

Analyze the data

In this part of the lab you will open these images in ENVI and do some qualitative and quantitative comparisons of them.

Launch Internet Explorer and type [\\nyx\rs4093](http://nyx\rs4093) into address bar and hit enter, that takes you to the remote sensing class folder “rs4093” in CIRES server. Copy the folder “Lab_7” to “C:” drive.

In separate windows open three AIRSAR images.

4. Describe the major features visible in each of the SAR images as well as their locations in the image. What differences are there between the different bands (4 pts)?

From the TOOLS menu on one of the images, choose LINK and link all three displays. Be sure to turn the **DYNAMIC OVERLAY** feature **OFF**. Linking the displays allows you to look at the same data in each display. The dynamic overlay feature is useful because it allows you to see a linked image in the same image window by clicking in the image window. We need to be able to click in the image window to do what is coming next. I encourage you to explore dynamic overlays on your own.

Make all three SAR bands visible on your screen. Navigate around one of the images, moving the scroll box, zooming in and out, and so on. Note what happens when you change one of the displays of a linked set of displays.

Next we will use the profile feature. Profiles allow you to view the data in cross-sections down (y-profile) or across an image (x-profile), or, for a multi-spectral image like a TM, can even give you the spectral reflectance curve (z-profile) of any point in the image (by plotting the brightness in each band). Here we will compare x-profiles of the SAR bands.

In each window, under the TOOLS menu, under PROFILES, choose X-PROFILE. This will bring up profiles through each of the bands. In one of the image windows, click on several different points to see how the profile changes.

Now, to make sure that we are all looking at the same profile, under the TOOLS menu of one of the images, choose PIXEL LOCATOR. Type in 168 for sample and 170 for line. Click APPLY and then close the window.

Compare the **profiles** for the different bands. You can look at sections of the profiles in detail by clicking down on the scroll wheel of your mouse to draw a zoom box around that section of the profile. Click down

8. Why is there a difference in the statistics when we look at this particular subset? What could we be seeing differently in the images that is dependent on the radar band? (4)

Active microwave sensors are especially valuable for differentiating between land and water and obtaining the near real-time flood information under all weather condition. Here we will examine flood area in the Central Northern part of Thailand by using a SAR image acquired during the rainy season together with a Landsat 7 ETM image during dry season in the same year. This area typically floods during each wet seasons and the floodplain area is mostly occupied by agriculture and cities.

Open the Radarsat imagery (radar_02.tif) and Landsat imagery (landsat_02.tif) from C: /Lab_7/ in separate windows. These images were acquired by GISTDA, Thailand in 2002 (for more information you can see the landsat_label and radar_label files in the Lab_7 folder). Choose *Geographic Link* from the tools menu for looking at the same location in each image.

9. Examine carefully at the RADAR image. Where is the majority of flooded area located? How do you know? Do the areas immediately adjacent to the river appear to be flooded? If so, how can you tell, and if not, why do you think they are not? (4)