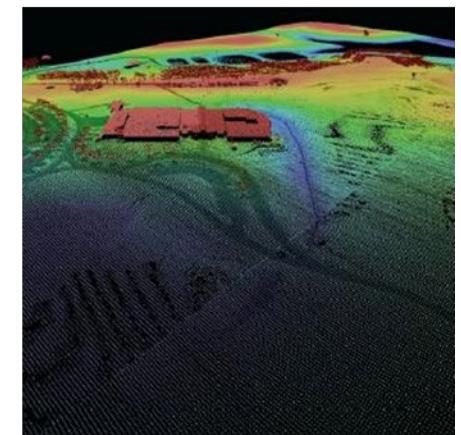
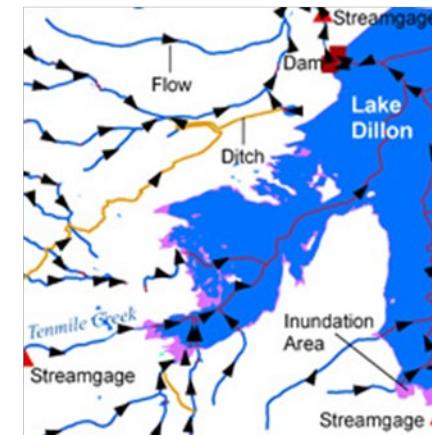
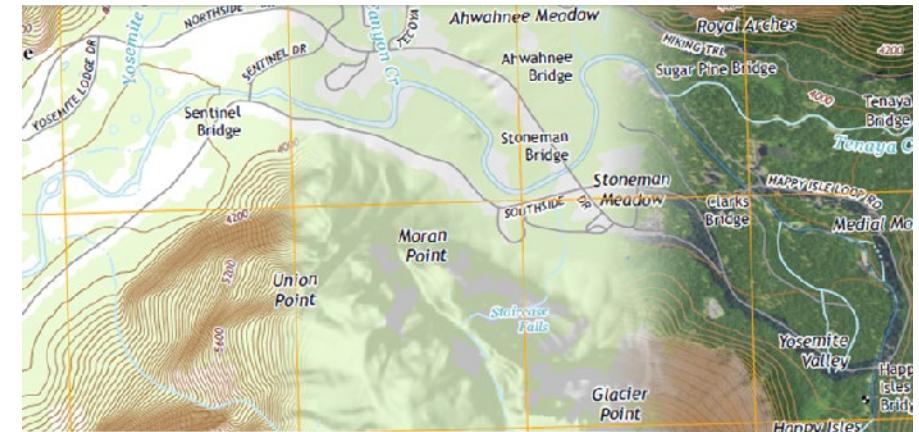


# LOWERING THE BAR FOR LIDAR POINT CLOUD EXPLORATION AND USE IN MAPPING

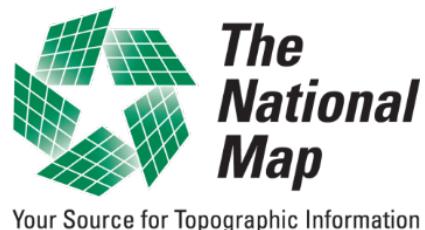


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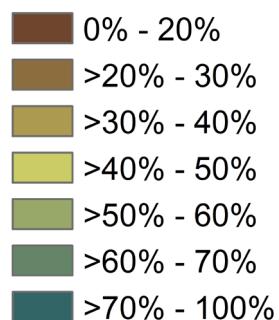
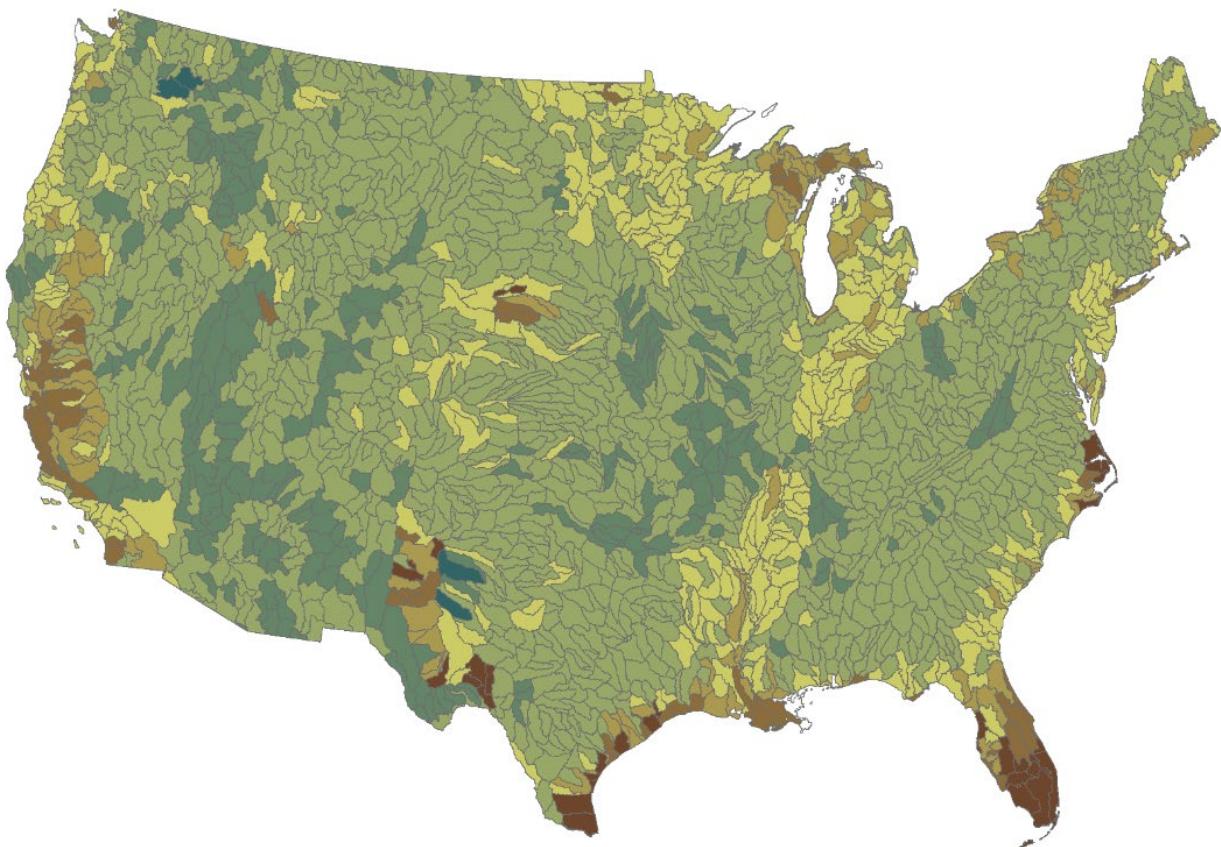
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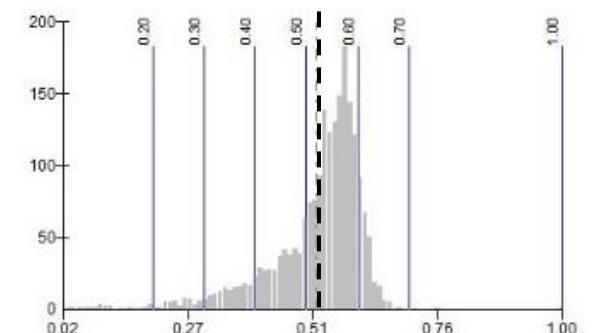
# Motivation

## NHD (National Hydrography Dataset) Headwater Streams

1:24k first-order stream length as  
percentage of total stream length



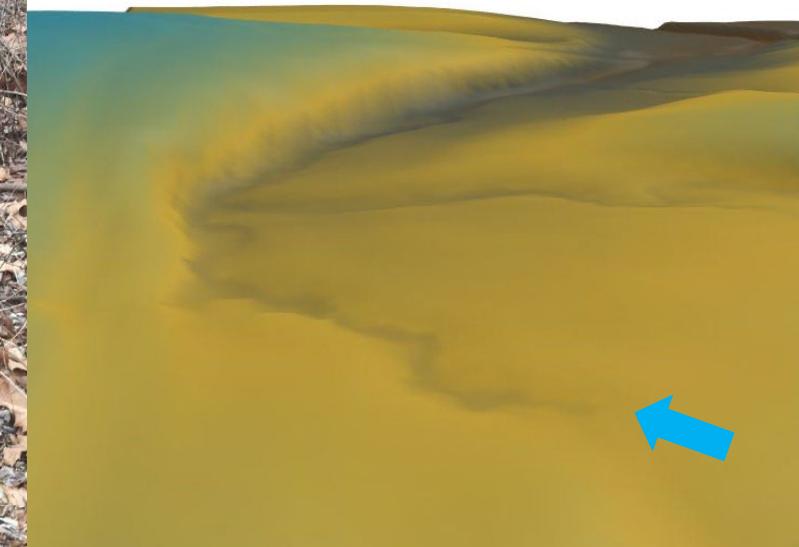
Mean= ~52%



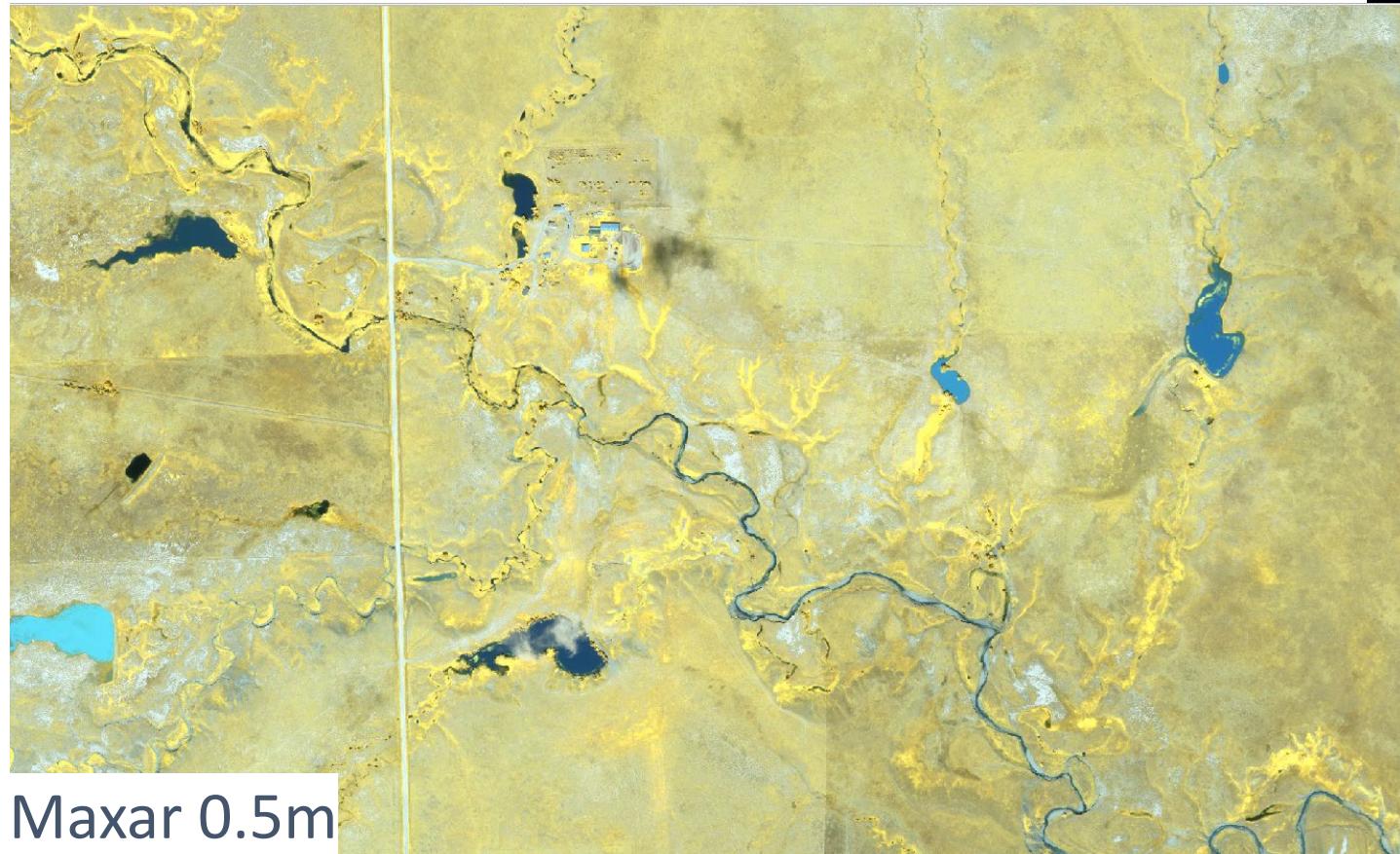
# Motivation

## Headwater streams

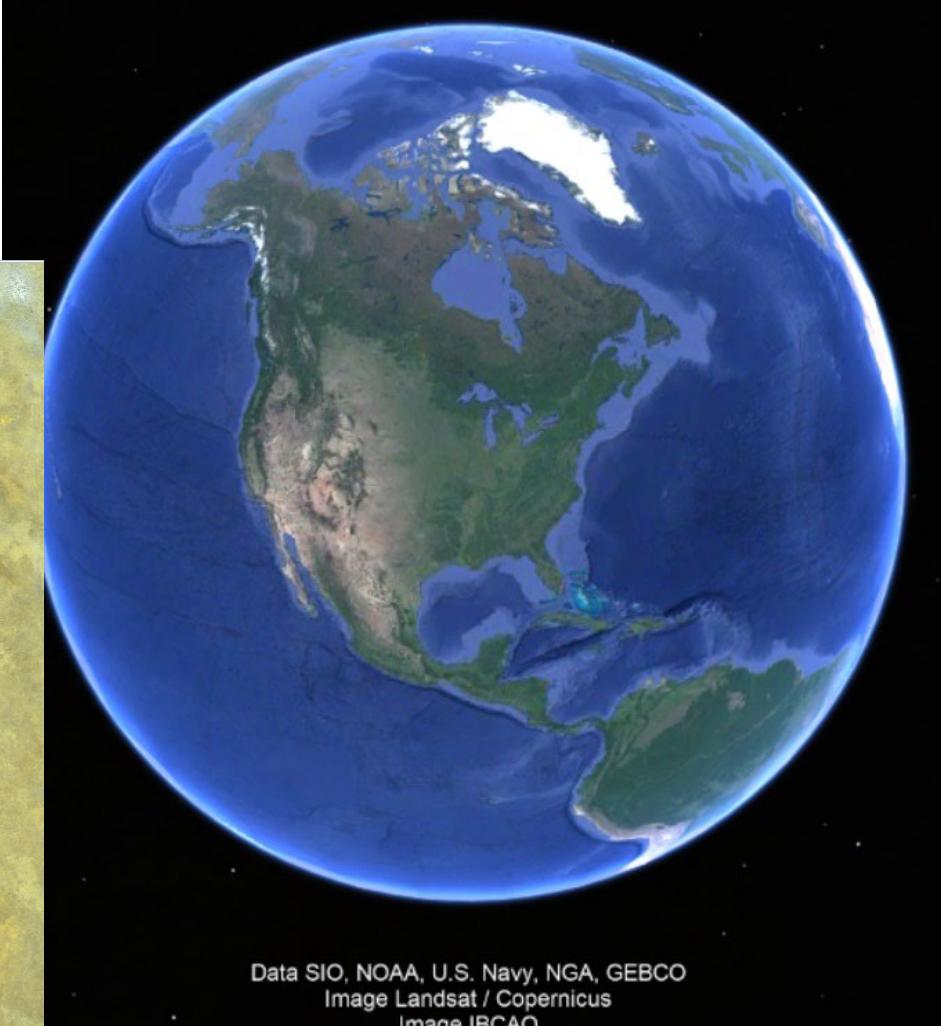
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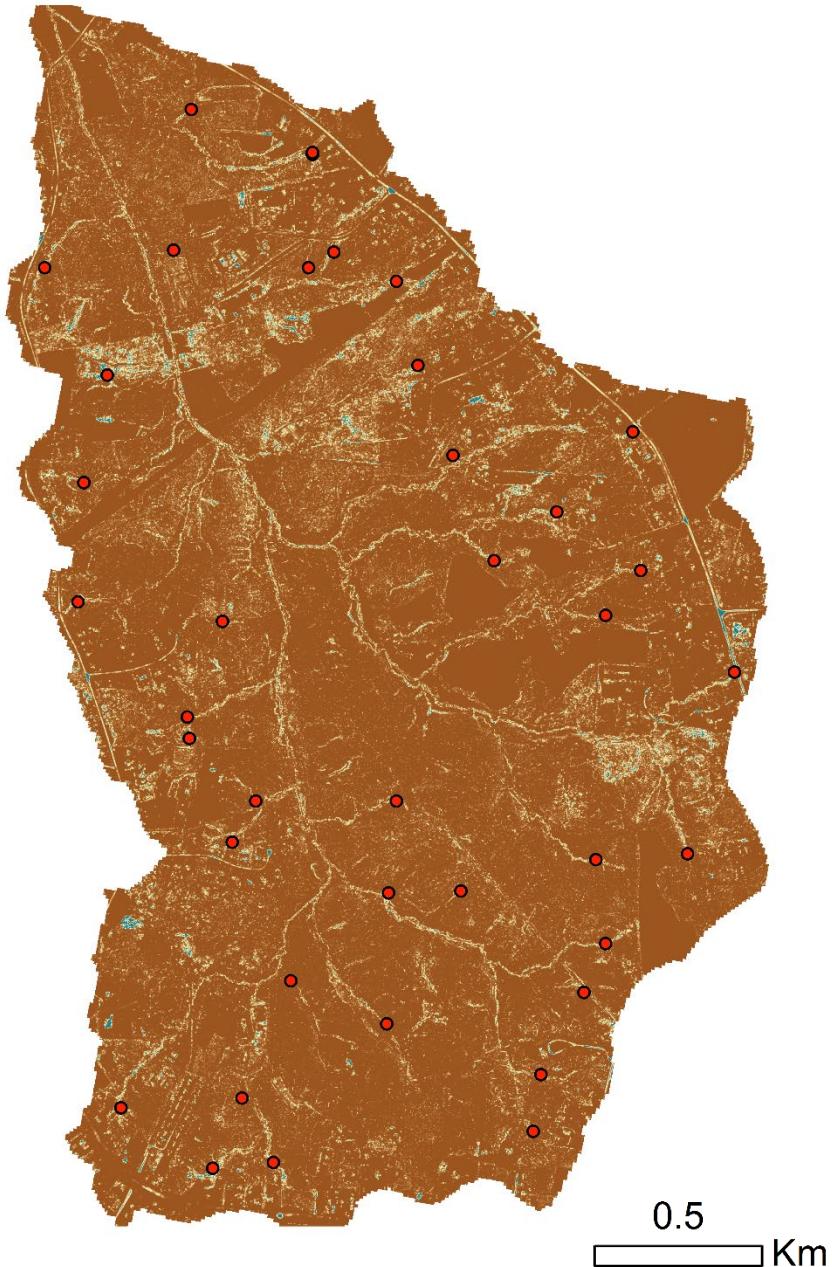
# Motivation



Maxar 0.5m



Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO  
Image Landsat / Copernicus  
Image IBCAO



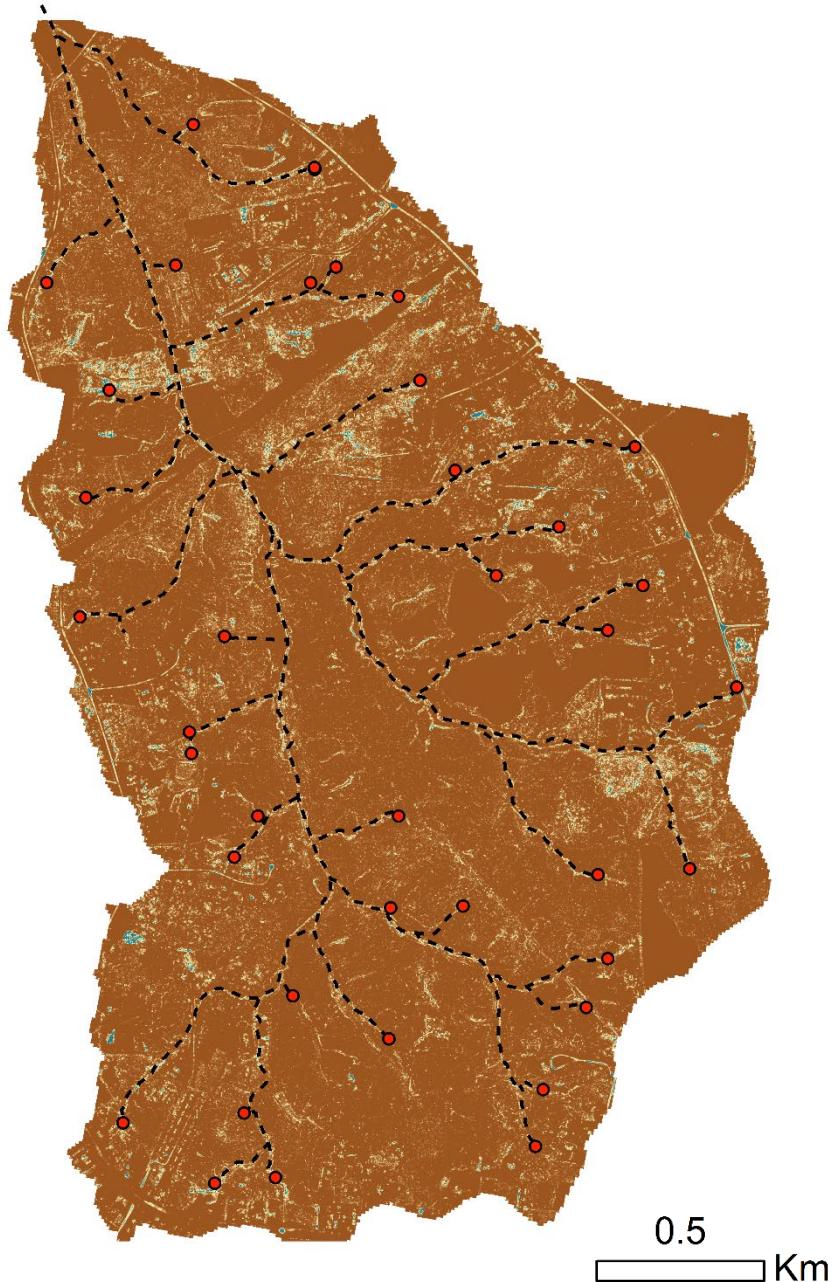
Lidar above ground height (m)

High : 0.3
Low : 0

- Stream heads

**Topography of low vegetation:**  
Digital surface models of the  
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ground

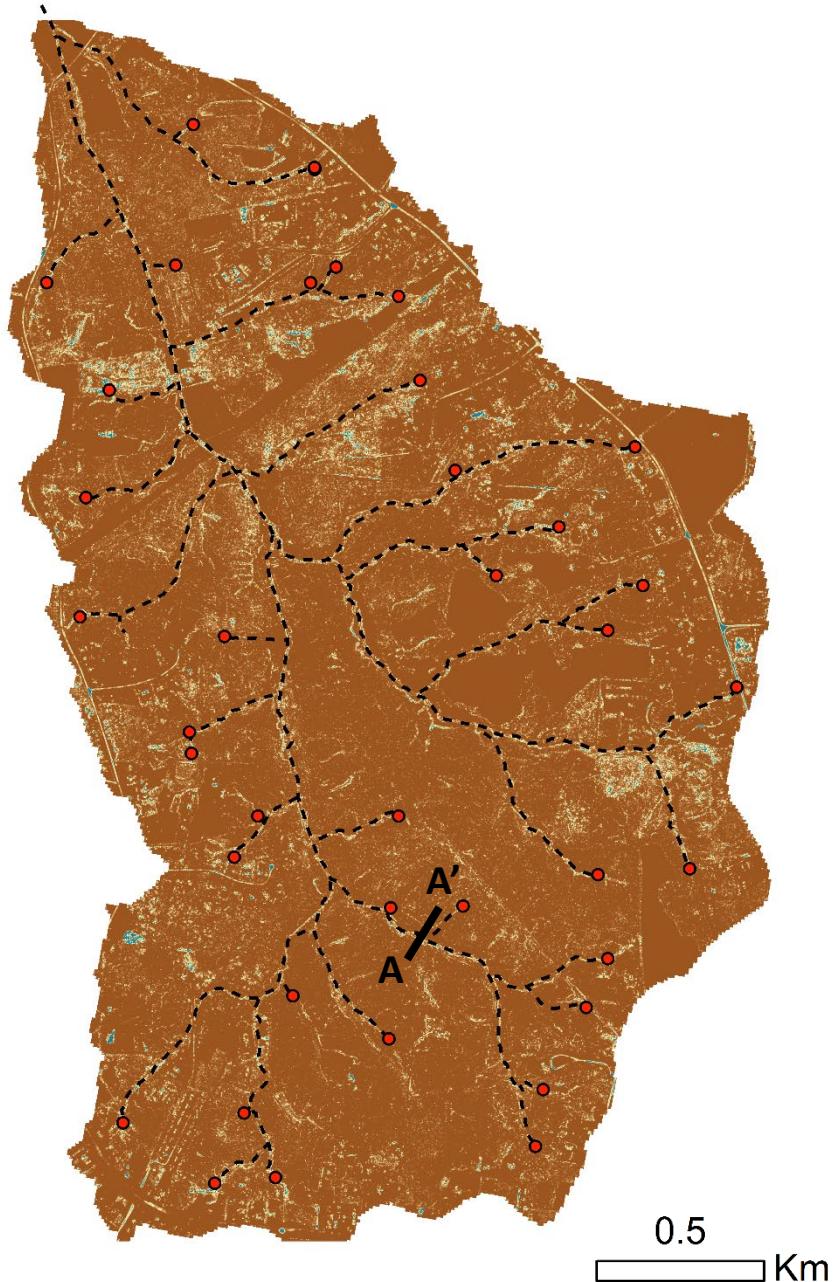




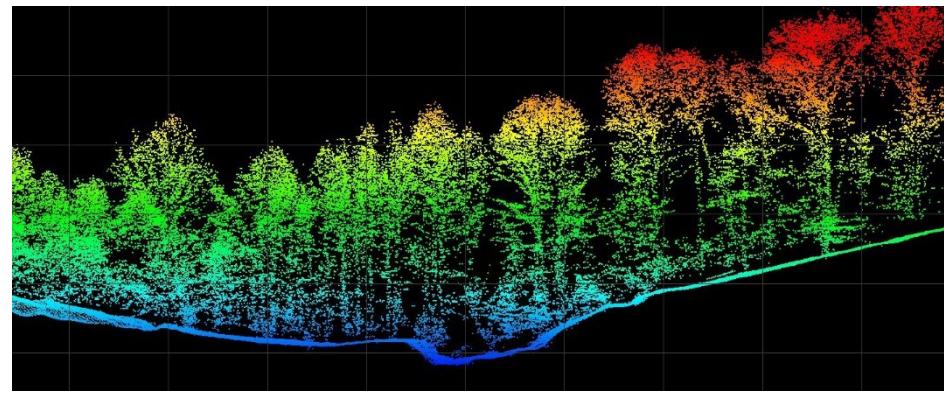
- Supervised stream lines
- Lidar above ground height (m)
  - High : 0.3
  - Low : 0
- Stream heads

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## Topography of low vegetation:



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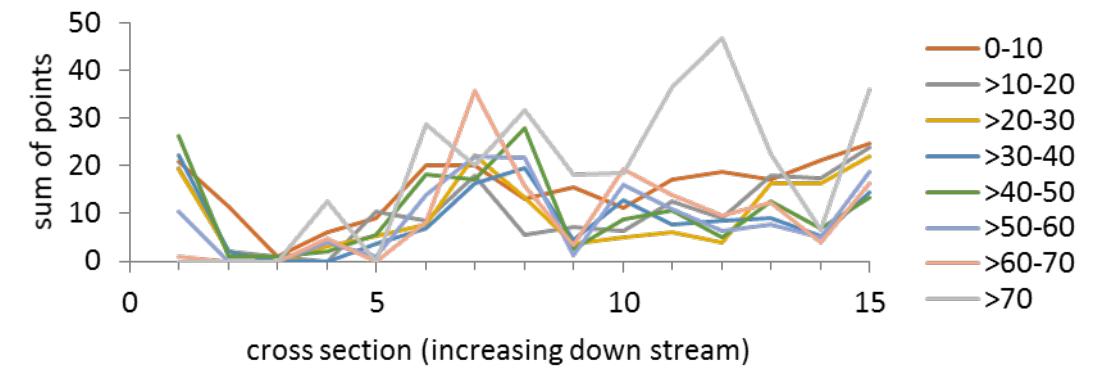
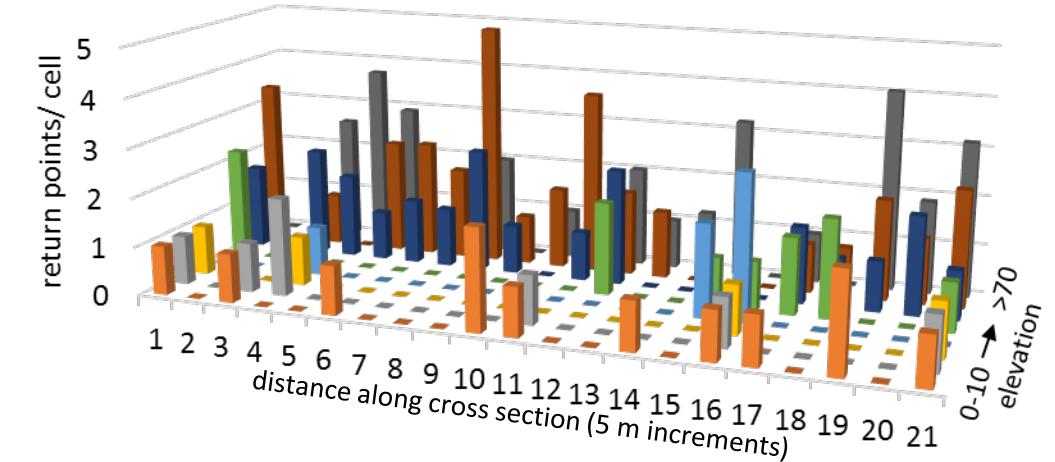
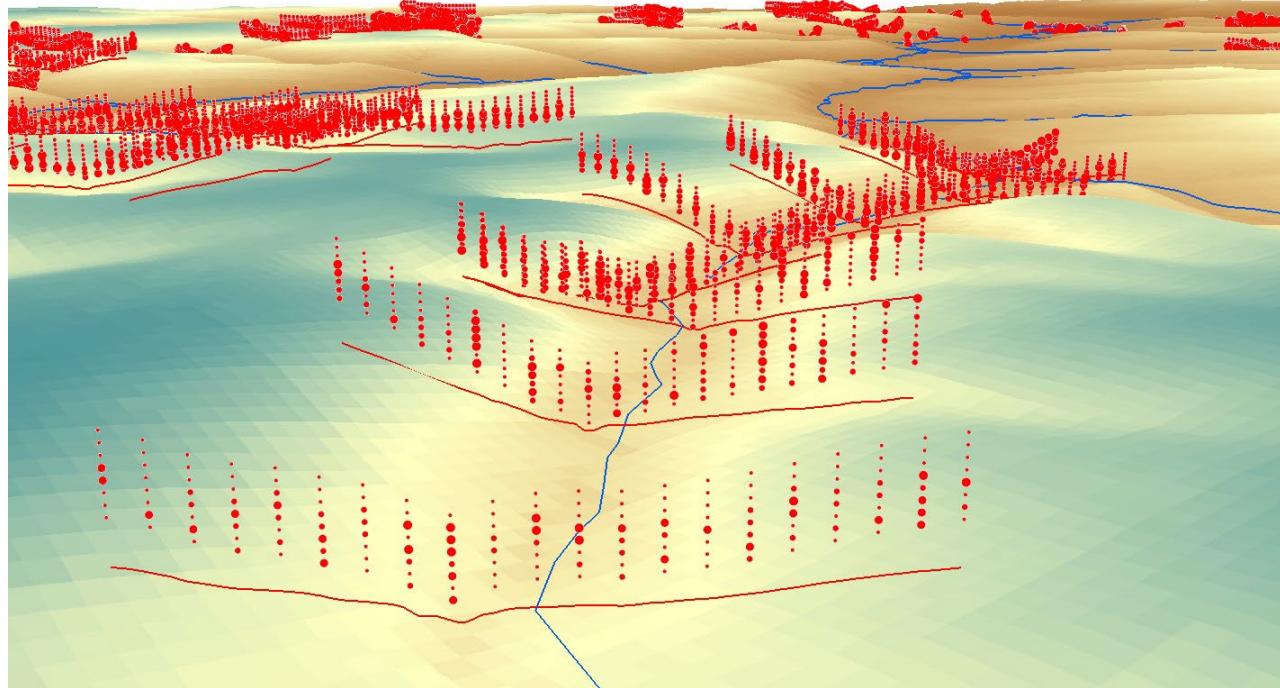
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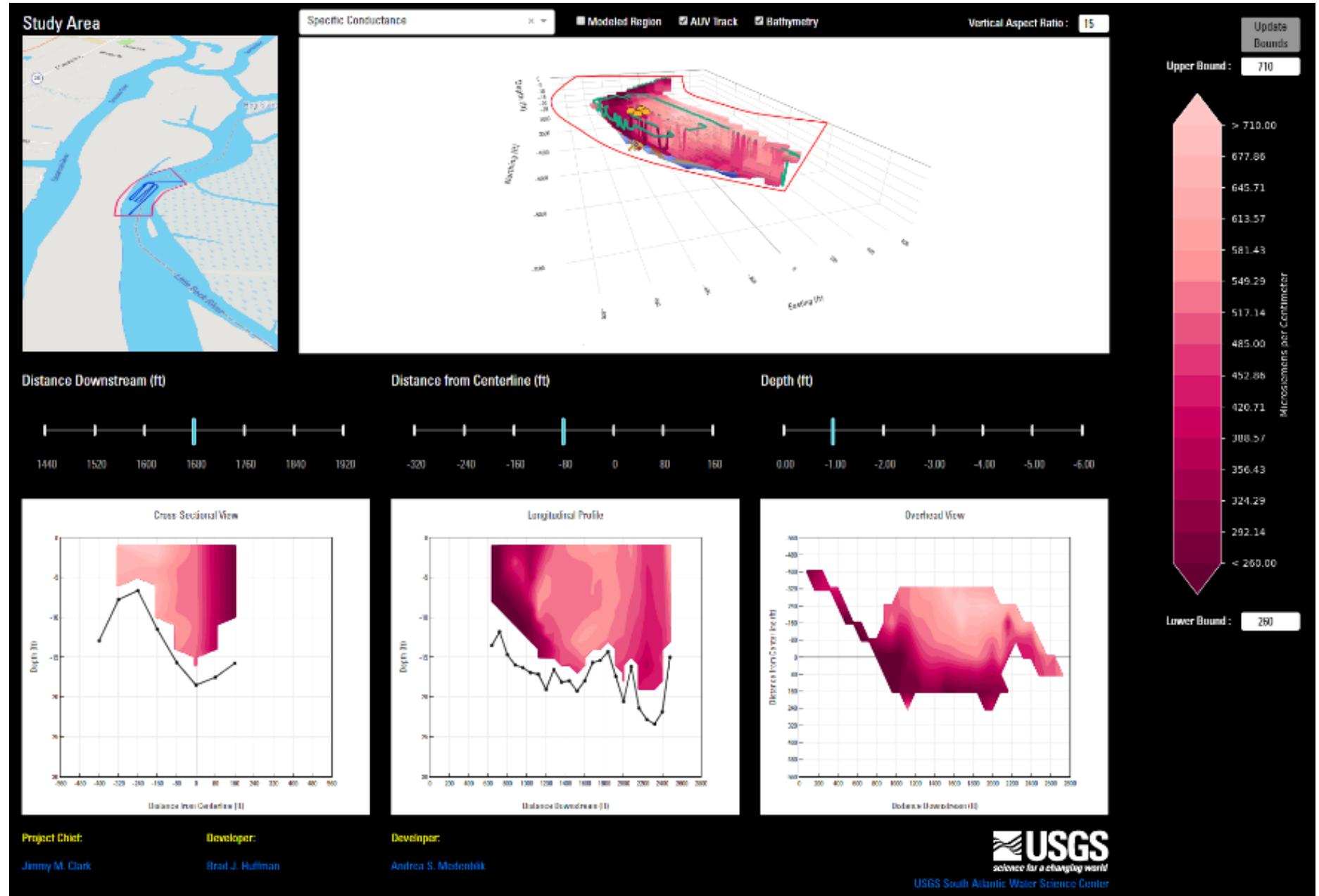


# Vegetation density modeling

- Point return density along channels
- Voxels calculated in vertical increments



# WaterRAT: FY20 CDI Medenblik Proposal



Huffman, B.J., and Medenblik, A.S., 2019. Waterbody Rapid Assessment Tool (WaterRAT) 1.0.0. Preliminary software release, <https://github.com/bhuffman-usgs/waterrat>.

# Community for Data Integration (CDI)

*Connect and collaborate*

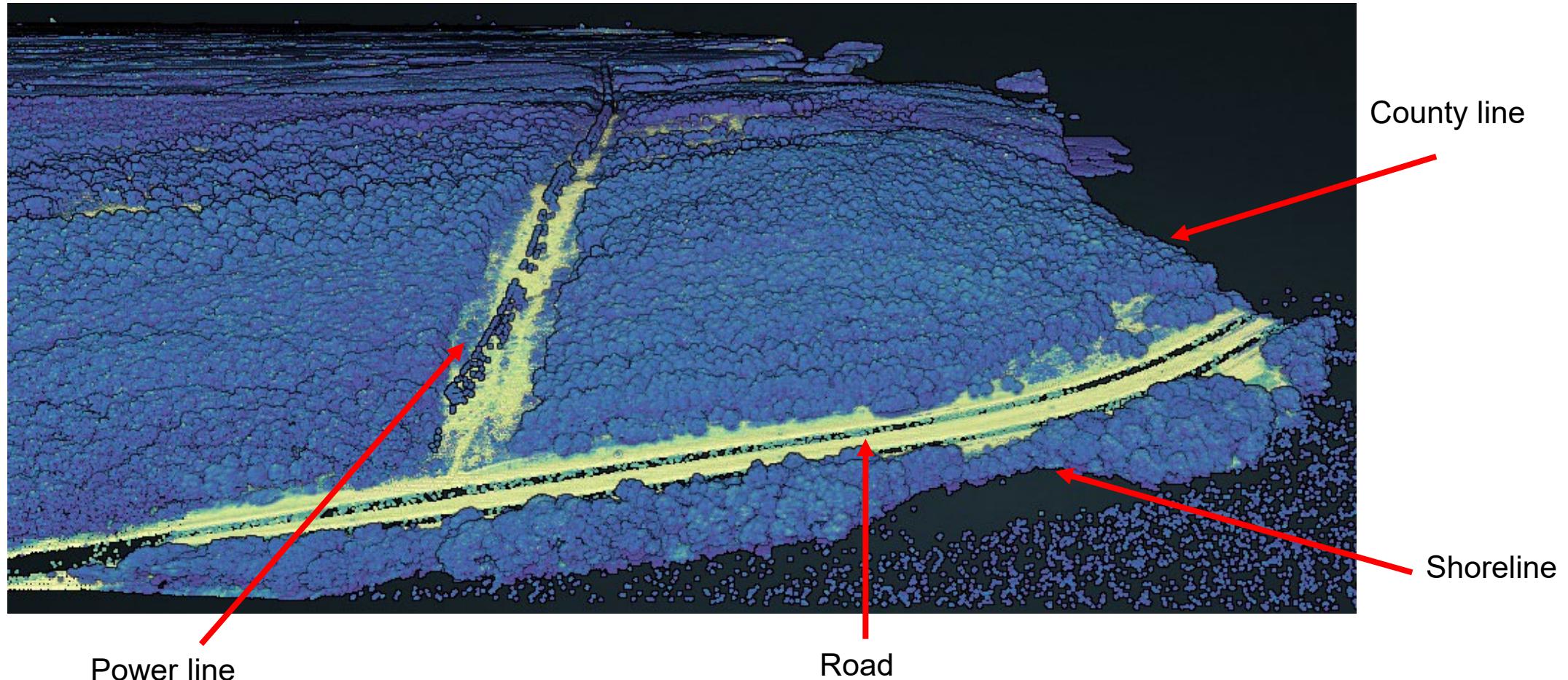
The Community for Data Integration (CDI) is a dynamic community of practice working together to grow USGS knowledge and capacity in scientific data and information management and integration.

**FY22 CDI Full Proposal**

**CorVis: A lidar point cloud tool for visualization and analysis of corridors such as hydrologic, energy, and transportation networks**

# Corridor visualization (CorVis)

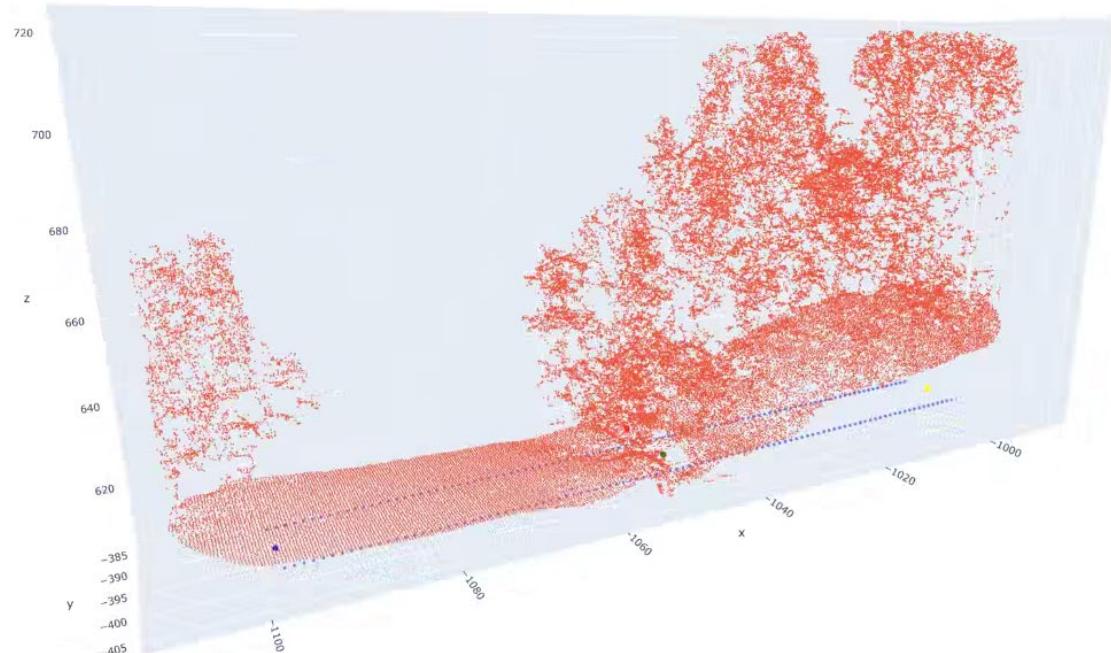
**Corridor**= migration route, stream, shoreline, road, power line, administrative boundary, ...



# Corridor visualization (CorVis)

## Goals:

- Use any line shapefile for navigation and sampling
- Las file point-cloud compatible
- Visualize point data
- Output standard sampling of PC data along a line
- Detailed metadata



Column description	
cid	cross-section id
latlon	list of coordinates from left to right, across the cross-section
elev	list of elevations from left to right, at corresponding lat lon coordinates
hag	list of heights above ground in the cross-section matrix, from bottom to top
intensity, sd_intensity, num_returns, density, perc_class	matrix of statistics for lidar points in each matrix cell. Matrix cell nodes correspond to the elevation and HAG list values.

# Draft Output Statistics Format

Diagram illustrating the structure of the Draft Output Statistics Format:

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graph TD
    A["list of length"] --> B["list of"]
    B --> C["list of length"]
    C --> D["matrices of"]
  
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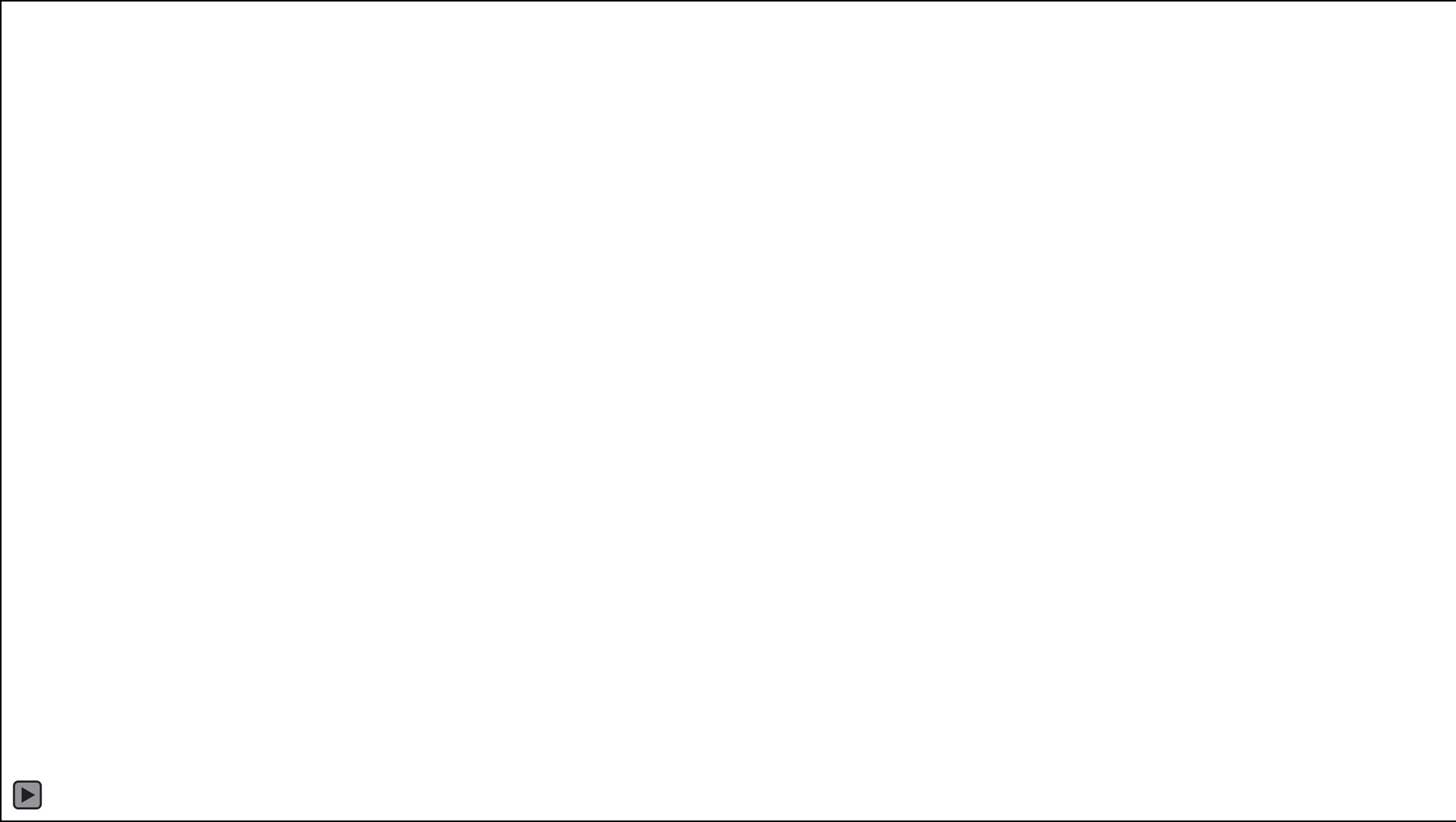
The structure is defined by the following columns in the table:

- cid
- latlon
- elev
- hag
- intensity
- sd\_intensity
- num\_returns
- density
- perc\_class

Annotations indicate the data types for each column:

- latlon: list of length
- elev: list of
- hag: list of length
- intensity, sd\_intensity, num\_returns, density, perc\_class: matrices of

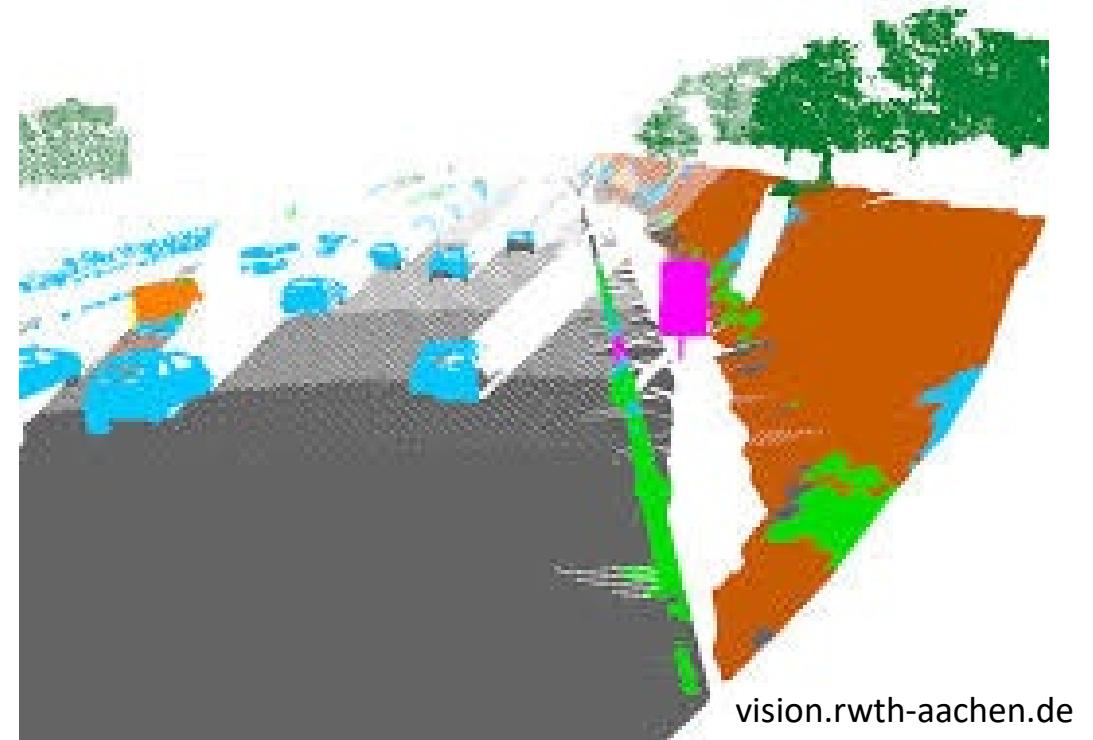
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# Moving forward

In development: output corridor statistics

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Python Console

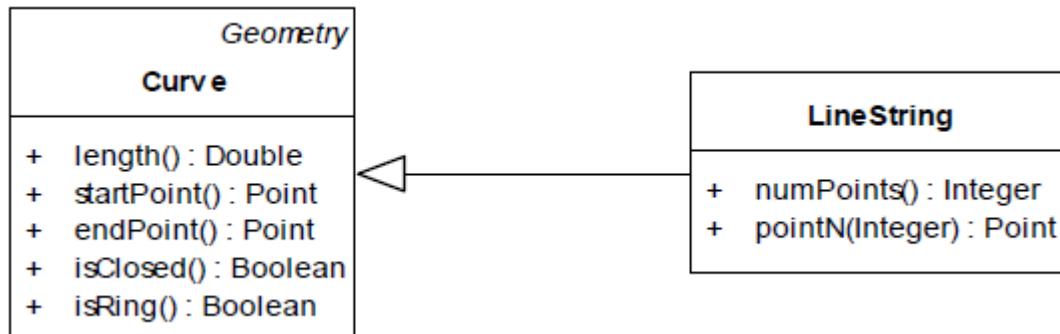
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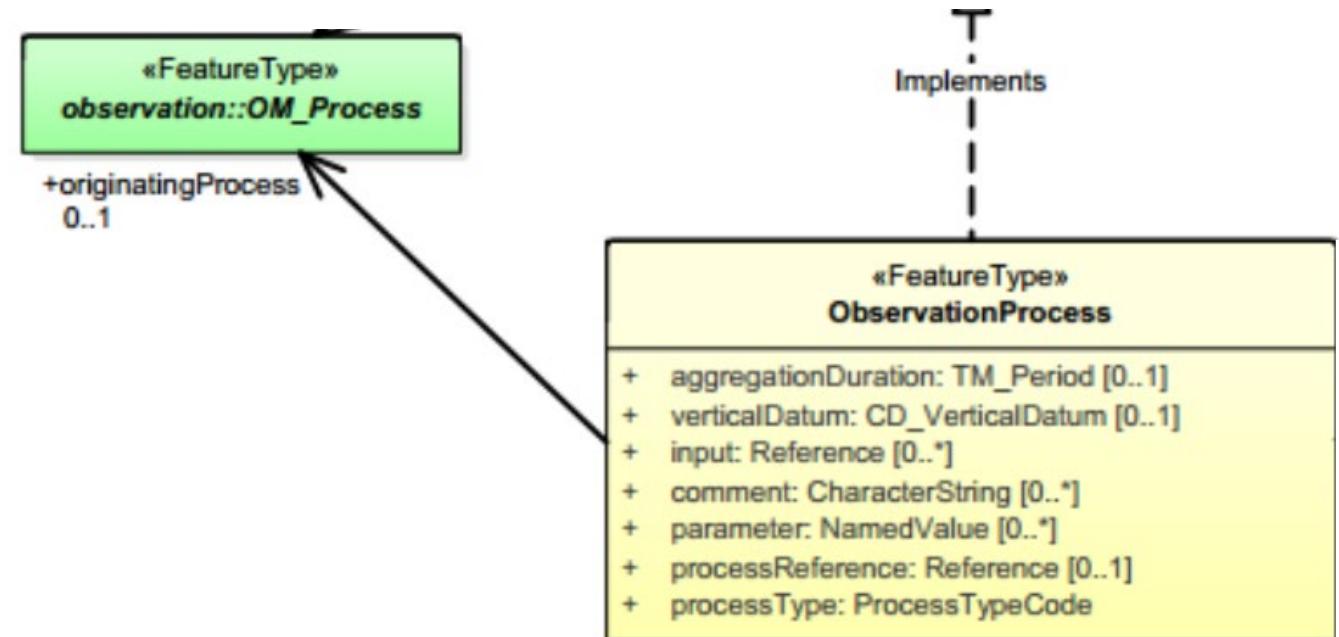
Wish-list: Point-cloud segmentation

# Moving forward

## Simple Feature Attributes



<http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sfa/1.2.1>



<http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/tsml/1.2>

## Observation Process Schema

# Thanks

