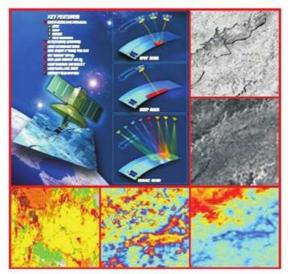
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FOREWORD

The "Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education" are established by the efforts of United Nations for Outer Space Affairs (UN-OOSA), to assist in the development of indigenous capacity of each country of the region to apply space science and technology to enhance social and economic development. The first such centre was established for the Asia-Pacific region with India as host country Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Asia and the Pacific (CSSTEAP). The center has been imparting education/training in the areas of RS & GIS, Satellite Communications, Satellite Meteorology & Global Climate, and Space & Atmospheric Science This training course is organized as part of the CSSTEAP educational programme to train middle level managers to get in depth theoretical knowledge and on the job training in applying Space Science and Technology for developmental activities.

I am happy that the short course on "Microwave Remote Sensing and its Application" has been successfully conducted during the period 4° - 29° April, 2011, wherein 26 professionals from 16 countries participated in the programme. Apart from lectures the participants were given hands on training on various aspects of microwave data processing and case study demonstrations in different application areas. On behalf of CSSTEAP, I wish to thank staff and faculty members of IIRS for organizing the course at IIRS.

This booklet contains the details of the curriculum followed, the list of faculty and the course participant. I hope the booklet will of use to others who wish to organize similar training course.

P.S. Roy Director, CSSTEAP

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An International training course on "Microwave Remote Sensing and its Applications" was organized by Center for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (CSSTEAP) at Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun from 4th to 29th April, 2011.

This course would not have been successful without the support from numerous individuals and institutions. I thank the employers of all 26 participants from 16 countries for deputing their staff to undergo this training program.

Thanks are due to Dr, George Joseph, Ex Director CSSTEAP for gracing the Inaugural function as chief guest and delivering two lectures. In the course the lectures were delivered by expert faculty drawn from various ISRO centers such as Space Application Center (SAC), Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B) and regional Remote Sensing Center- North (RRSC-N). We thank the faculty members for sharing their valuable knowledge and experience with the course participants and preparing the lecture and practical material.

Organizing a course needs support from various people. We thank the all the staff and faculty members of IIRS and CSSTEAP for providing their full support and cooperation in successful organizing the course. We would also like to thank Dr. R.S Chatterjee and Praveen Thakur technical team members for their support and cooperation.

We are grateful for the guidance and support of Dr. P.S. Roy, Director CSSTEAP for giving us this opportunity to organize the course. His keen interest, guidance, and supervision have immensely helped us in conduction of the course.

S.K. Saha Course Director Head Agriculture Soils Division

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International Training Course on

Microwave Remote Sensing and ITS Applications

Background

The microwave imaging systems from airborne and space borne platforms have been used to man monitor and model earth surface features, natural resources and processes. The potential of such observations is so encouraging from experimental and scientific missions that in recent years several missions are underway to operationalise the microwave imaging technology in various critical application areas including real time monitoring of natural and human induced disasters. Although it is widely envisaged as a complimentary tool to optical remote sensing due to all weather and all time (day and night) imaging capability, it can also be used as a stand lone system by combining temporal and multi-polarisation response of target. Therefore, in the past and recent time, several microwave imaging systems with various combinations of frequency and polarisation have been flown and are planned. The data acquired through Envisat, Radarsat, JERS etc., have been put to several applications in areas of glaciology, hydrology, forestry, geology, meteorology, agriculture and oceanography. Generation of digital elevation models (DEMs), measurement of glacier flows and mapping of deformation due to earthquakes; volcanoes and subsidence are some of the most promising areas of applications. Since it's a ranging system it has capability of detecting movement of the order of mm to m level as demonstrated through numerous examples. Most recently SAR data was used to detect the oil spill in Mumbai caused due to collision of two Panamanian cargo ships off the Mumbai coast. Radarsat SAR data was acquired on 14, 15 and 16th August 2010 to study the dynamics of the oil spill in the Thane Creek, Mumbai and its surrounding.

Though there are currently many radar imaging systems its potential has not been fully realized due to various reasons like data and software availability, however the most important reason being lack of trained manpower and considerable efforts need to be put in for effective usage. Keeping this in view the Center for space science and technology

The Participants

Twenty six professional attended, from 16 countries in Asia Pacific Region namely Bangladesh, China, India, Iran, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Phillipines Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam participated in the course. The participants came from different disciplines and organizations. The list of participants, their affiliations and contact details are given in Annexure 1.

Implementation of the Course

Week 1 (4a - 9a April)

- Concept and principles of microwave remote sensing
- Passive and Active sensors and Global microwave sensors
- Radar Image Interpretation
- Dielectric properties, roughness and polarization
- Microwave remote sensing
- Microwave remote sensing in India for terrestrial & planetary studies (sensor & design)
- SAR data radiometric and Geometric calibration
- SAR data Feature extraction, filtering and Despeckling
- Optical and Microwave data fusion and Classification
- Principles of InSAR, DEM generation and Analysis procedure

Week 2 (11a - 15a April)

- Displacement mapping and parameter retrieval, InSAR (Interferogram, phase unwrapping), InSAR (Geocoding and mosaicing)
- Radar remote sensing in planetary geological studies & Polarimetry
- SAR image Pre processing raw to Single Look complex (SLC)
- Principles of SAR Polarimetry and Differential interferometry DinSAR.

Week 3 (18" - 23" April)

- Microwave RS in characterization of soil resources
- Microwave RS in agriculture studies
- Role of radar remote sensing in soil moisture assessment and monitoring wetland mapping
- Radar remote sensing for crop type identification and mapping

- Microwave interaction with forests and forest type discrimination, mapping and biomass estimation
- Application of SAR in hydrological feature mapping and Snow parameter retrieval, snow and glacier mapping using SAR
- Role of radar remote sensing in Flood monitoring and damage assessment
- Radar applications in ocean studies (Oil sleeks, ship detection and sea wind)
- Geophysical parameter retrieval using microwave remote sensing for ocean & meteorological studies
- Radar remote sensing in geomorphological and terrain evaluation
- Radar applications in land subsidence monitoring and change detection analysis
- Radar remote sensing for mapping geological structures and mineral exploration
- InSAR applications in earthquake and landslides

Week 4: Case Study (25°-29° April)

The participants carried out a small case study on the application of microwave data in the area of their interest and presented the results at the end of the course.

	Project Title	Name
No.		l.
1.	Four-Component Scattering Power Decomposition with Rotation of Coherency Matrix	Mr. Nguyen Ba Duy
2.	Extraction of Land Use Land Cover Features Using Microwave Deta	Mr. Vinay Kumar Ms. Madina Akhmedshina Ms. Vu Thituyet Ms. Tran Thi Huong Giang
3.	Dem Generation From Multi-Frequency InSAR Data And Terrain-Related Applications	Mr. Mohamad Khairol Aswad Mr. Harikrishnan G Mr. Krishna Prasad Bhandari Mr. Gayantha R.L. Kodikara
4.	Polarimetric Decomposition And Semi-Empirical Models For Forest Stem Volume And Biomass Retrieval	Mr. S. Nandy Mr. Sugeng Indarto Ms. Rong Lang Ms. Xue Qing Yang
5.	Flood Mapping And Damage Assessment Using SAR And Optical Remote Sensing	Mr. Md. Mainul Islam Mamun Mr. Mr. Anuchit Sooknarint
6.	Wind Analysis	Ms. Teresa A. Millanes
7.	Retrieval of Sea Surface Height Anomaly From Altimeter Data (SSHA)	Ms. Sijotshoeva Sabzina
8.	Dem Generation Using InSAR	Ms. G.Sarantuya Ms. T.Byambasuren
9.	Soil Moisture Mapping Using ALOS PALSAR Quad-Pol Data	Mr. Bhaskar R. Nikam Mr. Hasan Safarov

S. No.	Project Title	Name
10.	Study Snow Cover Area In Alaknanda River Basin Using ENVISAT ASAR Data	Ms. Pravednaya Viktoriia
11.	Snow Wetness Estimation With Dual Polarization ENVISAT-ASAR Data	Ms. Elena Melnikova
12.	Polarimetric Signature Analysis And Classification of Agricultural Land Targets	Mr. Younes Dehghansoraki
13.	Rain Rate Estimation And Trend Analysis Using TRMM Microwave Imager	Ms. Zhanat Satbeldiyeva
14.	Time Series Analysis TRMM-TMI Precipitation Data Using Complex-EOF (Empirical Orthogonal Function)	Ms. Gulmira Babakhanova

Practical Exercises

Each participant was provided with individual computer with required image processing software such as ERDAS Imagine, ENVI, ARC GIS, NEST, POLSARPRO, ASF Map Ready, SAR Tools etc. The topics covered in the practical exercises were:

- SAR Data Products
- SAR visual image interpretation
- Dielectric properties, roughness and polarization
- Image pre-processing (calibration and geo-coding)
- Image post-processing (Feature extraction and speckle reduction), data fusion and Classification
- InSAR processing and DEM generation
- Displacement mapping using InSAR processing and Differential Interferometry
- POLSAR processing and SAR applications in planetary geology
- Image pre-processing (raw to SLC)
- SAR Polarimetry and DinSAR
- SAR applications in soil moisture
- SAR applications in forestry
- SAR applications in water resources (flood & snow)
- SAR applications in ocean
- SAR applications in geology and geomorphology
- SAR applications in earthquakes and landslides

Educational Visit

To familiarize with the rich cultural heritage, diversity and scenic beauty an educational visit to Agra was organized at the end of the course.

Technical Documents/Software Shared

The participants were provided with a DVD consisting of lecture notes, presentation material and open source free software's (NEST, POLSARPRO, ASF Map Ready, SAR Tools etc). They were also provided with the printed volumes (Volume 1- Basic principles of Radar Imaging and Volume 2 on Applications) of the lecture material. The schedule of lectures and practical topics covered are given in *Annexure II*.



Lecture Volume I



Lecture Volume II



DVD (Training Material)

The Faculty

The lectures were delivered by the experienced faculty drawn from various ISRO centers such as Indian Institute of remote Sensing (IIRS), Space Application Center (SAC) Ahembdabad, National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC), Hyderabad and Regional Remote Sensing Center (RRSC-N), Dehradun and also from National organization such as Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B).

The List of faculty and experts who delivered the lectures and conducted practical demonstration is given in Annexure III.

Inaugural and Valedictory Function

The course was inaugurated by Dr. George Joseph, Ex-Director CSSTEAP. The participants introduced themselves, Dr. S.K Saha Course Director welcomed the Chief Guest and the participants, Director CSSTEAP, Dr. P.S. Roy in his address highlighted about CSSTEAP and its activities and also about the significance of Microwave Remote Sensing and this course in particular. Course coordinator Mrs. Shefali Agrawal briefed the participants on the course structure. Dr. George Joseph, Chief Guest of the function in his address expressed the importance of Microwave sensors and its significance in tropical regions and in disaster management, emergency response, Future RADAR imaging missions of India. The valedictory function was held on 29th April;

Director CSSTEAP Dr. P.S. Roy awarded the certificates to the participants. In his valedictory address he highlighted on the future Indian and global initiatives on RADAR imaging, challenges in developing smarter, adaptable, and more robust data processing cababilities in order to retrieve information about the imaged terrain at a scale and accuracy commensurate with the needs of environmental and other applications.

Course Feedback and Recommendations

At the end of the course a formal feedback of the course was taken and each participant was asked to furnish their experiences, view on to the course organization aspect, knowledge gained etc, during the entire course program. All the participants expressed overall satisfaction about the course as it provided a comprehensive overview of microwave remote sensing technology and its application. They appreciated the quality of information content, delivery and practical exercises. However some of them mentioned that the duration of the course could be extended to 6 weeks in order and have more practical classes.

Annexure I

List of Course Participants and their details

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Annexure II

Course Schedule Short Course on Microwave Remote Sensing and its Application April 4-29, 2011

ate\Time	9:05	- 11:00	11:30 - 13:00	14:00 - 15:00	15:15 - 17
04-04-11	(Registrati	on) & Briefing	L1	L2	P1
05-04-11	L3 A 9:05 to 9:55	10:00 to 10:45 Inauguration of course	11:15 -12:30 Lecture by Dr George Joseph	1	P2
06-04-11	I	3 B	L5	P	3
07-04-11	L6	& L7	L8 & L9.	P4 8	k P5
08-04-11	101	L10	LII	P	6
09-04-11	Pract	ice of 1st week Pr	ractical exercises		
10-04-11			Sunday		
11-04-11	- 1	L12	L13	P	7
12-04-11			HOLIDAY		
13-04-11		L14	L15	P	8
14-04-11		L16	L17	P	9
15-04-11	1	L18	L19	P10	
16-04-11			Saturday		
17-04-11			Sunday		
18-04-11	- 1	L21	L22	PI	1
19-04-11	- 1	L23	L24	Pi	2
20-04-11	, 1	L25	P13	L26 as	d P13
21-04-11	13	L27	L28	Pi	5
22-04-11		L29	L30	P	5
23-04-11		1.31	Practice o	f Exercises	
24-04-11			Sunday		
25-04-11	L 20		L32	P	6
26-04-11		Pilot project 26	th to 29th April		
28-04-11	Pilot	Project		Passir	g out
29-04-11	Pilot Proje	ct presentation		Depa	rture

LECTURES

S.No	Lecture topic	Faculty
L1	Concept and principles of microwave remote sensing	Mr. Shashi Kumar, IIRS
L.2	Passive and Active sensors and Global microwave sensors	Ms. Shefali Agrawal, IIRS
L3A	Radar Image Interpretation	Dr. Samer Saran, IIRS
L3B	Dielectric properties, roughness and polarization	Dr. RS Chatterjee, IIRS
L4	Microwave remote sensing	Dr. George Joseph, Ex Director CSSTEAP
5	Microwave remote sensing in India for terrestrial & planetary studies (sensor & design)	Mr. Nilesh Desai, SAC
L6 & L7	SAR data radiometric and Geometric calibration	Mr. Prayeen K. Thakur, IIRS
L8	SAR data Feature extraction, filtering and Despeckling	Mr. Praveen, K. Thakur, IIRS
L9	Optical and Microwave data fusion and Classification	Mr. Praveen.K. Thakur, IIRS
L10 & L11	Principles of InSAR, DEM generation and Analysis procedure	Dr. RS Chatterjee, IIRS
L12 & L13	Displacement mapping and parameter retrieval, InSAR (Interferogram, phase unwrapping), InSAR (Geocoding and mosaicing)	Dr. RS Chatterjee, IIRS
L14 & L15	Radar remote sensing in planetary geological studies & Polarimetry	Dr. Shiv Mohan, SAC
L16&L17	SAR image Pre processing - raw to Single Look complex (SLC)	Dr. Y.S. Rao, IIT-B
L18 & L19	Principles of SAR Polarimetry and Differential interferometry DinSAR	Dr. Y.S. Rao, IIT-B
L20	Microwave RS in characterization of soil resources	Dr. S.K. Saha, IIRS
L21	Microwave RS in agriculture studies	Dr. Manab Chakraborty, SAC
L22	Role of radar remote sensing in soil moisture	Dr. Hari Shankar
	assessment and monitoring wetland mapping	Srivastava, RRSC-N
L23	Radar remote sensing for crop type identification and mapping	Dr. C. Patnaik , SAC
L24	Microwave interaction with forests and forest type discrimination, mapping and biomass estimation	Dr. S.P.S Kushwaha, IIRS
L25	Application of SAR in hydrological feature mapping and Snow parameter retrieval, snow and glacier mapping using SAR	Mr. Praveen. K. Thakur, IIRS
L26	Role of radar remote sensing in Flood monitoring and damage assessment	Dr. G. Sreenivas Rao, NRSC
L27	Radar applications in ocean studies (Oil sleeks, ship detection and sea wind)	Dr. Raj Kumar, SAC
L28	Geophysical parameter retrieval using microwave remote sensing for ocean & meteorological studies	Dr. Raj Kumar, SAC
L29	Radar remote sensing in geomorphological and terrain evaluation	Dr. P.K. Champatiray, IIRS
L30	Radar applications in land subsidence monitoring and change detection analysis	Dr. RS Chatterjee, IIRS
L31	Radar remote sensing for mapping geological structures and mineral exploration	Dr. K.S. Mishra, University of Petroleum
L32	InSAR applications in earthquake and landslides	Dr. P.K. Champatiray, IIRS

PRACTICAL EXERCISES

S.No	Practical	Faculty
P1	SAR Data Products	Shefali Agrawal/ Shashi Kumar, IIRS
P 2	SAR visual image interpretation	R.S. Chatterjee/ P.K. Thakur, IIRS
P3	Dielectric properties, roughness and polarization	Shashi Kumar, IIRS
P4	Image pre-processing (calibration and geo-coding)	P.K. Thakur, IIRS
P 5	Image post-processing (Feature extraction and speckle reduction), data fusion and Classification	PK. Thakur, IIRS
P 6	InSAR processing and DEM generation	R.S. Chatterjee/ P.K. Thakur, IIRS
P 7	Displacement mapping using InSAR processing and Differential Interferometry	R.S. Chatterjee, IIRS
P 8	POLSAR processing and SAR applications in planetary geology	Shiv Mohan, SAC/ P.K. Thakur & RS Chatterjee, IIRS
P9	Image pre-processing (raw to SLC)	Y.S.Rao, IIT-B, P.K. Thakur, IIRS
P 10	SAR Polarimetry and DinSAR	Y.S.Rao, IIT-B/ P.K. Thakur, IIRS
P 11	SAR applications in soil moisture	H. S. Srivastava, RRSC-No Mamta Kumari, IIRS
P 12	SAR applications in forestry	Shashi Kumar, IIRS
P 13	SAR applications in water resources (flood & snow)	G. Sreenivas Rao, NRSC/ P.K. Thakur, IIRS
P 14	SAR applications in ocean	Raj Kumar, SAC
P 15	SAR applications in geology and geomorphology	R.S. Chatterjee, IIRS
P16	SAR applications in earthquakes and landslides	P.K. Champatiray / R.S. Chatterjee, IIRS

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