

Module title		Abbreviation
Advanced Astro Imaging		11-AAI-Int-201-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
Managing Director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics		Faculty of Physics and Astronomy
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
6	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>1) Image Acquisition: a) Motivation: History of Astronomical Imaging - From the Eye to the Detector; b) Atmospheric Transmission: Ground Based vs. Space Based Imaging; c) Observing Techniques and Instruments; d) Optical Detector Types and CCD Properties; e) Imaging in Other Bands of the Electromagnetic Spectrum</p> <p>2) Image Processing: a) Data Formats and Imaging Software; b) Basic Methods: Pixel Operations and Statistics; c) Basic Methods II: Image Operations; d) Image Reduction- / Calibration; e) Imaging in Color f) Image Processing Algorithms</p> <p>3) Advanced Processing: a) FITS File Format; b) Image Reconstruction; c) Fourier Analysis; d) Speckle Interferometry; e) Maximum Entropy Methods; f) Interferometry; g) Image Classification, Machine Learning Methods</p> <p>4) Outlook: a) Future Challenges: Scientific Questions / Instruments / Data Processing; b) Future Facilities Radio to Gamma-rays; c) Imaging in Other Scientific Fields</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>The aim of the module is to convey a fundamental understanding of imaging methods using examples from modern astronomy, incorporating measurements from ground- and space-based instruments. The students acquire the following qualifications: ability to process and interpret raw-image data, to perform data reduction, image analysis, application and improvement of processing algorithms. The concepts and methods are not limited to the field of astronomy but applicable to many other areas.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
<p>V (3) + R (1) Module taught in: English</p>		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>a) written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or d) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or e) presentation/talk (approx. 30 minutes).</p> <p>If a written examination was chosen as method of assessment, this may be changed and assessment may instead take the form of an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups. If the method of assessment is changed, the lecturer must inform students about this by four weeks prior to the original examination date at the latest.</p> <p>Language of assessment: English</p>		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
180 h		

**Teaching cycle**

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**Referred to in LPO I** (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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**Module appears in**

Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2020)

exchange program Physics (2023)

Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2024)