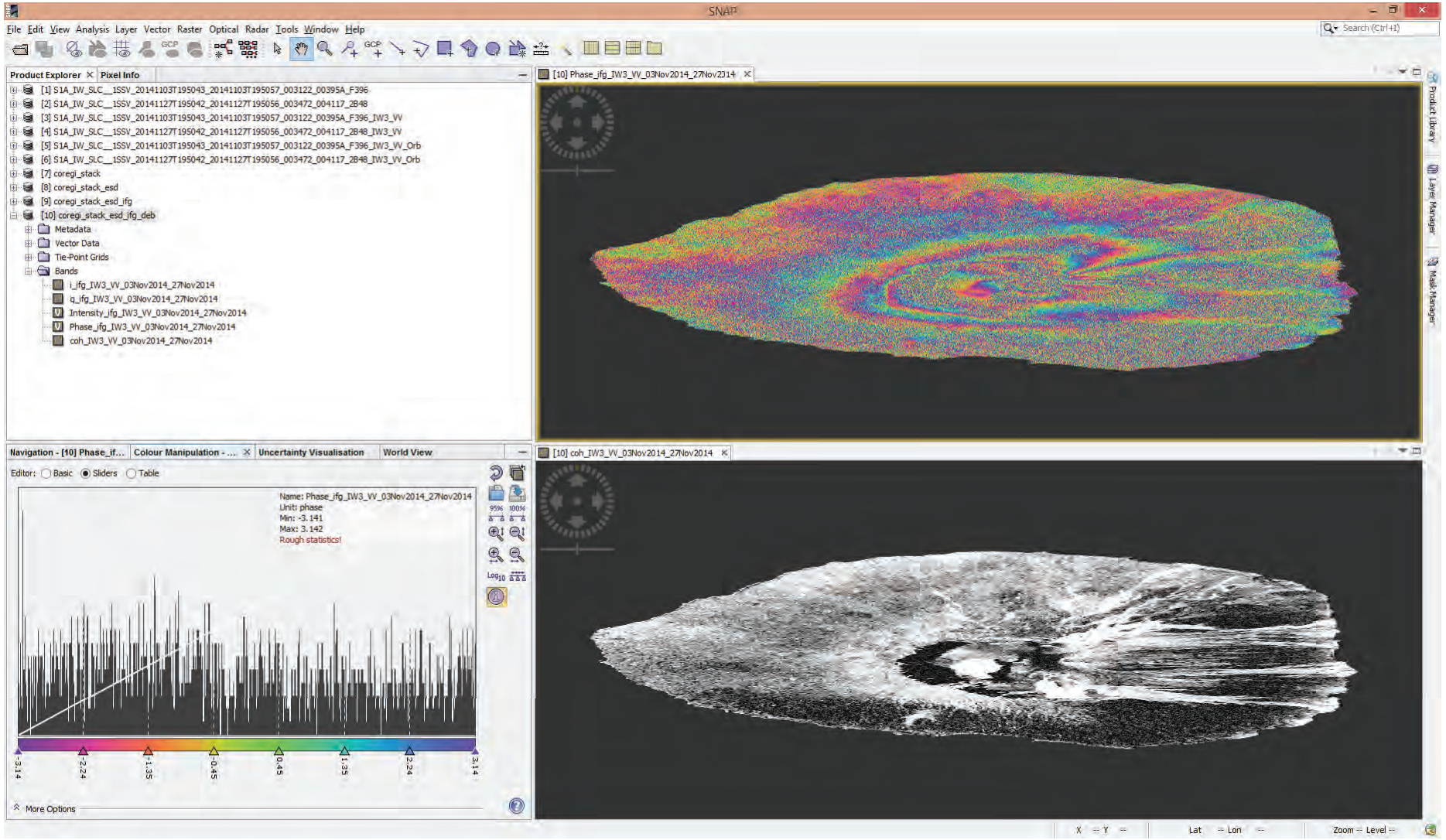
Removing “no data” regions between burst and average over burst overlaps

Sentinel-1 TOPS Deburst

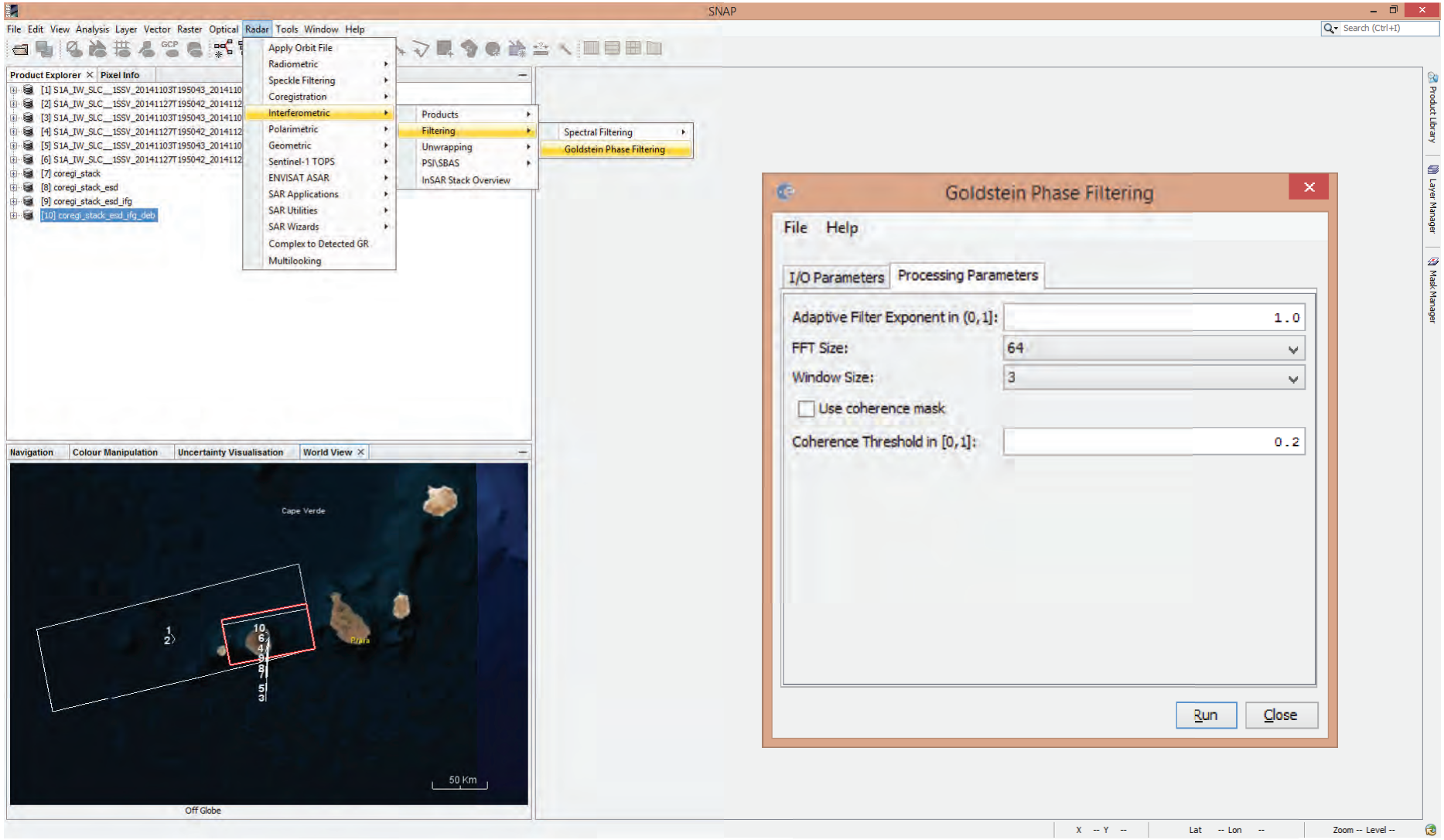




S1 Debursted Products (InSAR Phase & Coherence)



Goldstein Phase Filtering (Adaptive Filter)



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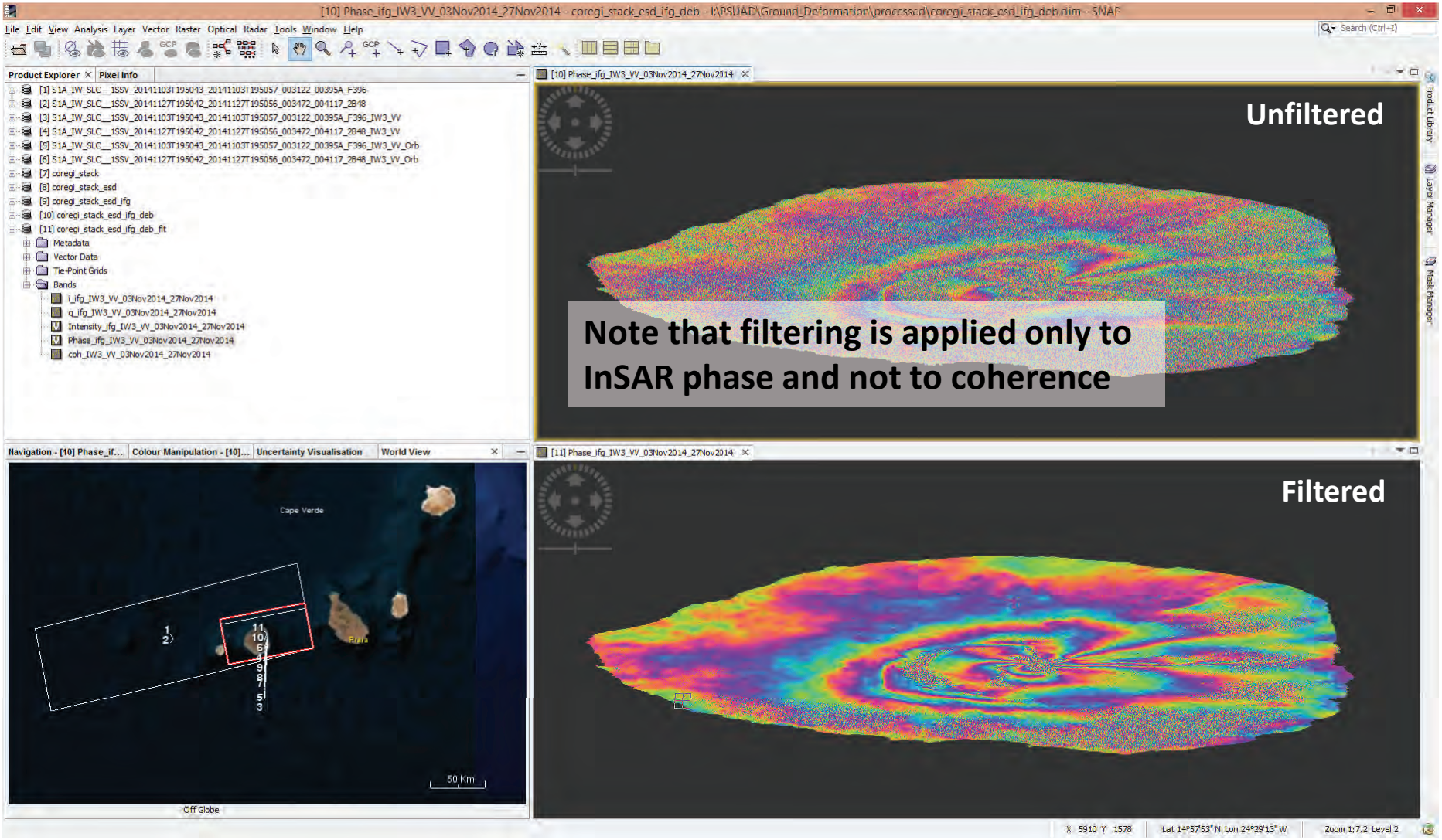

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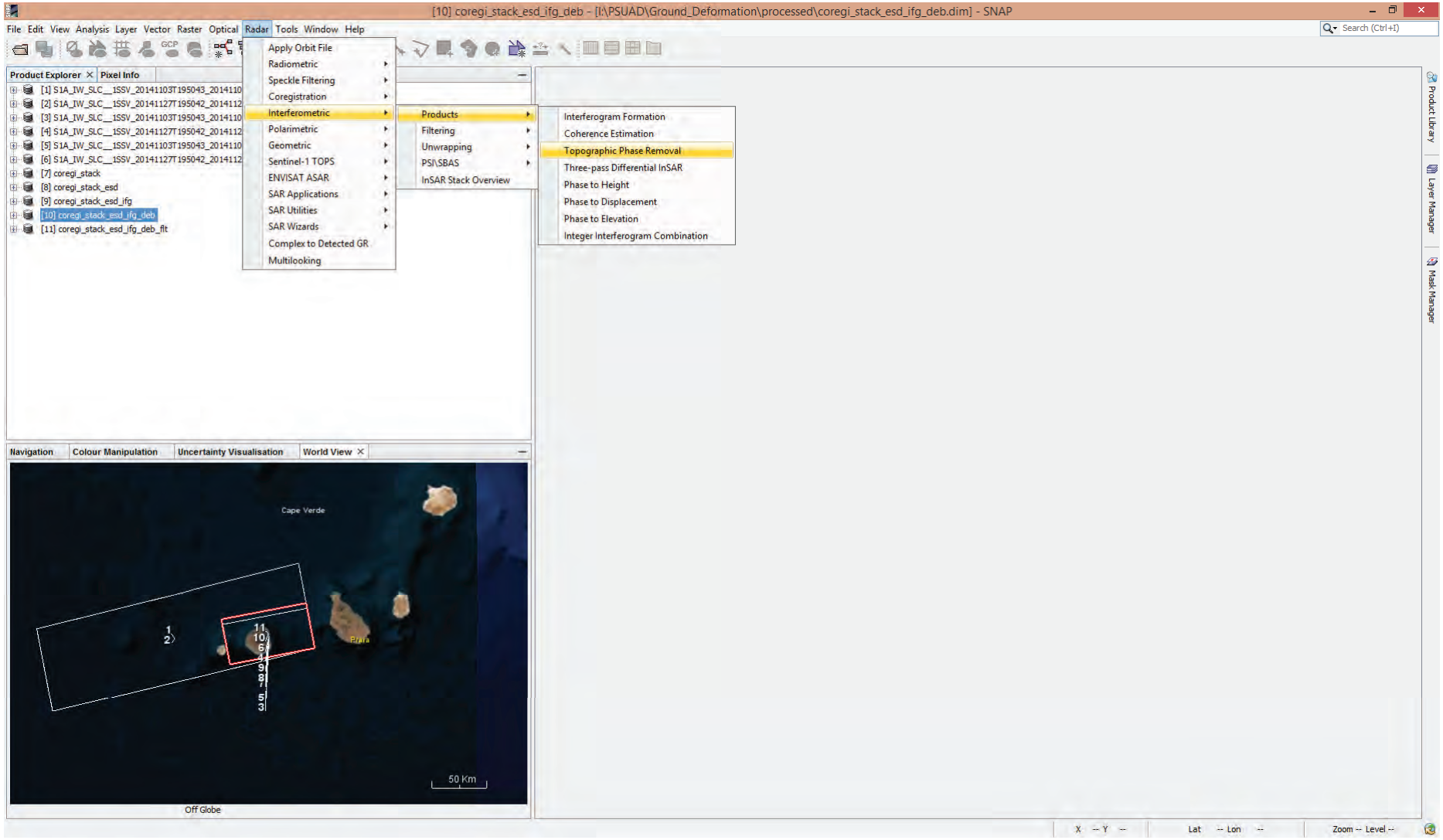

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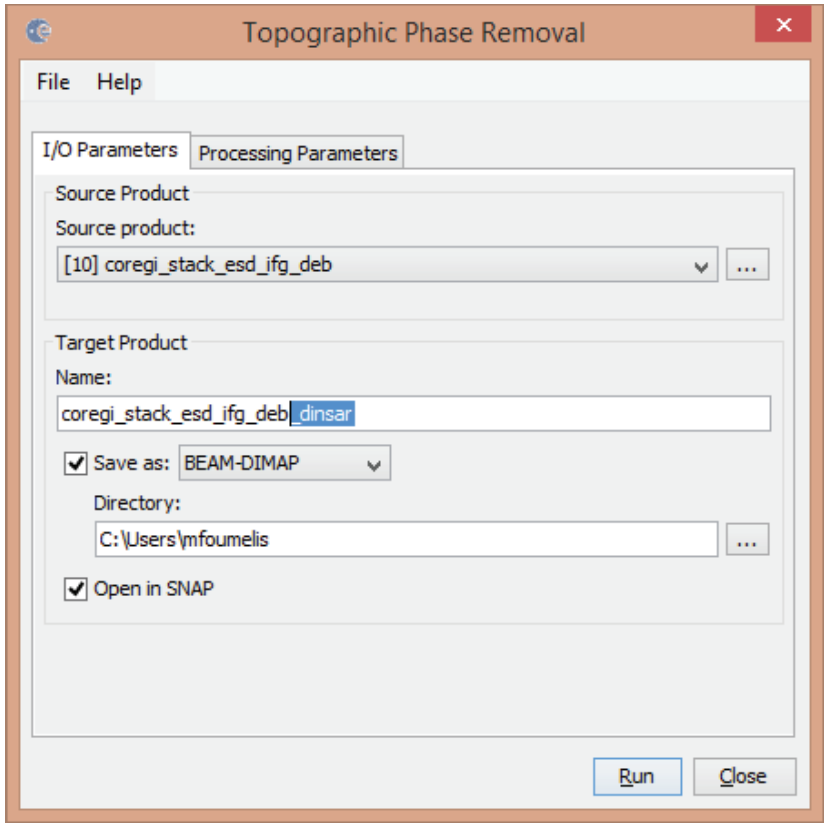
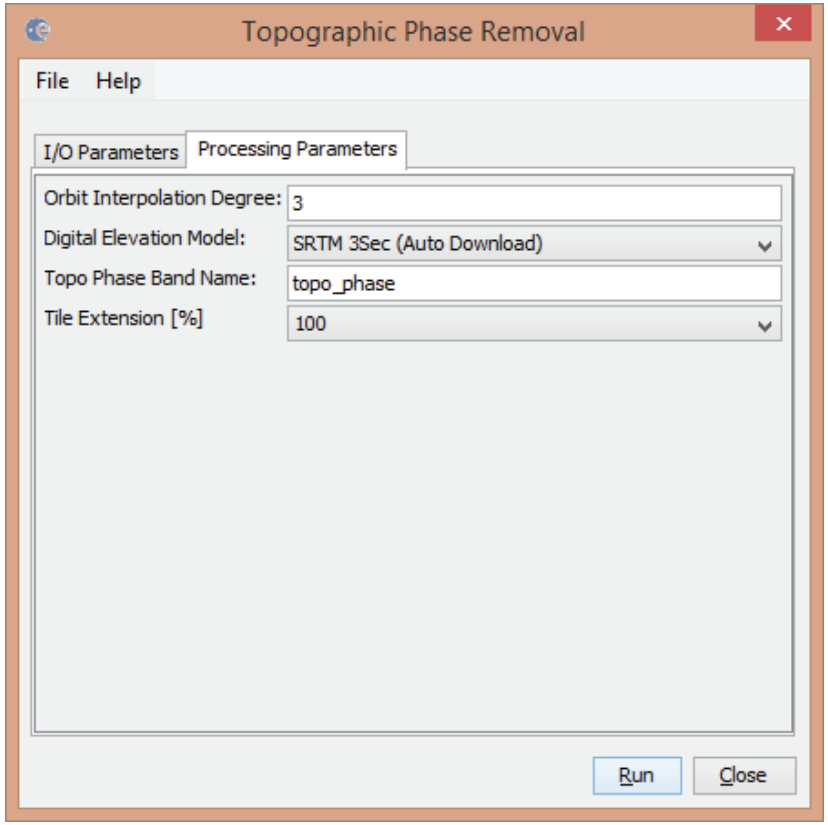
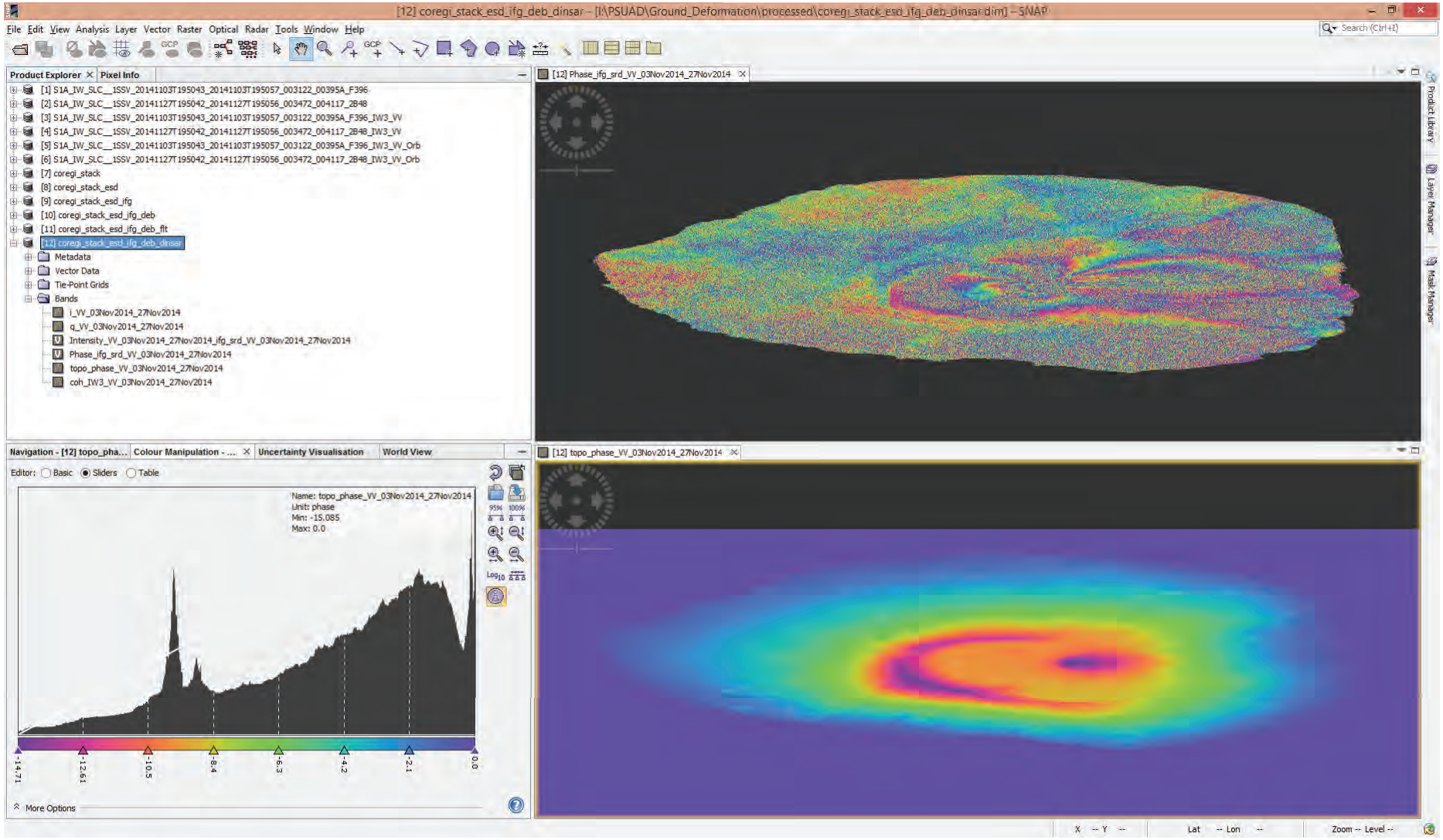




Differential Interferogram & Simulated Topo Phase



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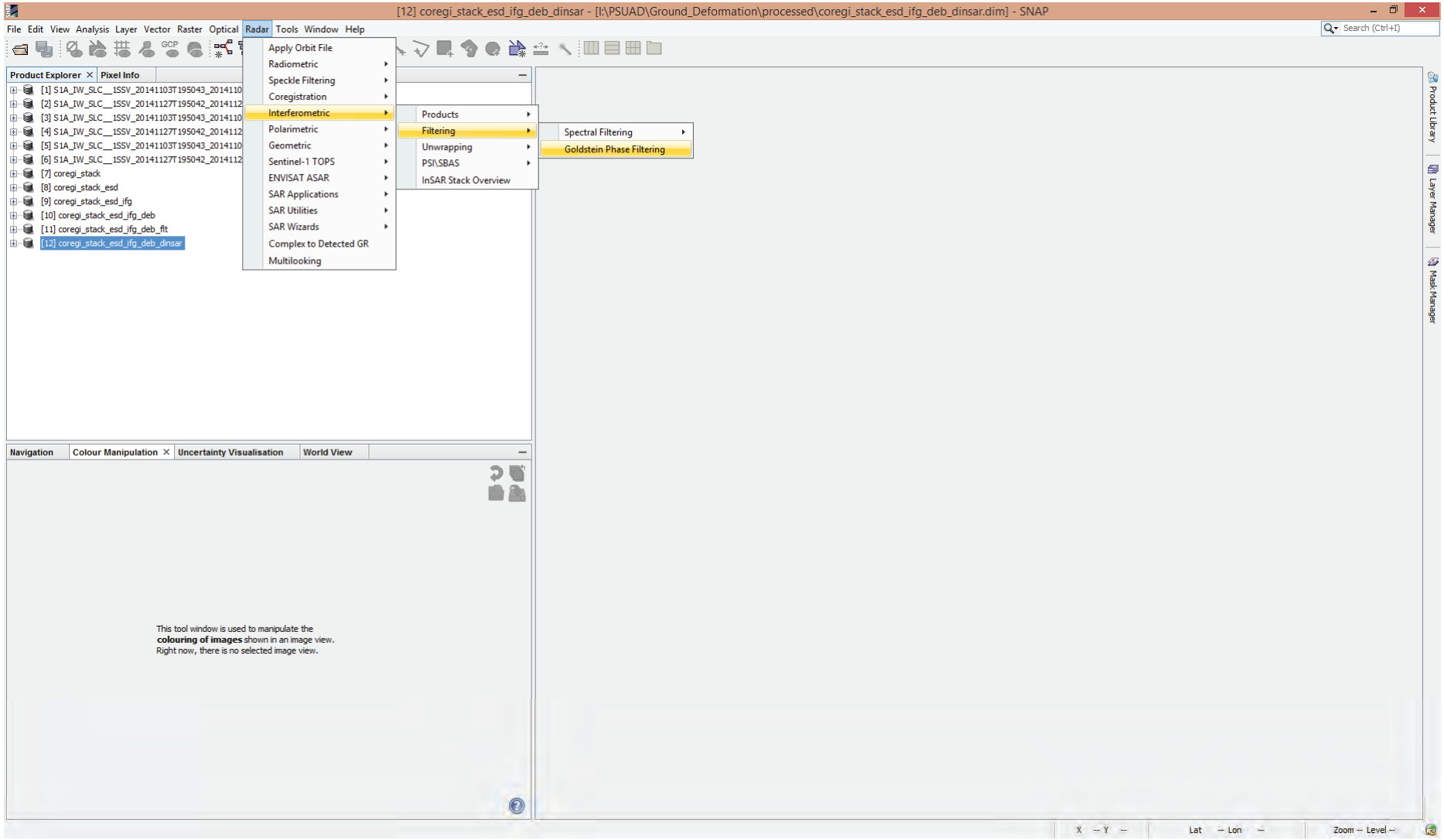

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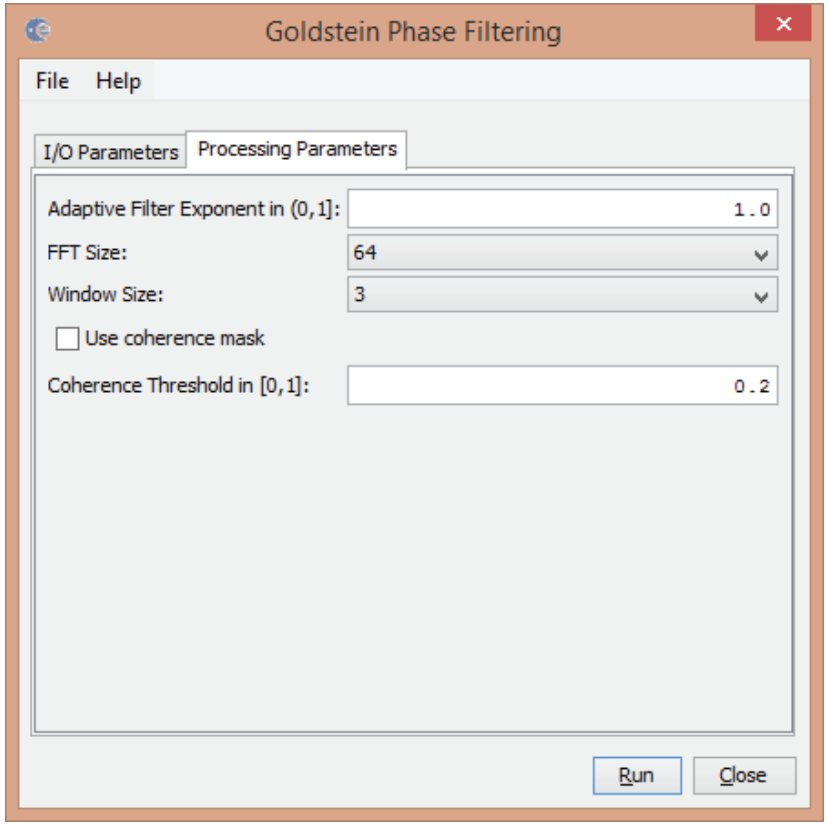

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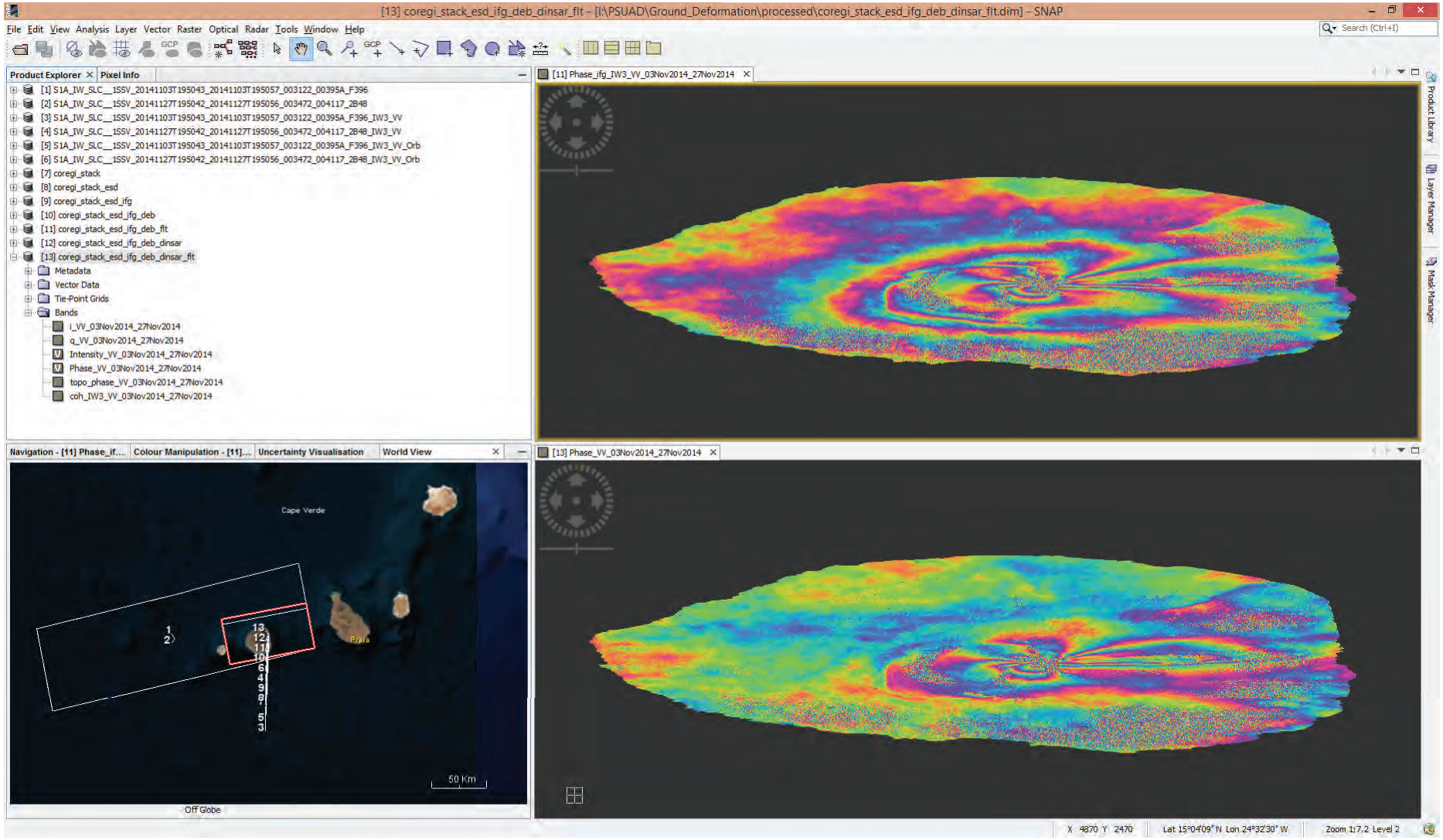

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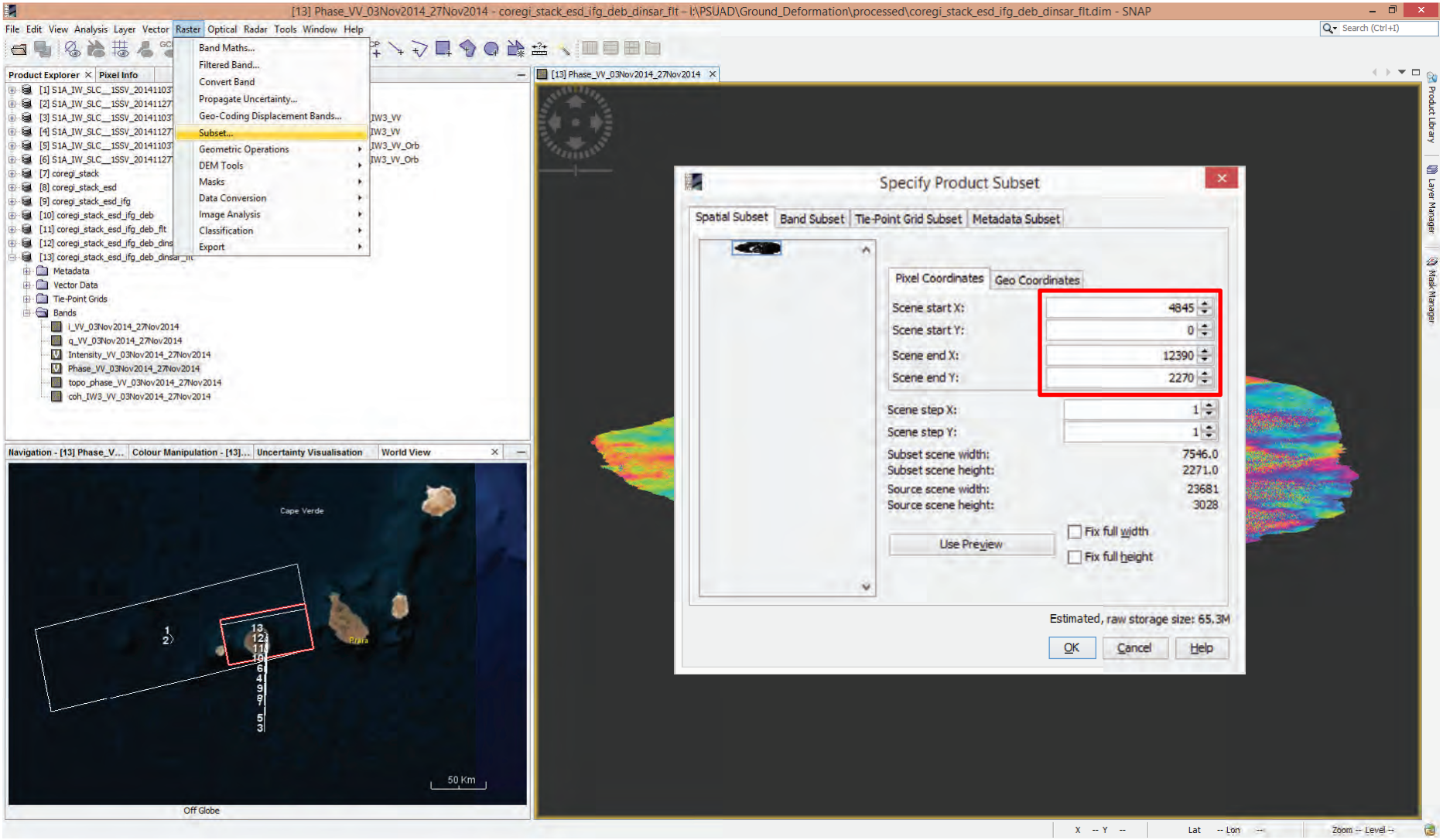

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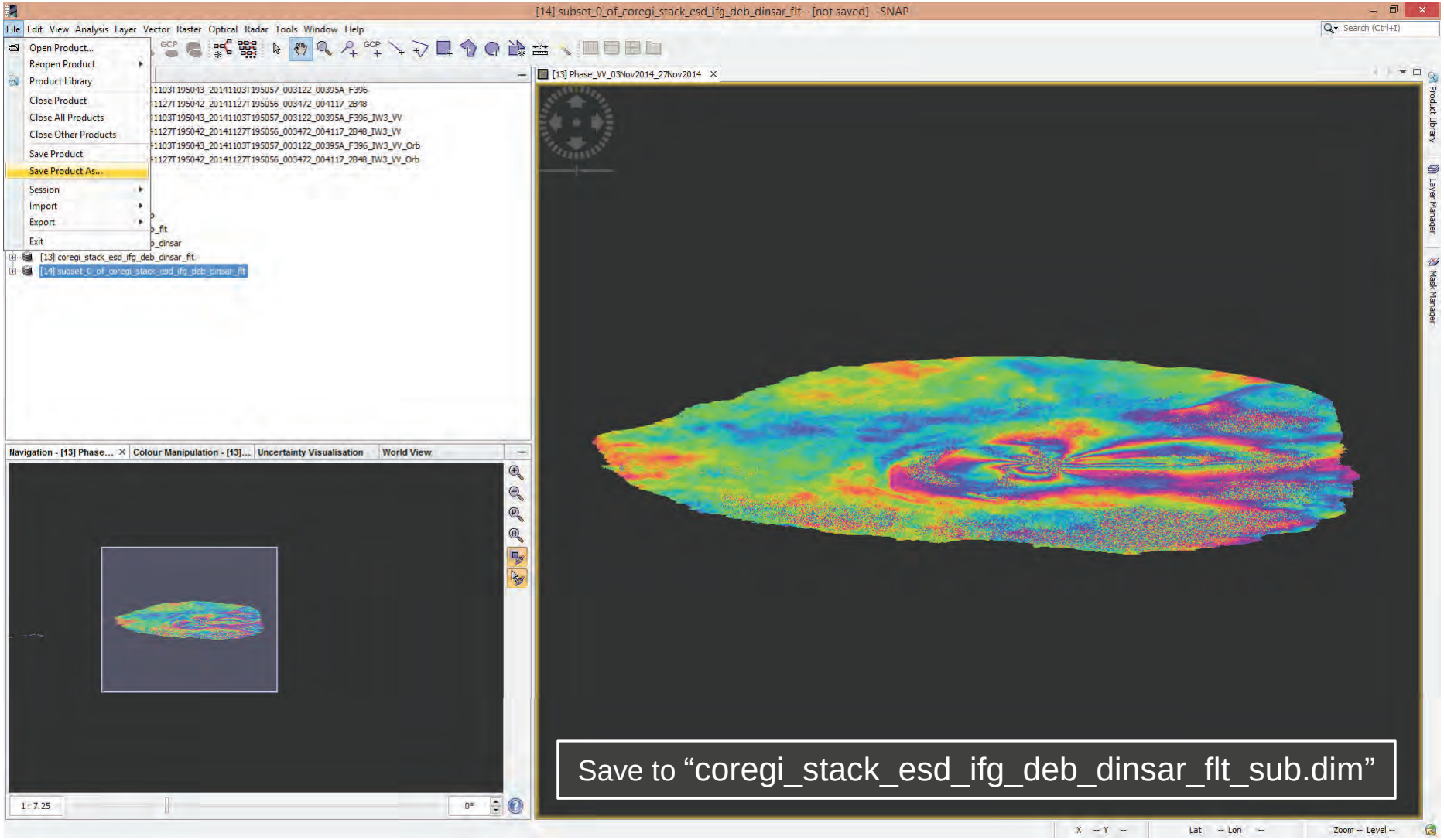

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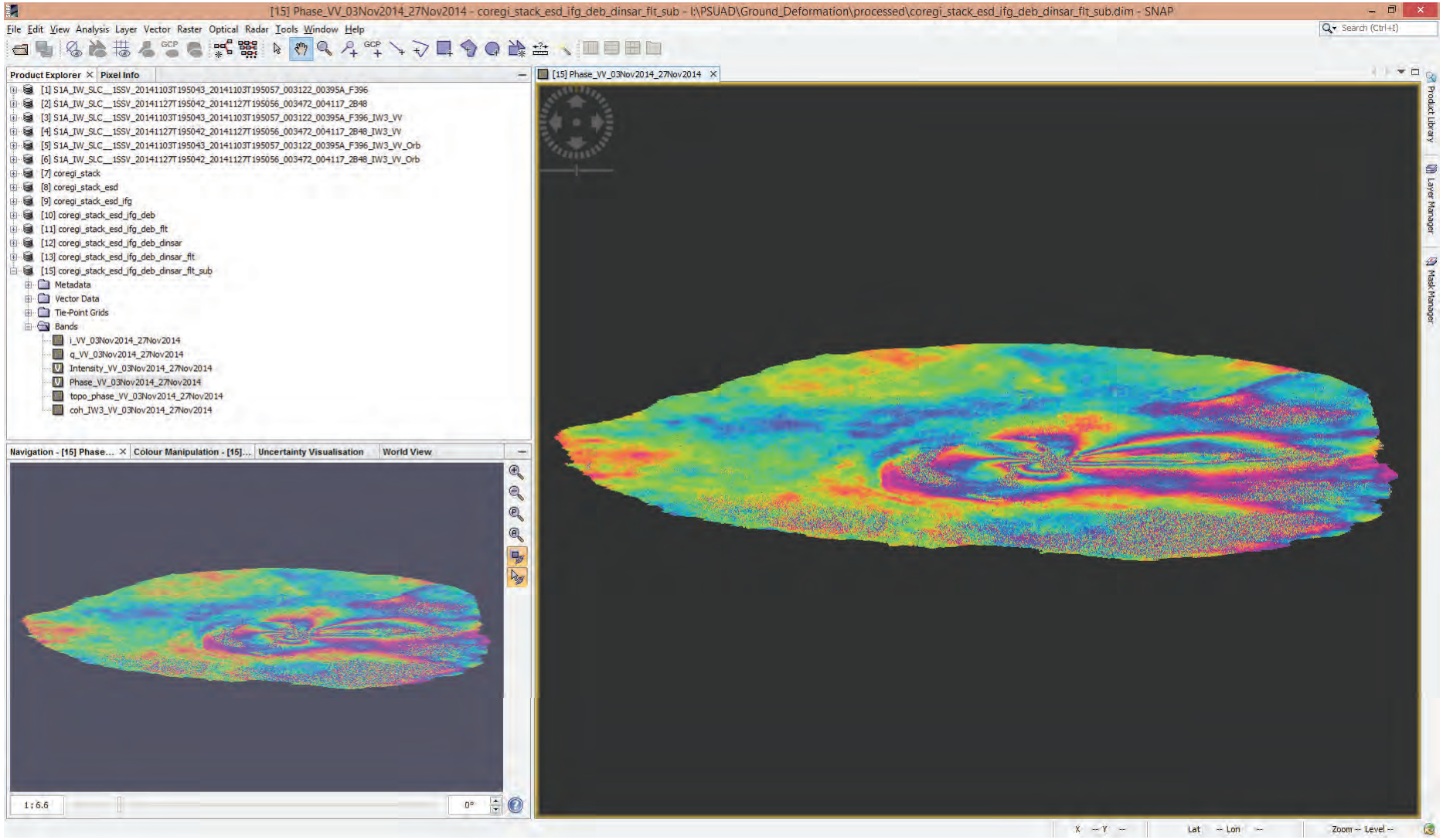
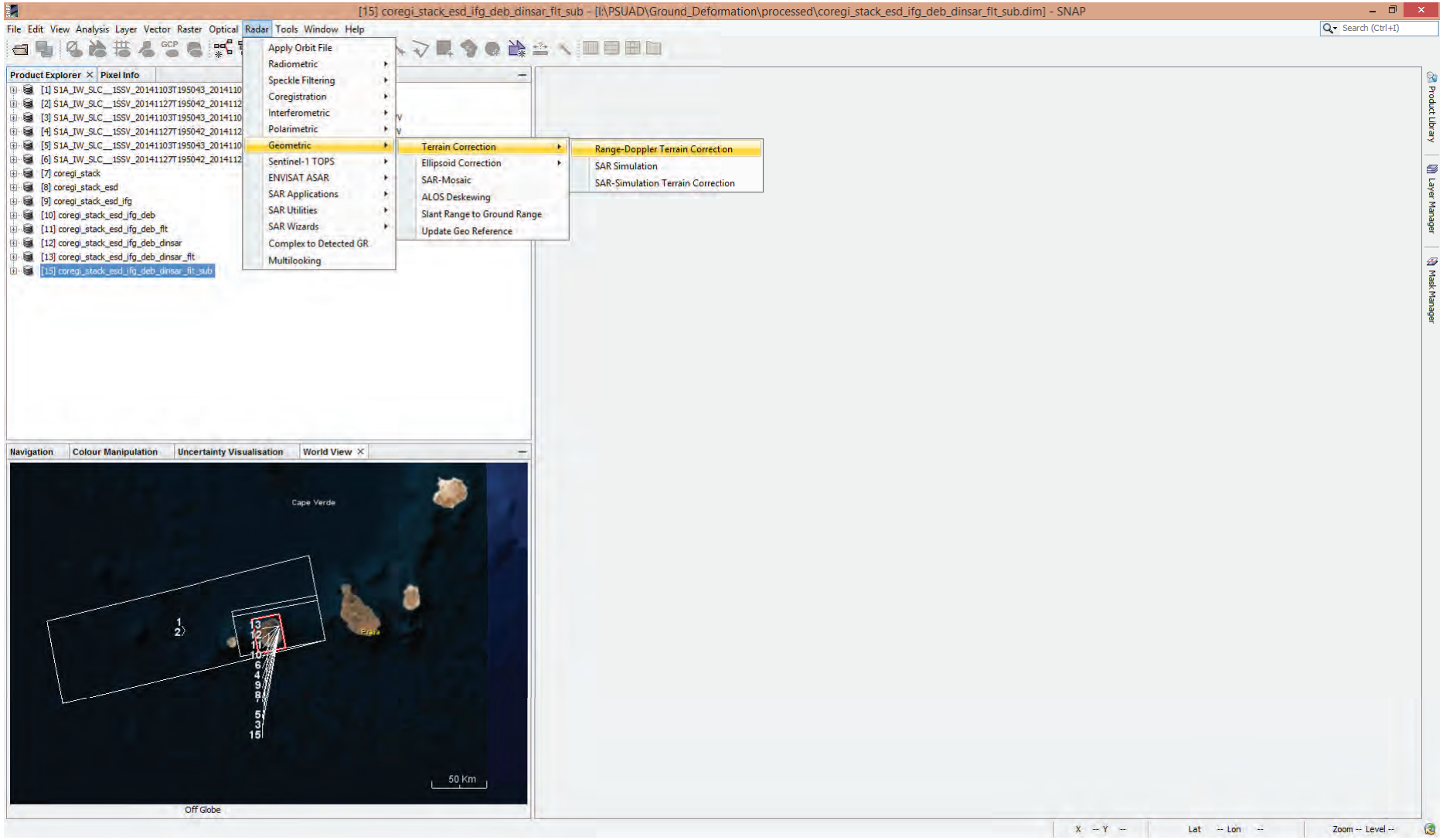


Geocoding of Wrapped DInSAR Phase & Coherence

Range-Doppler Terrain Correction approach



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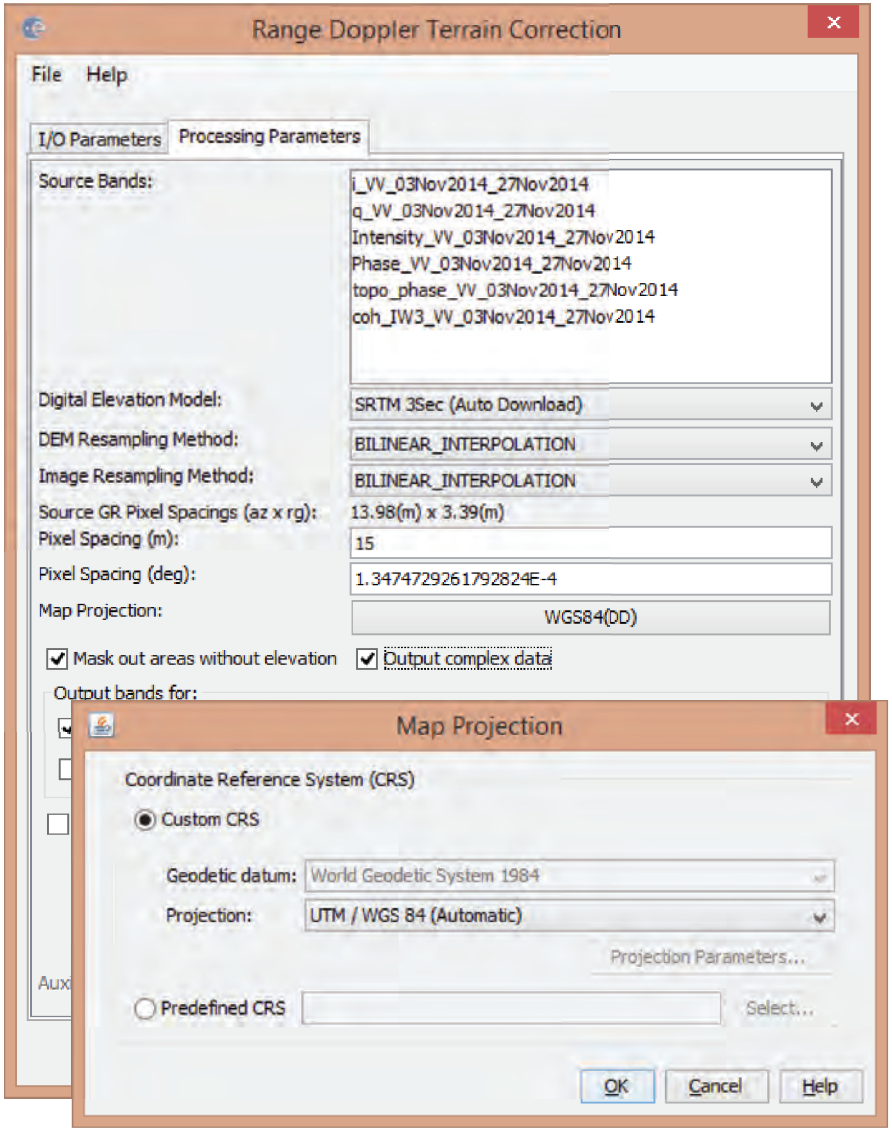
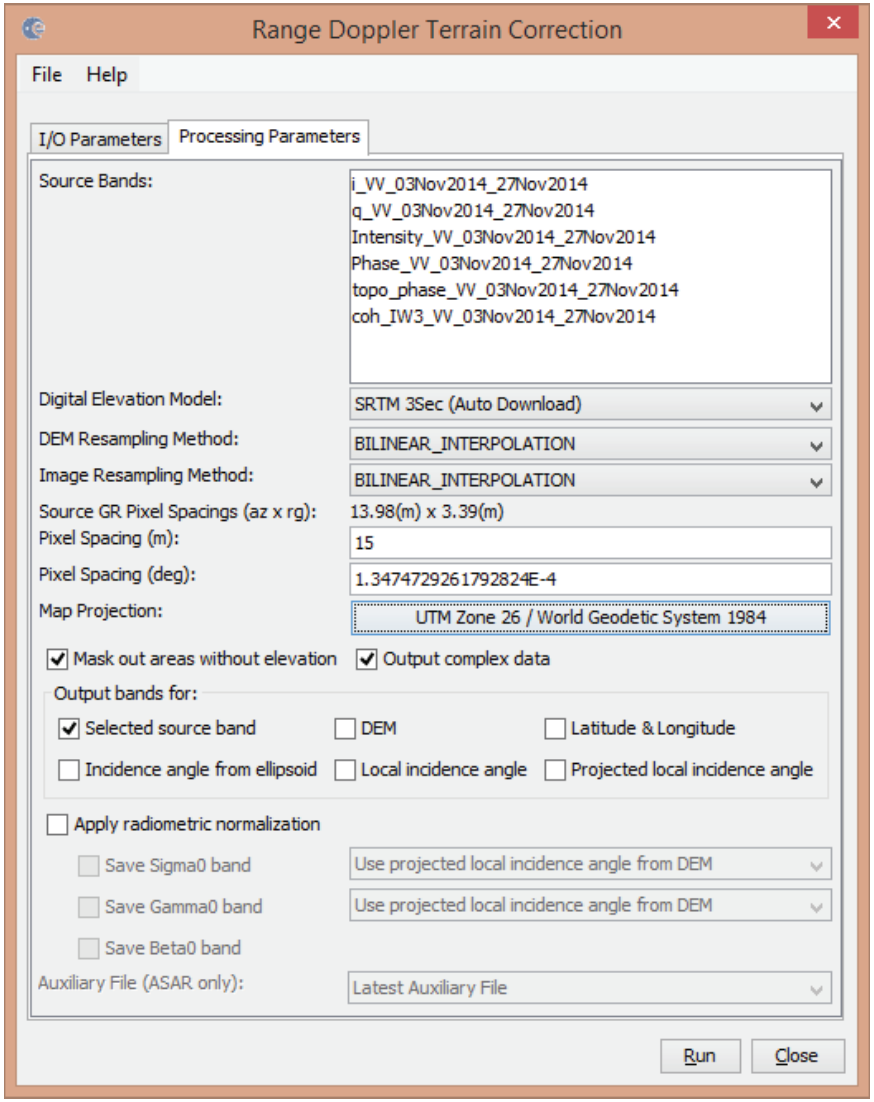
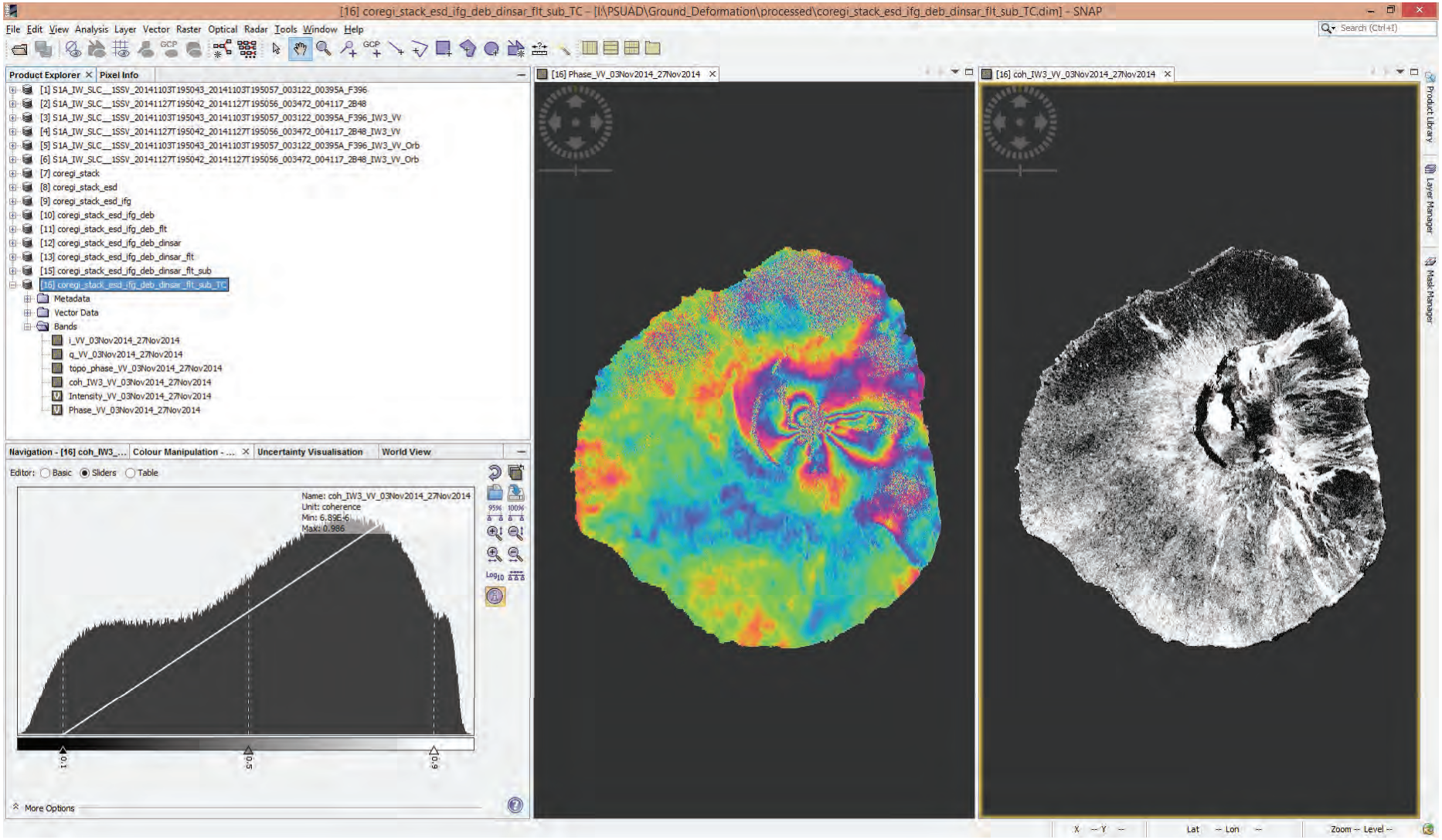




Terrain Corrected
S1 TOPS Differential Interferogram & Coherence Levels



EXERCISE

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Unwrapping using SNAPHU

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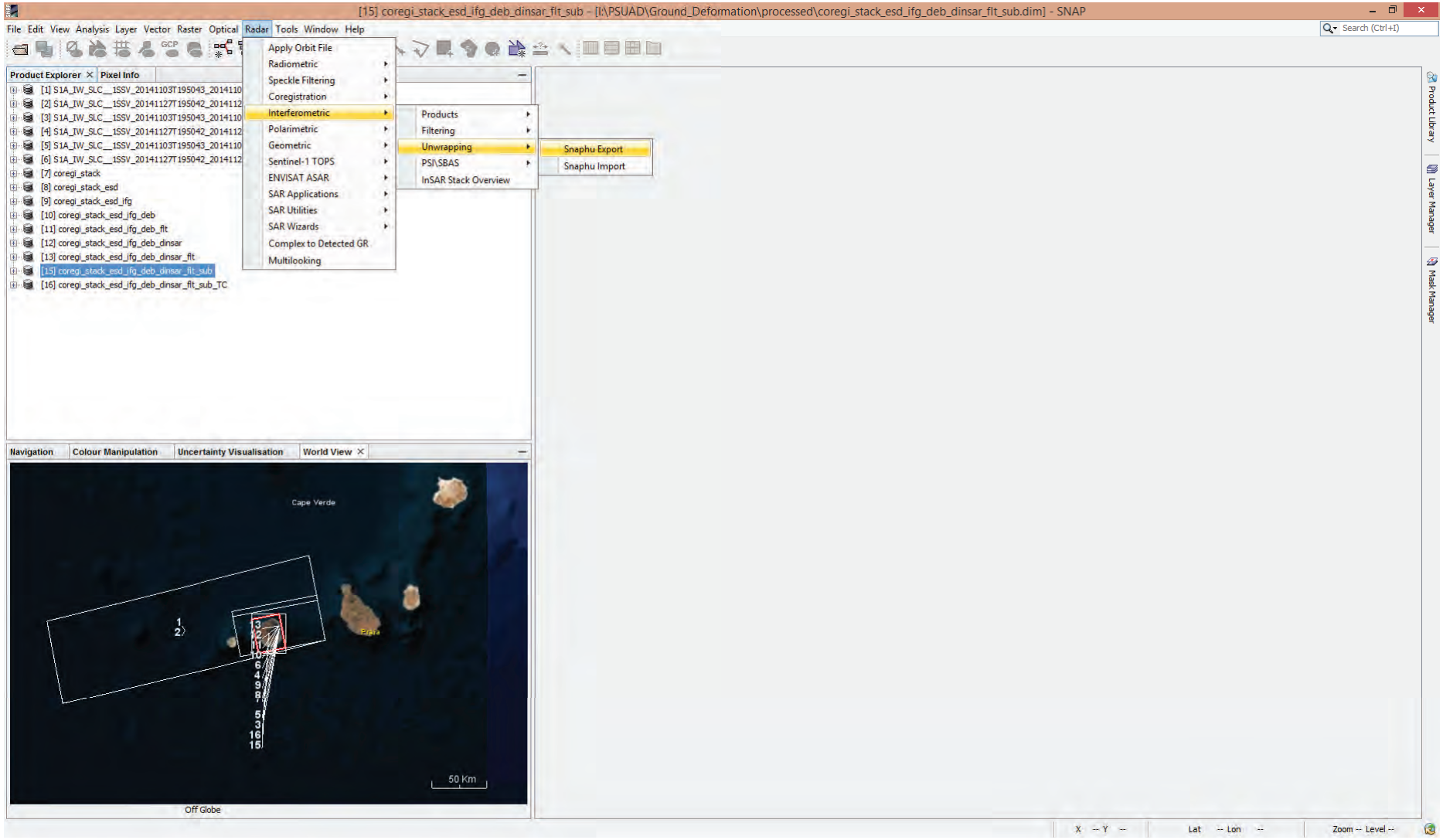
Phase Unwrapping

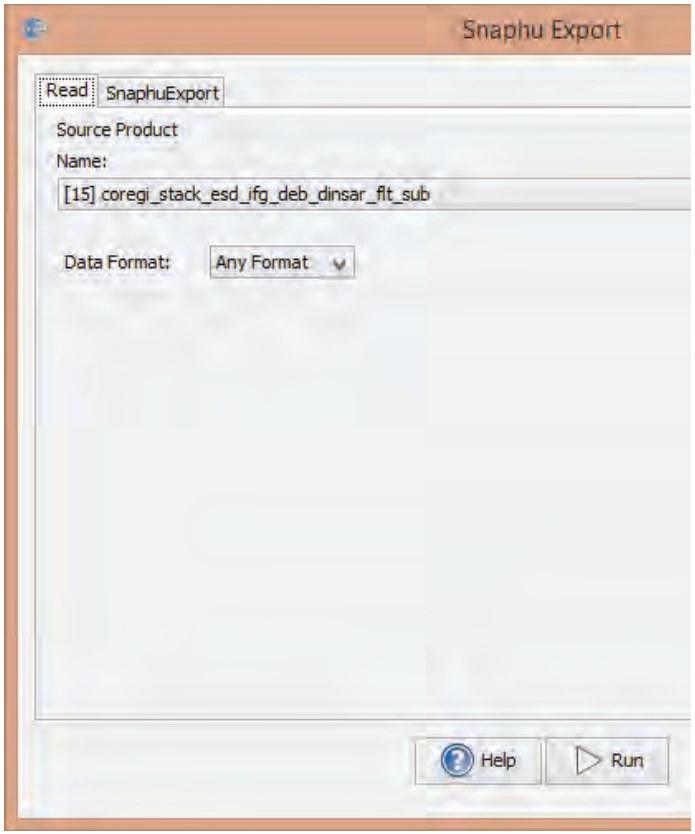
Statistical-cost Network-flow Algorithm for Phase Unwrapping (**SNAPHU**)

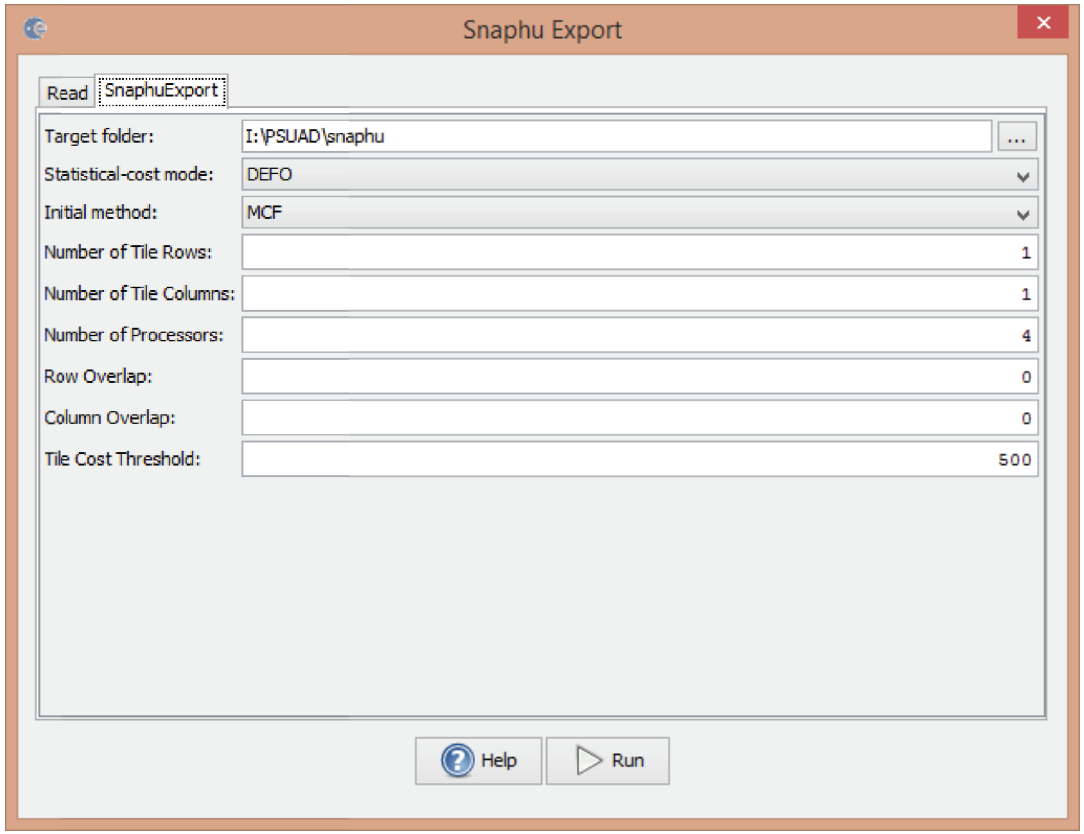


Export to SNAPHU format

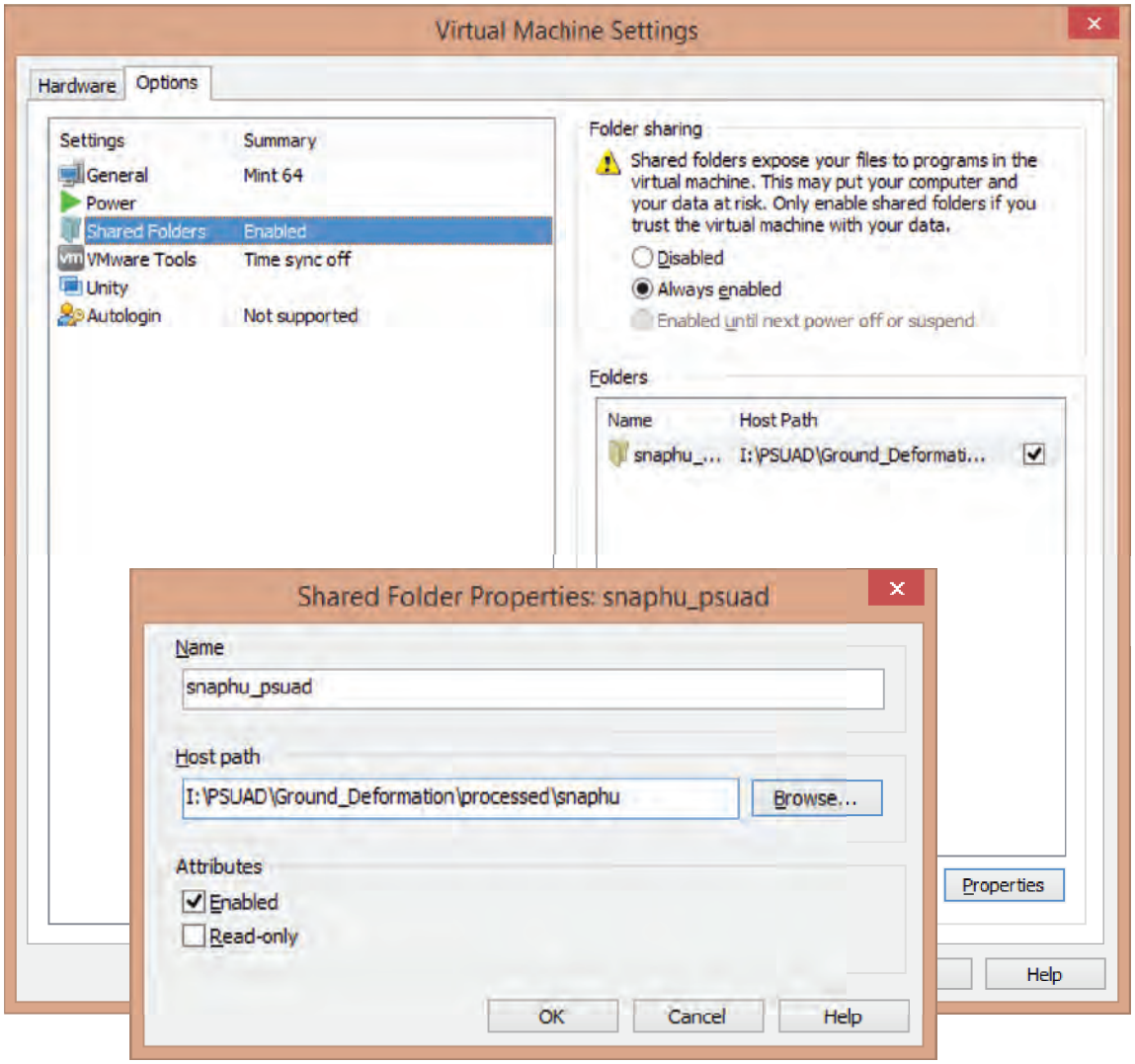
Export files required by SNAPHU to “…\outputs\snaphu” folder

Copy wrapped phases to “…\outputs\snaphu”





Virtual Machine (VM) Setup



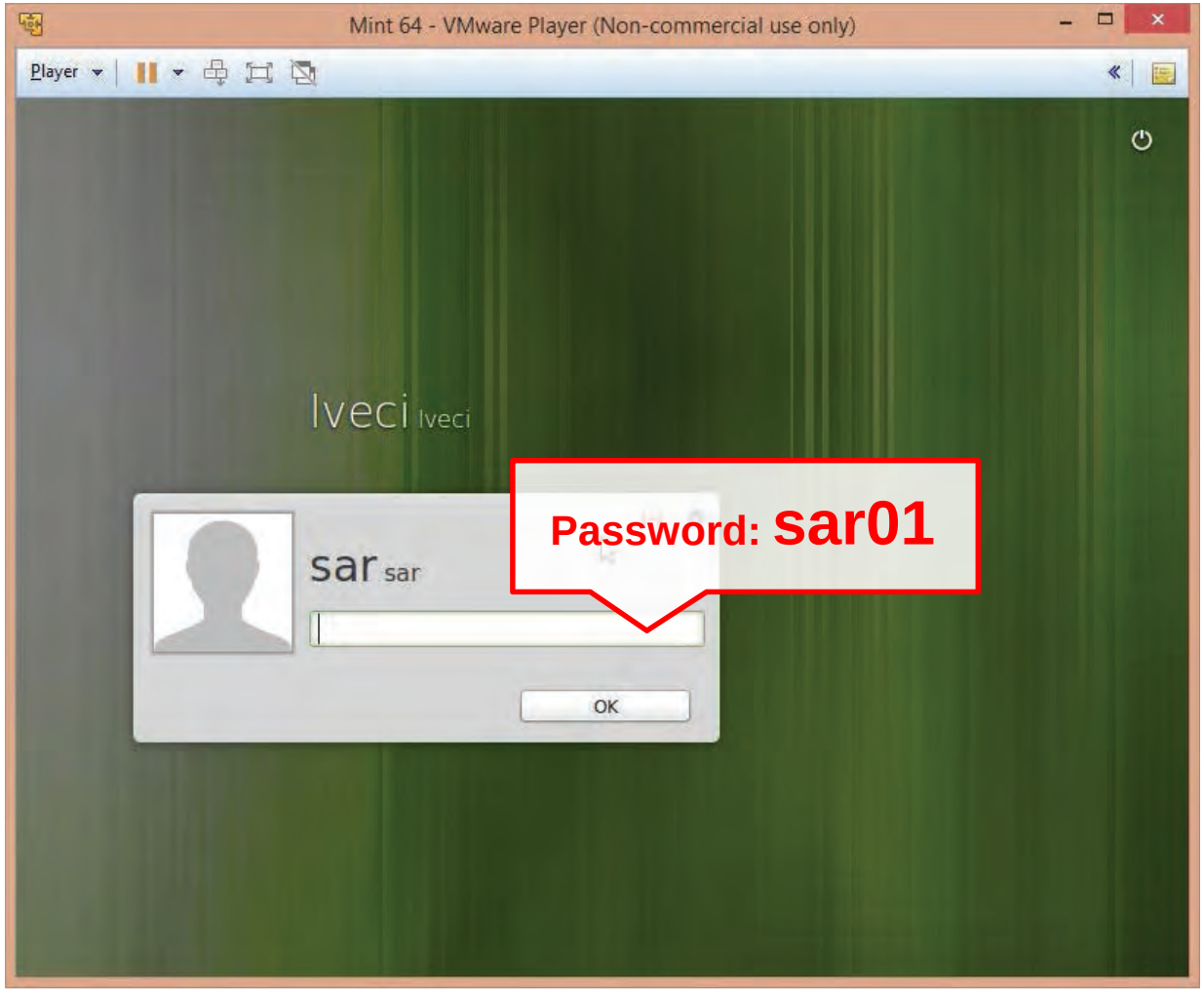
Download and install the dedicated Linux VM on Windows to run SNAPHU and apply phase unwrapping

http://sourceforge.net/projects/s1tbx/files/snaphu_vm/SAR%20Mint%2064.zip/download

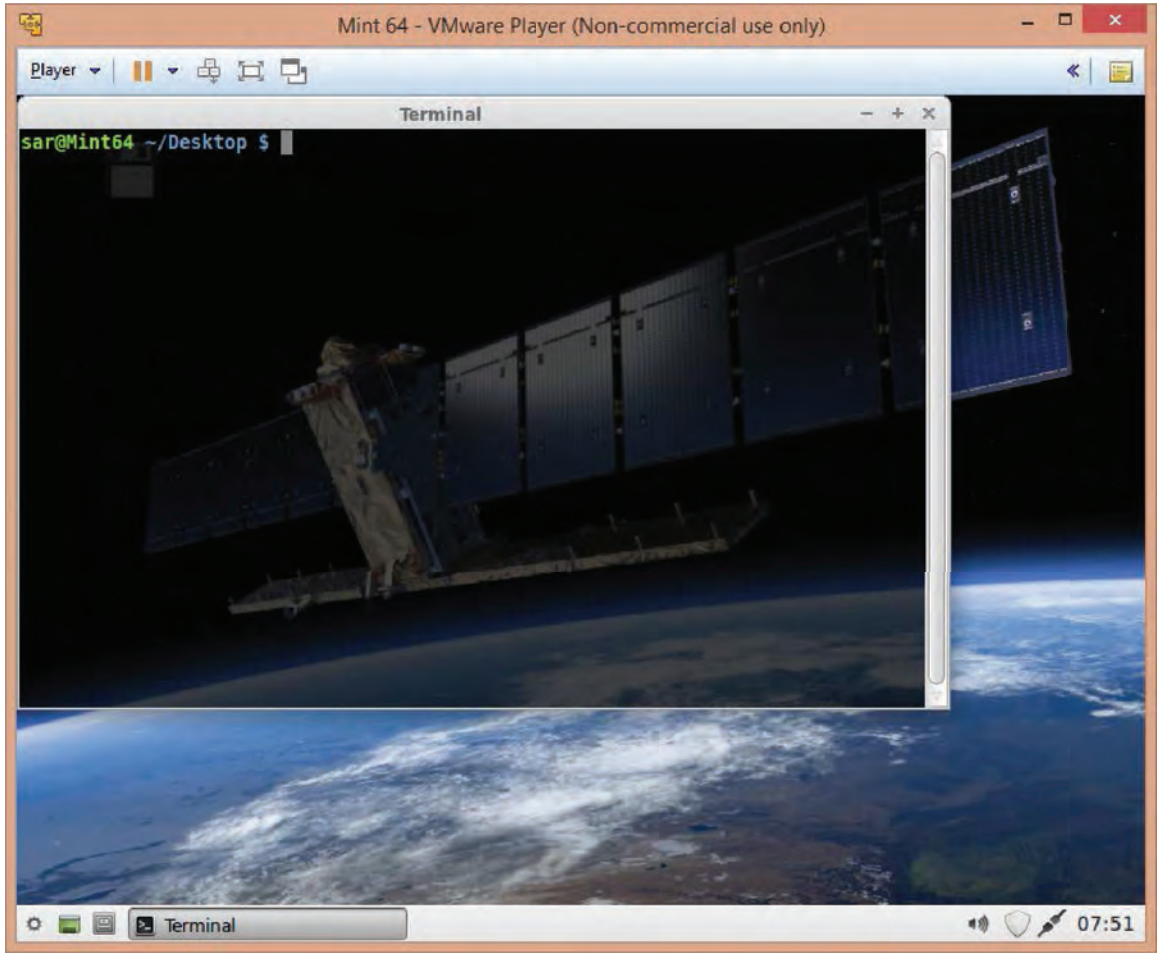
Open the VMware player and browse for the virtual machine

Edit the virtual machine settings to increase the memory and setup a shared folder between Linux and Windows.

Phase Unwrapping
VM Initialization



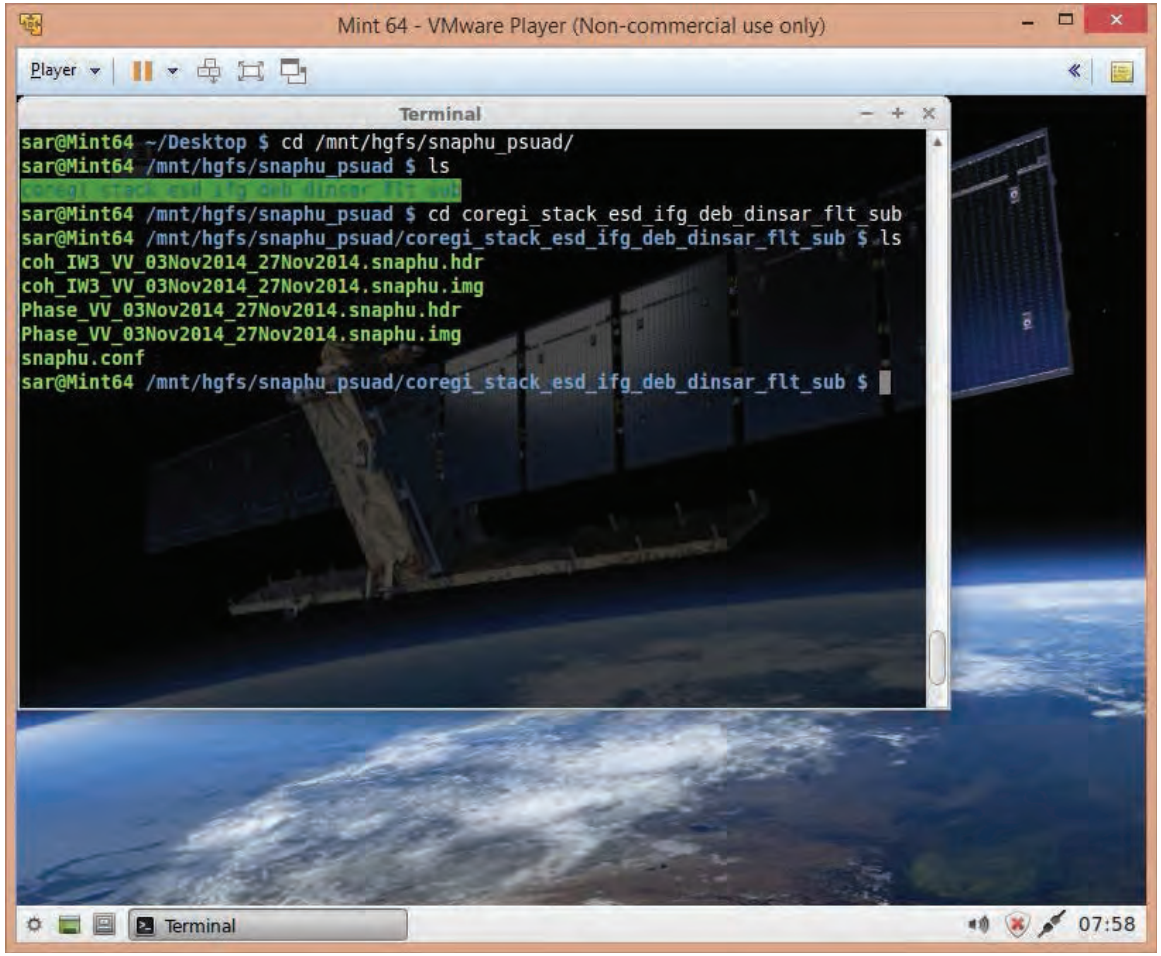
Working in Linux Terminal



Right Click and select

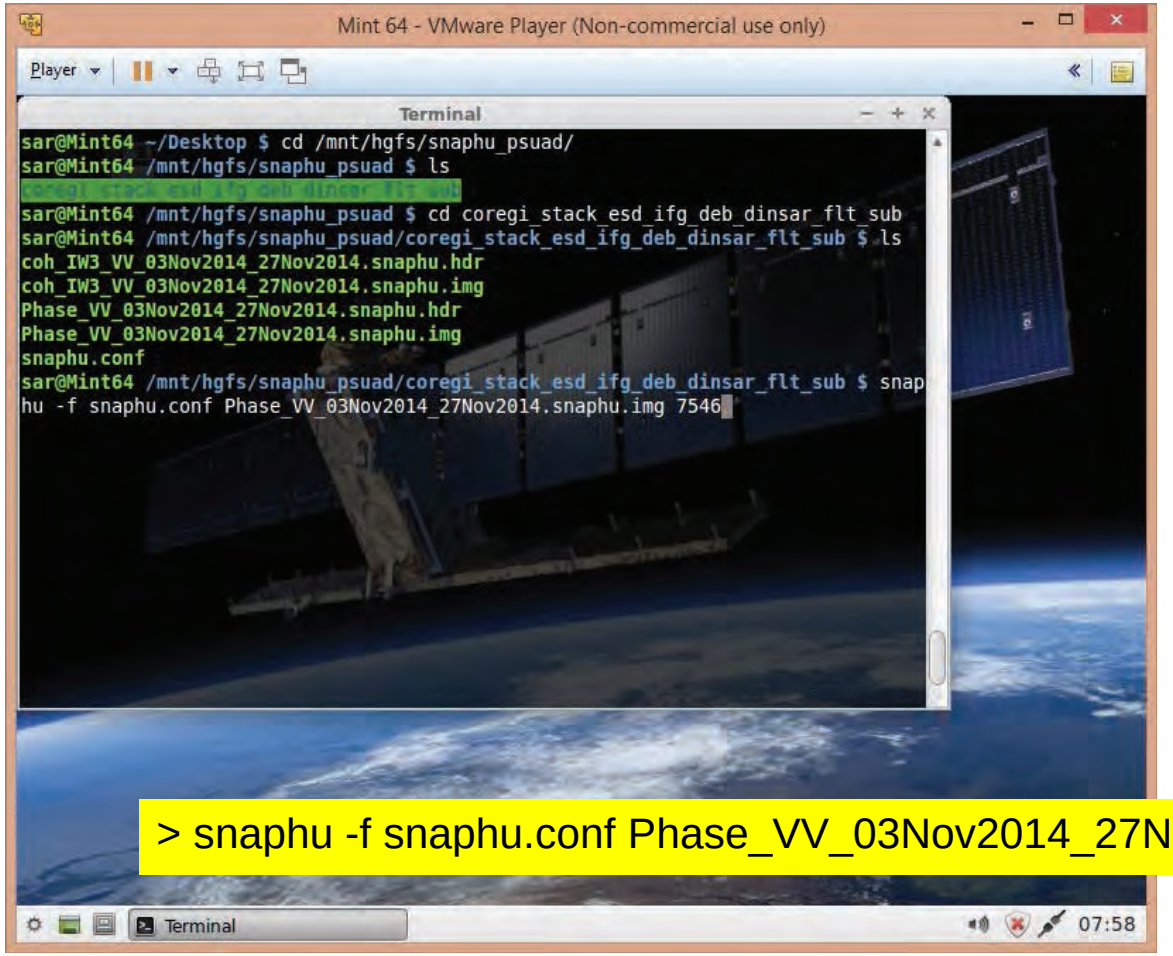
“Open Terminal Here”

NAVigating to Processing Folder



> cd /mnt/hgfs/snaphu/

Running Predefined Unwrapping Command



Unwrapping command for the specific data inputs can be found in **snaphu.conf**

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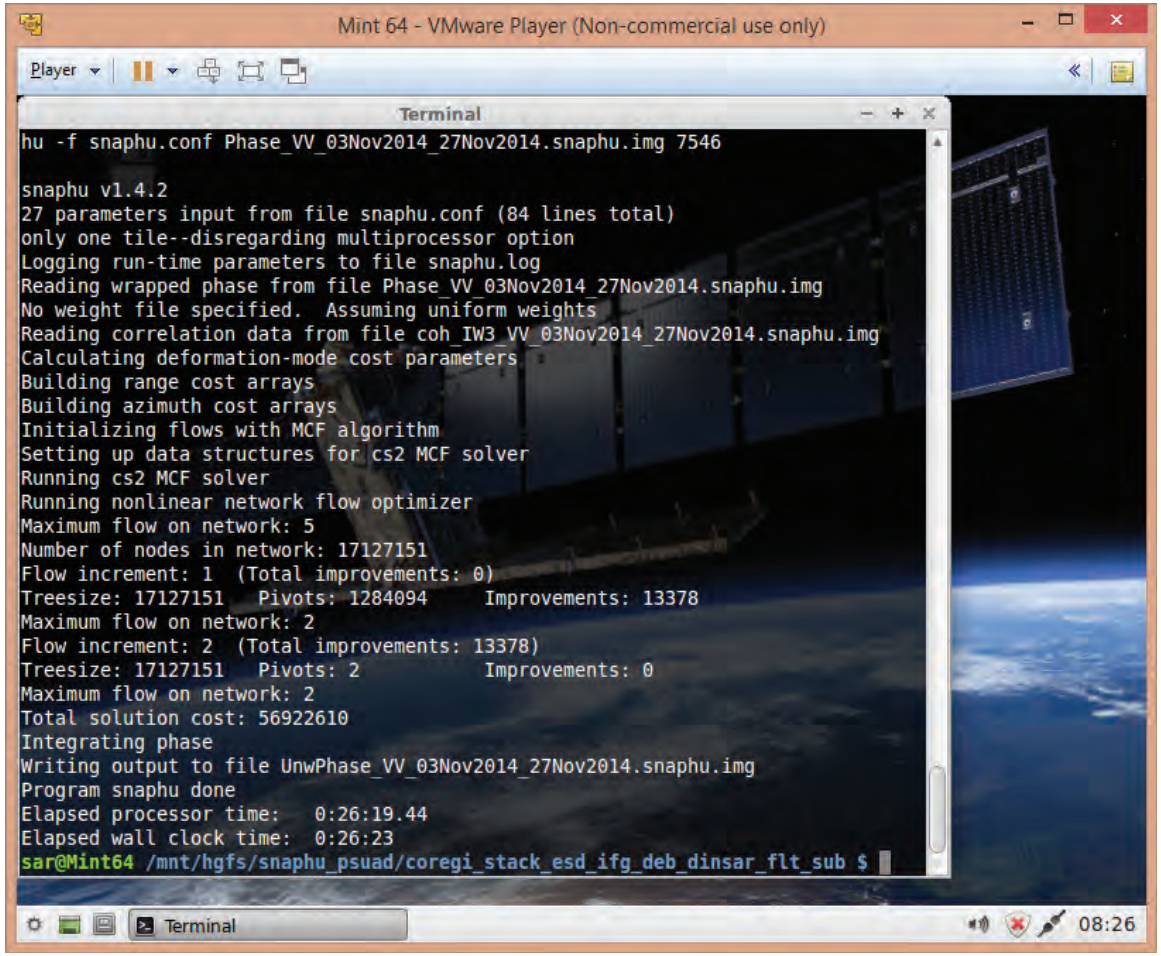
SNAPHU Processing



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Phase Unwrapping
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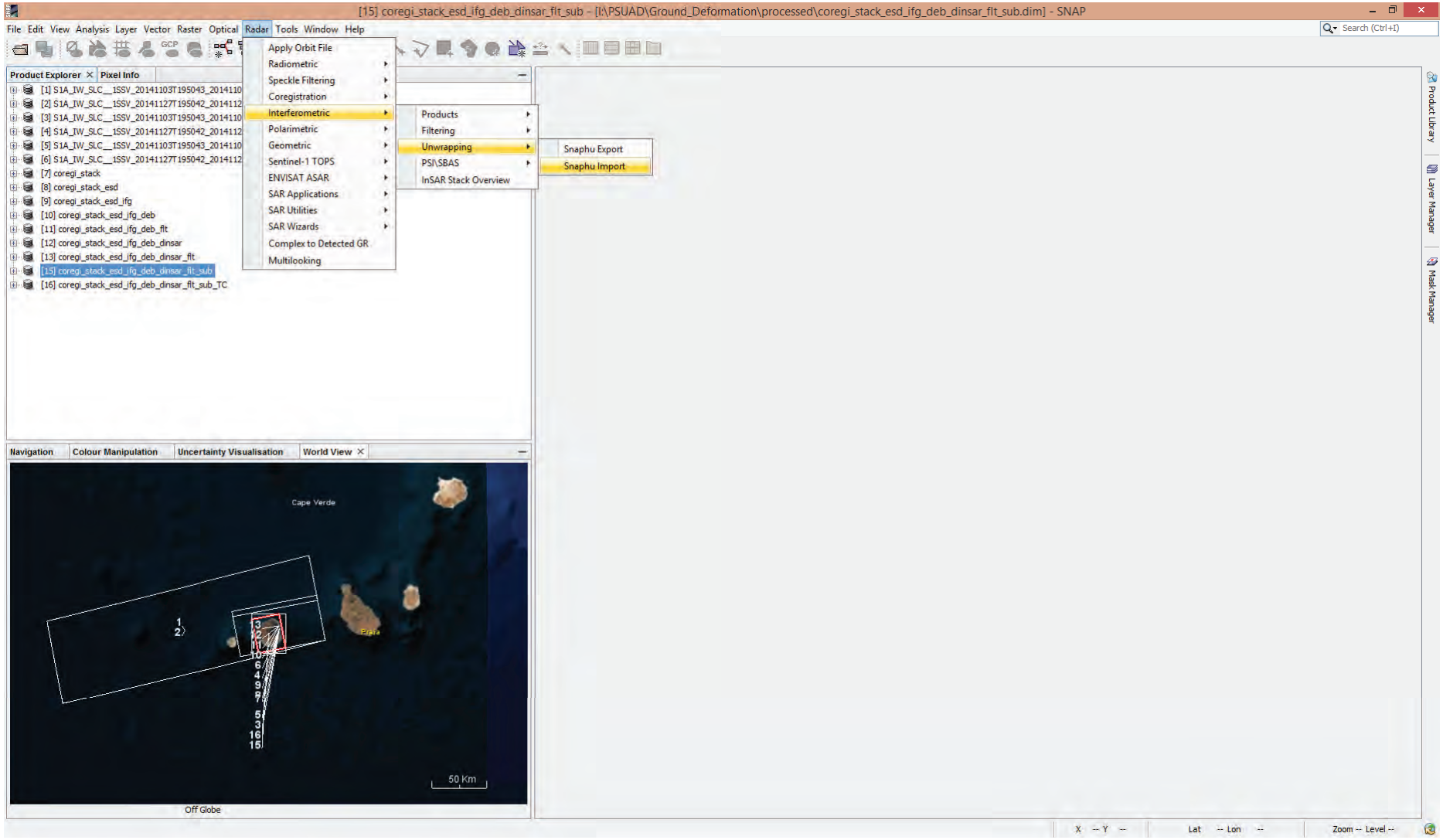

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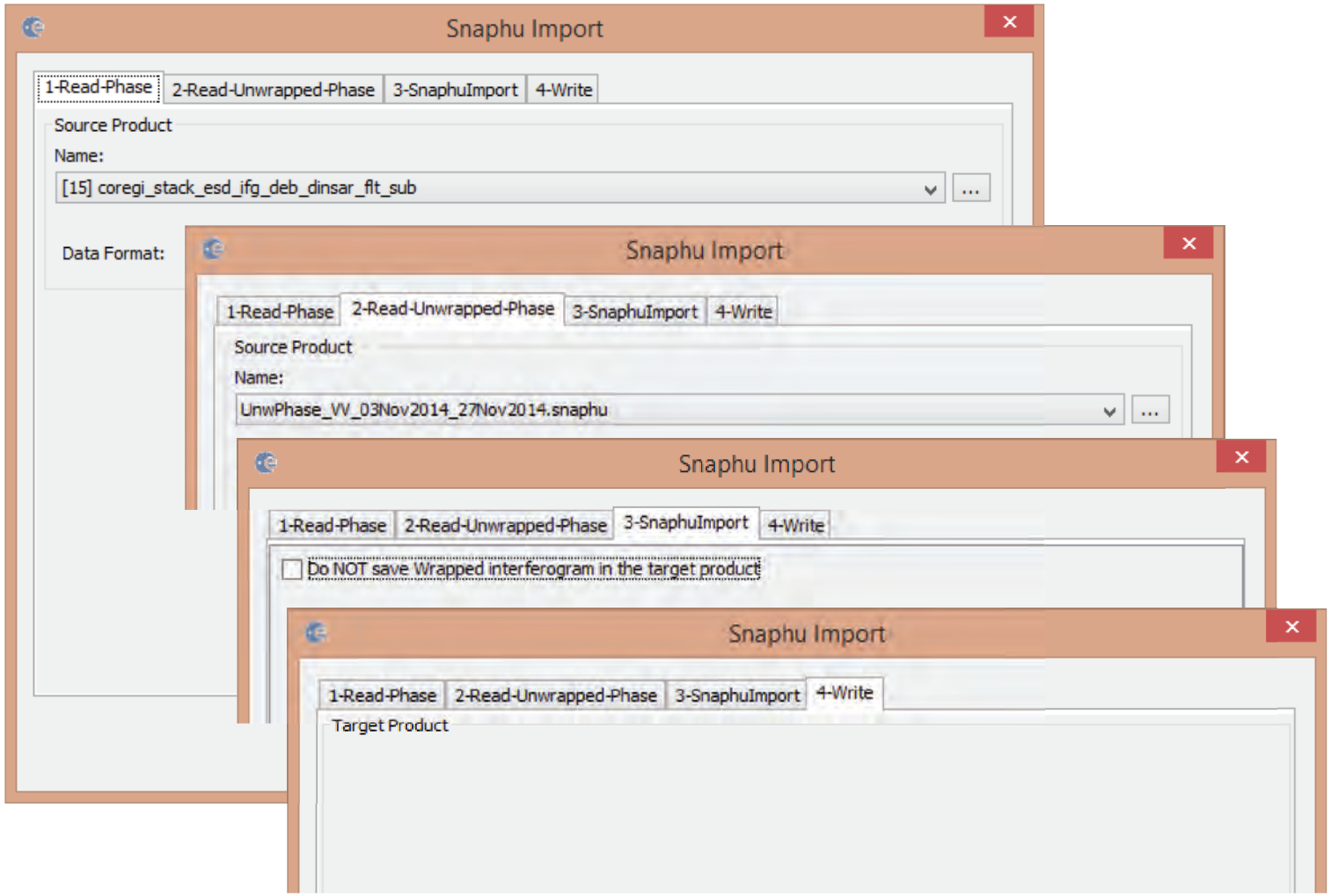

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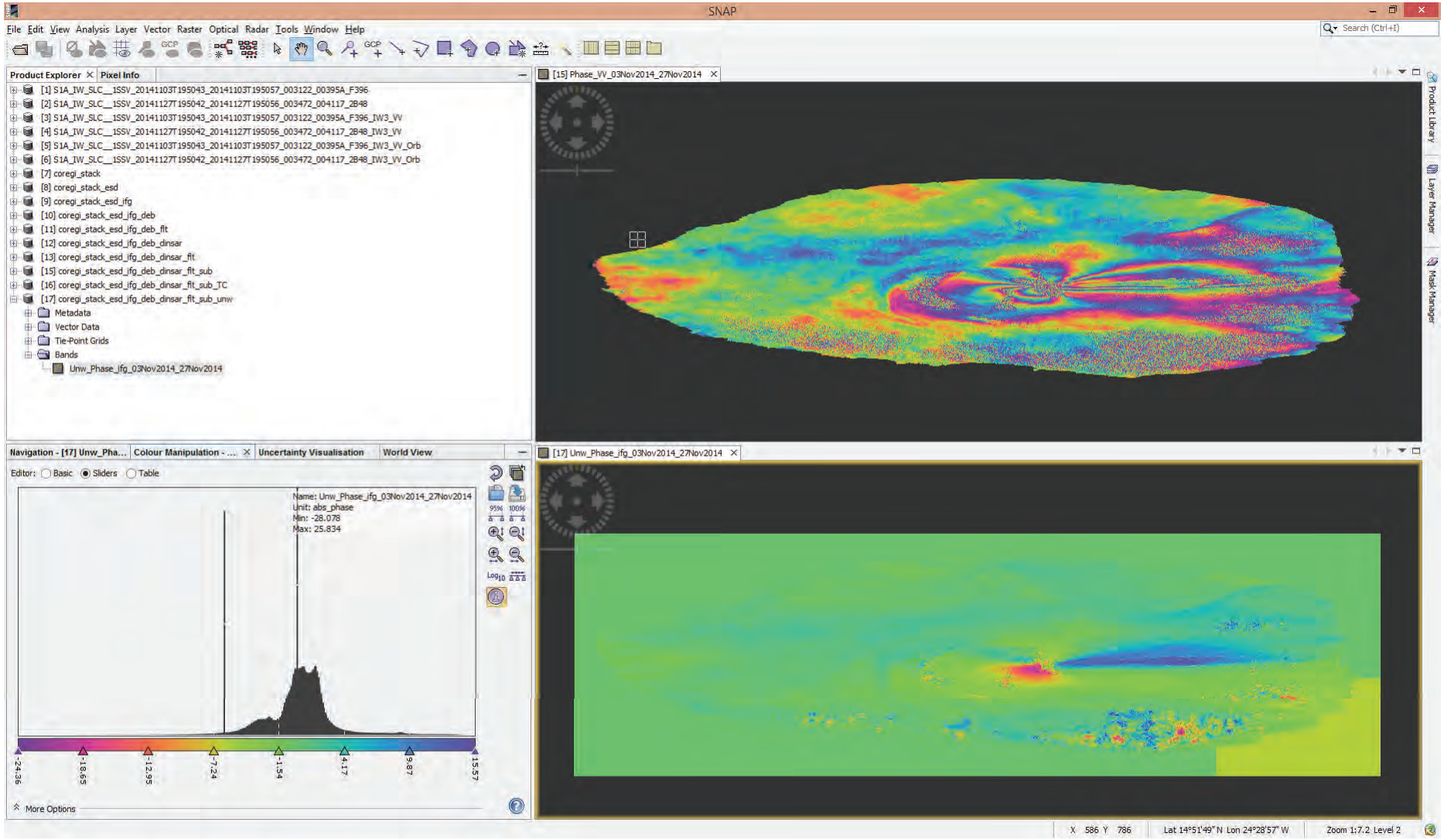


EXERCISE

PART 3
Displacement Measurements & Terrain Geocoding

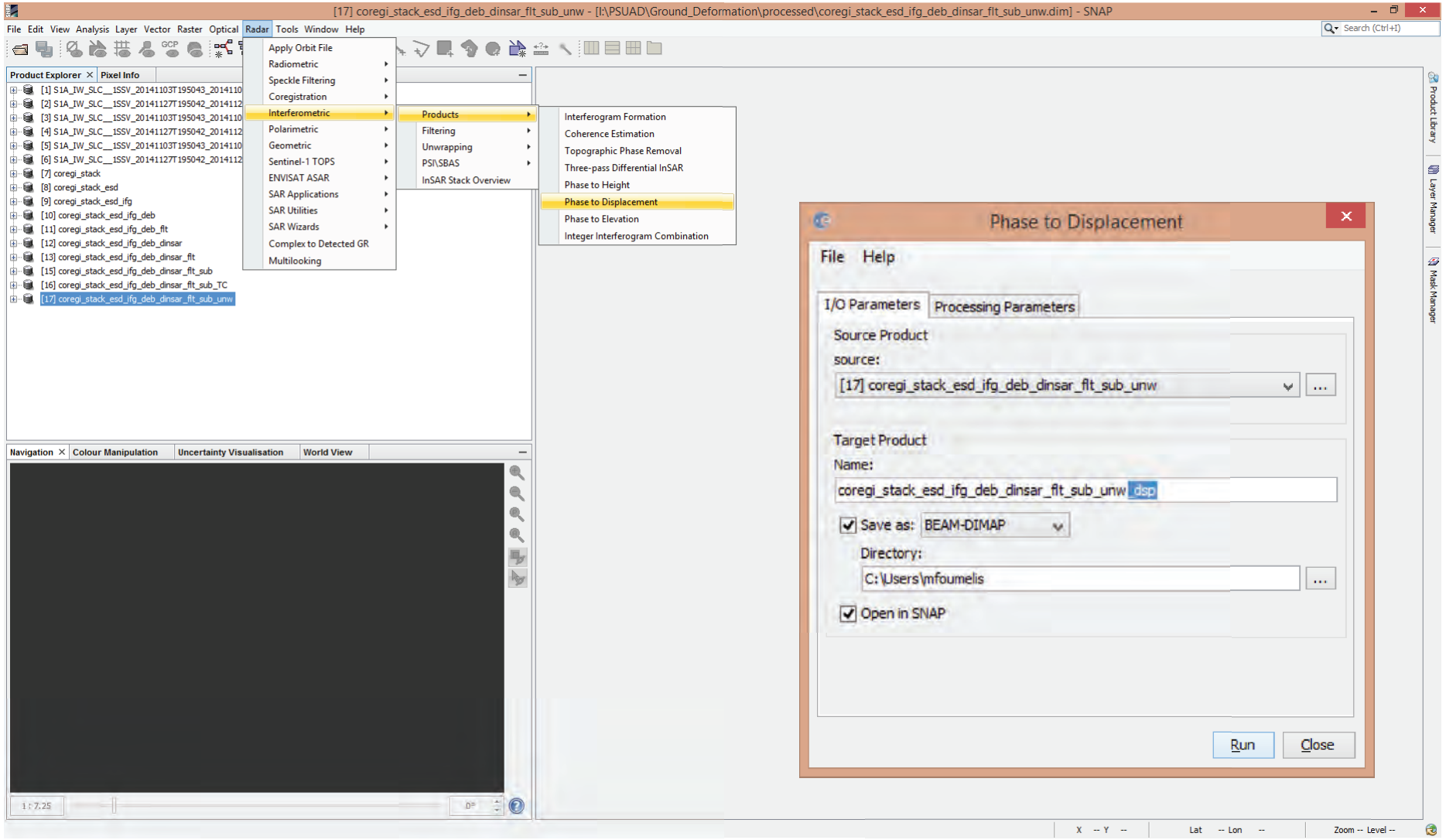
EXERCISE Processing Steps (PART 3)

- Split IW Subswath (incl. Polarization) over AOI
- Update Orbit State Vectors
- Backgeocoding (DEM-assisted coregistration)
- Correct for Range and Azimuth Shifts (ESD algorithm)

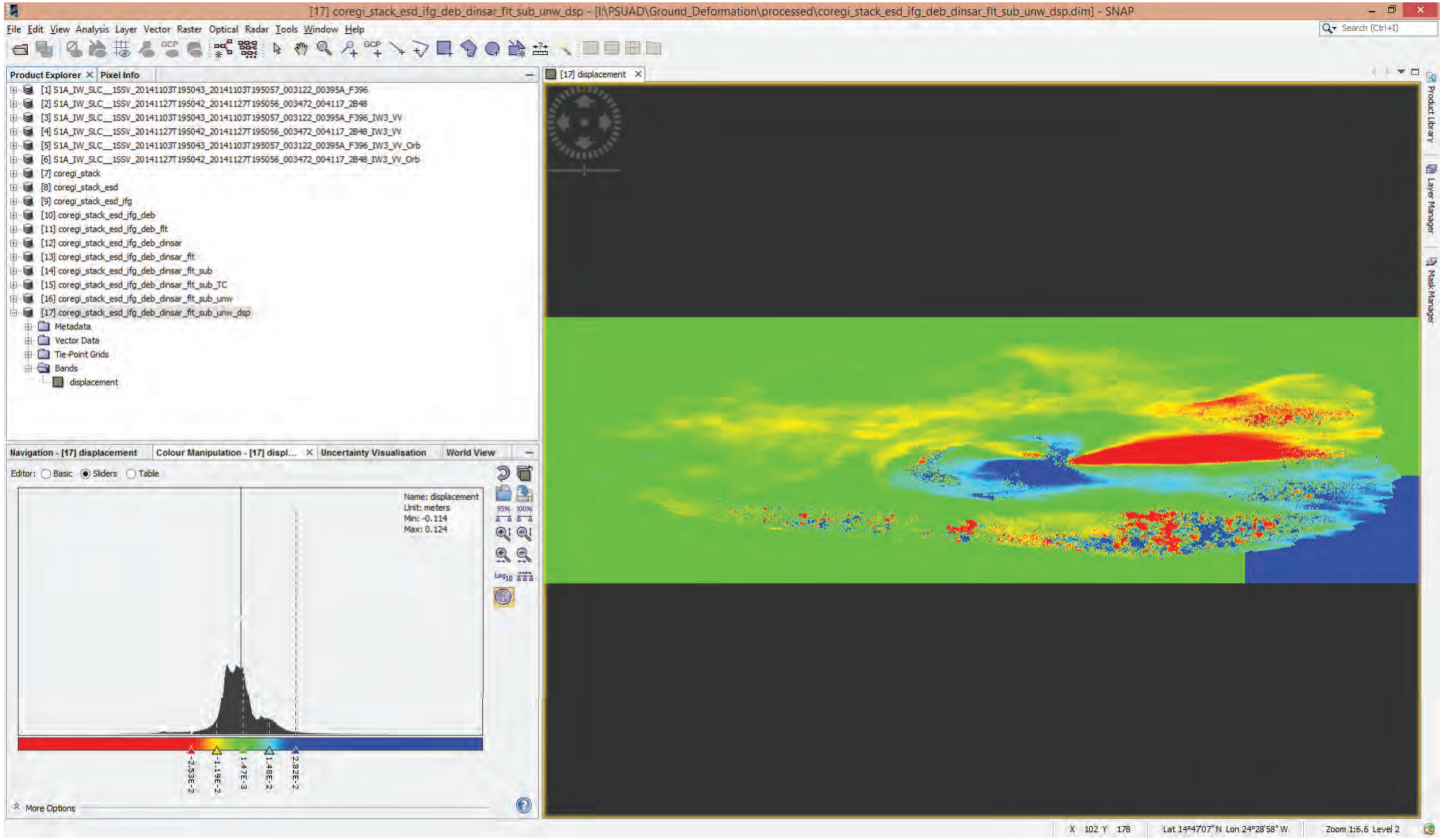
TOPS Coregistration

- Interferogram Generation (incl. Coherence)
- Goldstein Phase Filtering
- Phase Unwrapping (SNAPHU)
- Convert Phase to Displacement
- Terrain Correction Geocoding

Conversion of Unwrapped Phase to Displacement



Ground Displacement along the Line-of-Sight (LOS)



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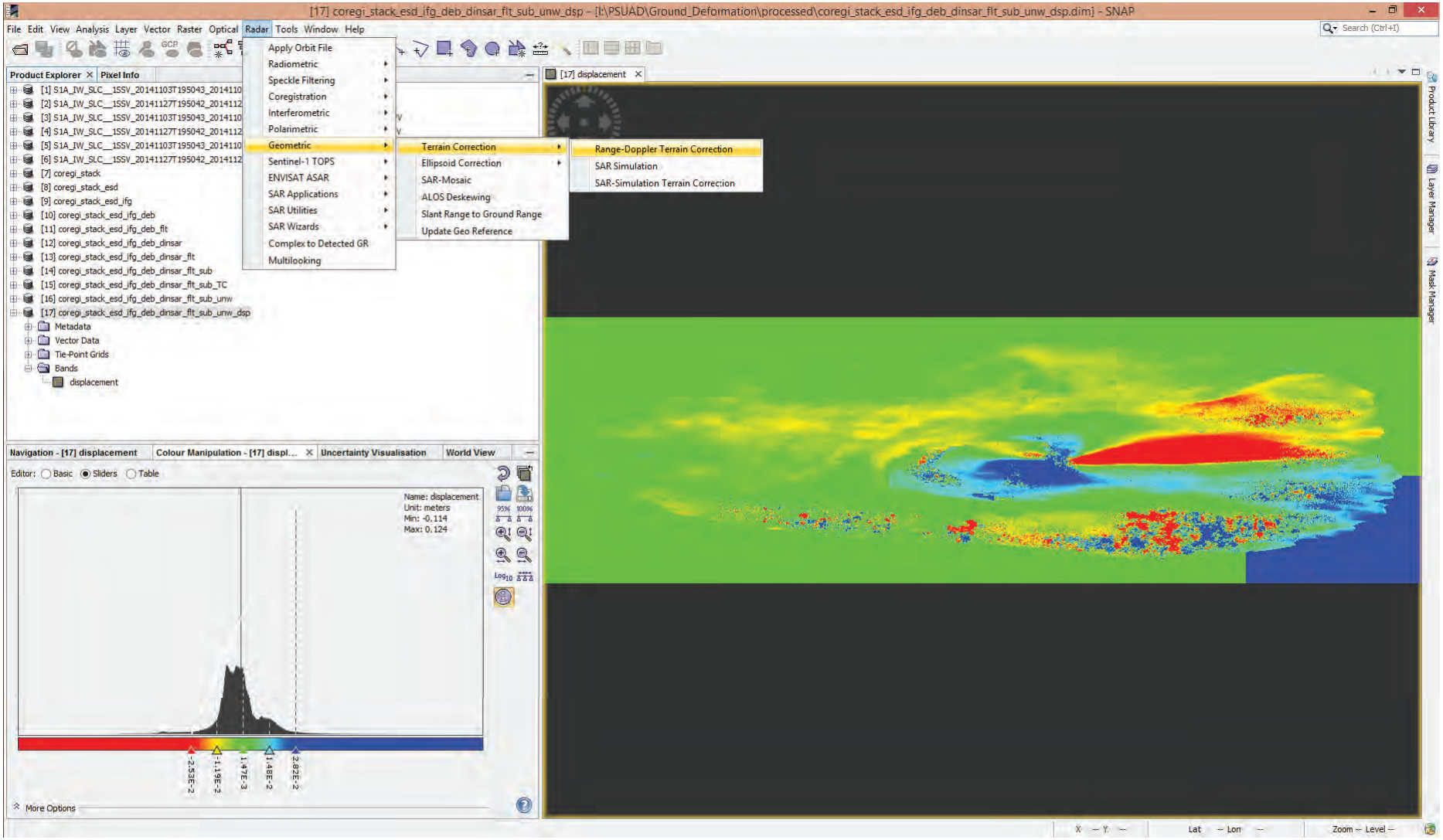

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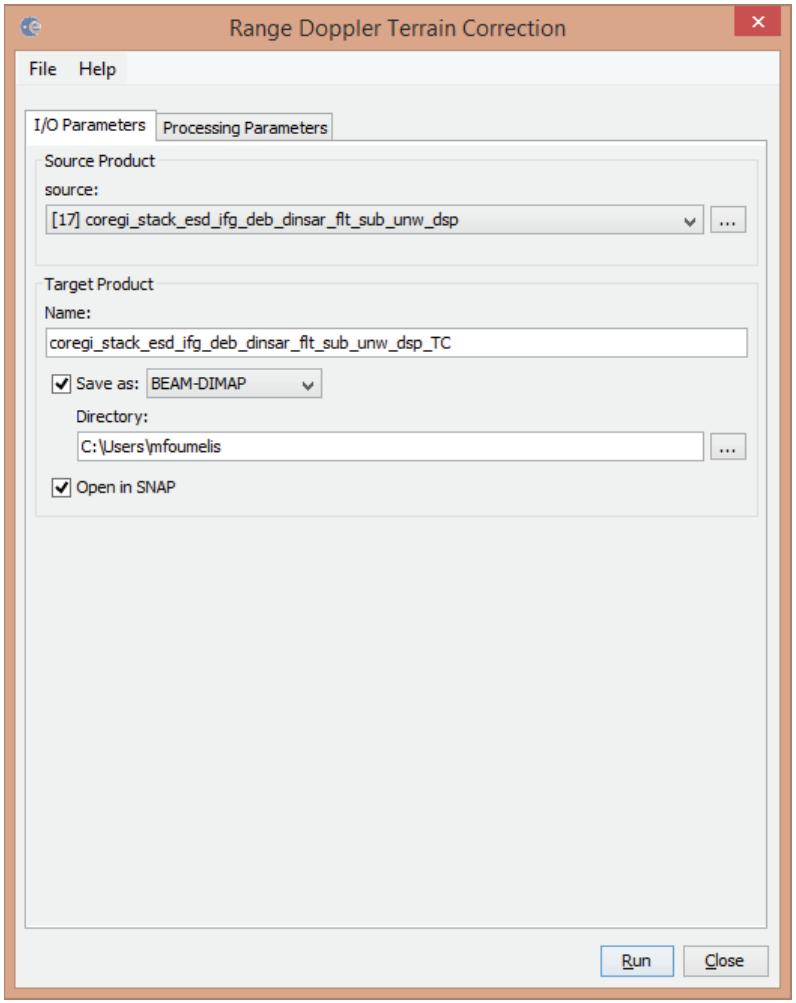

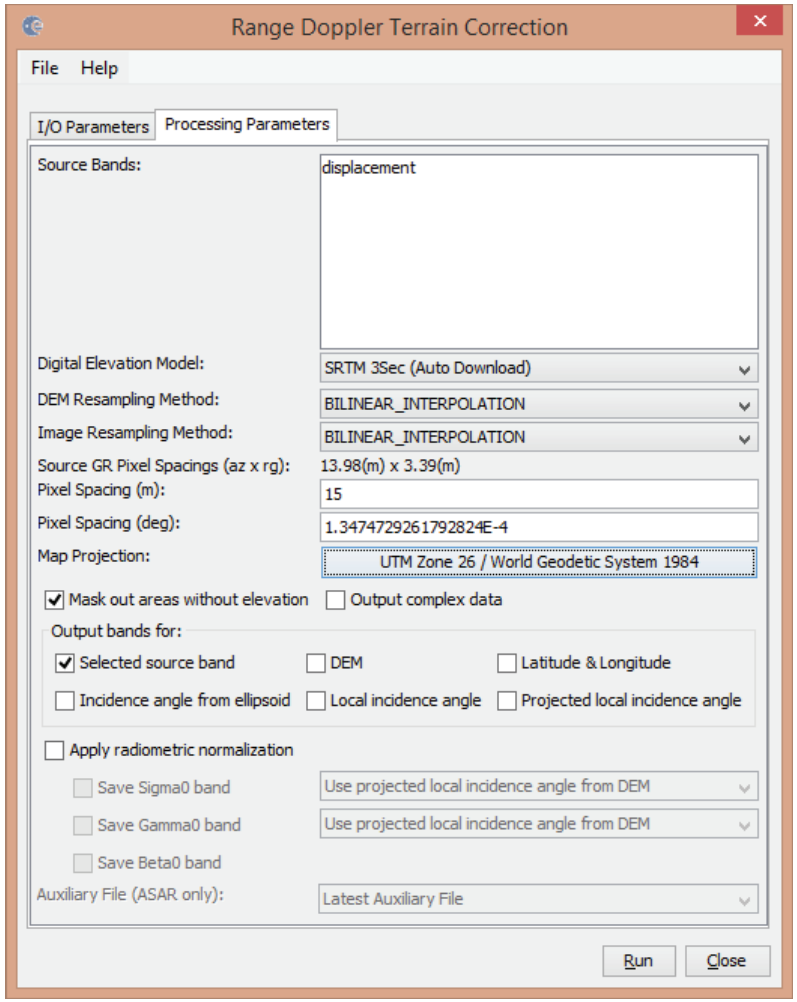

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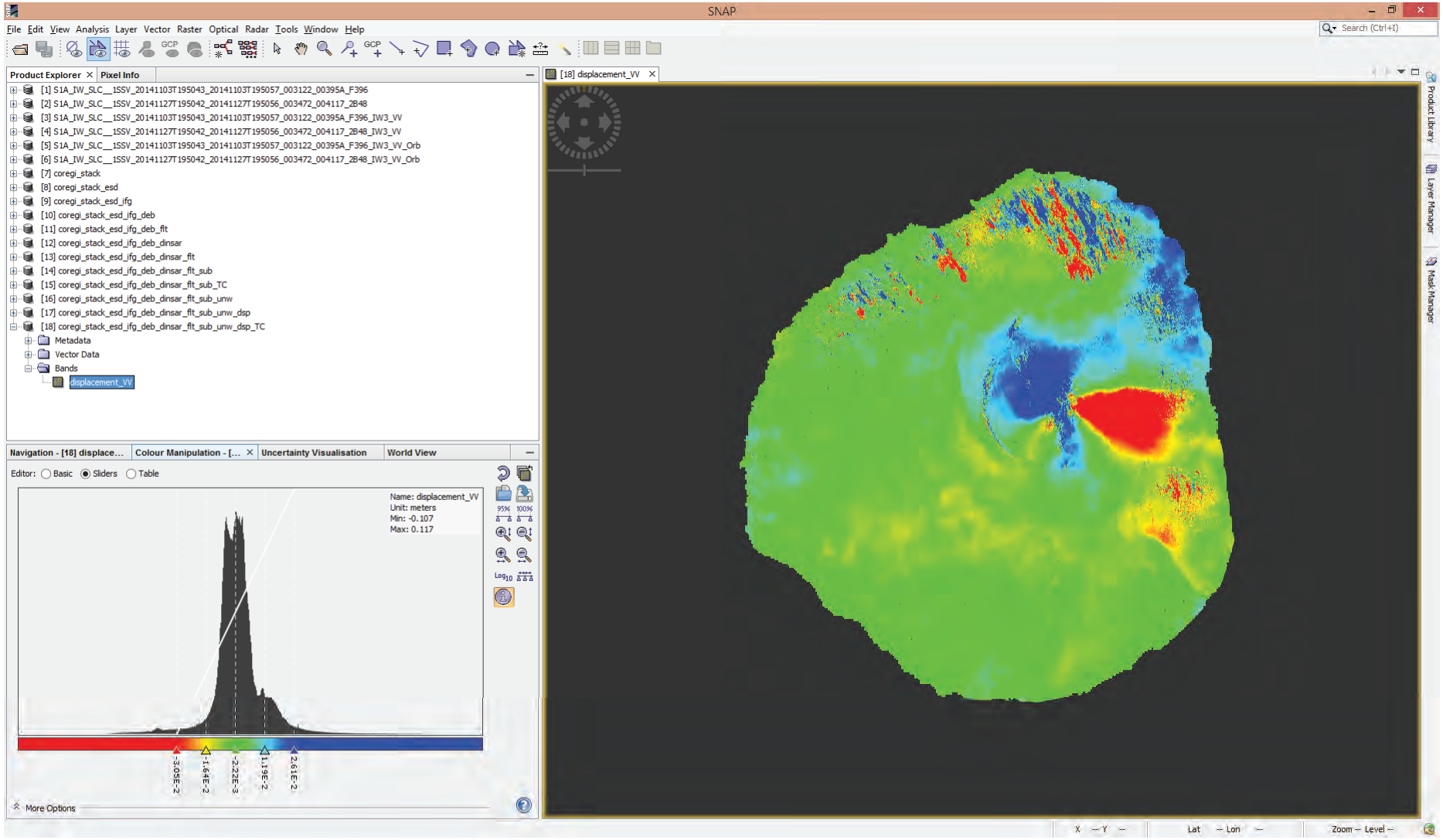

Post-processing
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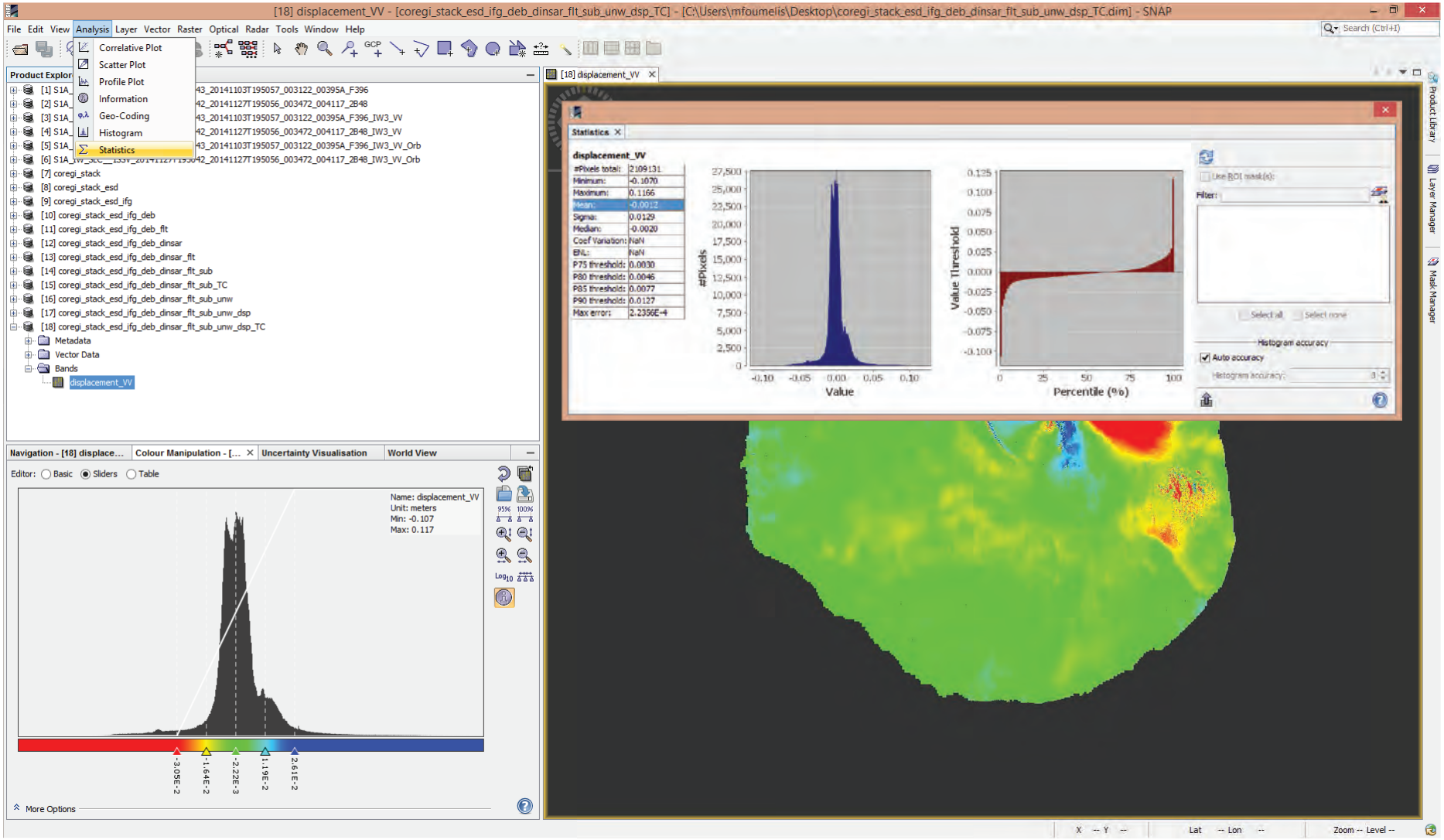

Post-processing
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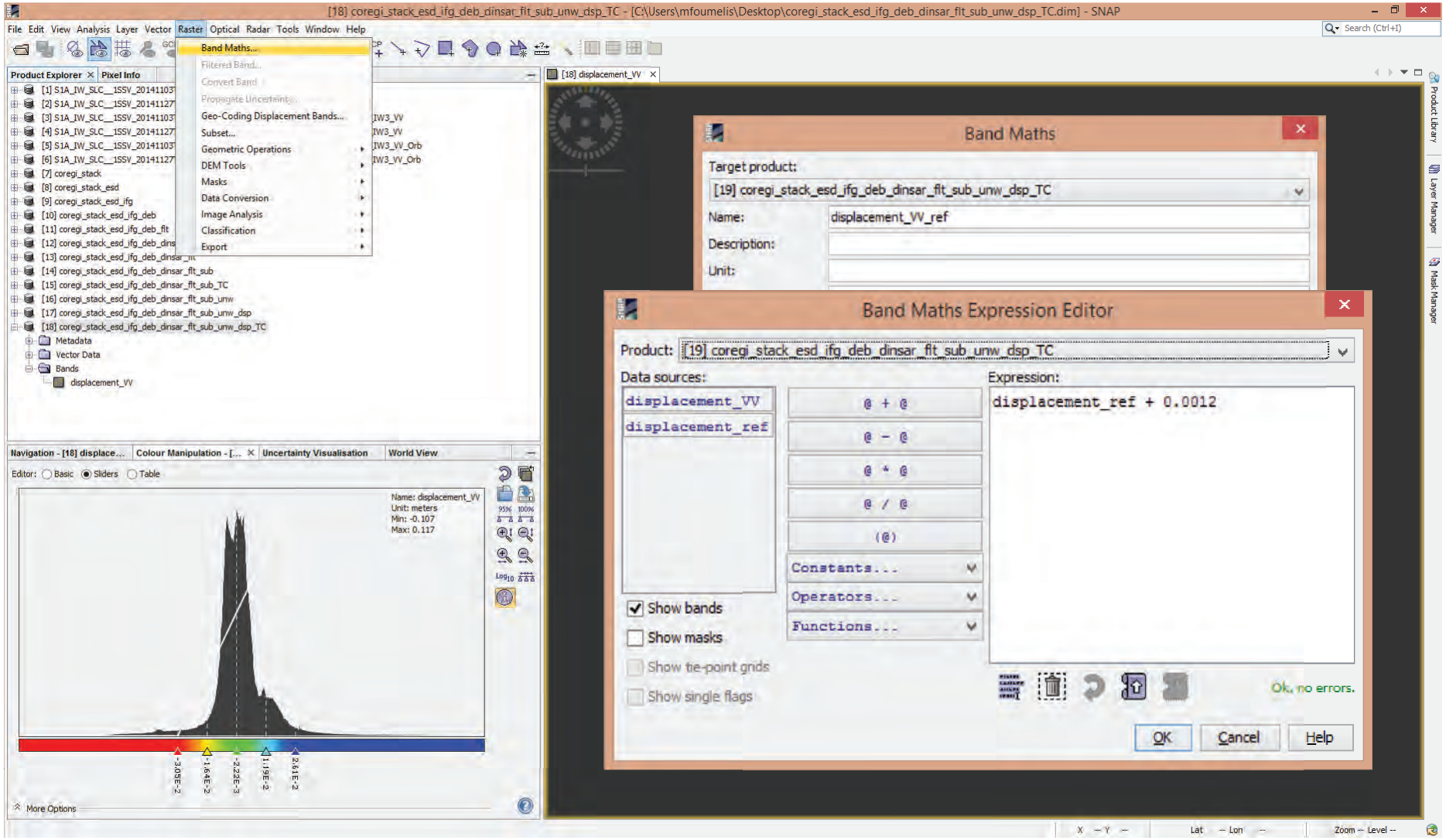

Post-processing
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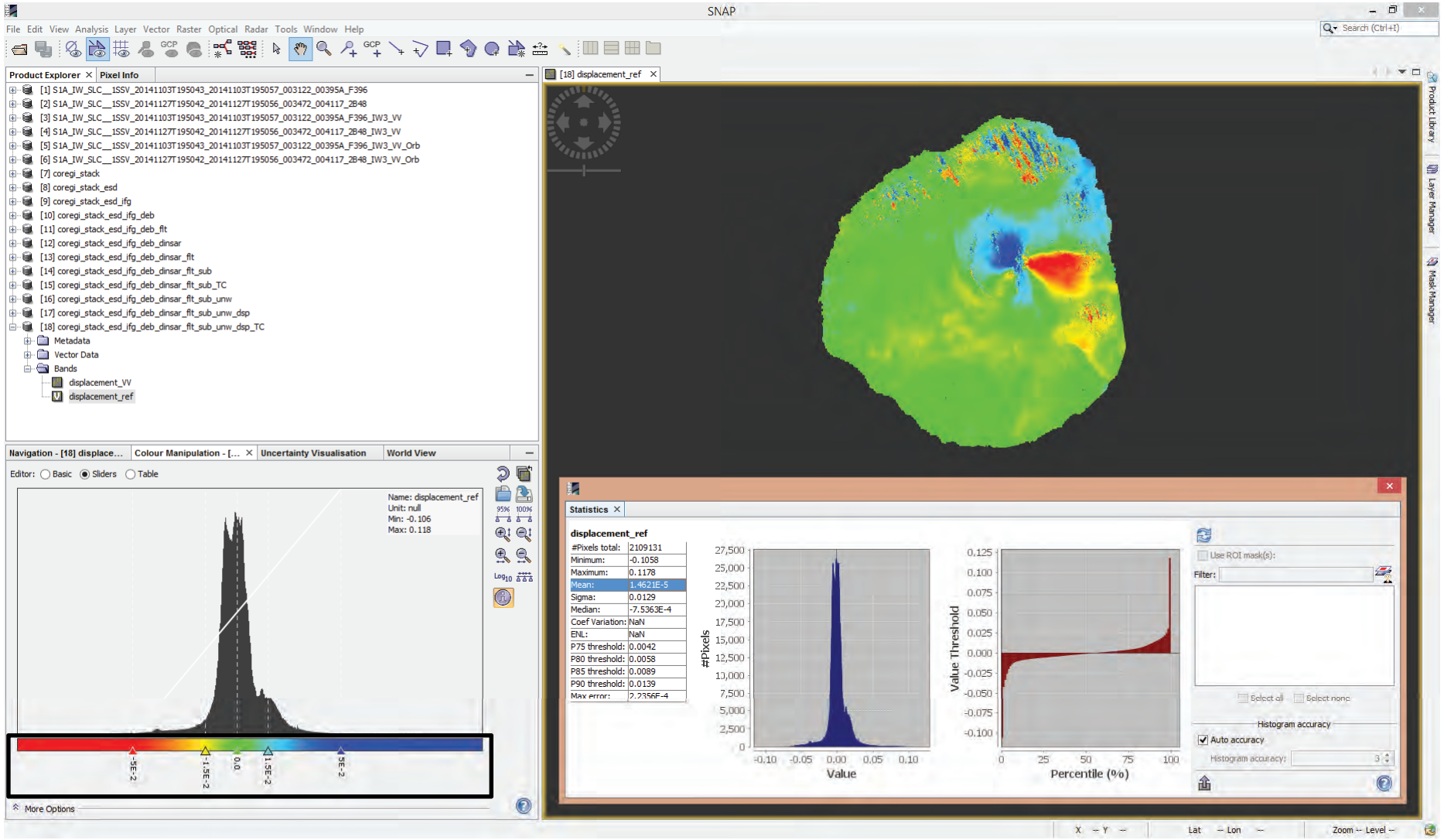

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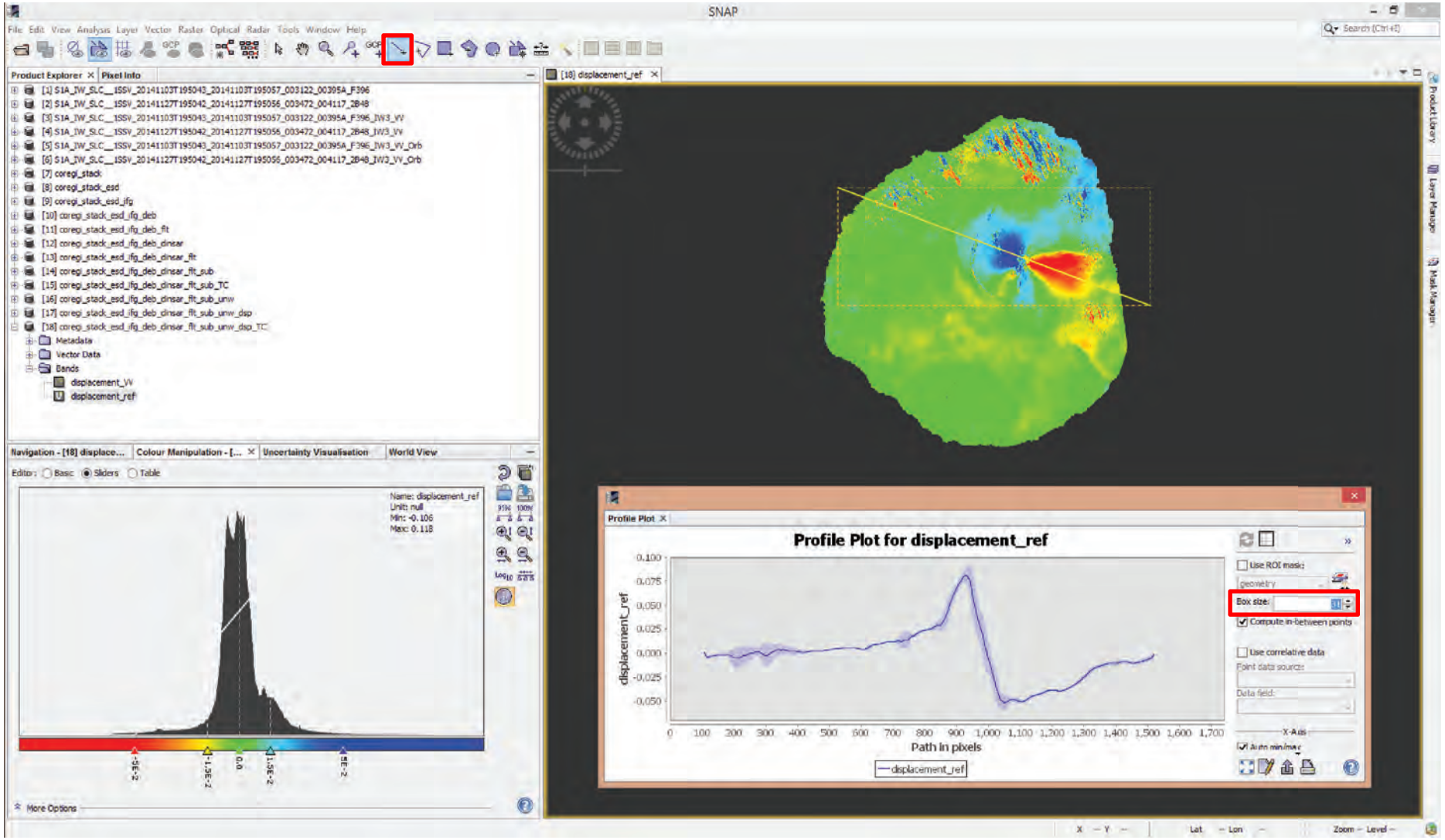

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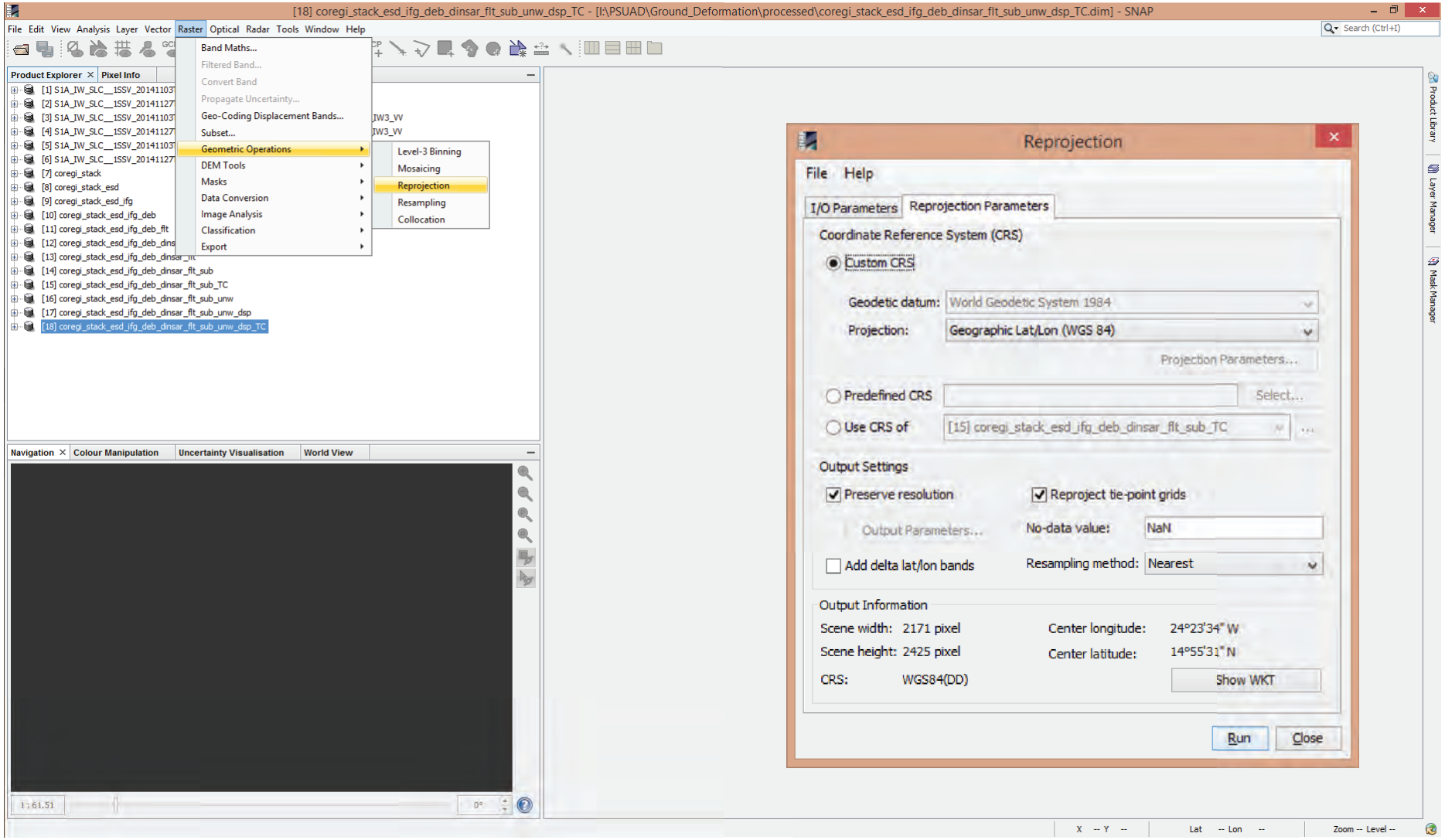

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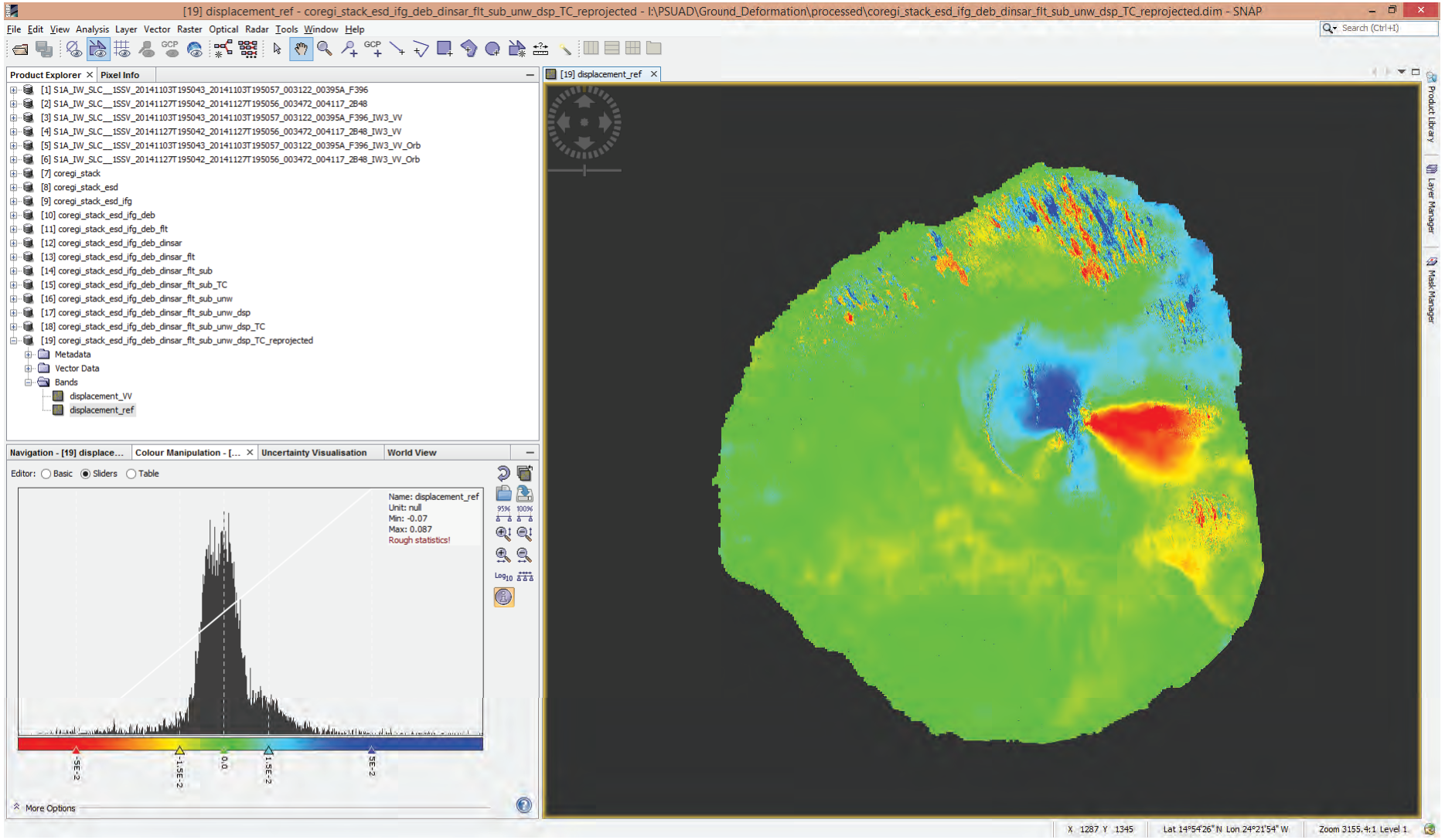

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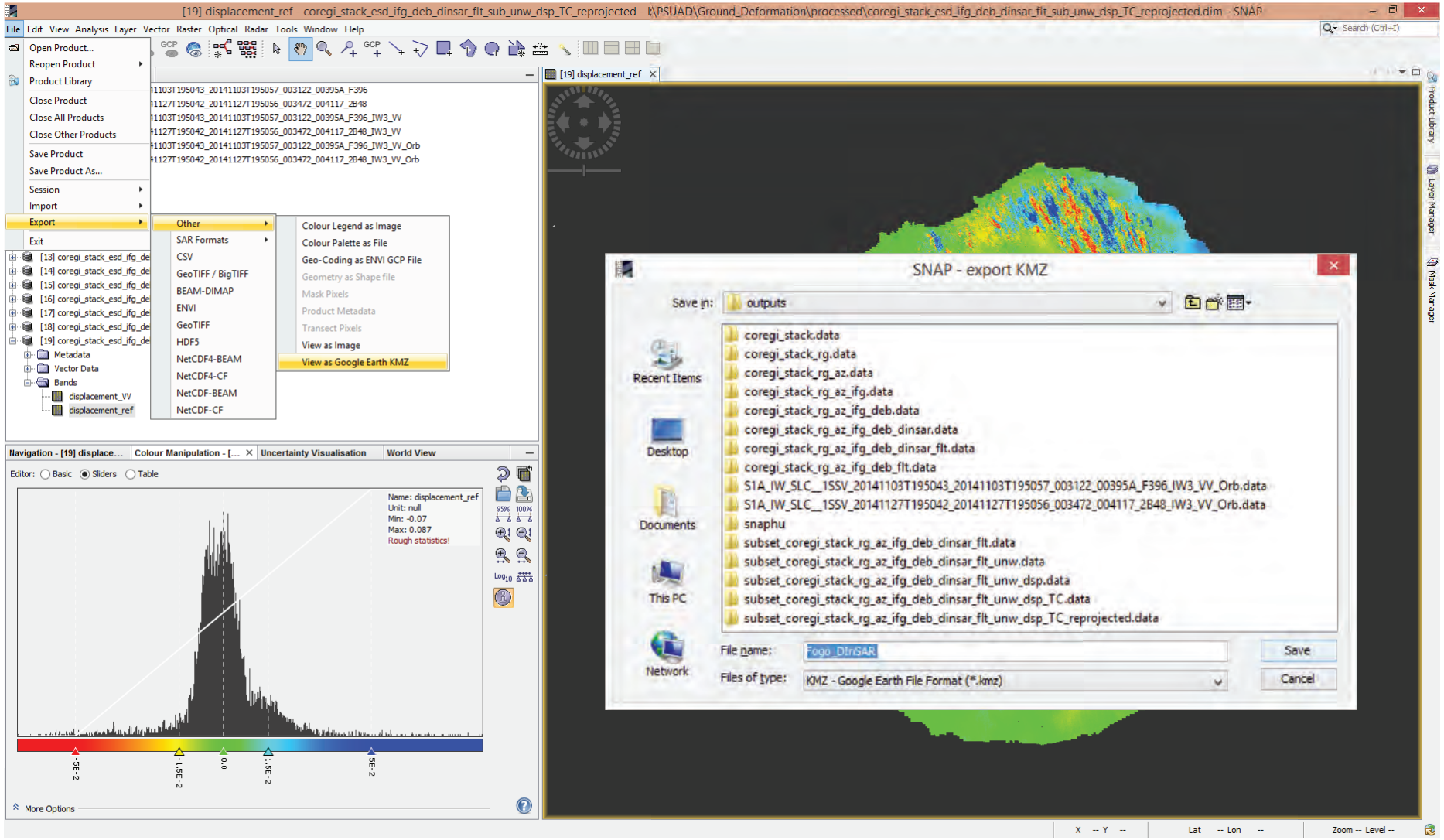

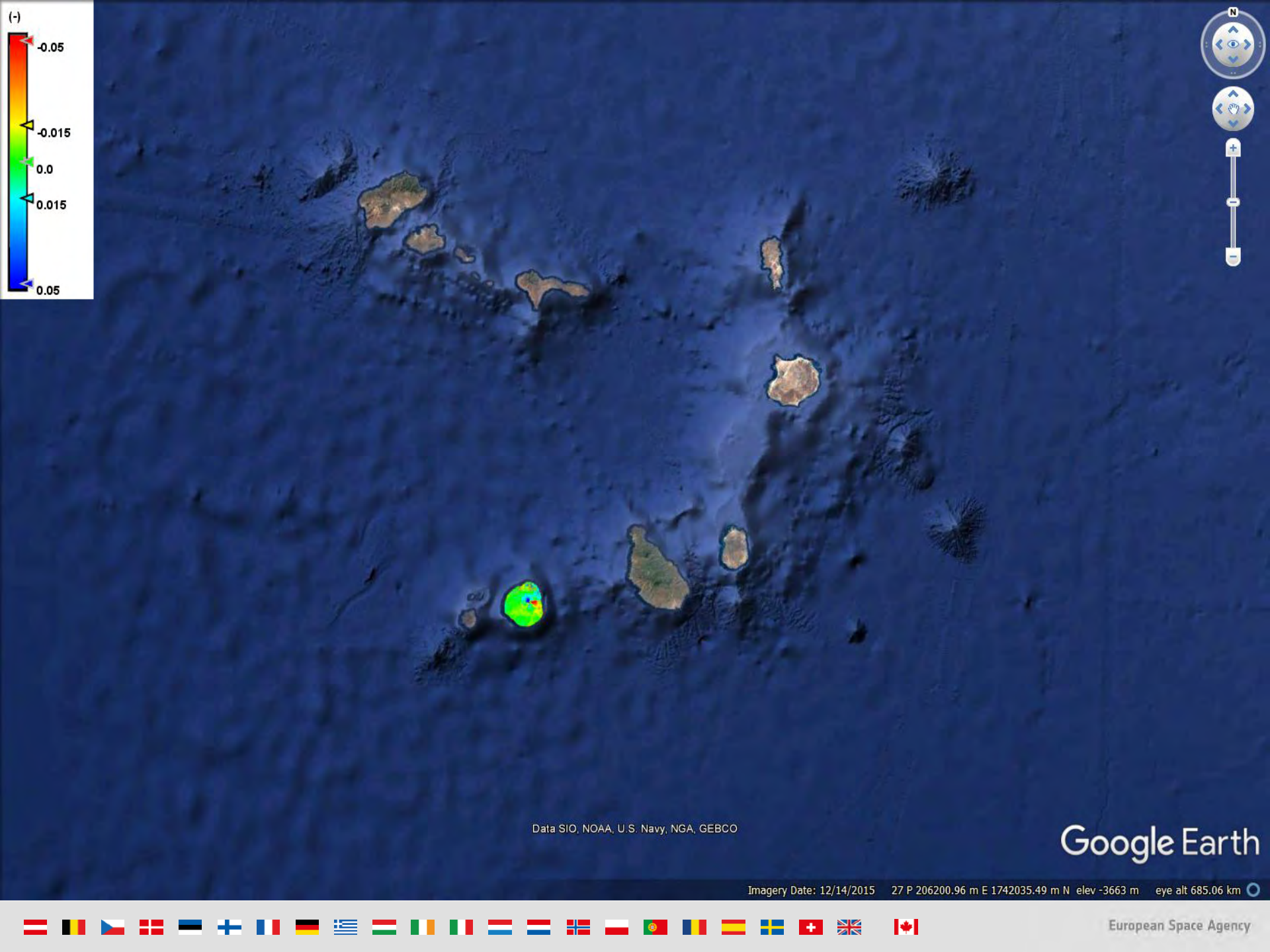
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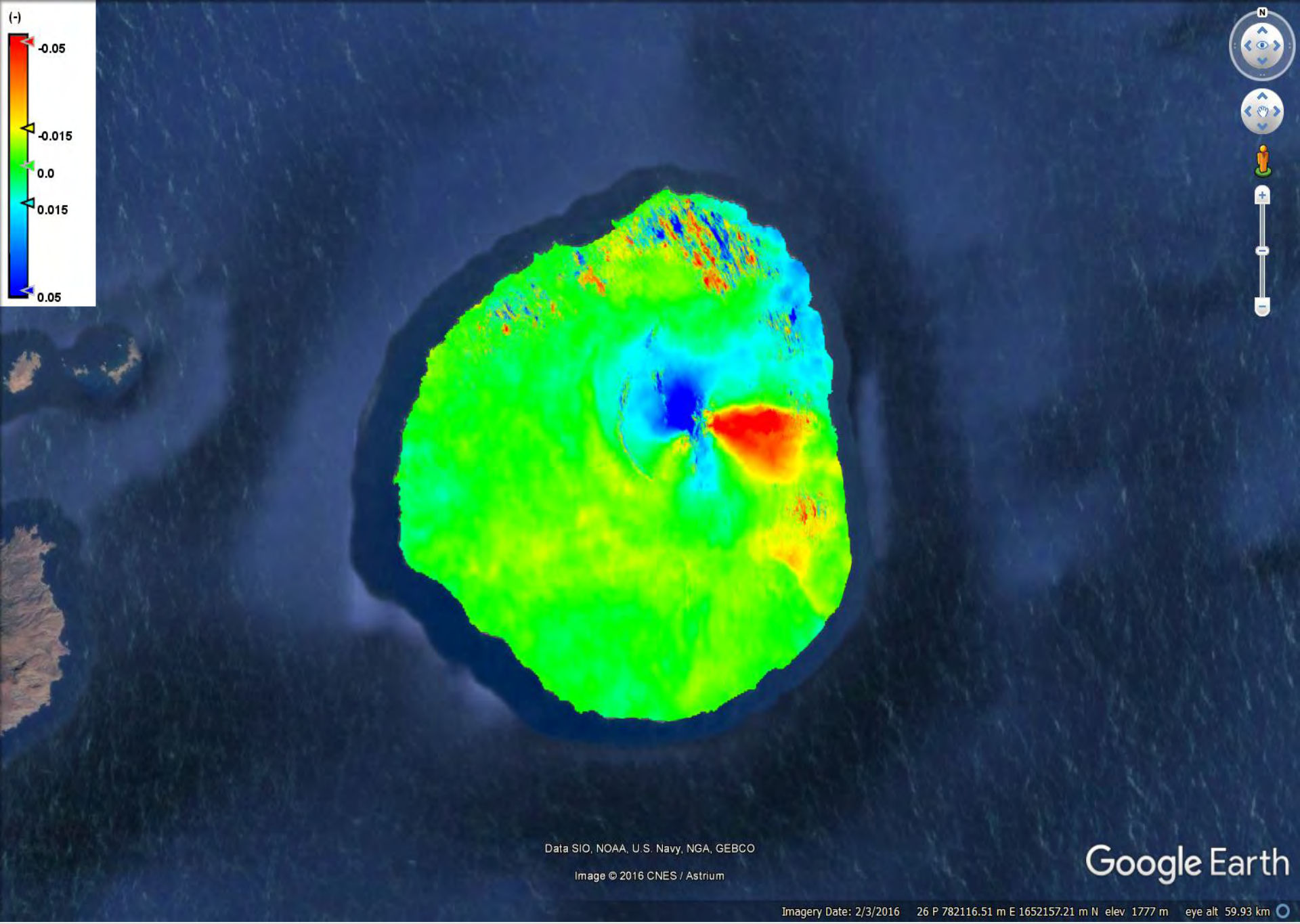
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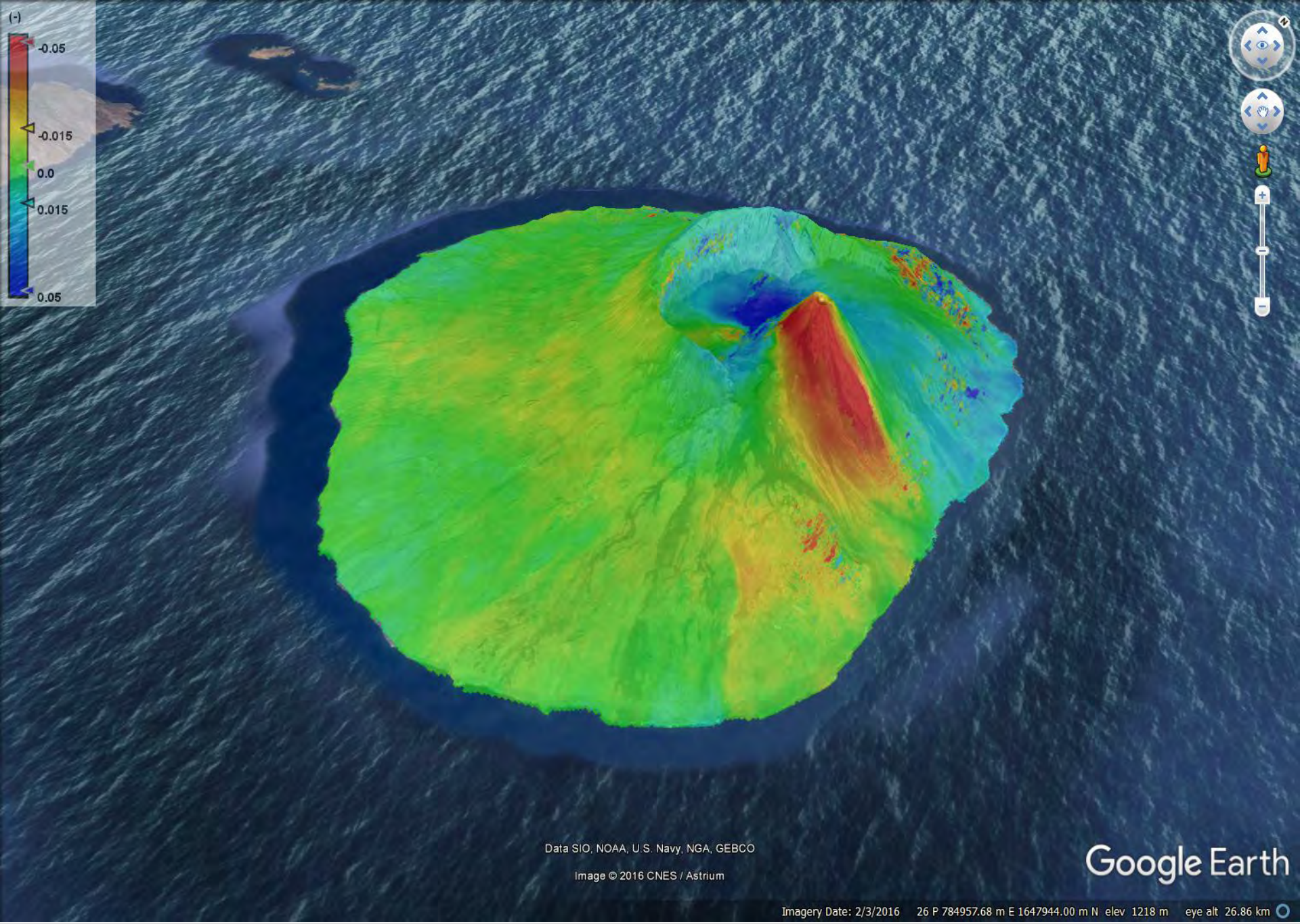
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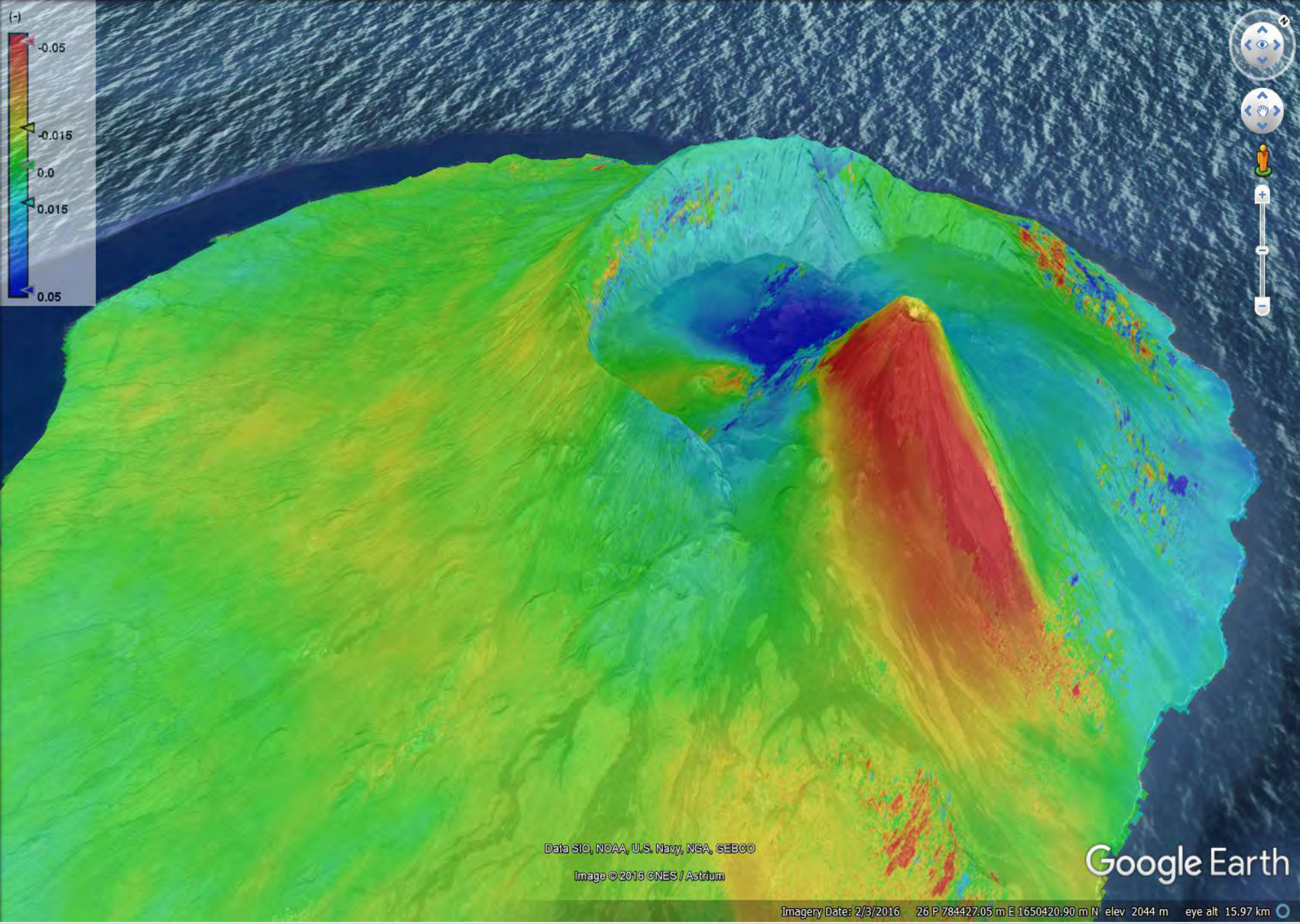
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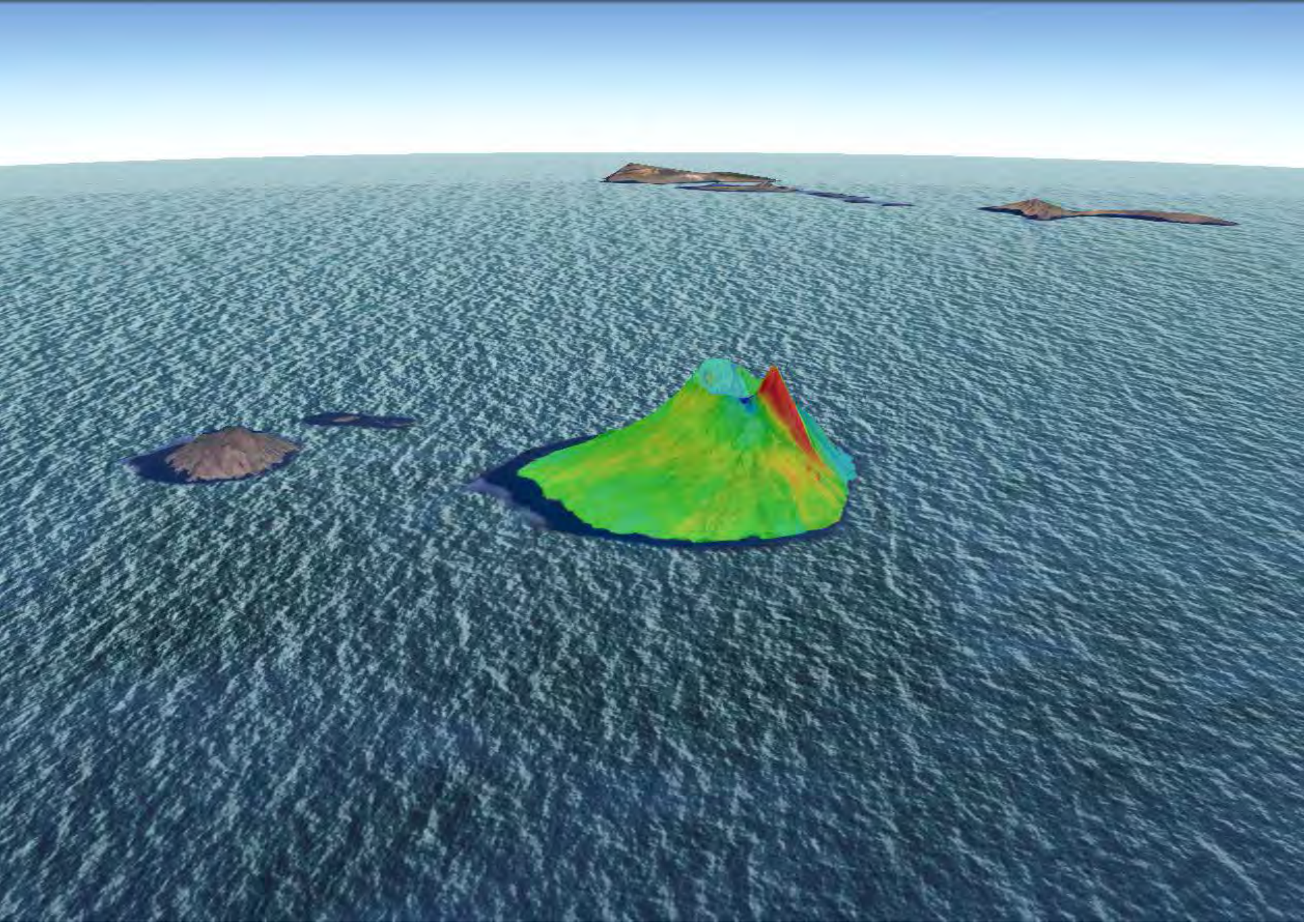
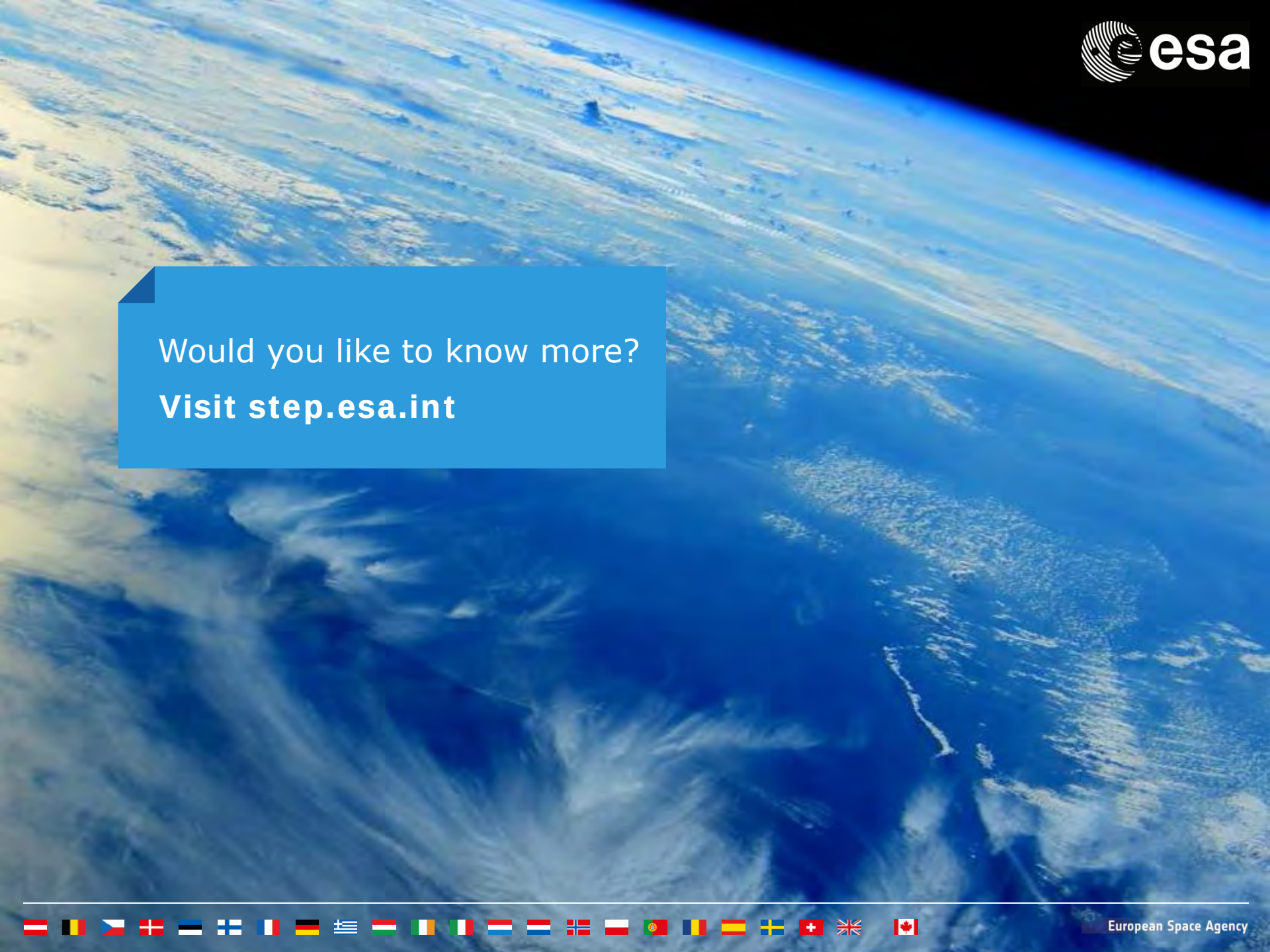


Lesson Learnt

- SNAP/Sentinel-1 Toolbox supports **SAR interferometry (InSAR)** for multiple SAR missions (incl. acquisitions in TOPS mode).
- TOPS Interferometry requires high SAR image registration accuracy (≤ 0.005 pixel), reachable using dedicated **Enhanced Spectral Diversity (ESD)** approach.
- **Phase unwrapping** is performed using **SNAPHU** external tool (import/export to integrated in SNAP), provided via a pre-configured Virtual Machine (VM).
- End-to-end processing chains can be built using the **Graph Builder**. (*.xml file) and automated using scripts (batch, python etc.).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