

About the IIRS

Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), an establishment of Indian space Research Organisation (ISRO), is a premier institute with a primary aim to build capacity in Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics technologies and their applications through training & education, research and outreach programmes. Since its inception in 1966, the Institute has enhanced its programmes to meet the requirements of various stake-holders, ranging from fresh graduates to policy makers including academia, industry, different government departments and NGOs. IIRS also hosts the headquarters of the Centre for Space Science & Technology Education in the Asia and Pacific (CSSTEAP), affiliated to the United Nations (UN), and conducts its training and education courses in RS & GIS.

Course Significance

The overall objective of this two weeks training programme is to generate critical understanding among researchers / working level professionals / academicians on SAR data processing for land deformation studies. The participants will be familiarized with the SAR concepts, SAR interferometry (InSAR), advanced InSAR techniques (DInSAR, PSI, SBAS and MTI), complete InSAR processing chain, SAR data processing in open source software environment (ISCE, SNAP, and StaMPS), land deformation time-series, graphical data analysis, and visualization of deformation time-series. The course will include theory and hands on sessions to facilitate in-depth learning.

SAR Data Processing for Land Deformation Studies

November 14 - 25, 2022

About This Course

Anthropogenic activities are getting affected by various geological (earthquakes, volcanoes, carbonate dissolution, tectonic movement etc.) and manmade causes (extraction of underground natural resources, overloading effect etc.) which result into geometrical changes (land displacement and deformation) on the earth surface. Due to these geometrical changes, every year a huge amount of loss of property and lives takes place across the world. Therefore, it is of utmost importance to monitor such land deformations in a robust way. Modern space based synthetic aperture radar (SAR) systems acquire the remote sensing images all over the earth surface in all weather and illumination conditions. Advanced SAR interferometry (InSAR) gives the opportunity to detect and track land deformation in long time series with great accuracy (up to few mm) over large areas. This course is designed to process SAR datasets in an open source computational environment to detect land deformation in time-series.

How to Apply

Eligible candidates are requested to apply online through the IIRS website <https://admissions.iirs.gov.in/coursecalender> only on or before September 23, 2022 (17:30 hrs). Candidates are advised to fill their correct and active e-mail addresses in the application form as all correspondence will be made by the Institute through email only. No separate communication will be made. The Institute shall not be responsible for the failure of candidates with respect to visiting their e-mails on any ground.

Course Fee and Accommodation

Kindly pay course fee of Rs. 6500 (includes tuition fee and registration material) through online mode at the time of submitting online application. The fee of those applicants who are not selected will be refunded. Boarding and lodging charges (nominal charges but optional) in IIRS Hostel/Guest House are extra and will have to be paid by the candidate as per the IIRS hostel rules & regulations.



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Mode of Training

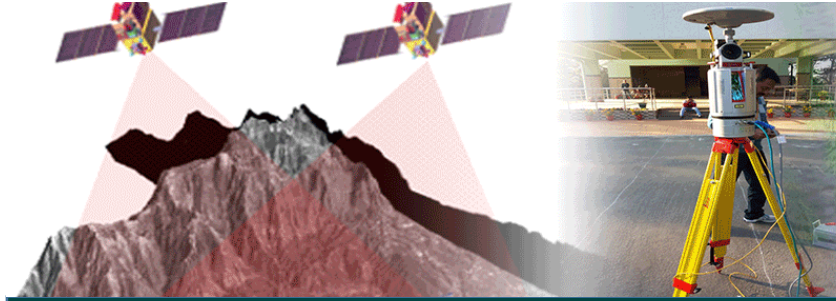
This in-person training will consist of theory lectures and practical by senior and experienced faculty of the institute using state-of-the-art hardware and software facilities. Everyday, lectures will be in the forenoon and practical hands on in the afternoon sessions. More focus will be on practical hands on and demonstrations for better understanding of the course content by the participants. The entire SAR data processing will be done in open source software environment for deformation studies such as land slides, land subsidence, earthquake deformation etc.

Target Groups

The course will be targeted at researchers / working level professional / project leaders / academicians working in the field of SAR remote sensing and highly interested in processing time-series SAR data in open sources software environment for SAR interferometric applications for land deformation studies.

Application Deadline

September 23, 2022 (17:30 Hrs)



Highlights of the Course

First Week

- Characteristics of Microwaves radiation; radar working principle; Radar in Remote Sensing
- Interaction of Microwaves with atmosphere and targets on the earth surface
- SAR system parameters; Nature of SAR Images; SAR image geometries and acquisition modes; Overview of SAR Polarimetry and backscattering processes
- Overview of Linux OS; Installation of softwares and their dependencies for SAR data processing
- SAR time-series data download; Interferometric processing chains in SNAP & ISCE SAR Processors

Second Week

- Overview of SAR interferometry; Overview of interferometric processing; Sources of interferometric decorrelations; Advanced techniques of differential SAR interferometry (PSI, SBAS, and MTI);
- Deformation measurement; vector formulation and decomposition of the deformation vector.
- Pre-processing of SAR time-series data in SNAP and ISCE Processors
- Deformation Analysis using PSI, SBAS, and combination of PSI and SBAS Techniques
- Visualization of time-series deformation results

Eligibility Criteria and Prerequisite

Candidates having P.G. Deg. in Science/ Engineering (Civil Engg./ Comp. Sci. & Eng./ Electron. & Commun. Engg./ Earth Sci./ Earthquake Engg./ Geo-Engg./ Mining Engg./ Petroleum Engg./ Architecture/ Planning / Geology/ Geoscience/ Geophysics/ Physics/ Mathematics/ Remote Sensing/ Geoinformatics or equivalent) can apply in the course. The candidates should have the basic knowledge of remotely sensed images, SAR remote sensing, python programming, Linux operating system, mathematics and statistics. Candidates nominated by the govt. organizations & professionals working in the field of SAR remote sensing will be given preference for admission.

Contact Detail


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