

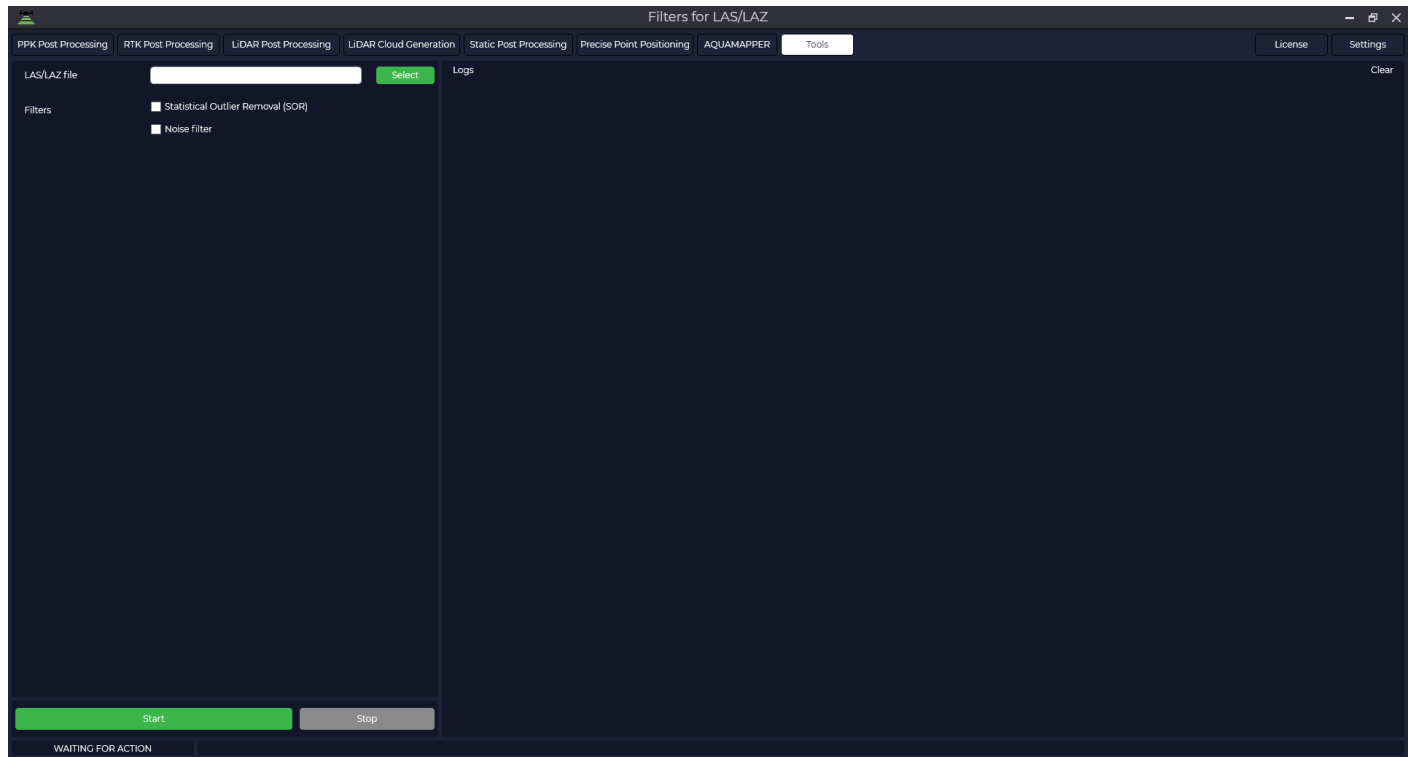
Tools

This part of the instructions will cover the various tools that help make the job easier.

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Filters LAS/LAZ

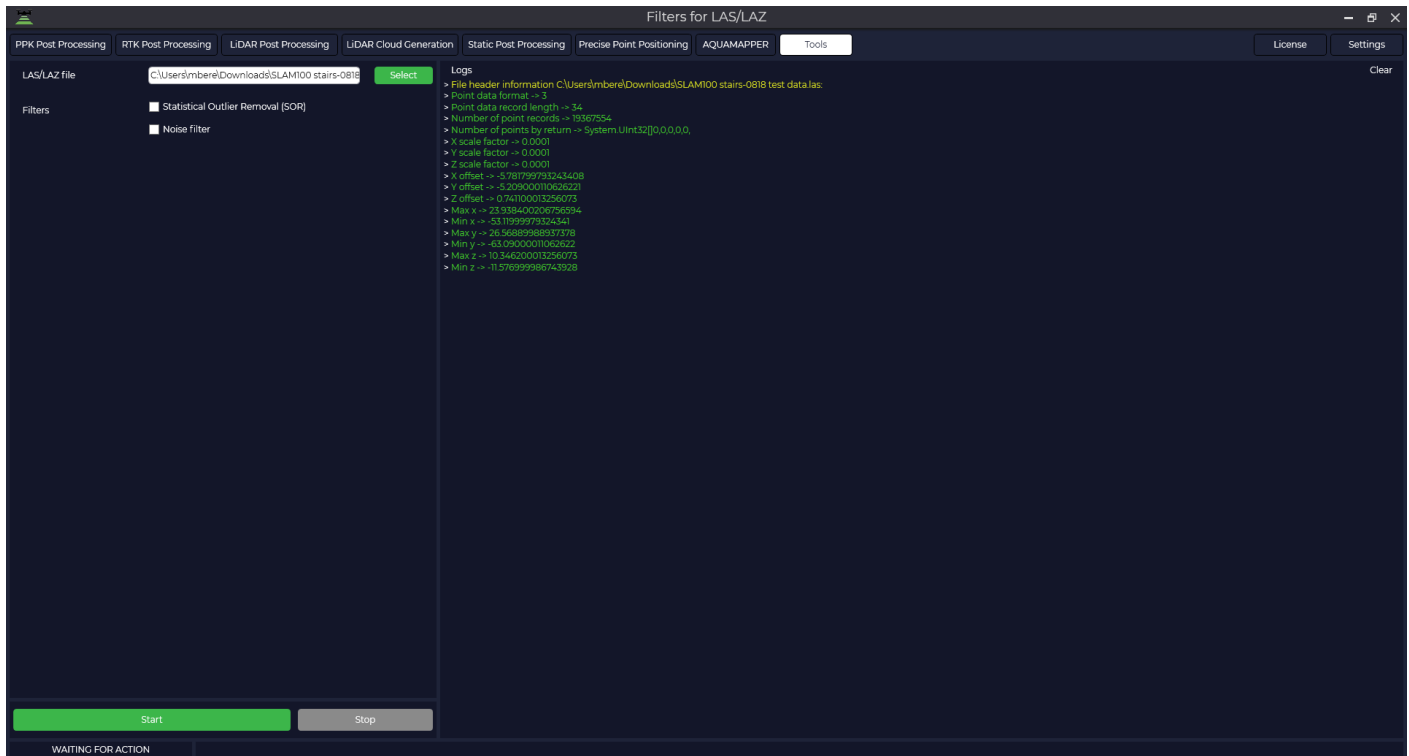
When launching the filters, we are greeted with a startup window.



Statistical Outlier Removal (SOR) is a method that first calculates the average distance between each point and its neighbors. It then removes points that are more than the average distance plus a few standard deviations. The minimum number of neighboring points is 6 and the standard deviation is 1.

Noise removal is a method that is similar to statistical outlier removal (SOR), but it considers the distance to the main surface rather than neighboring points. It locally fits a plane around each cloud point and removes a point if it is too far from that plane. This filter can be thought of as a low-point filter.

Surface reconstruction is a technique that is used to create complete surface models from heterogeneous data. Sometimes small errors in distance measurements can lead to difficulties in removing anomalies by statistical analysis. In such cases, surface reconstruction uses a resampling algorithm that attempts to reconstruct missing parts of the surface by polynomial interpolation between surrounding data points. This corrects small errors and smooths out artifacts such as "double walls" that occur when multiple scans are recorded simultaneously.

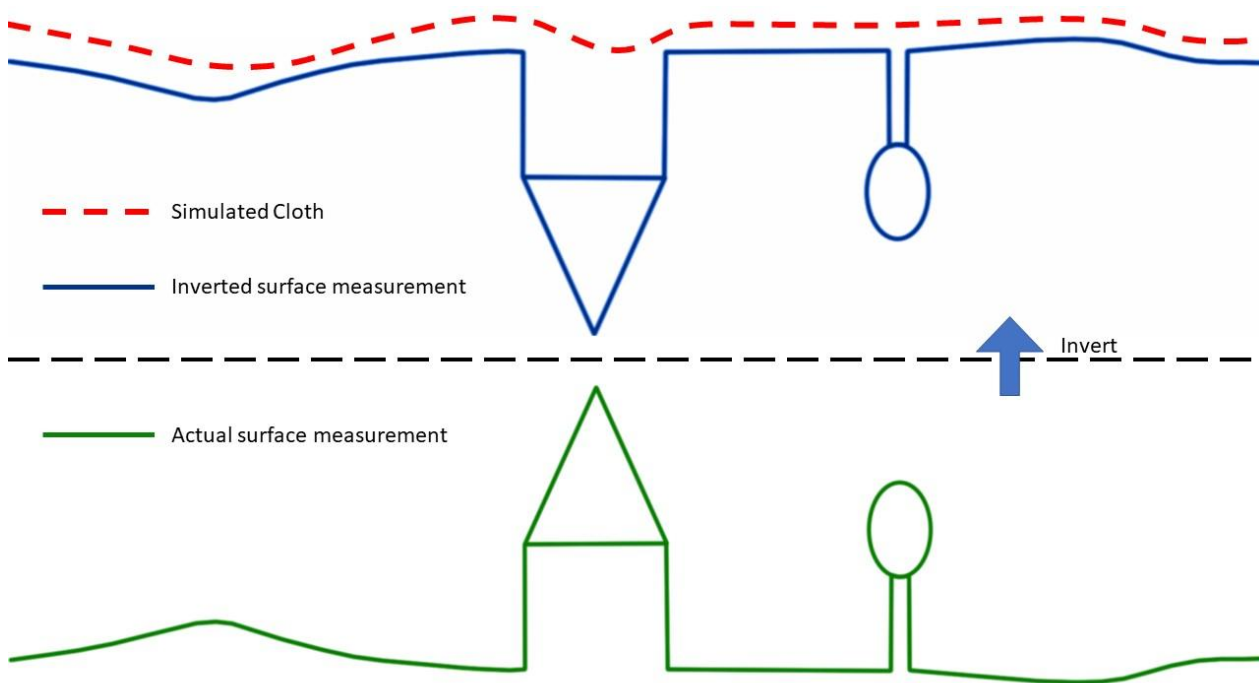


If you select a file in LAS or LAZ format, the login window will display the information contained in the file: number of points, X, Y, Z offsets, etc.

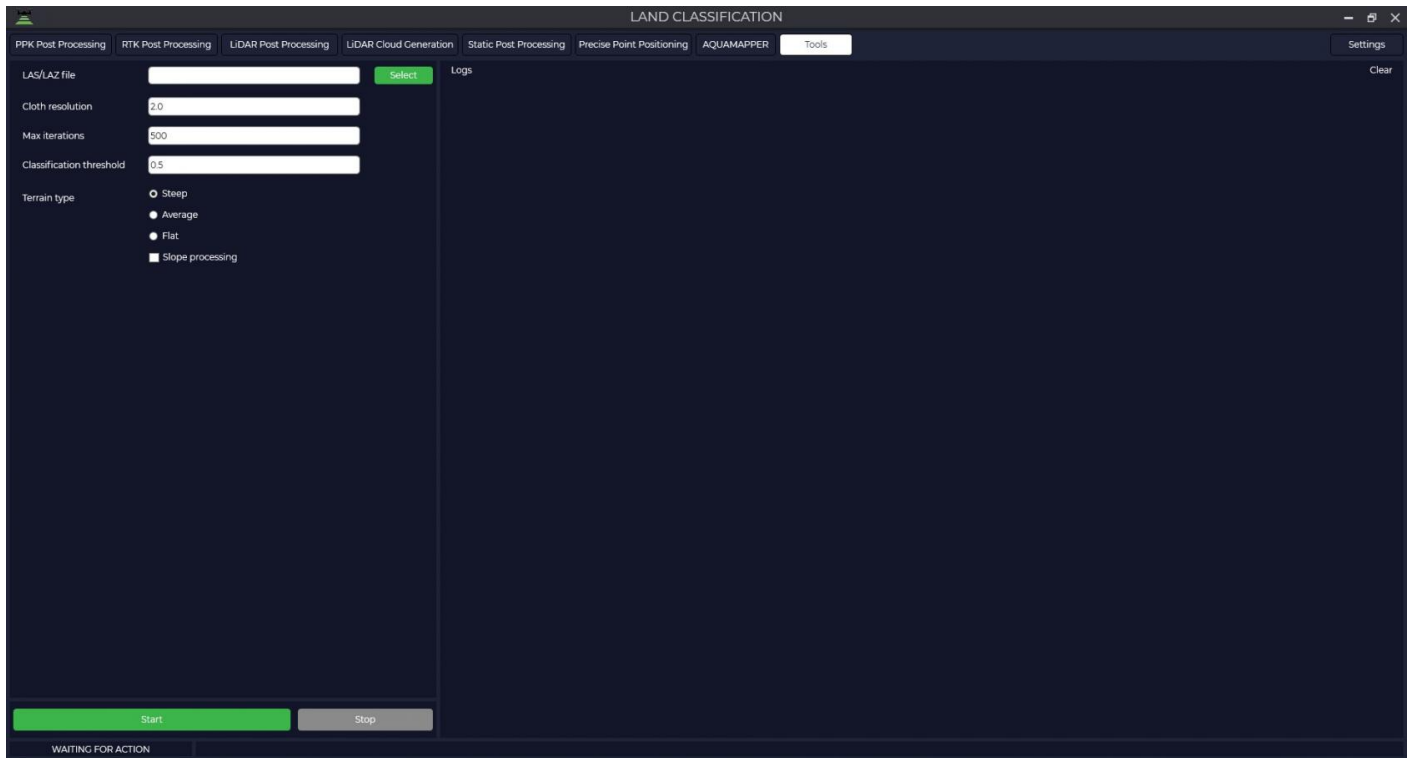
To process, check the required filters and press the "Start" button. If several filters are selected, they are applied sequentially. All results are saved to the folder with the source file.

Ground classification

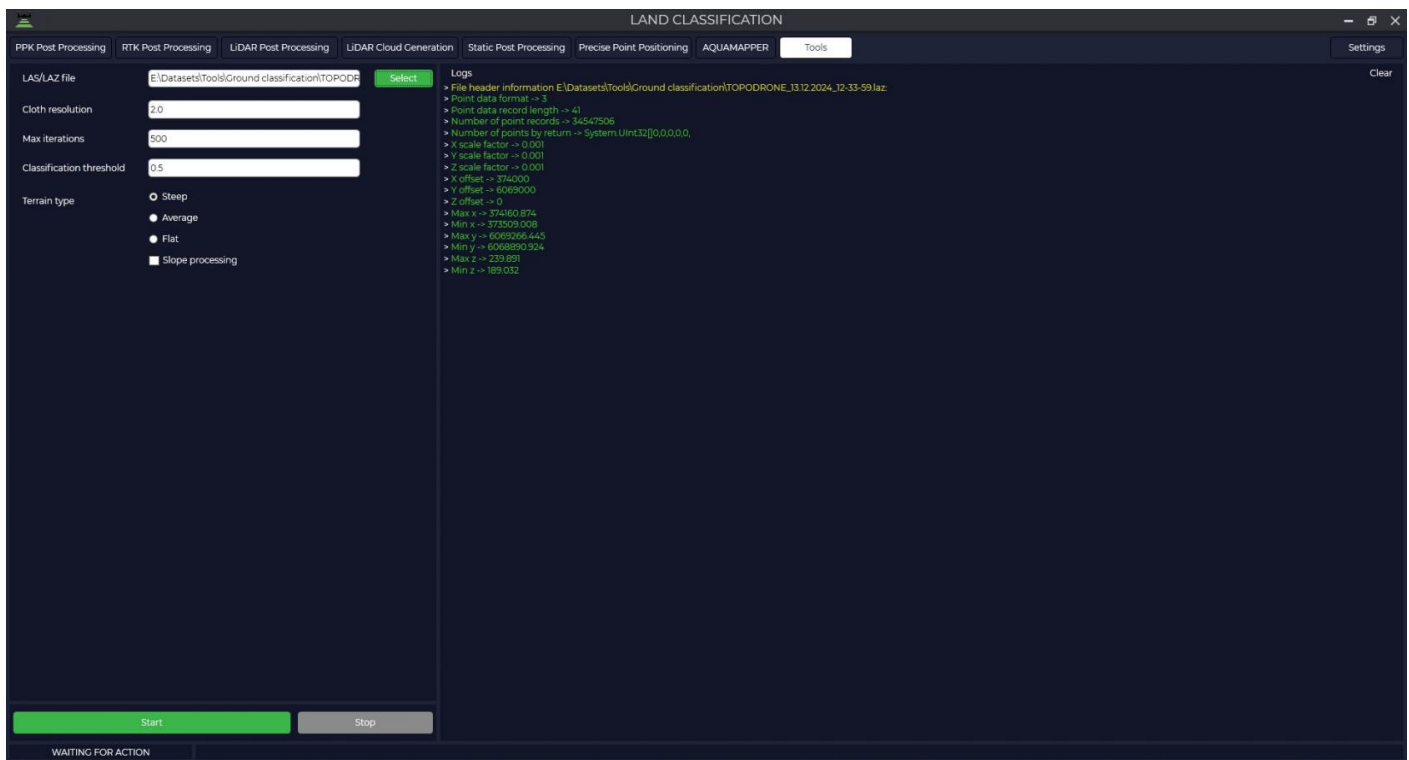
The Ground Classification tool allows you to divide the point cloud into two components: terrain related points and all other points. This method is based on a simplified physical process. Imagine a piece of cloth suspended above the terrain, which then falls down due to gravity. If the fabric is soft enough, it will stick to the surface and the final shape of the fabric will be a digital model of the terrain. However, if the point cloud is first turned upside down and the fabric is made stiff, the final shape will be a digital terrain model. A method called fabric modelling is used to model this process. Based on this method, a cloth modelling filtering (CSF) algorithm has been developed to extract ground points from the point cloud. An overview of the proposed algorithm is shown in Fig. First, the original point cloud is flipped upside down, and then a fabric is dropped on the flipped surface. By analysing the interaction between the fabric nodes and the corresponding points, the final shape of the fabric can be determined and used to classify the original points into terrain points and all other points.



When launching the tool, we are greeted with a startup window.



In the window that opens, click the "Select" button and select the file in the *.las or *.laz format for which you are going to make a classification. The Logs window displays information about the uploaded file.



After that, set parameters that match the characteristics of your point cloud:
The grid step is the size of the grid cell, expressed in point cloud units, that is applied to cover the

terrain. Increasing the grid resolution will result in a more detailed surface model, but will increase the computational load.

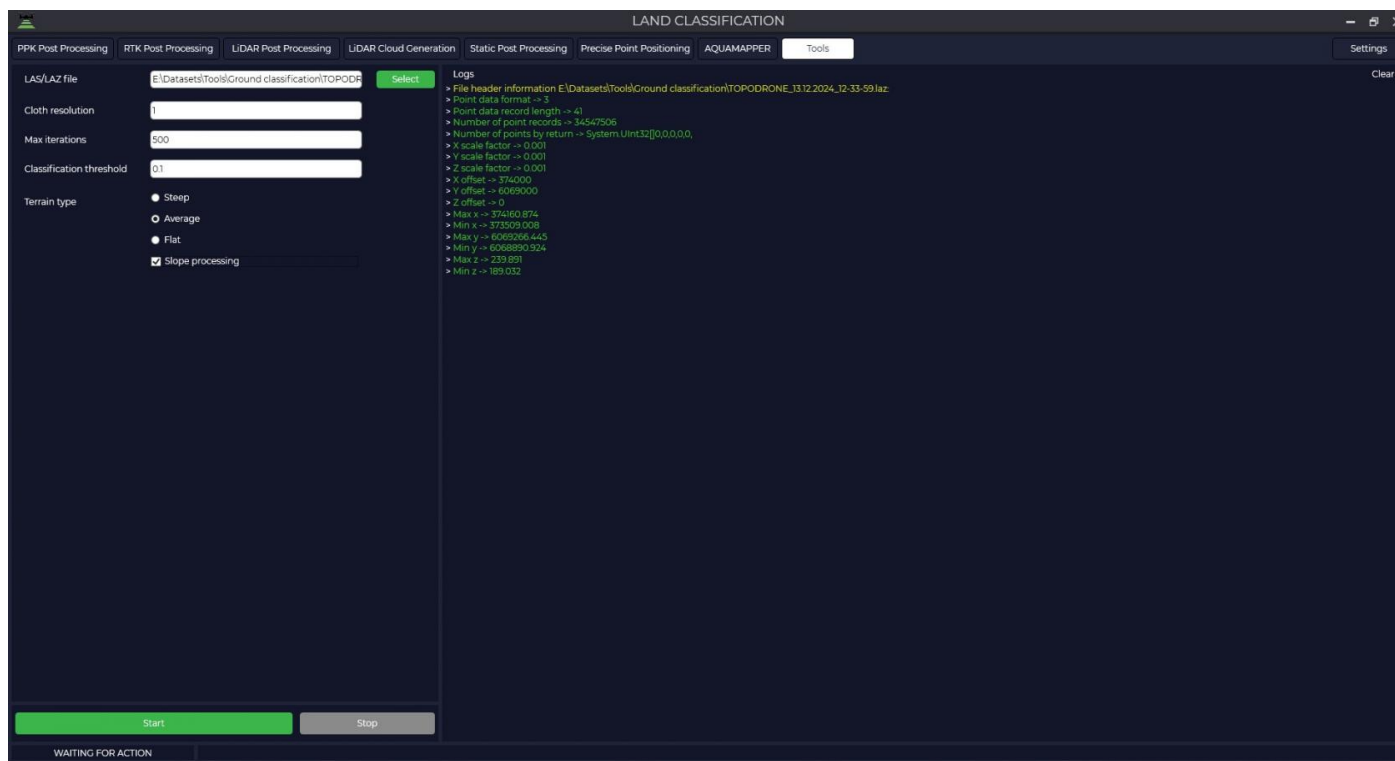
Number of iterations - the maximum allowable number of iterations performed during surface modelling. For most scenes it is recommended to set this value at 500 iterations, which is sufficient to achieve acceptable accuracy.

Classification tolerance - a parameter used to separate point clouds into ground related points and other points based on distances to the modelled terrain surface. The units of the tolerance must match the units of your point cloud. The recommended value for this parameter is 0.5, which is appropriate for most processing scenarios.

Terrain Type - with this parameter you can set the type of point cloud scene.

For steep slopes, this algorithm can produce relatively large errors because the modelled fabric is above the steep slopes and does not agree well with ground-based measurements due to internal constraints between particles.

Slope handling — the problem described above can be solved by selecting this option. If your scenes don't have steep slopes, just ignore it.



Press the 'Start' button and wait for the operation to complete.

LAS/LAZ Insta 360 Coloring

This module is designed for automatically assigning color characteristics to a Mobile Laser Scanning (MLS) point cloud, coloring it with natural colors using data obtained from TOPODRONE scanning systems.

Operating Principle and Data Requirements:

To obtain a point cloud with reliable RGB information, the following processing sequence must be executed:

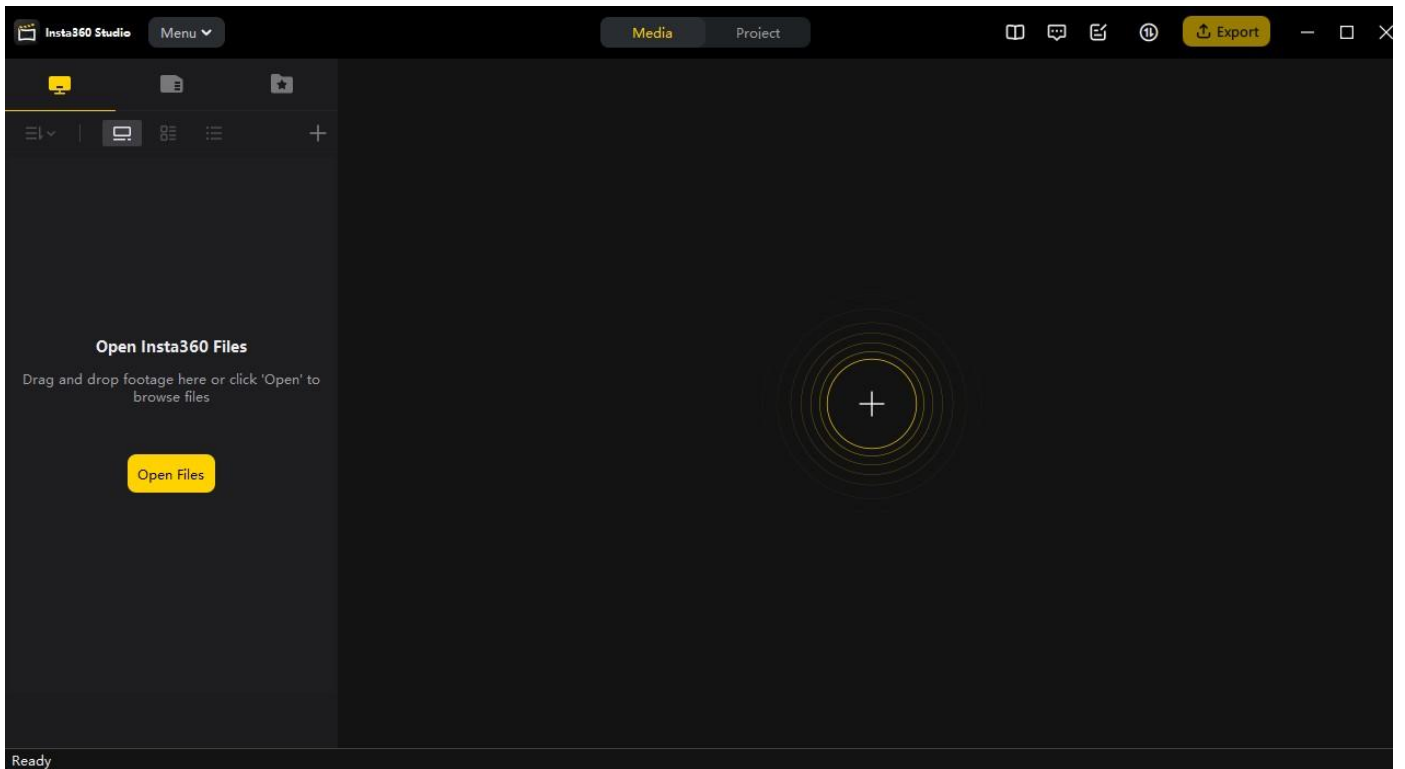
1. **Primary Data Processing:** Perform standard processing of raw data in the **LiDAR Post Processing** module to obtain the laser scanner's trajectory.
2. **Point Cloud Generation:** Generate the final point cloud in LAS/LAZ format using the **LiDAR Cloud Generation** module.
3. **Point Cloud Coloring:** At the final stage, using the "**LAS/LAZ Insta 360 Coloring**" tool, RGB values are assigned to the points in the cloud. The algorithm matches each laser reflection point with the corresponding pixel from the panoramic images taken by the Insta 360 camera, based on the precise trajectory and data about the camera's position relative to the laser scanner. This ensures realistic coloring in natural colors.

The point cloud coloring process involves several stages.

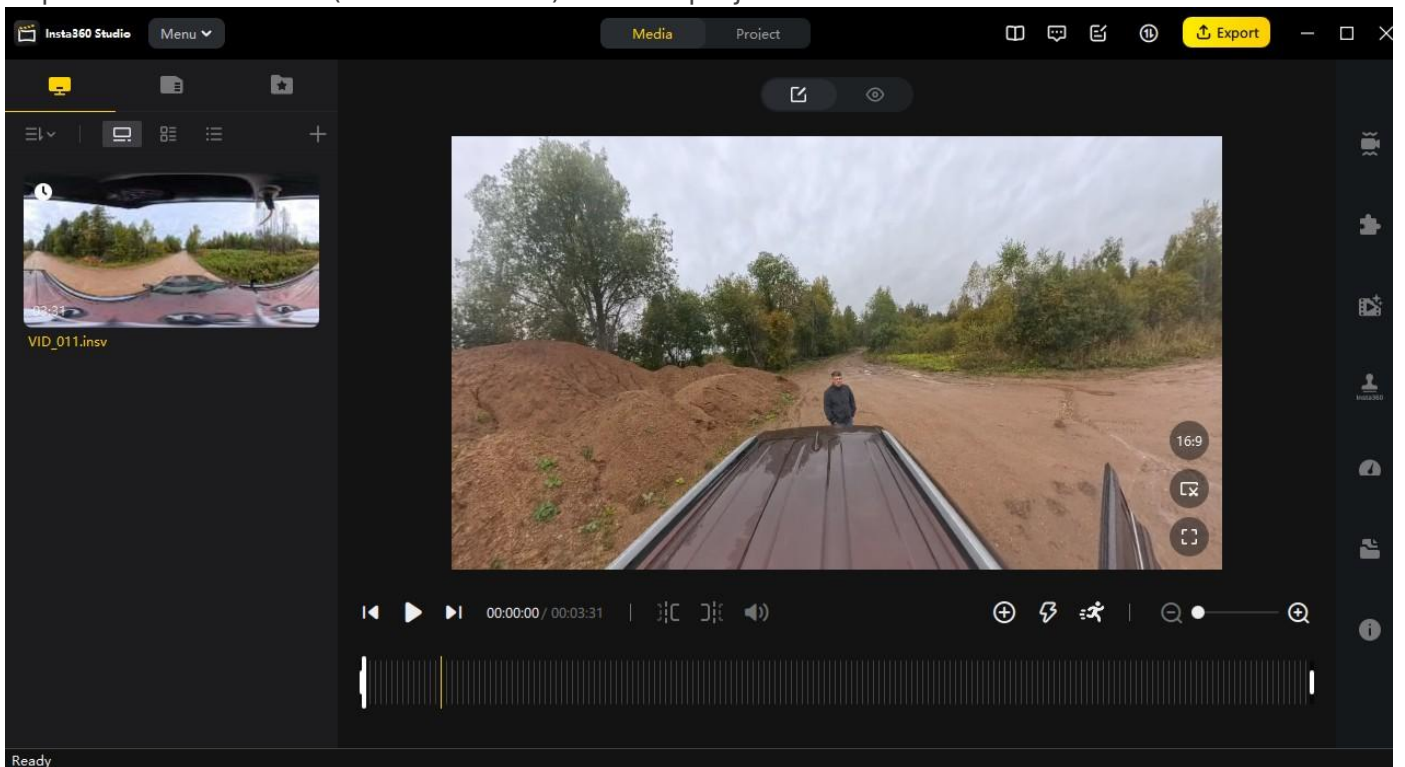
Data Preparation

During recording, the Insta 360 camera saves data in its proprietary formats (*.lrv and *.insv). These formats are optimized for working with panoramic video in the manufacturer's software. For further processing, specifically for point cloud coloring, the video stream must be converted to the standard *.mp4 format. To do this, you need to install the [Insta360 Studio](#) program.

1. Launch the Insta360 Studio program.



2. Import the source files (*.lrv and *.insv) into the project.



3. Navigate to the "Accessory Layout" tab and set the parameters according to the screenshot below.

Accessories Assembly



Lens Guards

- ☐ Lens Guards (Auto)
- ☐ Standard Lens Guards
- ☐ Premium Lens Guards
- ☒ Off

Dive Case

- ☐ Invisible Dive Case (Above water)
- ☐ Invisible Dive Case (Underwater)
- ☒ Off

Thermo Grip Cover

- ☐ On
- ☒ Off

Stitching Optimization

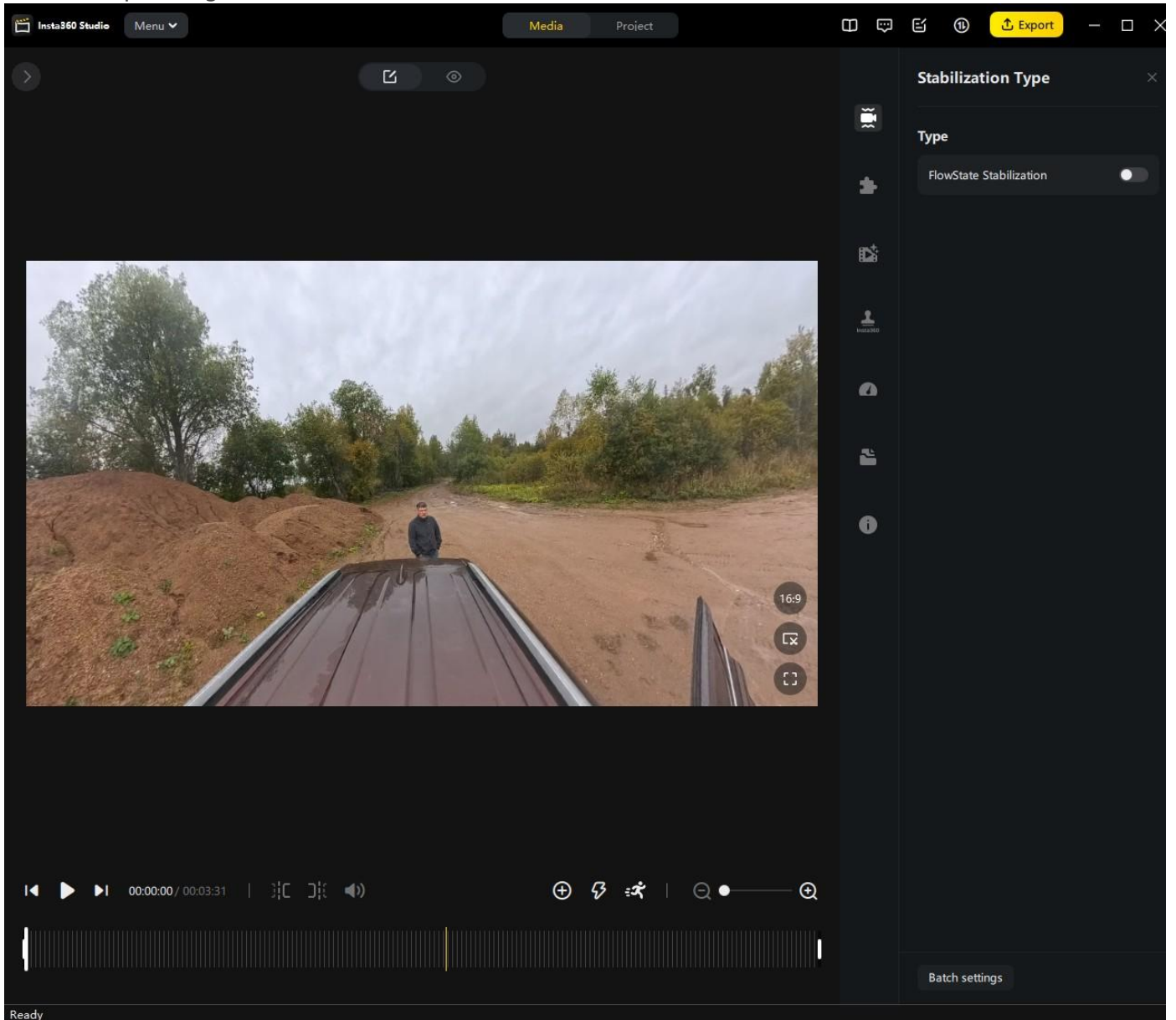
- ☐ AI Stitching
- ☐ Optical Flow Stitching
- ☐ Dynamic Stitching
- ☒ Off

Chromatic Calibration  ☐

Stitch Fusion Angle  ☐

Stitching Calibration   | Calibrate

4. In the "Stabilization Type" tab, deactivate the "FlowState Stabilization" option by unchecking the corresponding box.



5. Initiate the export of the video file using the settings specified below into the folder containing the source *.lrv and *.insv files.

Video Export Settings

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Export as: ☐ Video ☒ 360 Video

File Name: VID_20250919_120941_00_011(1).mp4

File Path: E:/Datasets/L.../Insta 360 X4

Change...

Preset Parameters: None

▼

Edit

Bitrate(Mbps): 73

Resolution: 5760 x 2880

Frame rate(fps): 29.97

▼

Encoding Format: H.265

▼

Media Type: Video

▼

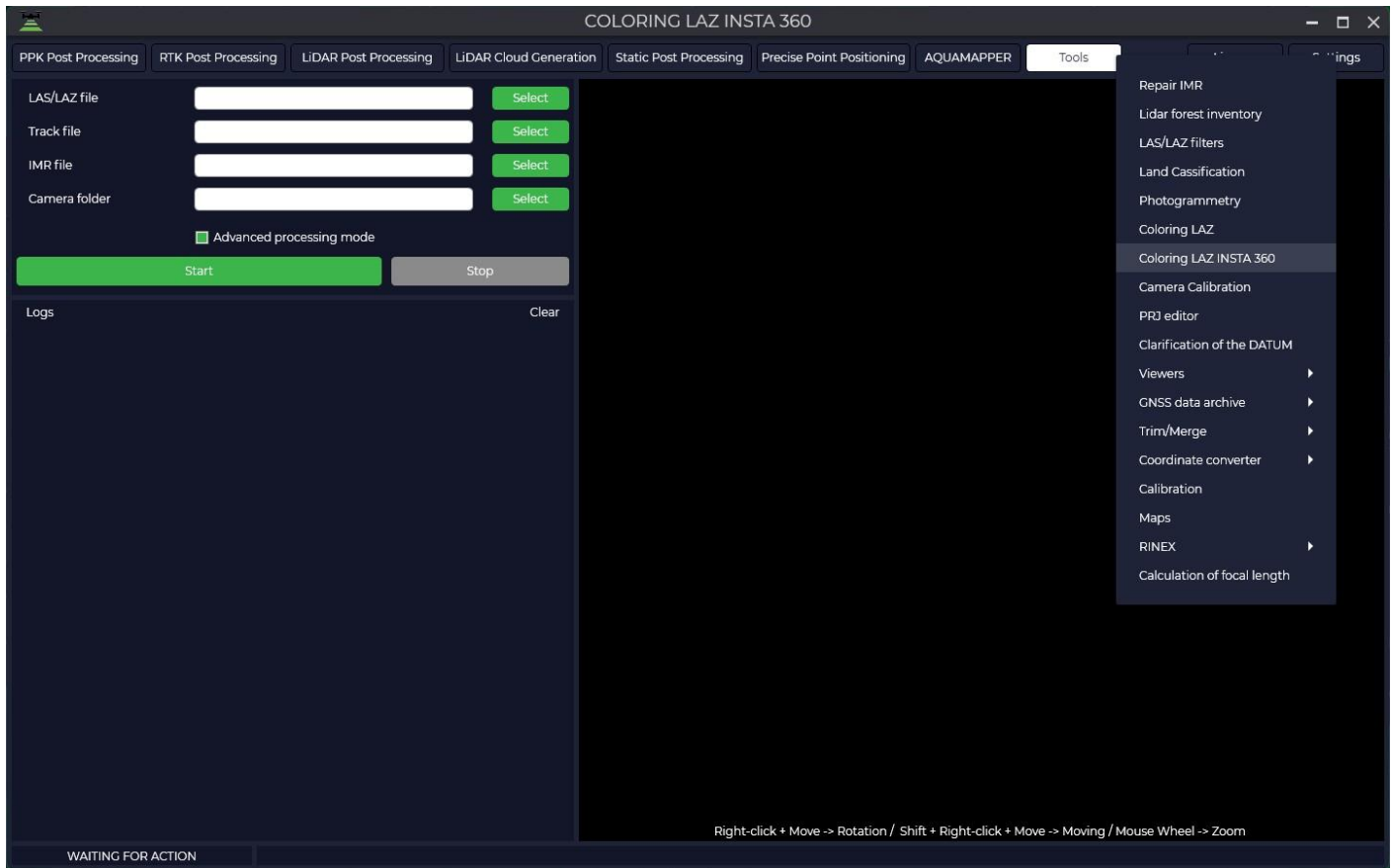
File size: 1.80GB (Estimate)

Add to Queue

Start Export

Point Cloud Coloring Process

Navigate to the **"Tools"** menu and select the **"LAS/LAZ Insta 360 Coloring"** module.



Specify the point cloud file in LAS/LAZ format, generated in the previous processing step in the "**LiDAR Cloud Generation**" module. This is an uncolored point cloud that contains spatial coordinates (X, Y, Z) and other laser information but lacks color attributes.

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LAS/LAZ file E:\Datasets\LiDAR\Terestria\100 LiTE Car mount Select

Track file Select

IMR file Select

Camera folder Select

☐ Advanced processing mode

Start Stop

Logs Clear

> File header information E:\Datasets\LiDAR\Terestria\100 LiTE Car mount V2 Insta 360 X4
2025-09-19_09-09-16\TOPODRONE_12.11.2025_18-09-56.laz:

> Point data format -> 1

> Point data record length -> 28

> Number of point records -> 628084231

> Number of points by return -> System.UInt32[]62000705,566083526,0,0,0,

> X scale factor -> 0.01

> Y scale factor -> 0.01

> Z scale factor -> 0.01

> X offset -> 542800

> Y offset -> 6432000

> Z offset -> 0

> Max x -> 547337.47

> Min x -> 541058.79

> Max y -> 6434798.65

> Min y -> 6429308.84

> Max z -> 247.96

> Min z -> 168.86

Select the trajectory file in the appropriate projection, obtained along with the point cloud from the **"LiDAR Cloud Generation"** module. The trajectory file contains precise coordinates and orientation of the scanning system at each moment in time. This data is critical for the temporal and spatial synchronization of frames with the cloud points.

The screenshot shows a software interface with four input fields: 'LAS/LAZ file', 'Track file', 'IMR file', and 'Camera folder'. Each field has a text input area and a green 'Select' button to its right. The 'Track file' field is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below the input fields is a checkbox labeled 'Advanced processing mode' which is currently unchecked. At the bottom are two large buttons: a green 'Start' button and a grey 'Stop' button.

Load the Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) data file.

This screenshot is similar to the first one, but now the 'IMR file' field is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The 'Track file' field is no longer highlighted. All other elements, including the 'Advanced processing mode' checkbox and the 'Start'/'Stop' buttons, remain the same.

Specify the folder containing all the necessary video materials in *.lrv, *.insv, and *.mp4 formats.

This screenshot shows the 'Camera folder' field highlighted with a red rectangular box. The 'IMR file' field is no longer highlighted. The 'Advanced processing mode' checkbox is still unchecked. The 'Start' and 'Stop' buttons are at the bottom.

Click the **"Start"** button to initiate the coloring algorithm.
The processing progress is displayed in the **"Log"** text window. This window outputs information

messages, warnings, and errors.

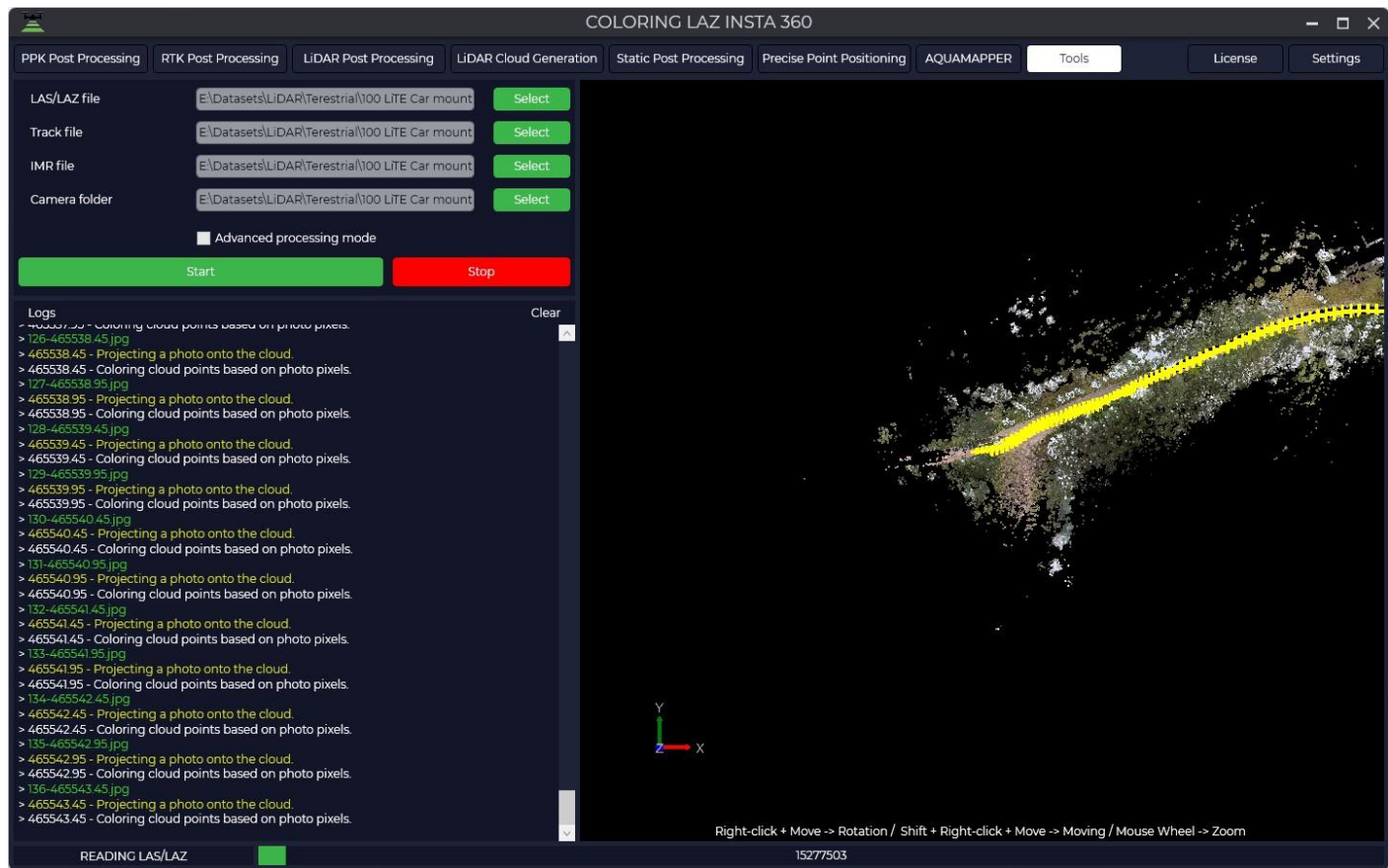
Logs

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> Parsing IMU...
> Loaded 634587 IMU epochs
> IMU time interval: 468147.385 seconds
> IMU interpolation up to 200 Hz
> Changing IMU axes...
> Finding Cyro Bias IMU...
> Gyro Bias Roll IMU = -0.0292
> Gyro Bias Pitch IMU = -0.0148
> Gyro Bias Yaw IMU = 0.0168
> Applying the calculated bias to the IMU gyroscope...
> Parsing the camera metadata file...
> Found .insv files: 1
> VID_20250919_120941_00_011.insv
> File processed successfully: VID_20250919_120941_00_011.insv.csv
> Data parsing...
> INSTA interpolation up to 200 Hz
> Removed intermediate file: VID_20250919_120941_00_011.insv.csv
> Loaded 633475 epochs of Insta360 IMU data
> Insta360 Time Interval: 3167.372534 seconds
> Changing INSTA axes...
> Finding Cyro Bias INSTA ...
> Gyro Bias Roll INSTA = 0.0203
> Gyro Bias Pitch INSTA = 0.1956
> Gyro Bias Yaw INSTA = 0.0312
> Applying the calculated bias to the INSTA gyroscope...
> MadgwickAHRS for IMU...
> MadgwickAHRS for INSTA...
> Analysis of time shift between lidar and camera...
> Best shift: 465002.700, matches: 21, average error: 125.650
> Average Error: 125.65
> Automatically calculated time shift: 465002.70 seconds
> User adjusted time offset: 465001.741 seconds
```



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> E:\Datasets\LiDAR\Terrestrial\100 LiTE Car mount V2 Insta 360 X4\2025-09-19_09-09-16\Insta
360 X4\Photo folder successfully cleared
> Extracting all frames in the range 470.96s - 1788.68s with time step 0.50s...
> *.mp4 files found: 1
> Getting video duration...
> Video frames: 6328, Real duration: 3164.00 seconds
> Processing file 1/1: VID_20250919_120941_00_011.mp4
> Waiting for operation to complete...
> Created files for VID_20250919_120941_00_011.mp4: 2636
> Renaming 2636 files with real time...
> Processing 2636 files with time step 0.50s...
> Renaming completed. Files processed: 2636
> Files successfully renamed with real time
> Temporary files have been deleted
> The photo series has been successfully created
> Searching for suitable photos...
> Done! 2630 matching images found.
> Reading LAS/AZ file...
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The **"Viewer"** window displays the process of assigning colors to the point cloud points in real-time, allowing for visual control over the processing accuracy.



Upon successful completion of the process, the module will automatically create a new file of the colored point cloud. The file is saved in the same directory as the source cloud. The prefix `_RGB` is added to the source filename for identification. A folder named "Photo" will be created in the directory containing the video files; this folder will contain panoramic images georeferenced to the WGS-84 coordinate system.

PRJ editor

PRJ Editor is a tool that allows you to edit the coordinate system knowing the transition parameters. In order to use it you need to select "PRJ Editor" in the Tools panel.

PRJ EDITOR

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PRJ

Projection name

Coordinate system

DATUM

SPHEROID

TOWGS84:

Delta X Y Z

Rotation X Y Z

Scale

PRIMEM

PROJECTION

PARAMETERS:

latitude-of-origin

central-meridian

scale-factor

false-easting

false-northing

UNIT

PROJCS[\"\",
GEOGCS[\"\",
DATUM[\"\",
SPHEROID[\"\",0,0,
TOWGS84[0,0,0,0,0,0]],
PRIMEM[\"\",0],
UNIT[\"degree\",0.01745329251994328]],
PROJECTION[\"\",
PARAMETER[\"latitude_of_origin\",0],
PARAMETER[\"central_meridian\",0],
PARAMETER[\"scale_factor\",1],
PARAMETER[\"false_easting\",0],
PARAMETER[\"false_northing\",0],
UNIT[\"metre\",1]]]

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Currently, a small amount of photogrammetry and laser scanning software supports affine transformations, so this tool does not support affine transformations in the same way.

In the window that opens, click the "Select" button and select the *.prj file you want to edit.

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PRJ

C:\TOPODRONE\PostProcessing\data\prj\World-WGS 84-UTM-zone 35N

Select

Save

Logs

Clear

Projection name

WGS 84 / UTM zone 35N

Coordinate system

WGS 84

DATUM

WGS_1984

SPHEROID

WGS 84

TOWGS84:

Delta

0

X

0

Y

0

Z

Rotation

0

X

0

Y

0

Z

Scale

0

PRIMEM

Greenwich

PROJECTION

Transverse_Mercator

PARAMETERS:

latitude-of-origin

0

central-meridian

27

scale-factor

0.9996

false-easting

500000

false-northing

0

UNIT

metre

PROJCS["WGS 84 / UTM zone 35N",

GEOGCS["WGS 84",

DATUM["WGS_1984",

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TOWGS84[0,0,0,0,0,0]],

PRIMEM["Greenwich",0],

UNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433]],

PROJECTION["Transverse_Mercator"],

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PARAMETER["false_easting",500000],

PARAMETER["false_northing",0],

UNIT["metre",1]]

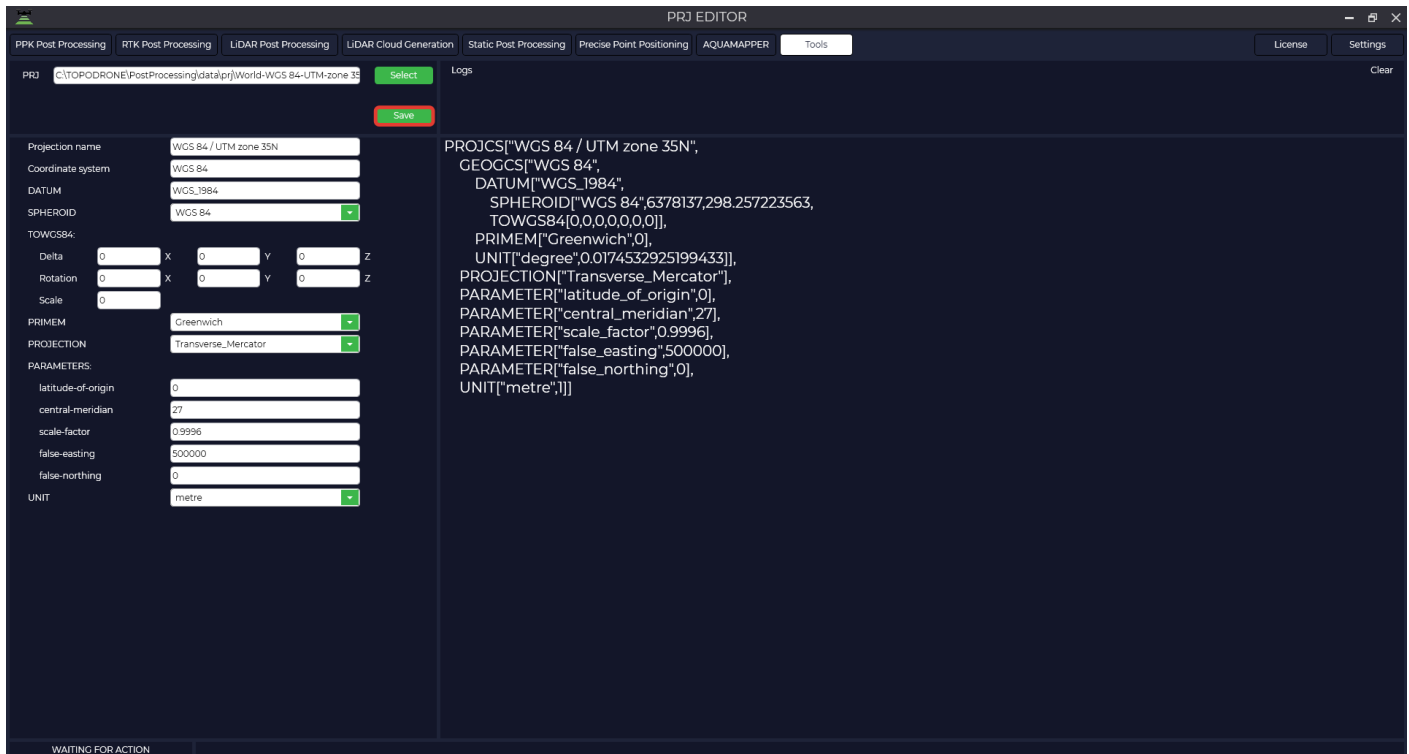
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The table provides a description of the parameters

Projection name	WGS 84 / UTM zone 35N	Projection name
Coordinate system	WGS_1984	Name of coordinate system
DATUM	WGS_1984	Datum name
SPHEROID	WGS 84",6378137,298.257223563	Name of ellipsoid
TOWGS84		7 parameters of transition to WGS84
Delta	0,0,0	Displacement of the intermediate geocentric coordinate along the X, Y, Z axes. It is specified in meters, and the translation direction is indicated by the value sign.
Rotation	0,0,0	The amount of rotation about the X, Y, Z axes that applies to intermediate geocentric coordinates. It is specified in angular seconds, and the direction of translation is indicated by the sign of the value.

Scale	0	A scaling factor that applies to intermediate geocentric coordinates. The value is given in parts per million and is the difference between the actual scaling factor and one. For example, a scale parameter value of -2.5 gives an actual scale factor of 0.9999985. That is, the actual scale factor used is obtained by multiplying the parameter value by 1.0×10^{-6} and adding the result (algebraically) to 1.0.
PRIMEM	"Greenwich",0	Zero meridian, indicating the offset between the zero meridian of the declared coordinate system and the Greenwich coordinate system.
UNIT	"degree",0.01745329251994328	The unit of measure of SC (degrees).
PROJECTION	Transverse_Mercator	Projection type
PARAMETERS		
Latitude of origin	0	Initial latitude
Central meridian	27	Central meridian
Scale factory	0.9996	Scale factor
False easting	500000	Shift east
False northing	0	Shift north
UNIT	metre	Projection unit

Make all necessary changes to the parameters, click the "Save" button, specify the path to save and the file name.

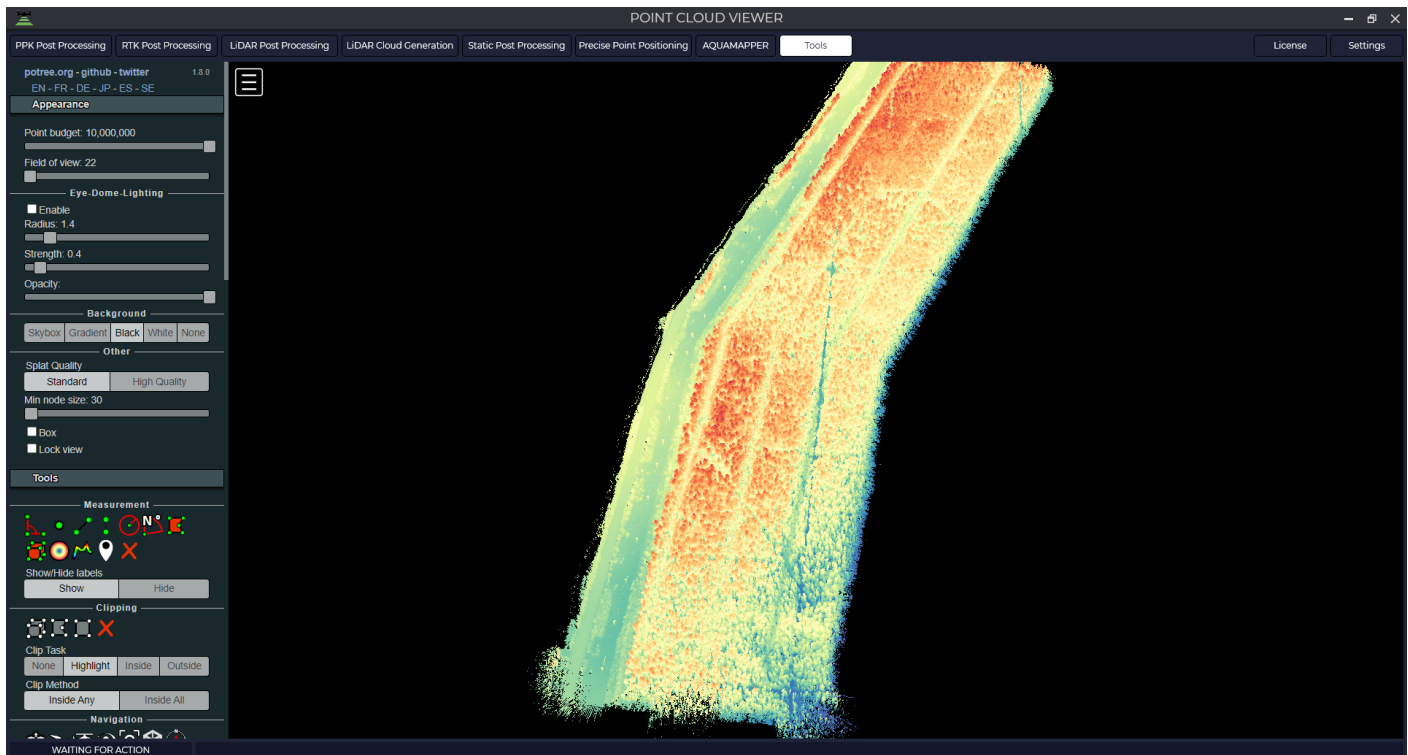


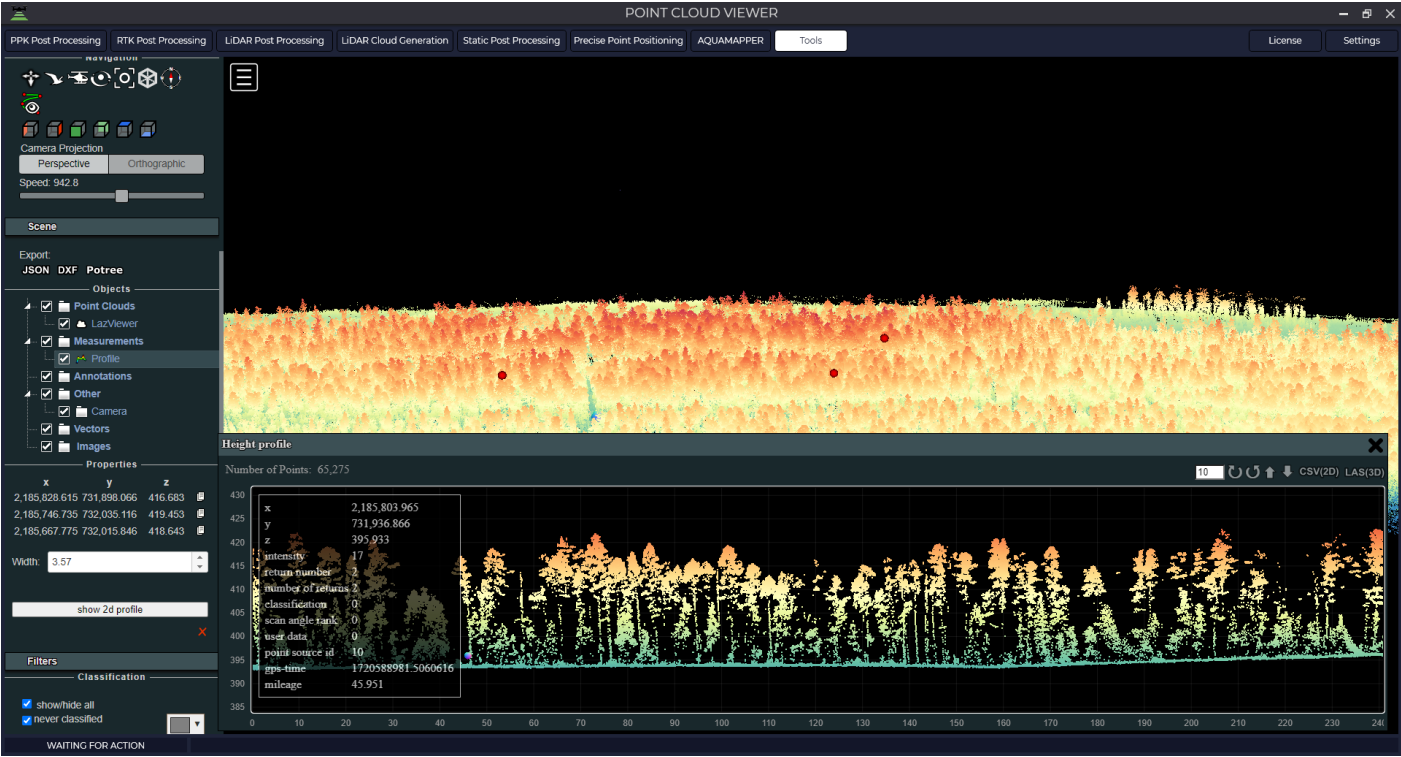
The resulting file is shown below.

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PROJCS["WGS 84 / UTM zone 35N",
  GEOGCS["WGS 84",
    DATUM["WGS_1984",
      SPHEROID["WGS 84",6378137,298.257223563,
        TOWGS84[0,0,0,0,0,0]],
      PRIMEM["Greenwich",0,
        UNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433,
      PROJECTION["Transverse_Mercator"],
      PARAMETER["latitude_of_origin",0],
      PARAMETER["central_meridian",27],
      PARAMETER["scale_factor",0.9996],
      PARAMETER["false_easting",500000],
      PARAMETER["false_northing",0],
      UNIT["metre",1]]]
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Viewing the point cloud

This tool is intended for viewing and analyzing the point cloud obtained during processing in TOPODRONE Post Processing software. To start the module, go to the Tools tab, then Viewers and click on the New button. If you need to open a point cloud that has just been closed, select Previous. In the opened tab select the point cloud in *.las or *.laz format. After loading, the point cloud will be displayed in the main window.





Data archive GNSS

This module is a large database with publicly available base stations for downloading observation files.

1. To start the module, go to the "Tools" tab, then "GNSS Data Archives" and select the database you need.

The screenshot displays the 'INTERNATIONAL GNSS DATA' application. The main window features a table of base stations with the following columns: Station, Country, Latitude, Longitude, Altitude, Receiver, Antenna, and Satellite System. The table lists various stations from ABMF to ANK2. A sidebar on the left provides configuration options: 'Specify the RINEX file/files to find out the measurement time interval or set it yourself' (with a 'Select' button), 'Measurement frequency' (1 sec or 30 sec), 'Date' and 'Time' fields, 'Recording Start' and 'Recording End' time pickers, and an 'Output folder' field with a 'Select' button. Below these is a search bar and a status message: '> Search in the network of operating base stations... > 520 base stations were found on 10/30/2024'. At the bottom left are 'Start' and 'Stop' buttons, and a 'WAITING FOR ACTION' status bar. On the right, a map shows the global distribution of base stations as red pins. Above the map are controls for 'OpenStreetMap', 'Lat', 'Lon', 'Go To', 'Markers', 'Clear', and 'Fit'.

Station	Country	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude	Receiver	Antenna	Satellite System
ABMF	CLP	16.262	-61.528	-28	SEPT POLARIS	TRMS27971.00	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+SBAS
ABPO	MDG	-19.018	47.229	1552.992	SEPT POLARIS	ASH701945G_M	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS
AC23	USA	60.475	-150.878	80.301	SEPT POLARIS	TRMS9800.99	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS
AC24	USA	58.682	-156.653	56.4	SEPT POLARIS	TRMS9800.00	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS
ACRG	GHA	5.641	-0.207	85.4	DAVID TRE-35	SEPCHOKE_EME6	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+IRNSS+SBAS
ACSO	USA	40.232	-82.982	249.387	SEPT POLARIS	TRMS9800.80	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS
ADIS	ETH	9.035	38.766	2439.149	LEICA GR50	LEIAR20	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+SBAS
AGGO	ARG	-34.874	-58.14	42.085	SEPT POLARIS	LEIAR25_R4	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+SBAS
AIRA	JPN	31.824	130.6	514.64	TRIMBLE ALLOY	TRMS9800.00	GPS+GLO+GAL+QZSS
AJAC	FRA	41.927	8.763	398.8	LEICA GR50	TRMTS000.00	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS+SBAS
ALBH	CAN	48.39	-123.487	52	SEPT POLARIS	TRMS9800.00	GPS+GLO+GAL
ALCO	CAN	45.959	-78.171	202	SEPT POLARIS	ACAD3M_T	GPS+GLO+GAL
ALIC	AUS	-23.67	133.886	603.2	SEPT POLARIS	TWVC6050	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS
ALRT	CAN	82.494	-62.34	78.11	SEPT POLARIS	ASH701945D_M	GPS+GLO+GAL
AMC4	USA	38.803	-104.525	1911.394	SEPT POLARIS	TPSCR.GSC	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS
ANK2	TUR	39.843	32.775	1794.3	TRIMBLE NETR	TRMTS000.00	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS

2. Then download the data from your receiver to have the program select the date and time of the base stations or enter this data manually. Specify the folder where you want to save the result.

Specify the RINEX file/files to find out the measurement time interval or set it yourself: Select

Measurement frequency: ☐ 1 sec. ☒ 30 sec.

Date: Time:

Recording Start: 9/20/2024 07:00

Recording End: 9/20/2024 08:00

Output folder: Select

- > Search in the network of operating base stations...
- > 520 base stations were found on 10/30/2024
- > The type of base station antenna is not specified in the header of the Rinex file.
- > Parse C:\Users\mbere\Downloads\2024-09-20_07-44-57.obs...
- > APPROX POSITION X = 4388685.5959, Y= 527810.3661, Z= 4584483.9732
- > ANTENNA: DELTA H/E/N = 0
- > TIME OF FIRST OBS = 20/09/2024 7:45:18
- > TIME OF LAST OBS = 20/09/2024 8:15:06

Start Stop

3. In the table or on the map, select the base station from which you want to download data and press the "Start" button, the data download will start in the folder you specified.

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Station	Country	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude	Receiver	Antenna	Satellite System
VAR2	ALIS	29.047	115.347	241.3	TRIMBLE ALLOY	AOAD/M-T	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS+IRNSS
VAR3	AUS	29.046	115.347	242.4	SEPT POLARXS	LEIAR25	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS
VAR4	AUS	29.047	115.347	243.3	SEPT POLARXS	LEIAR204	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS+IRNSS
YEBE	ESP	40.525	-3.089	972.8	LEICA CIRS0	LEIAR20	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS
YEL2	CAN	62.481	-114.481	181.008	SEPT POLARXS5TR	LEIAR25 R4	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+SBAS
YELL	CAN	62.481	-114.481	181	JAVAD TRE_3N DELTA	AOAD/M-T	GPS+GLO+GAL
YIBL	OMN	22.196	56.112	95.1	TRIMBLE NETR9	ASH701945C_M	GPS+GLO
YKRO	CIV	6.871	35.24	270	JAVAD TRE_3 DELTA	ASH701945C_M	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS
YONS	KOR	37.541	127.001	95.849	TRIMBLE ALLOY	TRIM59800.00	GPS+GLO+GAL
YSSK	RUS	47.03	142.717	91.289	JAVAD TRE_3N DELTA	ASH701933B_M	GPS+GLO
ZAMB	ZMB	-15.426	28.311	1324.914	JAVAD TRE_3 DELTA	AOAD/M-T	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS
ZECK	RUS	43.788	41.565	1167	JAVAD TRE_3 DELTA	JAVRINGANT_DM	GPS+GLO+GAL
ZIM2	CHE	46.877	7.465	956.5	TRIMBLE NETR9	TRIM59800.00	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS
ZIM3	CHE	46.877	7.465	956.5	TRIMBLE NETR9	TRIM59800.00	GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+SBAS
ZIMM	CHE	46.877	7.465	956.4	TRIMBLE NETR9	TRIM29659.00	GPS

Specify the RINEX file/files to find out the measurement time interval or set it yourself:

Select

Measurement frequency: ☐ 1 sec. ☒ 30 sec.

Date: 9/20/2024 Time: 07:00

Recording Start: 9/20/2024 07:00

Recording End: 9/20/2024 08:00

Output folder:

Select

> Search in the network of operating base stations...

> 320 base stations were found on 10/30/2024.

> The type of base station antenna is not specified in the header of the Rinex file.

> Parse C:\Users\mbeni\Downloads\2024-09-20_07-44_37.obs.

> APPROX POSITION X = 4389685.5993 Y = 527810.3661 Z = 4584483.9732

> ANTENNA DELTA H/E/N = 0

> TIME OF FIRST OBS = 2009/2024-7-45:18

> TIME OF LAST OBS = 2009/2024-8-15:06

> Measured distance = 73775.95 meters

Start

Stop

WAITING FOR ACTION

OpenStreetMap

Lat: 46.6752610362 Lon: 7.5366210538

Go To

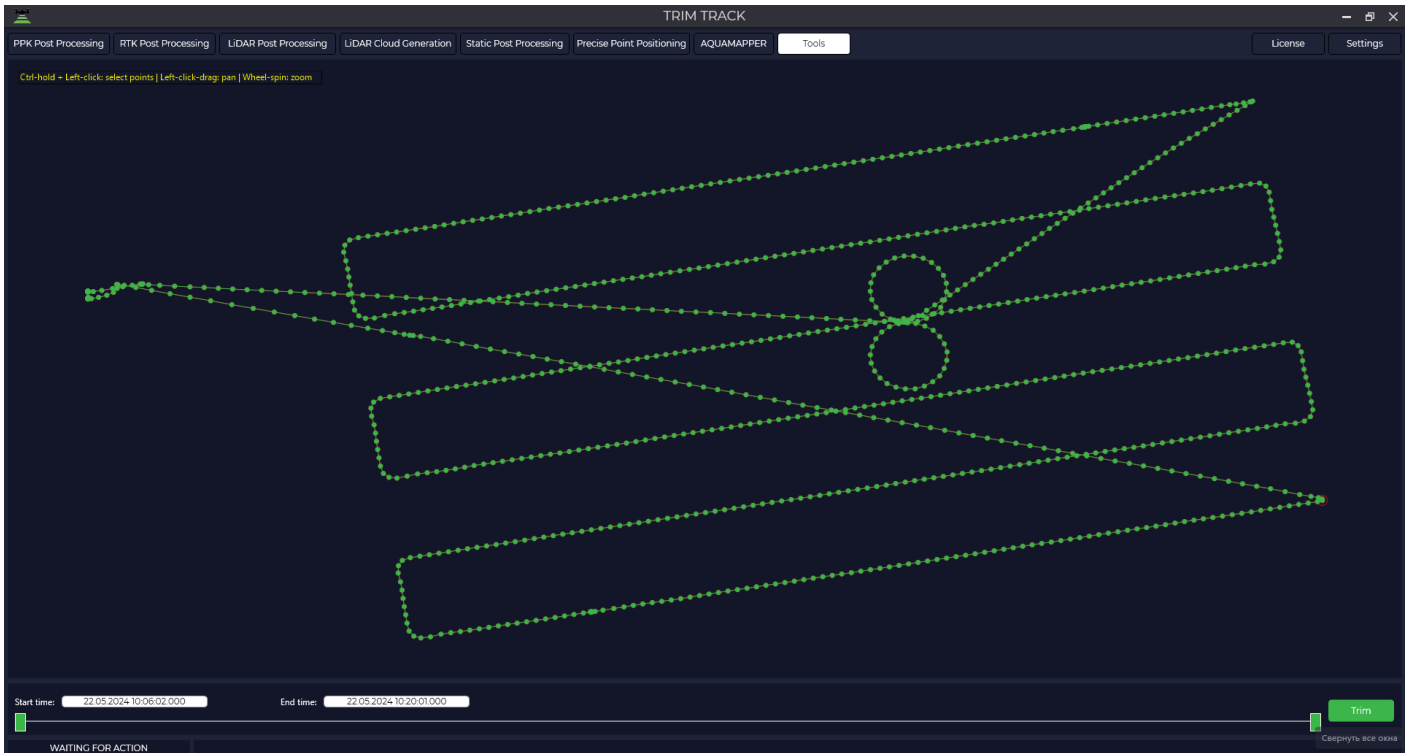
Markers: Clear

Fit

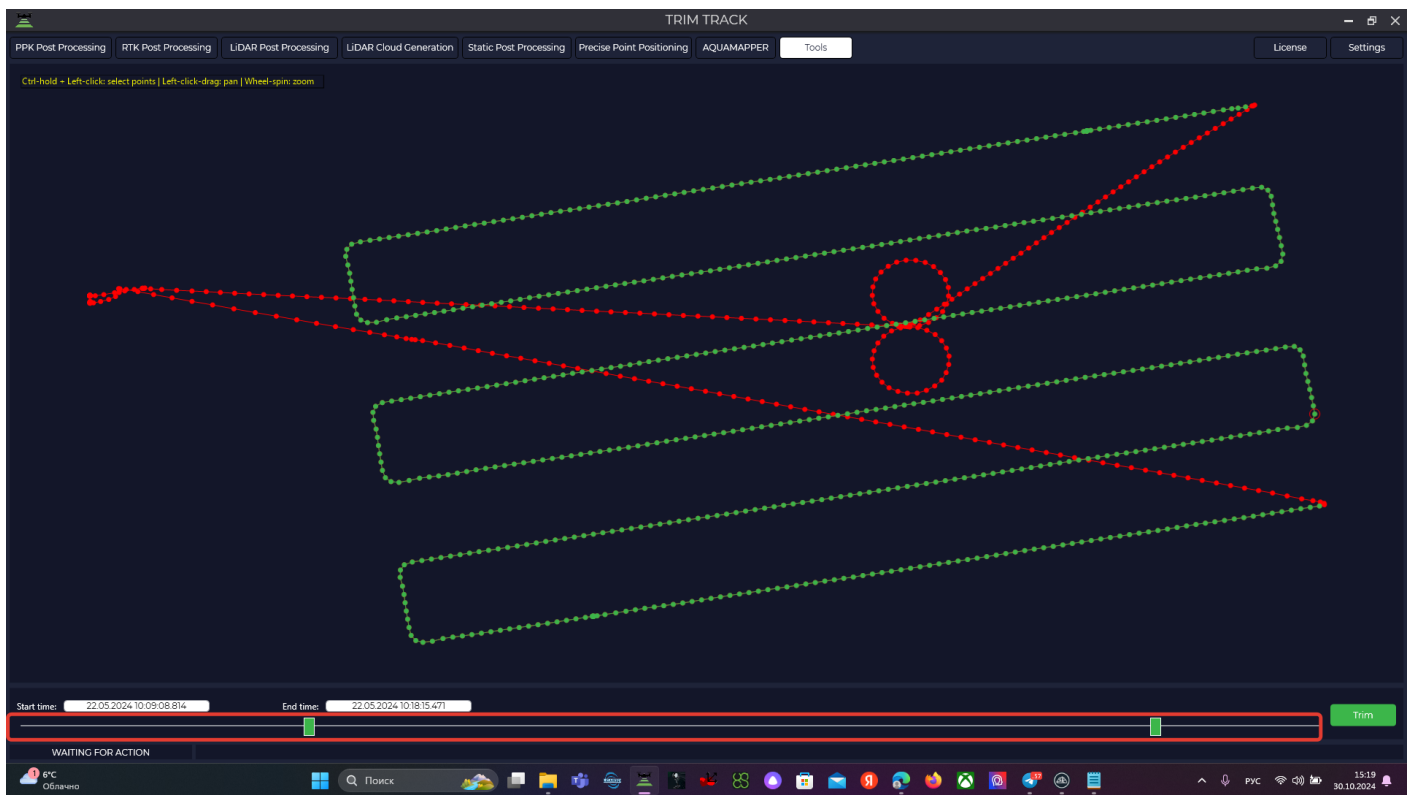
Track trimming

This tool is designed to trim a trajectory file in *.pos and *.poses format.

To start the tool, select Track Trim in the Tools, Trim/Stitch tab. Then select the track you want to trim.



There are two sliders at the bottom, by moving them you specify the interval of the trajectory, which will remain and which will be cut. You will see a visual representation of the two colors on the trajectory. Green indicates the area that will be saved after trimming, and red indicates the area that will be trimmed.

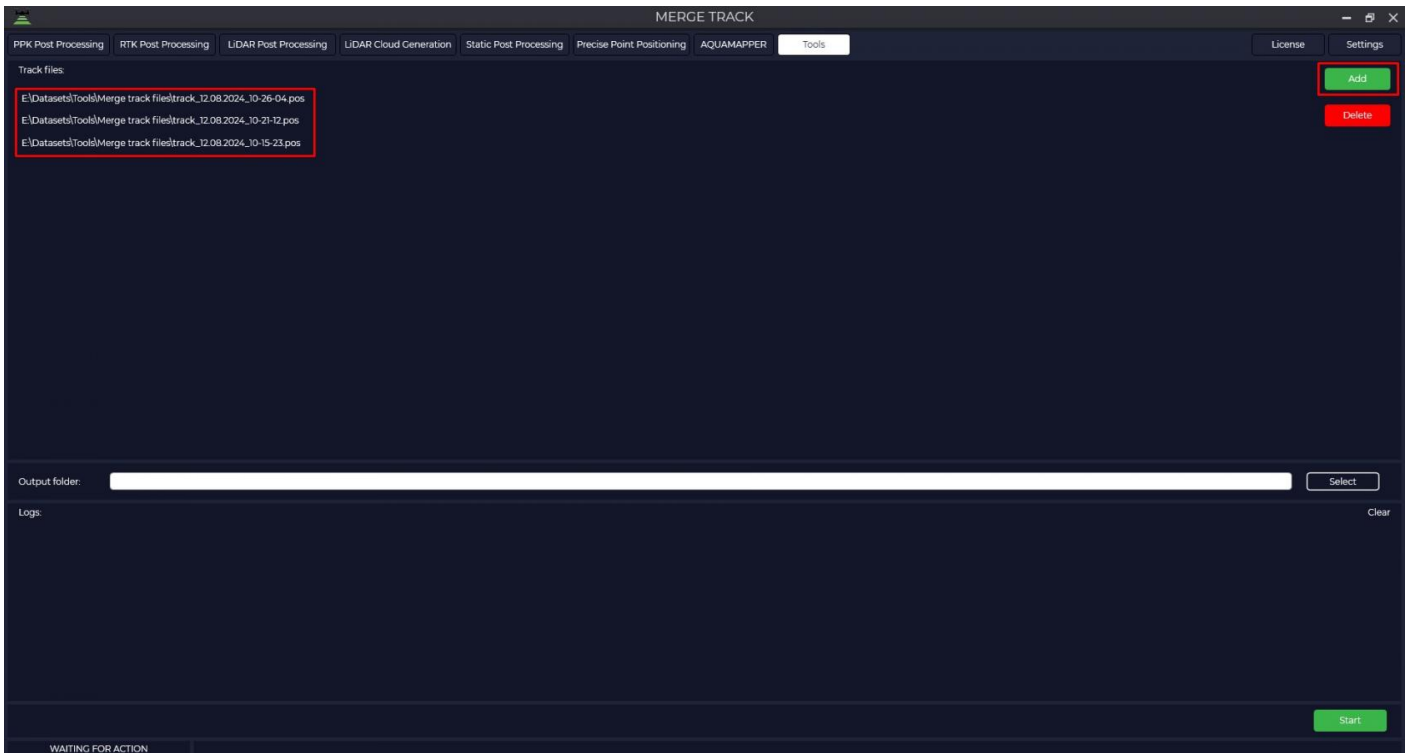


After selecting an area, cut the part you don't want by clicking on "Trim". The trajectory will be saved to a file in the original format.

Merge track files

The module is designed for trajectory stitching followed by point cloud generation in the LiDAR Cloud Generation module.

To start the tool, select Track File Stitching in the Tools, Trim/Stitch tab. Then through the "Add" button select the trajectories to be merged.



Select the Output folder where to save the merged trajectory and click "Start" to start the process. At the end of the process the program will display a message that everything is ready.

PPK Post Processing

RTK Post Processing

LIDAR Post Processing

LIDAR Cloud Generation

Static Post Processing

Precise Point Positioning

AQUAMAPPER

Tools

License

Settings

Track files

E:\Datasets\Tools\Merge track files\track_12.08.2024_10-26-04.pos

E:\Datasets\Tools\Merge track files\track_12.08.2024_10-21-12.pos

E:\Datasets\Tools\Merge track files\track_12.08.2024_10-15-23.pos

Add

Delete

Output folder:

E:\Datasets\Tools\Merge track files

Select

Logs

Clear

WAITING FOR ACTION

Start

Trim IMR (+GNSS)

You can use the IMR(+GNSS) Trim IMR(+GNSS) tool to eliminate jumps in inertial navigation system (IMU) data when working in conjunction with satellite navigation data.

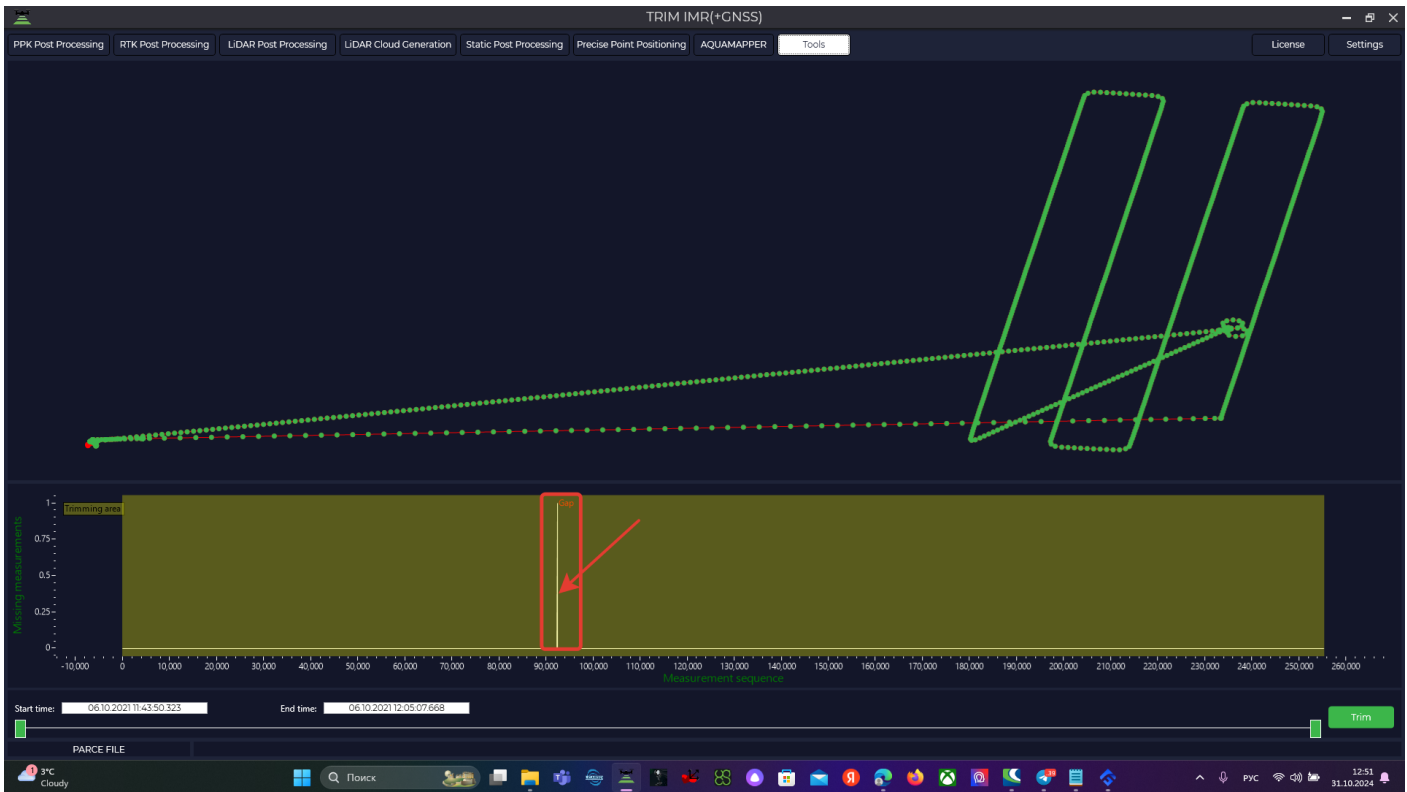
This tool is useful if after starting trajectory processing the dataset contains an error message - IMU file contains gaps in measurement points! Use the "Trim IMR(+GNSS)" tool to remove the missing sampling time interval.

```
> Processing GNSS+IMU  
> 301892.2 Fatal error IMU data gap of 152 epochs  
> Calculation 1 completed with errors!
```

To start the tool, select IMR(+GNSS) Trim in the Tools, Trim/Stitch tab. Then select the file in *.imr format to be trimmed and the GNSS receiver file.

2021-10-06_11-43-32	IMU file
2021-10-06_11-43-32.ubx	Drone file

The program will pre-process the GNSS and if there were any gaps in the IMU data, you will see this on the screen as vertical lines and the designation (Gap).



For further correct processing, it is required to exclude outliers from the data. From the selected file we will need to exclude two skips from processing, therefore the IMU file should be divided into three segments and further processed in three parts. Only one segment is trimmed, so in this case we will need to repeat this procedure three times.



After selecting the desired segment using the sliders at the bottom of the screen, click "Crop". The IMU file will be saved to the folder in its original format at the interval you specified and will be saved to the original folder.

Trim IMR

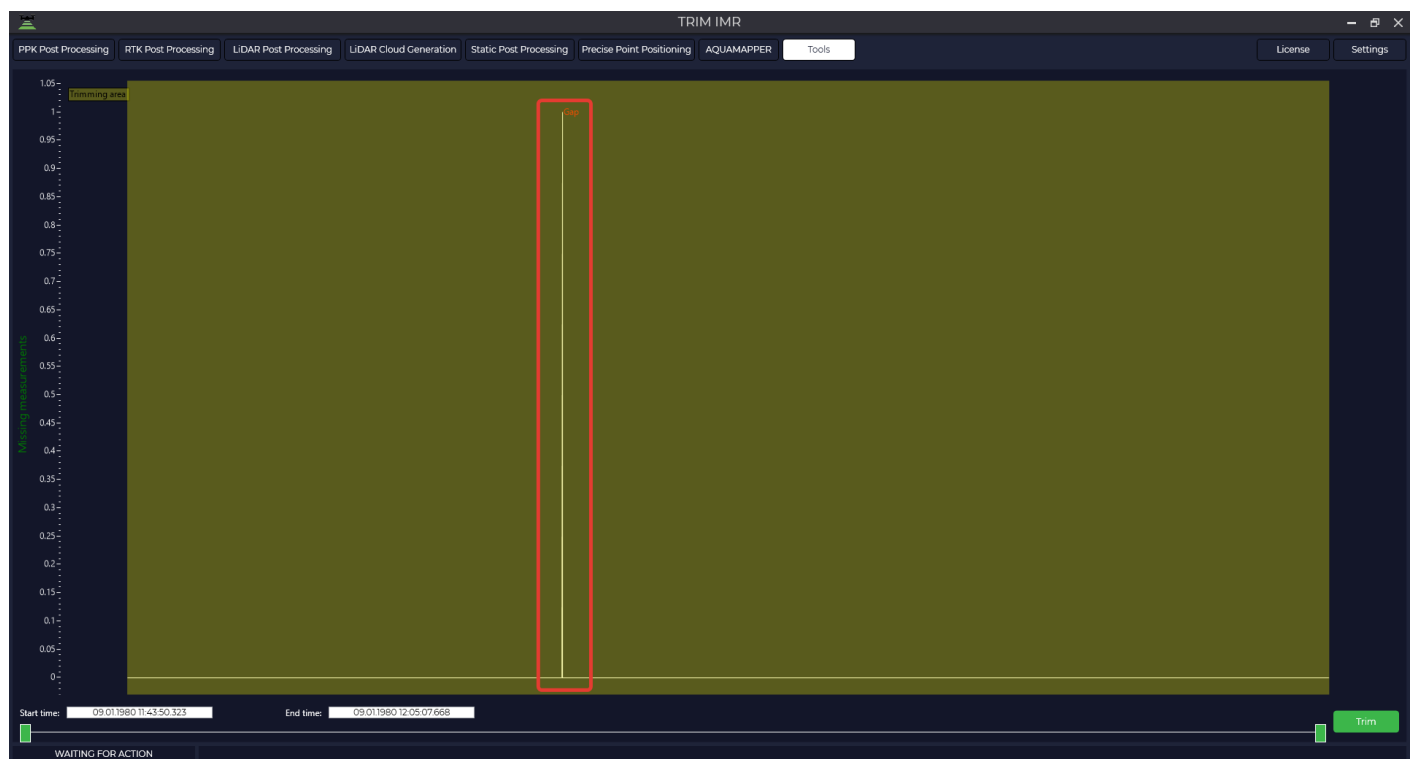
To eliminate jumps in inertial navigation unit (IMU) data when performing work without satellite navigation data, you can use the IMR Trim tool.

This tool is useful if the dataset contains an error message - IMU file contains gaps in measurement points! Use the IMR Trim tool to remove the missing sample time interval.

To start the tool, select IMR Trim in the Tools, Trim/Stitch tab. Then select the file in *.imr format to be trimmed.



The program will perform pre-processing and if there were any gaps in the IMU data, you will see this on the screen in the form of vertical lines and the designation (Gap).



For further correct processing it is necessary to exclude omissions from the data, therefore the IMU file should be divided into two segments and further processed in two parts. Only one segment is trimmed, so in this case we need to repeat this procedure twice.



After selecting the desired segment using the sliders at the bottom of the screen, click "Crop". The IMU file will be saved to the folder in its original format at the interval you specified and will be saved to the original folder.

Coordinate converter(One coordinate)

This tool allows to convert data from WGS-84 coordinate system to another one using *.prj file of coordinate system, which is loaded into the program database or using calibration file, which was made before in TOPODRONE Post Processing program. For more details see Calibration.

For example, this tool can help you to convert a base station coordinate from local coordinate system to WGS-84 when processing an area in the LiDAR Post Processing module.

In order to convert one point from WGS-84 coordinate system to any other, you should choose Coordinate Converter in the Tools tab, then One coordinate.

Select the coordinate format (decimal or degrees, minutes, seconds)

Latitude: degrees
Longitude: degrees
Altitude: meters

☒ Meters
☐ US feet

Next, select the desired height type.

Ellipsoid by projection

Ellipsoid by projection
Ellipsoid WGS-84
GEOID (EGM2008)

Select the required coordinate system. The required *.prj file can be quickly found using the search bar. The coordinates of the source point must be within the area covered by the *.prj file.

Use calibration ?

NO

Elevation type:

Projection:

World-WGS 84-UTM-zone 35N (m) EPSG 32635

If you have calibrated in the TOPODRONE Post Processing program, press the "NO" button and select your calibration file.

After that, click on the right arrow, which will change its color to green when you hover your mouse cursor over it. Click on the arrow with the left mouse button.



After that, the converted coordinate values of the source point in meters will appear in the right part.

North:

5443784.492154155

meters

East:

206808.02908949798

meters

Height:

250.34

meters

Meters

US foots

Coordinate Converter(Coordinates from file)

The tool allows you to convert coordinates from one coordinate system to another using the *.prj coordinate system file loaded into the program database or the calibration file created earlier in the TOPODRONE Post Processing program. More details about this process can be found in the "Calibration" section. To convert a coordinate catalog from one coordinate system to another, go to the "Tools" menu and select "Coordinate Converter", then "Coordinates from file".

The screenshot shows the 'COORDINATE CONVERTER FOR ALL COORDINATES IN FILE' application window. The interface is dark-themed with a top menu bar containing options: PPK Post Processing, RTK Post Processing, LIDAR Post Processing, LIDAR Cloud Generation, Static Post Processing, Precise Point Positioning, AQUAMAPPER, and Tools. The 'Tools' menu is currently selected. Below the menu bar, there are 'License' and 'Settings' buttons. The main workspace is divided into two columns. The left column has a 'Source' text input field with a green 'Select' button next to it. Below this is a 'Start row' input field set to '1'. A 'Separator' section includes radio buttons for 'Tab', 'Semicolon', 'Comma', and 'Space', with 'Tab' selected. Below the separator are 'Coordinate system' and 'Elevation type' dropdown menus. The 'Coordinate system' dropdown is set to 'WGS-84' and 'PRJ'. The 'Elevation type' dropdown is set to 'Meters'. The right column has identical controls for 'Coordinate system' and 'Elevation type'. At the bottom of the window, a status bar displays 'WAITING FOR ACTION'.

In the Source section, specify the coordinate catalog file you want to convert, the import start line, and the coordinate separator type.

Source

Start row Separator ☒ Tab ☐ Semicolon ☐ Comma ☐ Space Other:

Select the coordinate system and elevation type of the original coordinate catalog.

Coordinate system: ☒ Meters ☐ US feet

Elevation type:

Determine whether the columns match the values.

v	Latitude/North v	Longitude/East v	H-Ell/H v	v
T1	41.3861300472	45.0368708771	328.808	
T2	42.4438272345	44.4906560524	1870.423	
T3	41.5897354840	45.5388362124	484.233	
T4	41.3870897453	44.3979272215	759.449	
T5	41.7213004565	44.9646046740	718.074	
T6	41.9241862519	45.4747276412	701.753	
T7	42.1027327730	44.9683905605	1123.427	

Specify the coordinate system and elevation type of the target coordinate catalog.

Coordinate system: ☒ Meters ☐ US feet

Elevation type:

Use calibration?

World-WGS 84-UTM-zone 38N (m) EPSG 32638

If you have calibrated in the TOPODRONE Post Processing program, press the "PRJ" button, then press "NO" and select your calibration file.

Coordinate system:

WGS-84

PRJ

Meters

US foots

Elevation type:

GEOID (EGM2008)

Use calibration?

YES

> TnrsBLKL_070724.0600_070724.1759_279421-NZGR_070724.0600_070724.1759_786067World-WGS 84-UTM-zone 36N (m) EPSG 32636_Ellipsoid WGS-84
> Afghguda281h00-guda281m45-wlk1281h00-wlk1281m45World-WGS 84-UTM-zone 38N (m) EPSG 32638_GEOID (EGM2008)
> Albalbch0140-sfdm0140World-WGS 84-World Geodetic System 1984 used in GPS (degree) EPSG 4326_Ellipsoid WGS-84
> Algemial1890-milt1890USA-NAD83(2011)-UTM zone 15N (m) EPSG 6344_GEOID (EGM2008)
> AlgerUSIL_300624.2100_010724.2059_779288-USIL_300624.2100_010724.2059_779288ITRF2020_Ellipsoid WGS-84
> Algeria

After pressing the "Start" button, the right window will display the coordinate catalog in the selected coordinate system. If necessary, click the "Save" button and save the new file.

PPK Post Processing
RTK Post Processing
LIDAR Post Processing
LIDAR Cloud Generation
Static Post Processing
Precise Point Positioning
AQUAMAPPER
Tools
License
Settings

Source

E:\Datasets\Tools\Coordinates from File\WGS-84 to 32638.txt

Select

Start row

1

Separator

Tab

Semicolon

Comma

Space

Other

Coordinate system:

WGS-84

PRJ

Meters

US foots

Elevation type:

Ellipsoid WGS-84

Coordinate system:

WGS-84

PRJ

Meters

US foots

Elevation type:

GEOID (EGM2008)

Use calibration?

NO

32638

World-WGS 84-UTM-zone 38N (m) EPSG 32638

Latitude/North

Longitude/East

H-Ell

T1

41.3861300472

45.0368708771

328.808

T2

42.4438272345

44.4906560524

1870.423

T3

41.5897354840

45.5388362124

484.233

T4

41.3870897453

44.3979272215

759.449

T5

41.7213004565

44.9646046740

718.074

T6

41.9241862519

45.4747276412

701.753

T7

42.1027327730

44.9683905605

1123.427

Start

WAITING FOR ACTION

COORDINATE CONVERTER FOR ALL COORDINATES IN FILE

PPK Post ProcessingRTK Post ProcessingLIDAR Post ProcessingLIDAR Cloud GenerationStatic Post ProcessingPrecise Point PositioningAQUAMAPPERToolsLicenseSettings

SourceE:\Datasets\Tools\Coordinates from file\WGS-84 to 32638.txtSelectSave

Start row1SeparatorTabSemicolonCommaSpaceOther

Coordinate system:WGS-84PRJElevation type:Ellipsoid WGS-84MetersUS feet

Coordinate system:WGS-84PRJElevation type:Geoid (EGM2008)MetersUS feetUse calibration?NO\$2638World-WGS 84-UTM-zone 38N (m) EPSG 32638

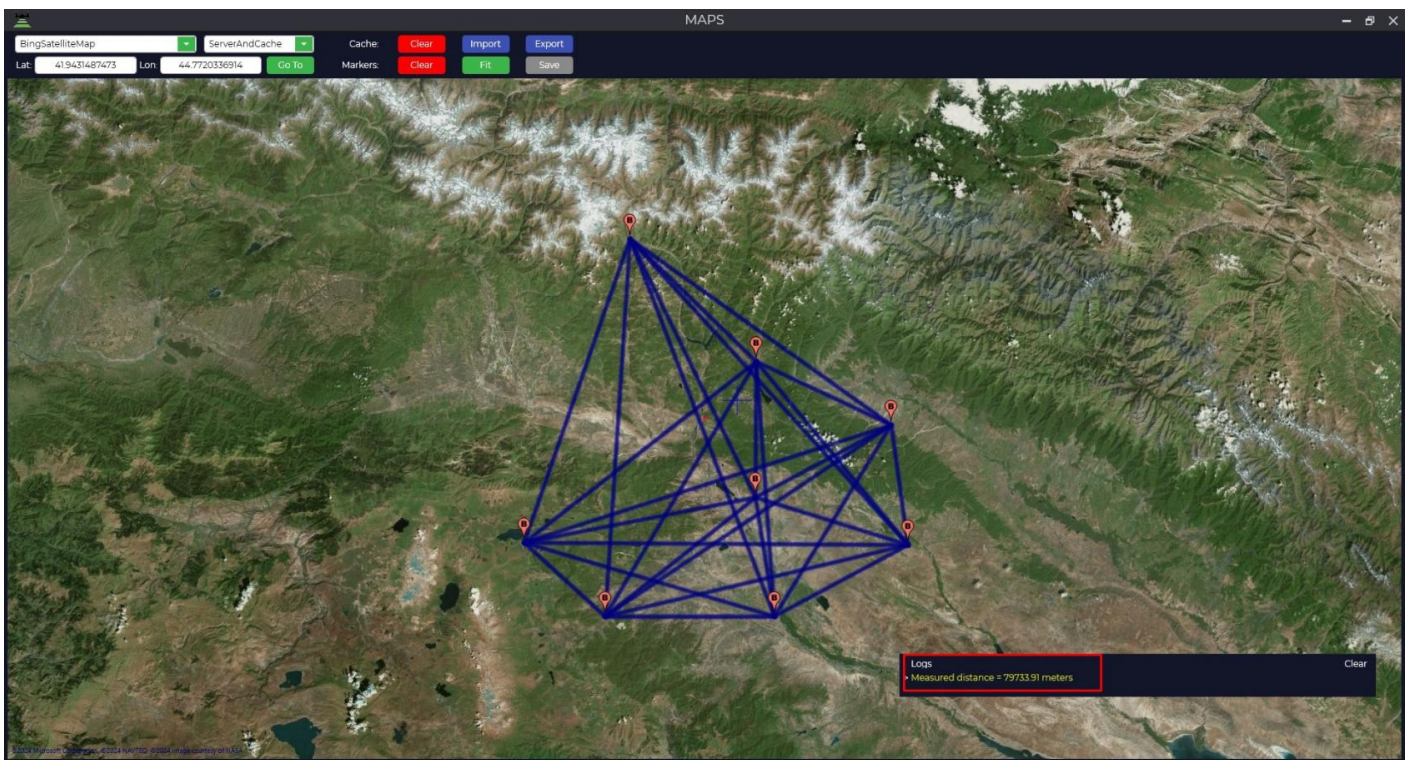
	Latitude/North	Longitude/East	H-Elv/H		North	East	Height
T1	41.3861300472	45.0368708771	328.808		4581623.257213315	503082.7300006464	313.49093336500727
T2	42.4438272345	44.4906560524	1870.423		4699181.42079438	45811.6875127898	1849.8220865999072
T3	41.5897354840	45.5388362124	484.233		4604366.8405396445	544910.7062592481	472.54669978167107
T4	41.3870897453	44.3979272215	759.449		4581904.0063760085	449662.0361703812	739.0061899434053
T5	41.7213004565	44.9646046740	718.074		4618833.892570454	497055.8871326369	703.056432140733
T6	41.9241862519	45.4747276412	701.753		4641467.723723855	539362.4962981144	688.68277176353189
T7	42.1027327730	44.9683905605	1123.427		4661183.112713024	497386.3962826002	1107.14000360339013

Start

WAITING FOR ACTION

Maps

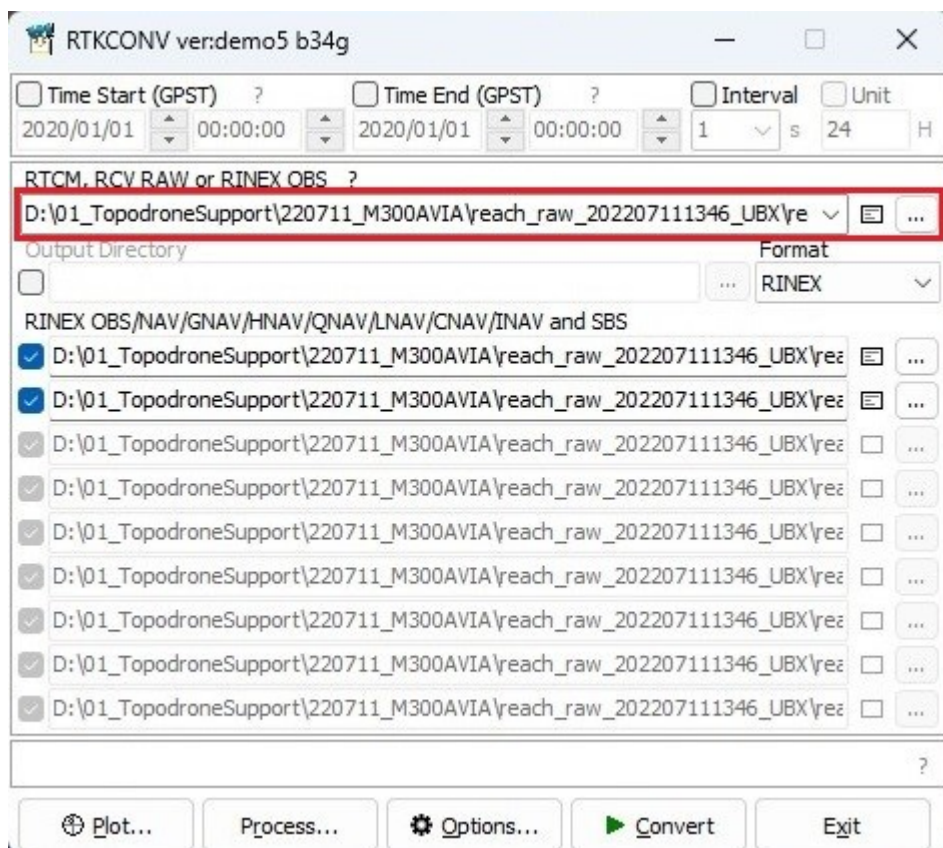
The "Maps" module is designed to display loaded static observations and vectors at all stages of data processing. To launch the module, go to the "Tools" tab and click the "Maps" button. Important: for correct display of observation points, the map window should be opened when loading files. If this condition has not been met, you should re-download the data. An additional function of the module is to measure the distance between two points on the map. To do this, press the "Ctrl" key and select two points in the map area with the left mouse button. The value of the measured distance will be displayed in the log window.



GNSS data converter

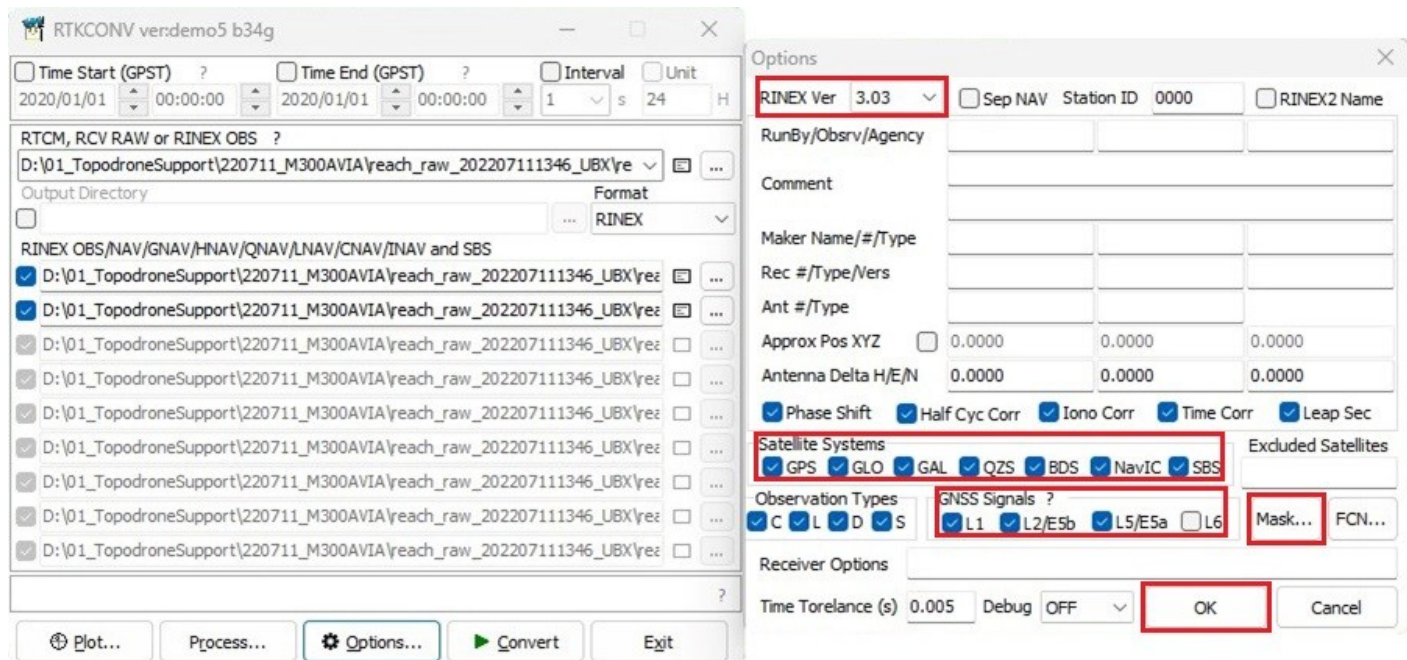
The module is based on the open source software RTKLIB, this module is designed to convert raw observation files from Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receivers into RINEX format. The module supports data formats from the following GNSS chip manufacturers: U-blox, ComNav, NovAtel, Hemisphere, Javad, Trimble, as well as the common *.YYO format, where YY is the year of observations.

To convert data to *.obs format, perform the following actions: Go to the "Tools" tab and select "GNSS Data Converter" in the RINEX section. Specify the file to be converted to *.obs format.

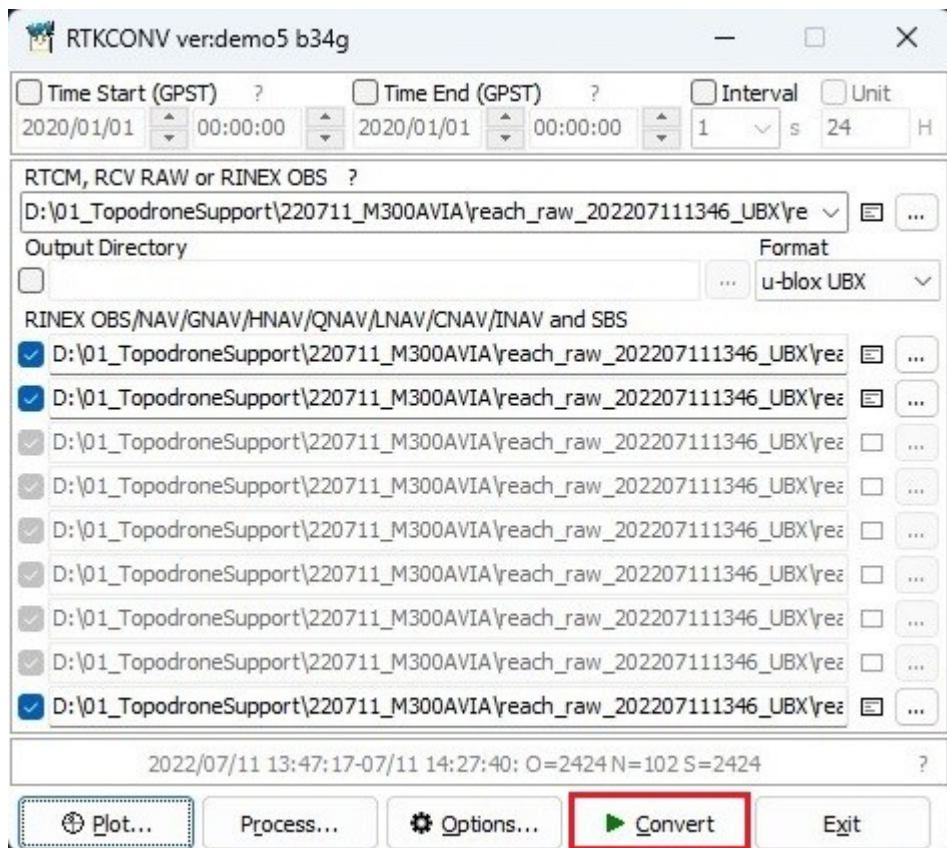


The lower part of the window displays the files to be exported.

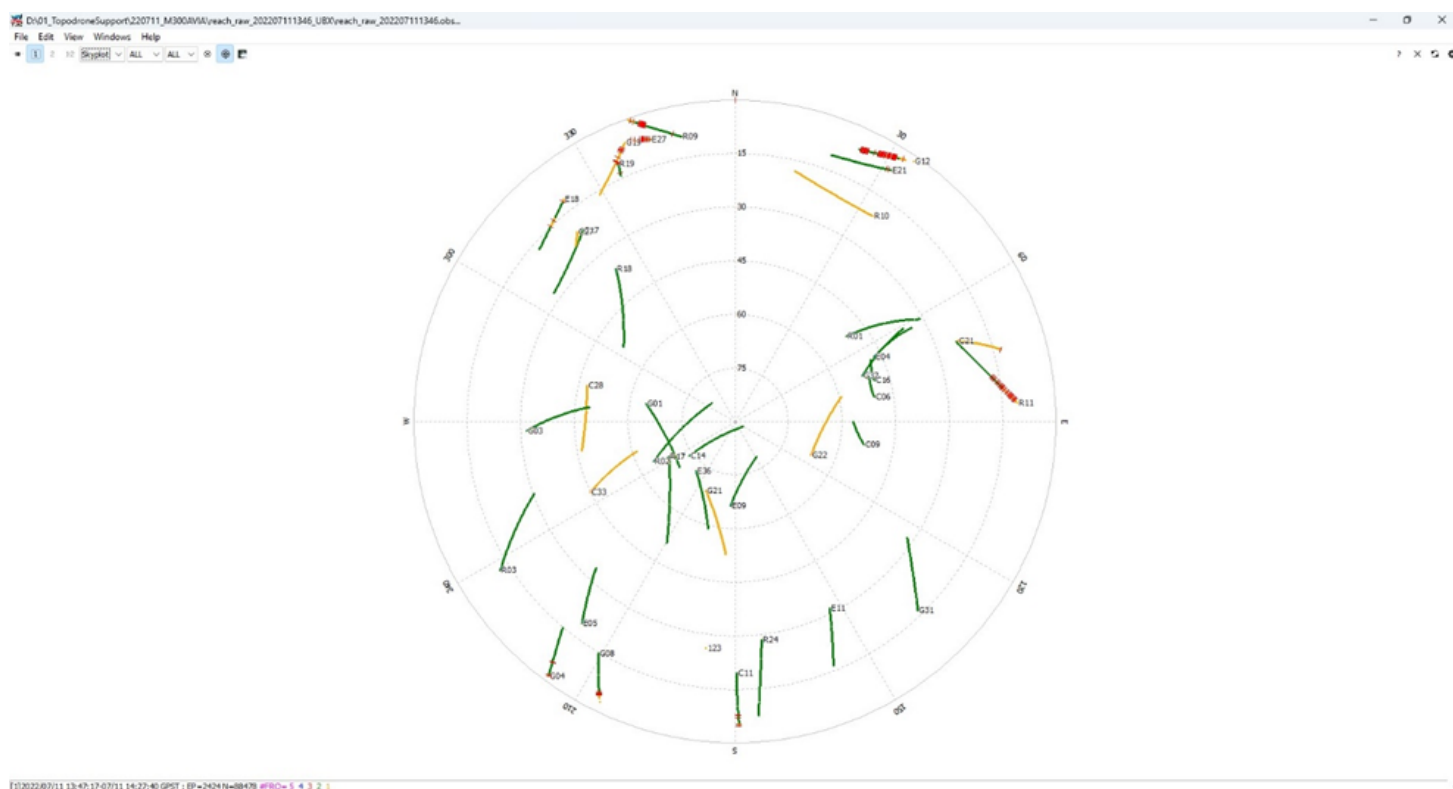
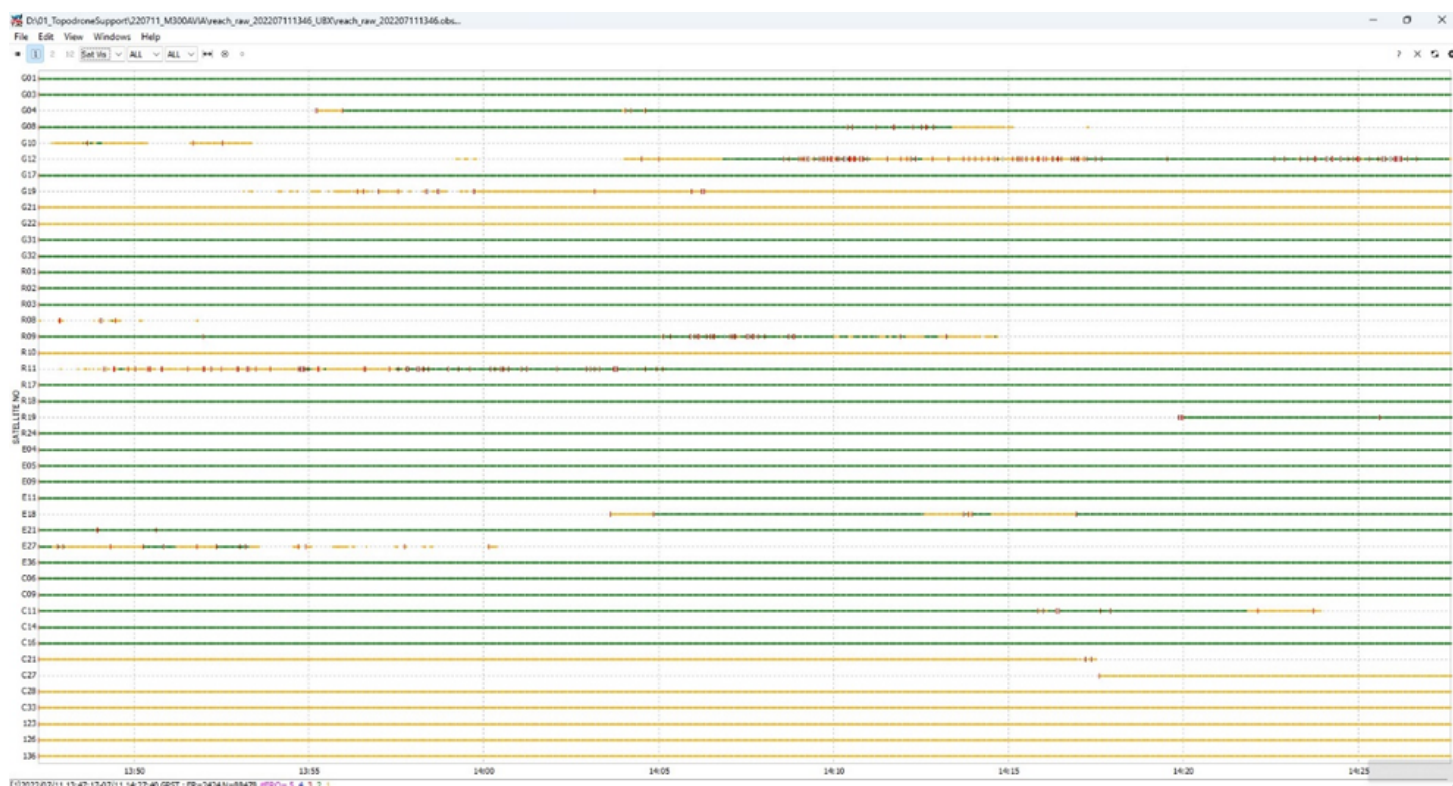
Click on the "Options..." button and select the RINEX version, satellite constellations, operating frequency or specific satellites. Then click on the "OK" button.

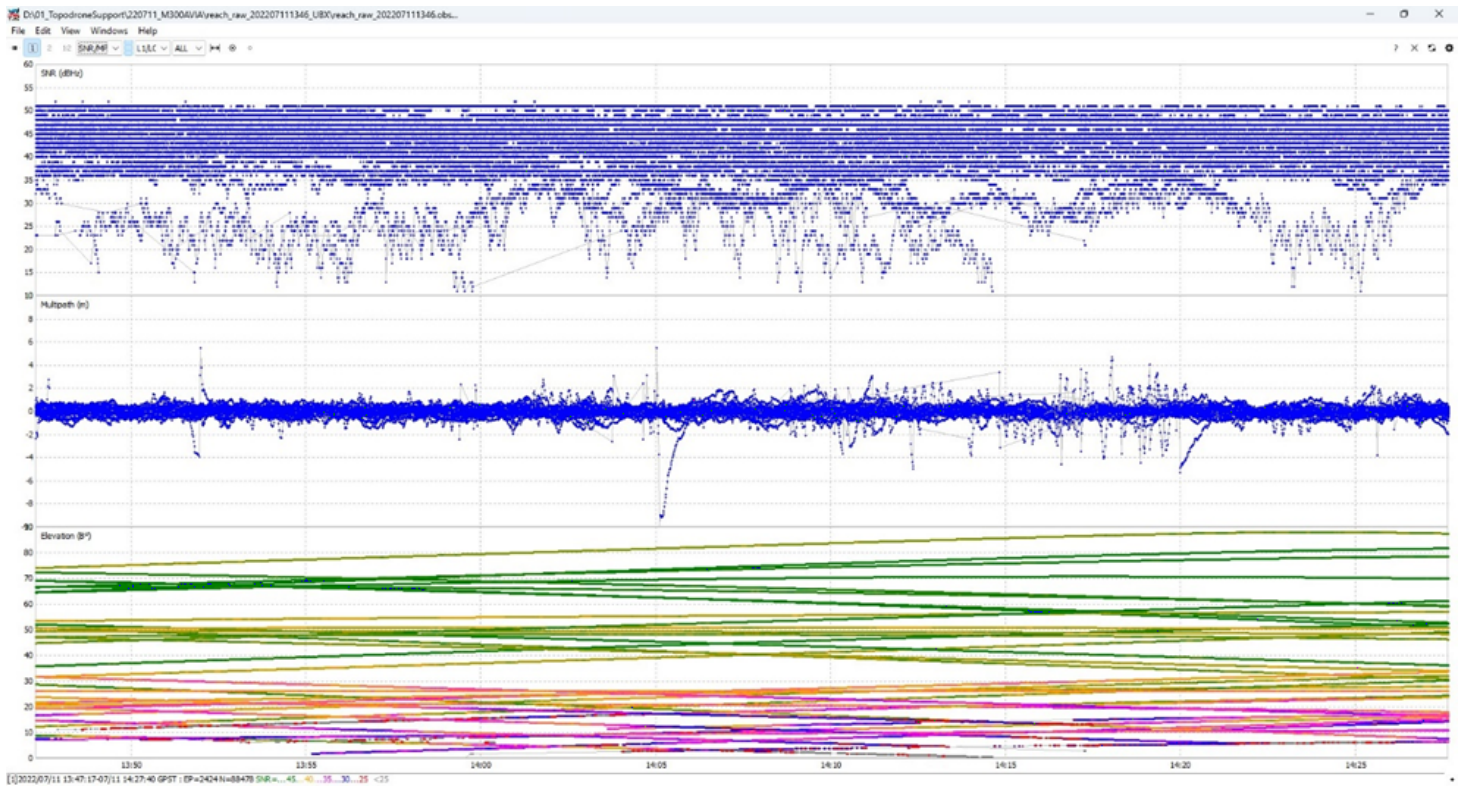


Click on the "Convert" button to have the program convert your file to RINEX format with your parameters.



After converting the file, click on the "Plot..." button to evaluate the quality of your data. For more information about data quality analysis, see [Appendix B](#).

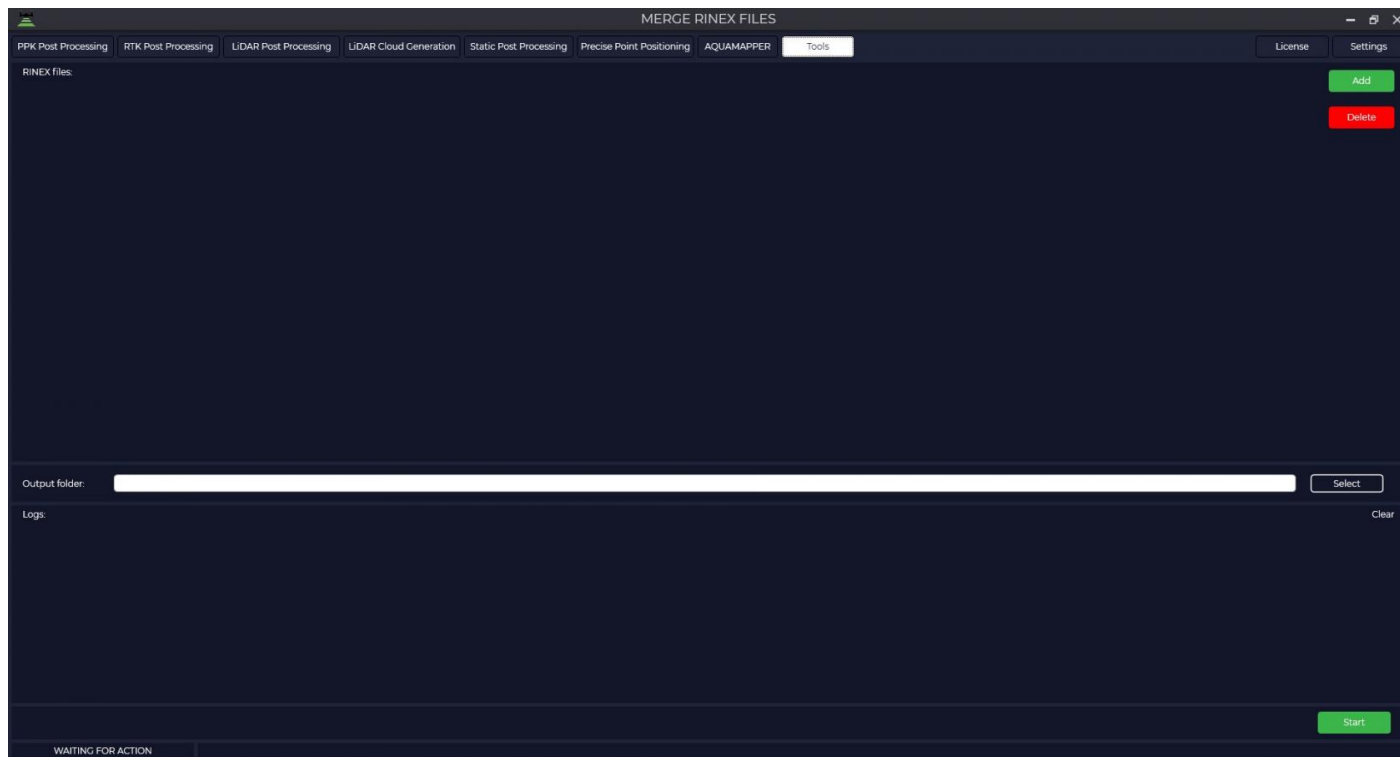




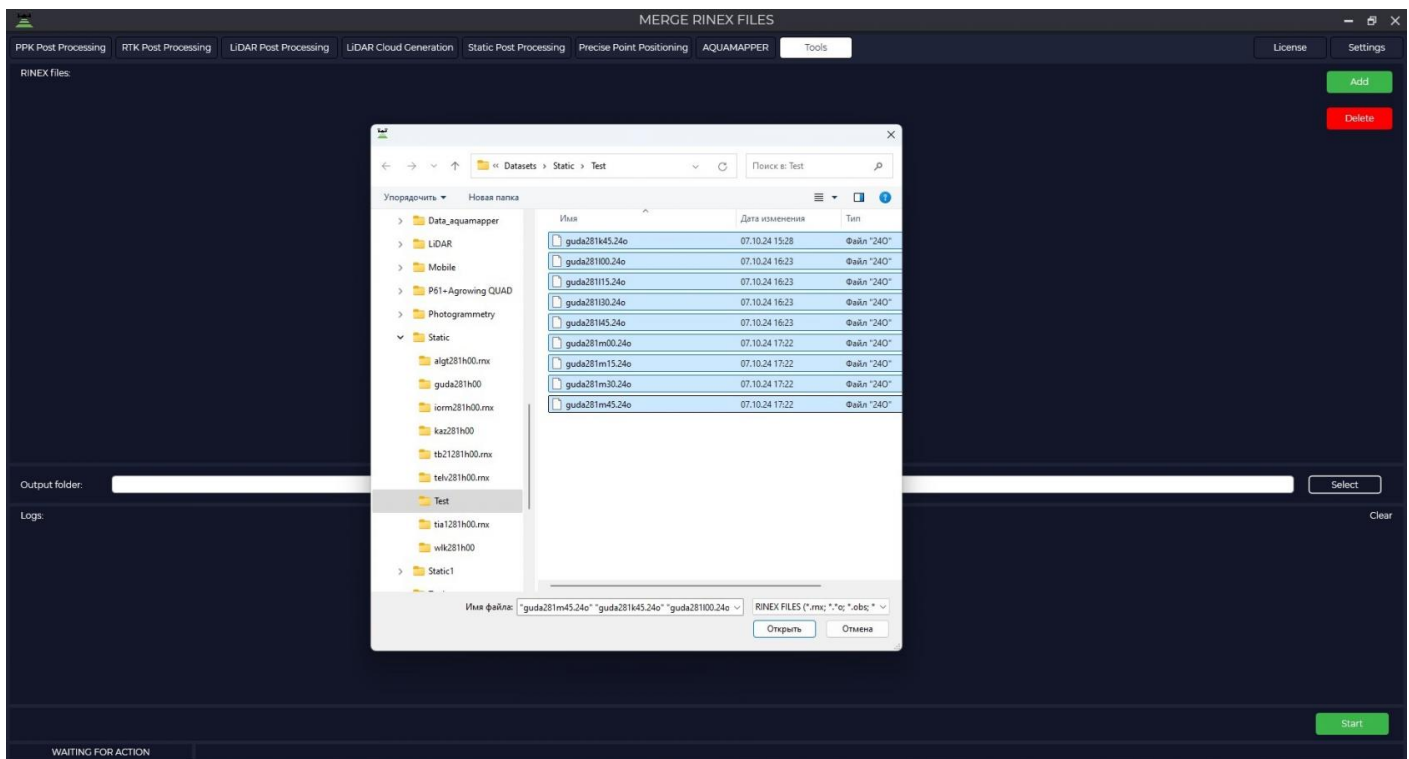
RINEX merger

This function is designed to merge measurement files received from different receivers of the global navigation satellite system into one file. It is especially useful when the reference base station provider divides files into time slots when downloading data.

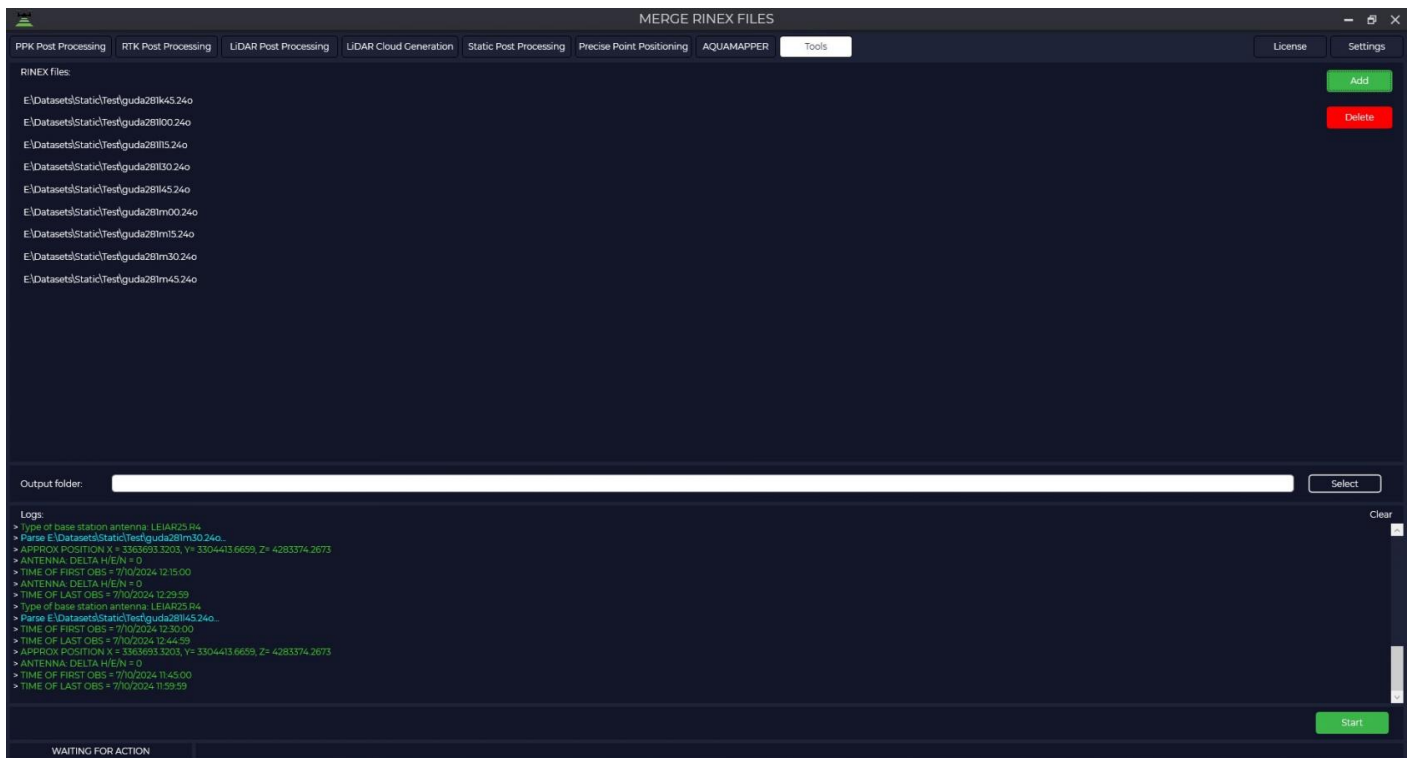
Follow the steps below to merge the files: Go to the Tools tab and select Merge under RINEX.



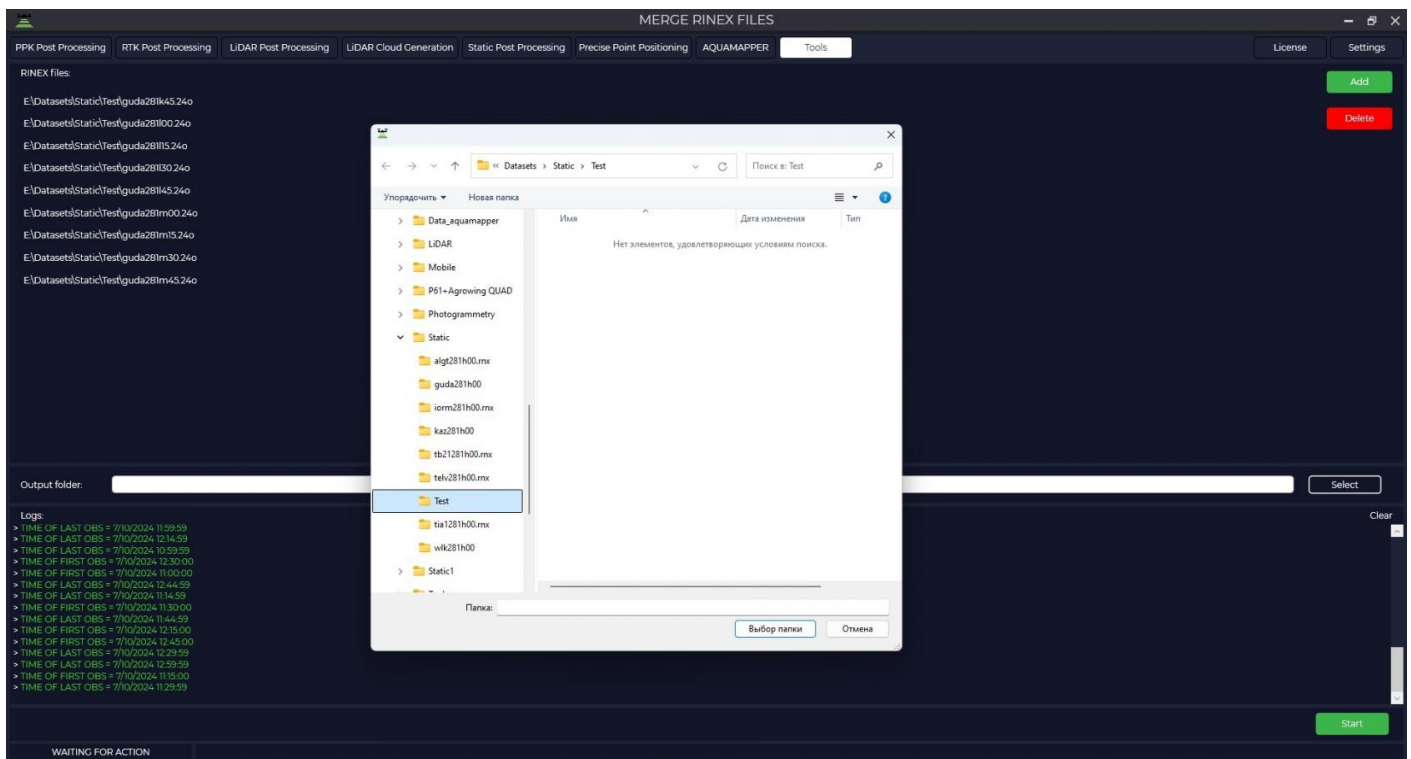
Click the "Add" button to add measurement files and select the required files in *.rnx, *.*o and *.obs formats.



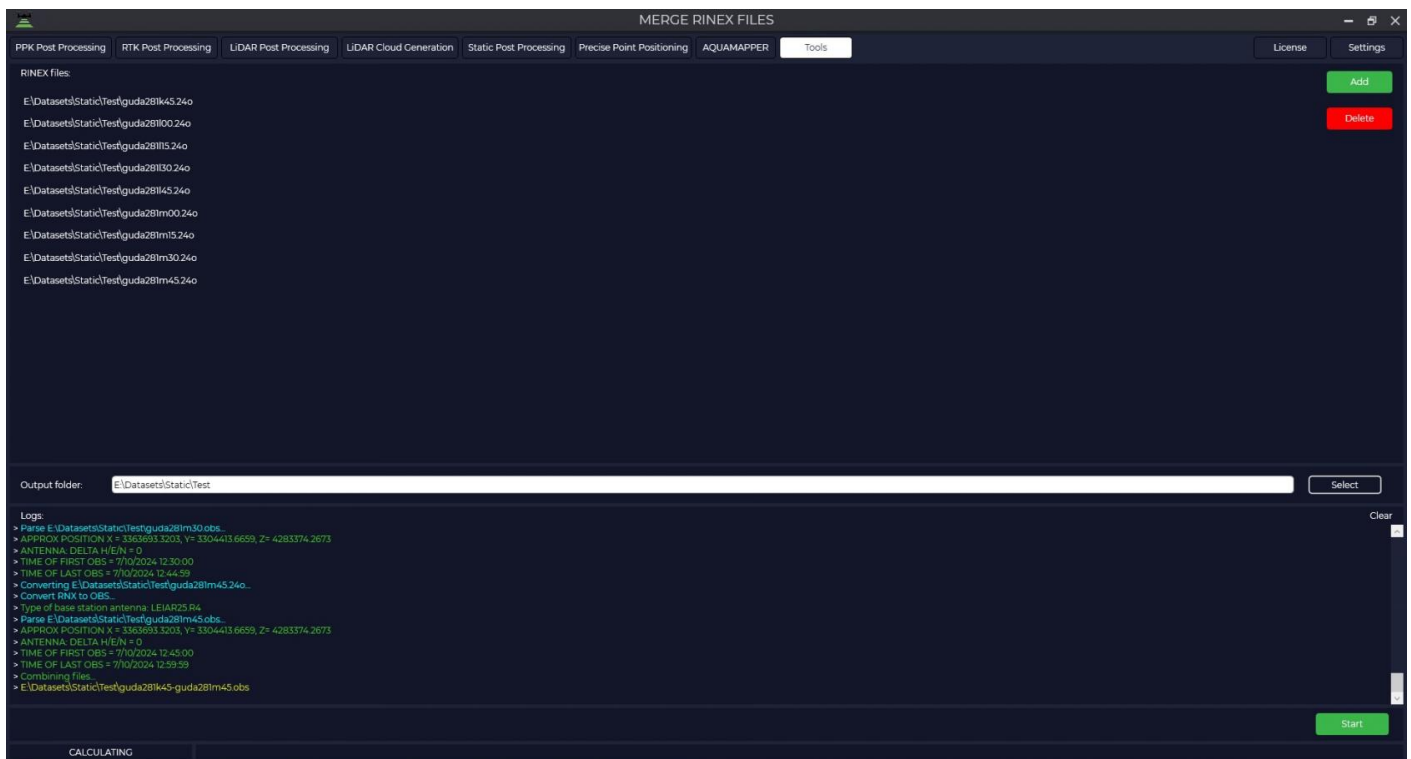
The "RINEX files" window will display the downloaded files, and the "Logs" window will display information about the recording time, antenna type, and receiver coordinates that the program reads from your files.



Specify the path to the folder where you want to save the merged file.



Click on the "Start" button to have the program merge all files and save to the previously specified folder.

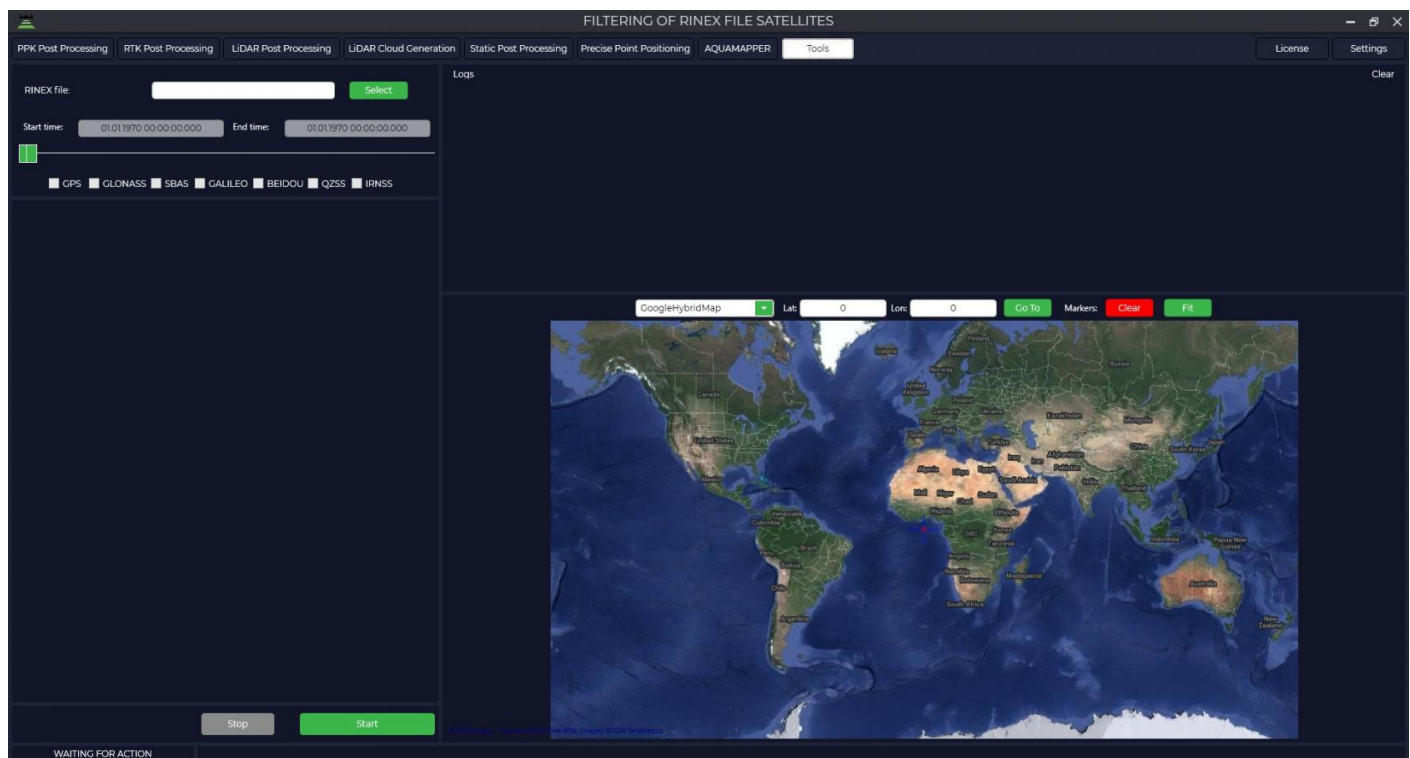


After the file merge operation is successfully completed, you can use the resulting file for further data processing.

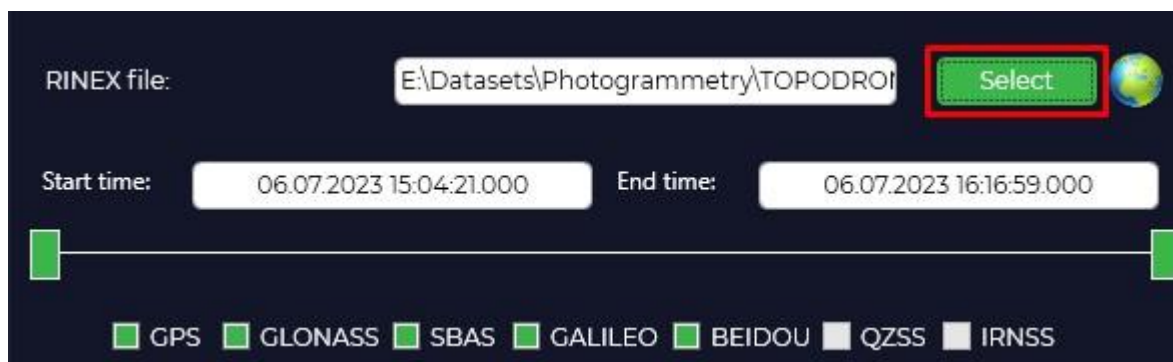
Satellite filtering

This module allows you to exclude certain satellite constellations or specific satellites from the observation file, which may be necessary to improve data quality.

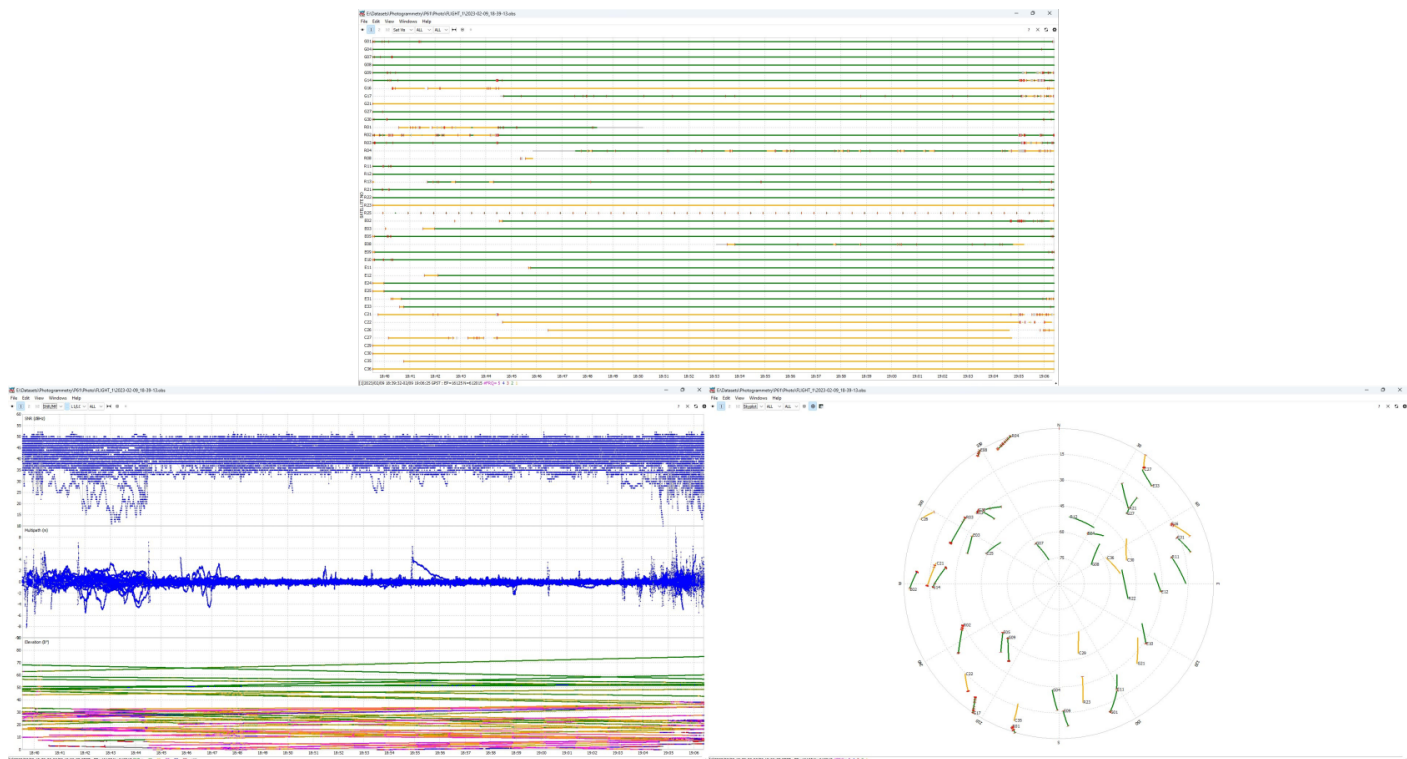
Follow the steps below to filter satellites: Go to the "Tools" tab and select "Rinex", then "Satellite Filtering".



In the upper left part of the RINEX file window click the "Select" button and specify the raw observations file in *.obs format.



Click on the icon to view the signal quality  to open the "Plot" window, which allows you to understand which satellites may be interfering with data processing. For more information about data quality analysis, see [Appendix B](#).



Move the sliders left and right if necessary to change the start and end time of the file.

The figure shows a screenshot of a software interface for selecting a RINEX file and setting time ranges. It includes a text box for the RINEX file path, a 'Select' button, and a globe icon. Below this, there are input fields for 'Start time' and 'End time'. A red rectangular box highlights a horizontal slider bar. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for various satellite constellations: GPS, GLONASS, SBAS, GALILEO, BEIDOU, QZSS, and IRNSS.

Uncheck the required checkboxes if you want to exclude certain satellite constellations (GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO and BEIDOU) or specific satellites.

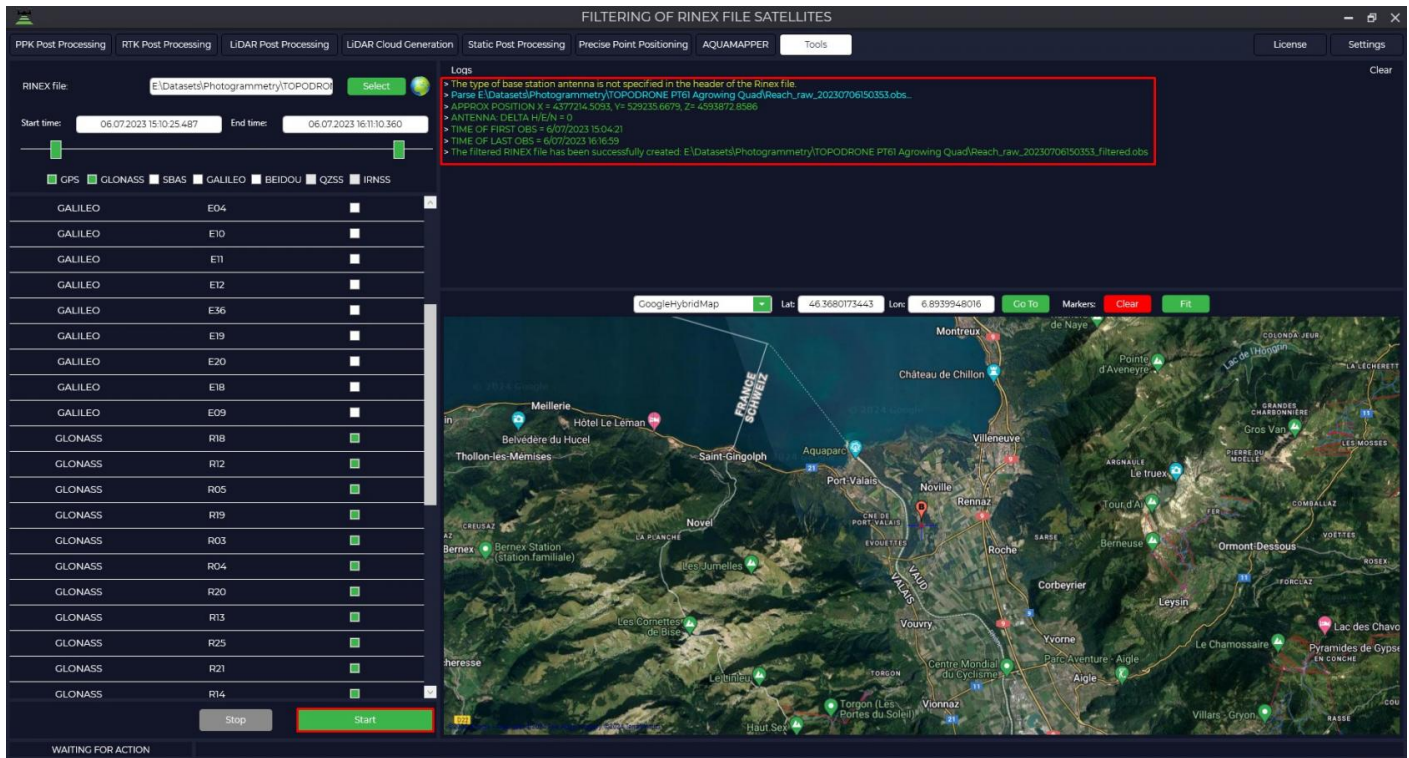
RINEX file: 

Start time: End time:

☒ GPS ☒ GLONASS ☒ SBAS ☒ GALILEO ☒ BEIDOU ☐ QZSS ☐ IRNSS

BEIDOU	C19	☒
BEIDOU	C20	☒
BEIDOU	C29	☒
BEIDOU	C35	☒
BEIDOU	C12	☒
BEIDOU	C09	☒
BEIDOU	C16	☒
BEIDOU	C22	☒
BEIDOU	C06	☒
GALILEO	E04	☒
GALILEO	E10	☒
GALILEO	E11	☒
GALILEO	E12	☒
GALILEO	E36	☒
GALILEO	E19	☒
GALILEO	E20	☒
GALILEO	E18	☒
GALILEO	E09	☒
GLONASS	R18	☒
GLONASS	R12	☒

Press the "Start" button. The program will save the new file, excluding the selected satellites from it.



Once the satellite filtering operation has been successfully completed, you can use the resulting file for further data processing.

Calculating the focal length

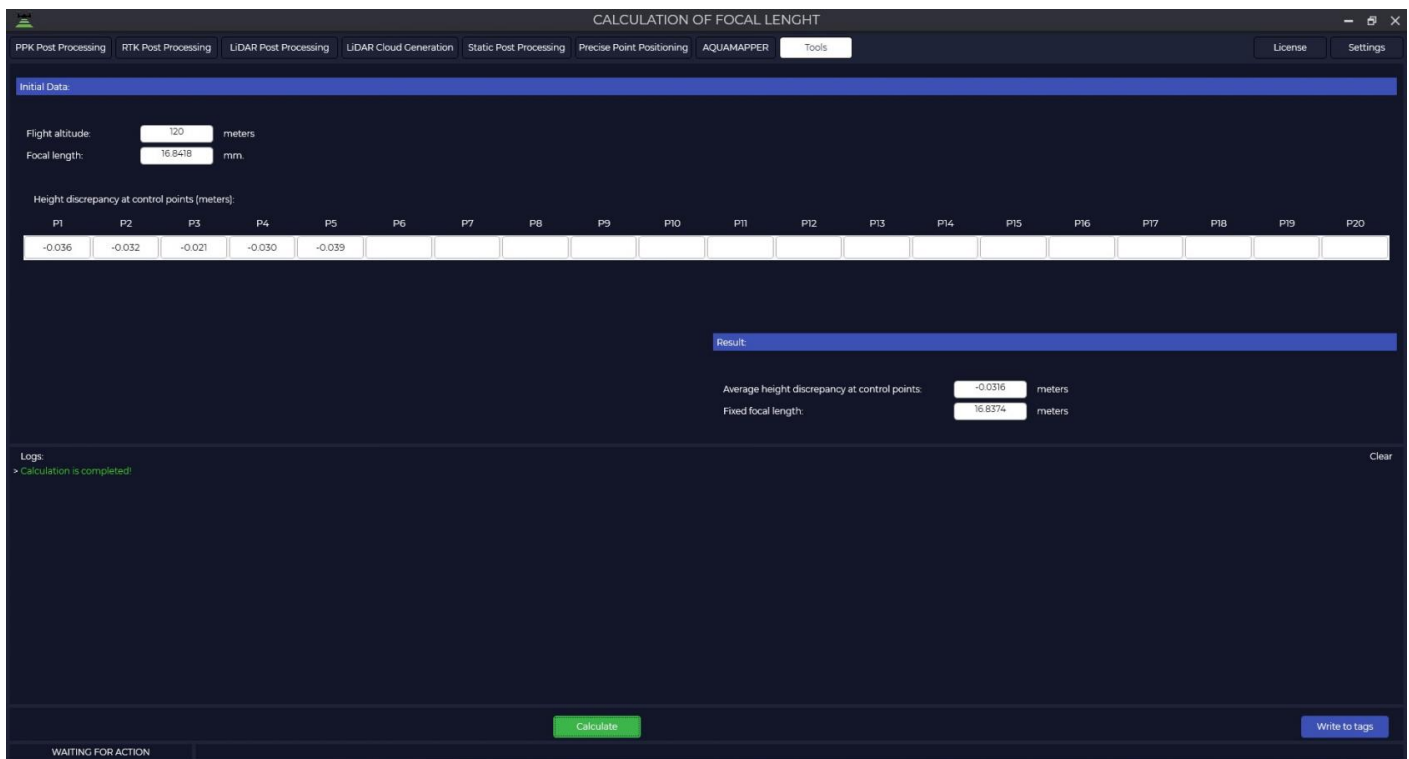
This tool is not directly related to GNSS data processing, but it helps to calculate the focal length of the camera, which is necessary for data processing in photogrammetric programs.

Instructions for calculating the focal length:

1. Click the Tools tab and select Focal Length Calculation.
2. In the opened window specify the following parameters: flight altitude of your aircraft, previously obtained focal distance in millimeters (from the result of aerotriangulation in photogrammetric software) and error values by height of your control points.

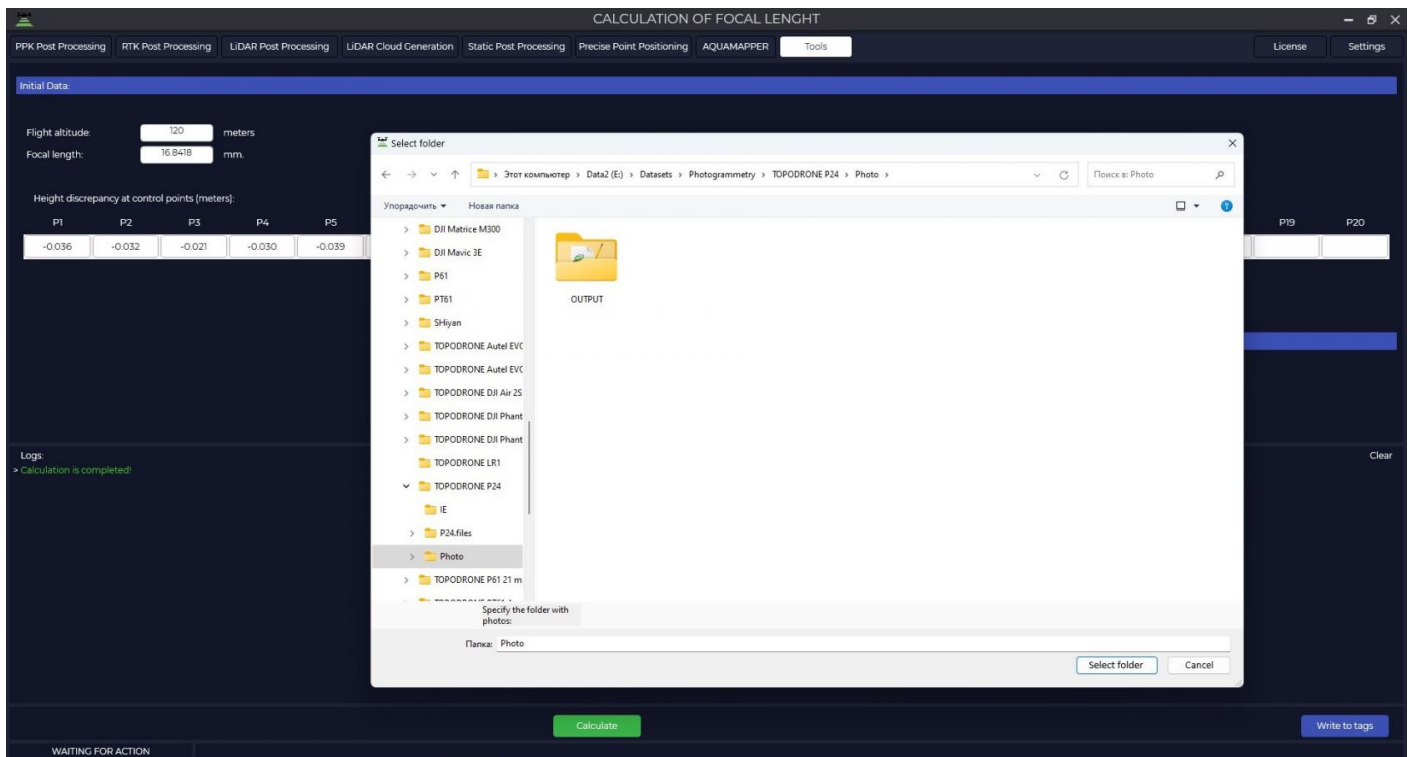
The screenshot shows a software window titled "CALCULATION OF FOCAL LENGTH". The interface includes a top menu bar with tabs: "PPK Post Processing", "RTK Post Processing", "LiDAR Post Processing", "LiDAR Cloud Generation", "Static Post Processing", "Precise Point Positioning", "AQUAMAPPER", and "Tools" (which is currently selected). There are also "License" and "Settings" buttons in the top right. The main area is divided into sections: "Initial Data" with input fields for "Flight altitude" (in meters) and "Focal length" (in mm); a table for "Height discrepancy at control points (meters)" with columns labeled P1 through P20; a "Result" section with output fields for "Average height discrepancy at control points" and "Fixed focal length" (both in meters); and a "Logs" section at the bottom. A green "Calculate" button is located at the bottom center, and a blue "Write to tags" button is at the bottom right. A status bar at the very bottom indicates "WAITING FOR ACTION".

3. Click the "Calculate" button. The program will calculate average height error and focal length, which can be used in photogrammetric programs.



4. If necessary, the new focal length can be written to the EXIF tags of your photos by clicking the "Write to Tags" button. This will help in further photogrammetric data processing.

5. Specify the folder with the photos.



6. The program will write the new focal length to all photos in the specified folder.

The program replaces the focal length in the o

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Settings

Initial Data

Flight altitude:

120

meters

Focal length:

16.8418

mm.

Height discrepancy at control points (meters):

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P11	P12	P13	P14	P15	P16	P17	P18	P19	P20
-0.036	-0.032	-0.021	-0.030	-0.039															

Result:

Average height discrepancy at control points:

-0.0316

meters

Fixed focal length:

16.8374

meters

Logs

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00150.JPG

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00151.JPG

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00152.JPG

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00153.JPG

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00154.JPG

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00155.JPG

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00156.JPG

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

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> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00158.JPG

> Success: FocalLength = 16.8374

> Writing tags to DSC00159.JPG

Clear

Calculate

Stop write to tags

Write to tags

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