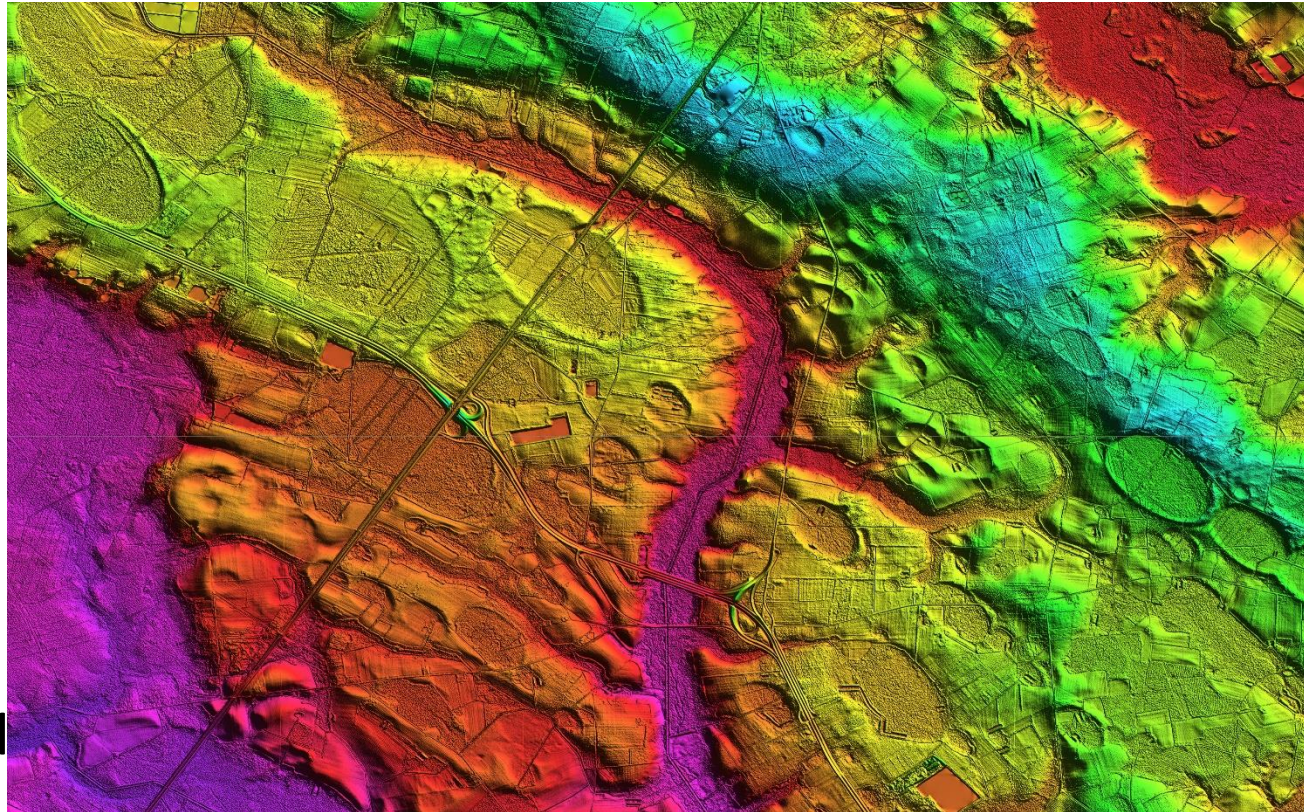


## Bringing New Enhanced Lidar Data to Minnesota

# *Welcome and Goals for Today*

## Goals

- Information exchange
  - About the plan
- Why are we doing this?
- Uses and benefits
- Stakeholder participation
- What is happening this fall
- Questions and discussion



- **Minnesota lidar community**
- **What is high density lidar?**
- **How lidar is used?**
- **Minnesota's State Lidar Plan**
- **How to get involved**
- **Q & A**



# GAC 3D Geomatics Committee

## **What is the GAC?**

- The Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council is the coordinating body for the Minnesota geospatial community.
- Cross-section of organizations that include counties, cities, universities, business, nonprofit organizations, federal and state agencies, tribal government, and other stakeholder groups.

## **What is the 3D Geomatics Committee?**

- The 3D Geomatics Committee (3DGeo) of the Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council works to identify and promote the need for planning, funding, acquisition, and management of three-dimensional geomatic data and derived products.

# 3DGeo Workgroups

- Executive Steering Team
- Workgroups/Subgroups
  - Hydrogeomorphology
    - Data Catalog
    - Breachline Database
  - Vegetation
  - Education and Outreach
  - Human Infrastructure
  - Remotely Sensed Data Acquisition Workgroup



# 3DGeo Remotely Sensed Data Acquisition Workgroup

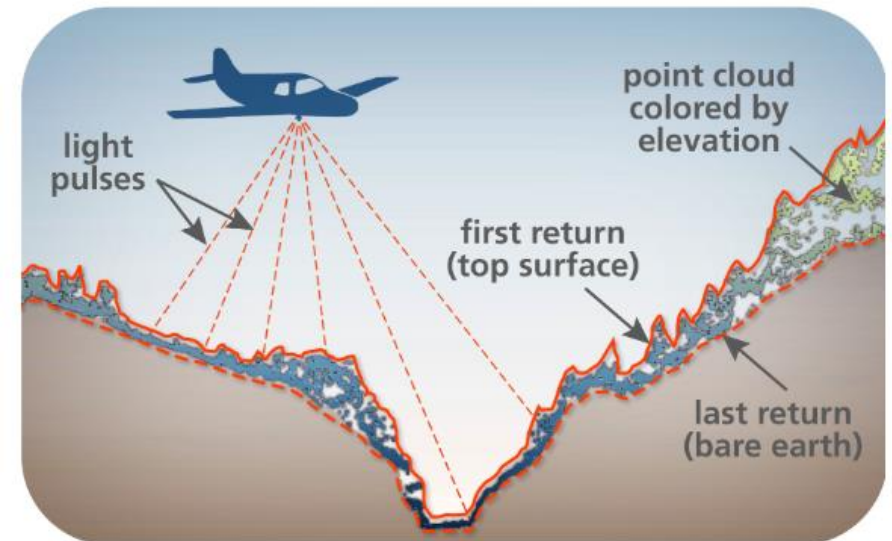
**Mission:** The Remotely Sensed Data Acquisition Workgroup promotes acquisition of foundational 3D data for Minnesota.

**Workgroup Membership:**

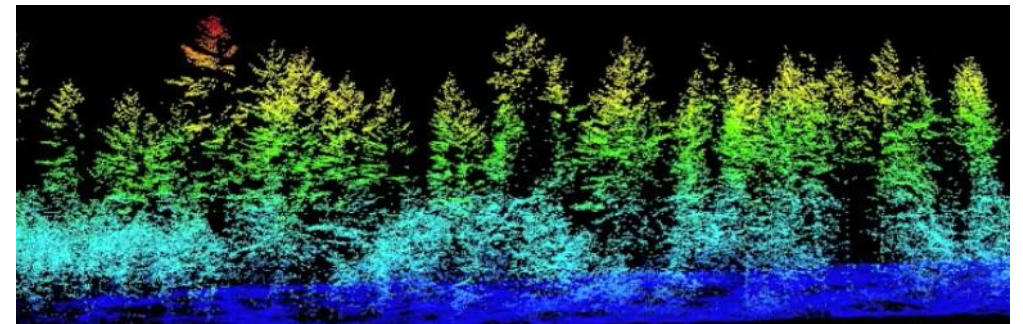
**Alison Slaats, Dan Ross, Jennifer Corcoran, Colin Lee, Sean Vaughn,  
Gerry Sjerven, Matt Baltes, Brandon Krumwiede, Harvey Thorleifson**

# What is lidar?

- **Lidar** stands for **light detection and ranging**
- It is a mapping technology that uses a pulsed laser to measure the time it takes for emitted light to travel from a sensor to the ground or other objects and back.
- The sensor can pulse a laser beam hundreds of thousands of times per second, millions of returns ("points") are captured, resulting in a "point cloud" of three dimensional measurements.



*Image from the Washington Geological Survey*



# Lidar Point Cloud Colorized by Height





# Lidar Point Cloud Colorized by Photo



# Need for new lidar

- Higher-resolution and higher-quality lidar dramatically improves our ability to analyze the landscape in Minnesota, map assets, and assess resources
- **Improved and up-to-date** lidar provides the basis to analyze and plan for current and future scenarios, and inform better decision making for management our resources
- Having this data has a **5 to 1 return on investment** and enables practitioners, managers, and researchers to be more proactive than reactive

# What is high density lidar?

## High density lidar is about two measures:

- Pulse Spacing
- Pulse Density

This is the density we'd like



This is the min USGS Base Specification



This is what we currently have



<i>LIDAR BASE SPECIFICATION (LBS)</i>	<b>LBS Table 1</b> Minimum Net Pulse Density and Spacing for a Single lidar Collection Mission	
	<b>Aggregate Nominal Pulse Spacing (ANPS)</b> [m]	<b>Aggregate Nominal Pulse Density (ANPD)</b> [pulse/m <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Quality Level (QL)</b>		
<b>QL-0</b>	≤ 0.35	≥ 8.0
<b>QL-1</b>	≤ 0.35	≥ 8.0
<b>QL-2</b>	≤ 0.71	≥ 2.0
<b>QL-3</b>	≤ 1.41	≥ 0.5

# Infrastructure examples

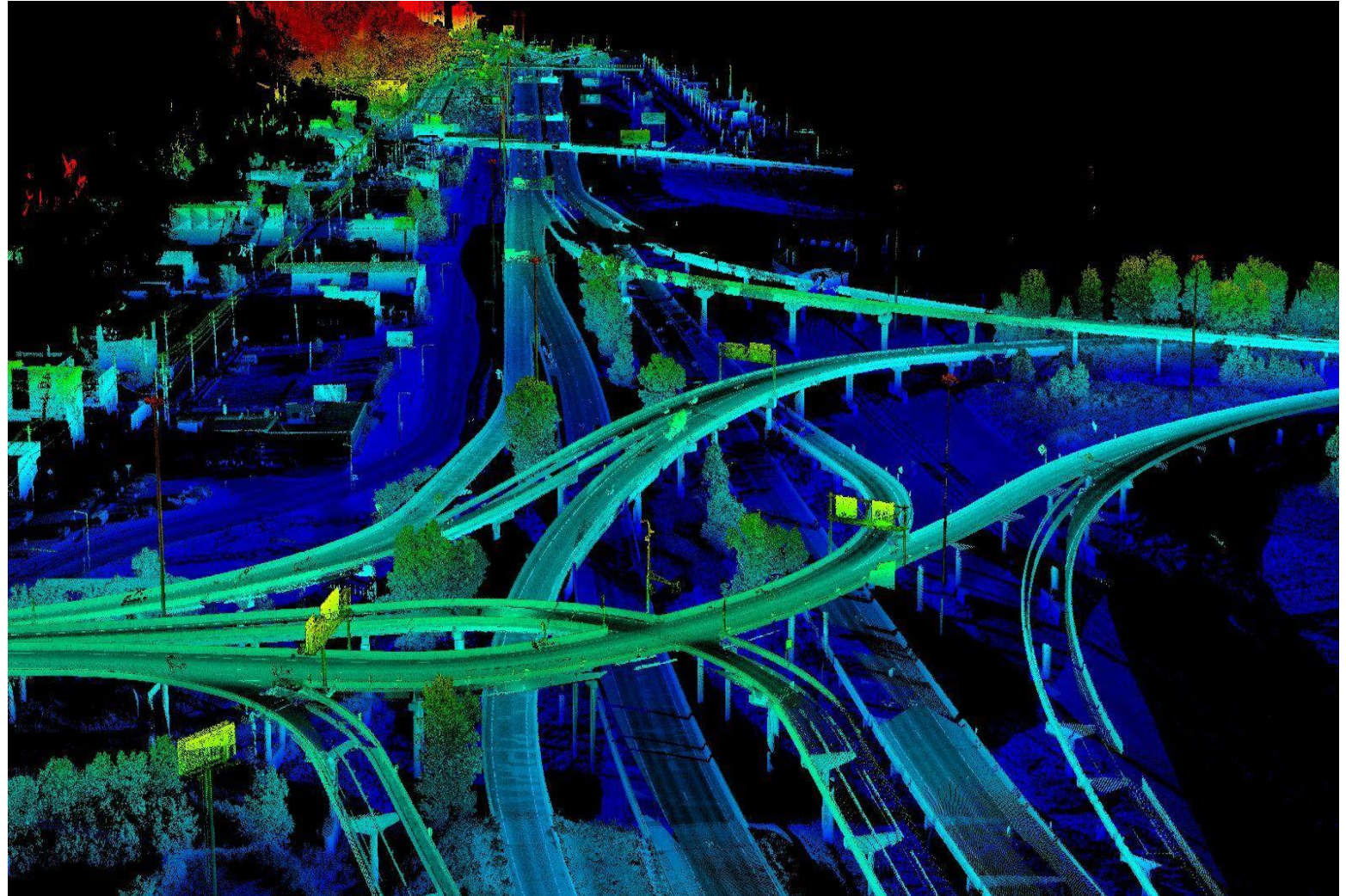
- Transportation

- 3d Design
- Traffic operations
- Signing and striping
- Highway safety
- Maintenance
- Asset management

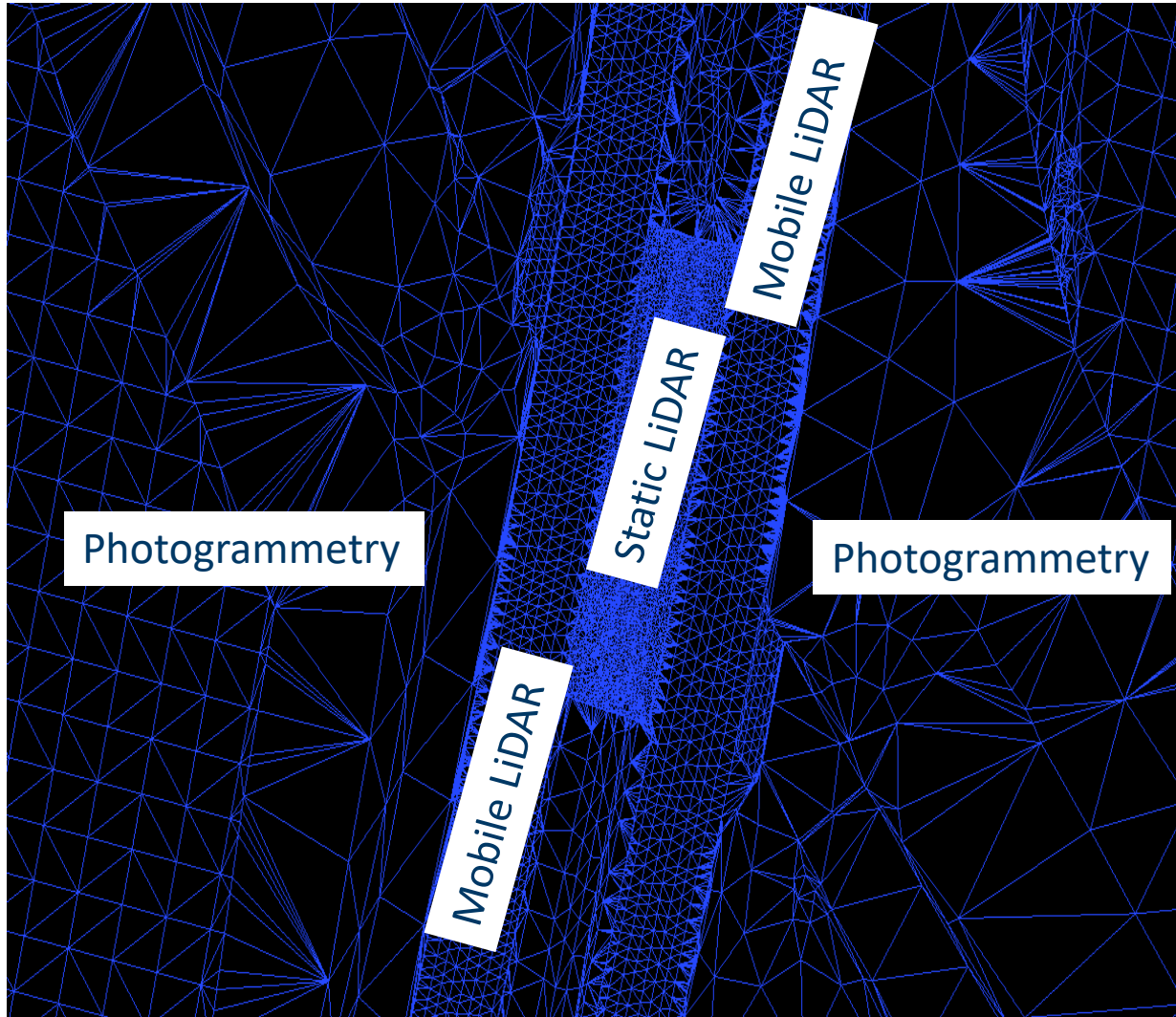
- Energy

- Traditional
- Renewable/Alternative

- Cultural/Historical Resources

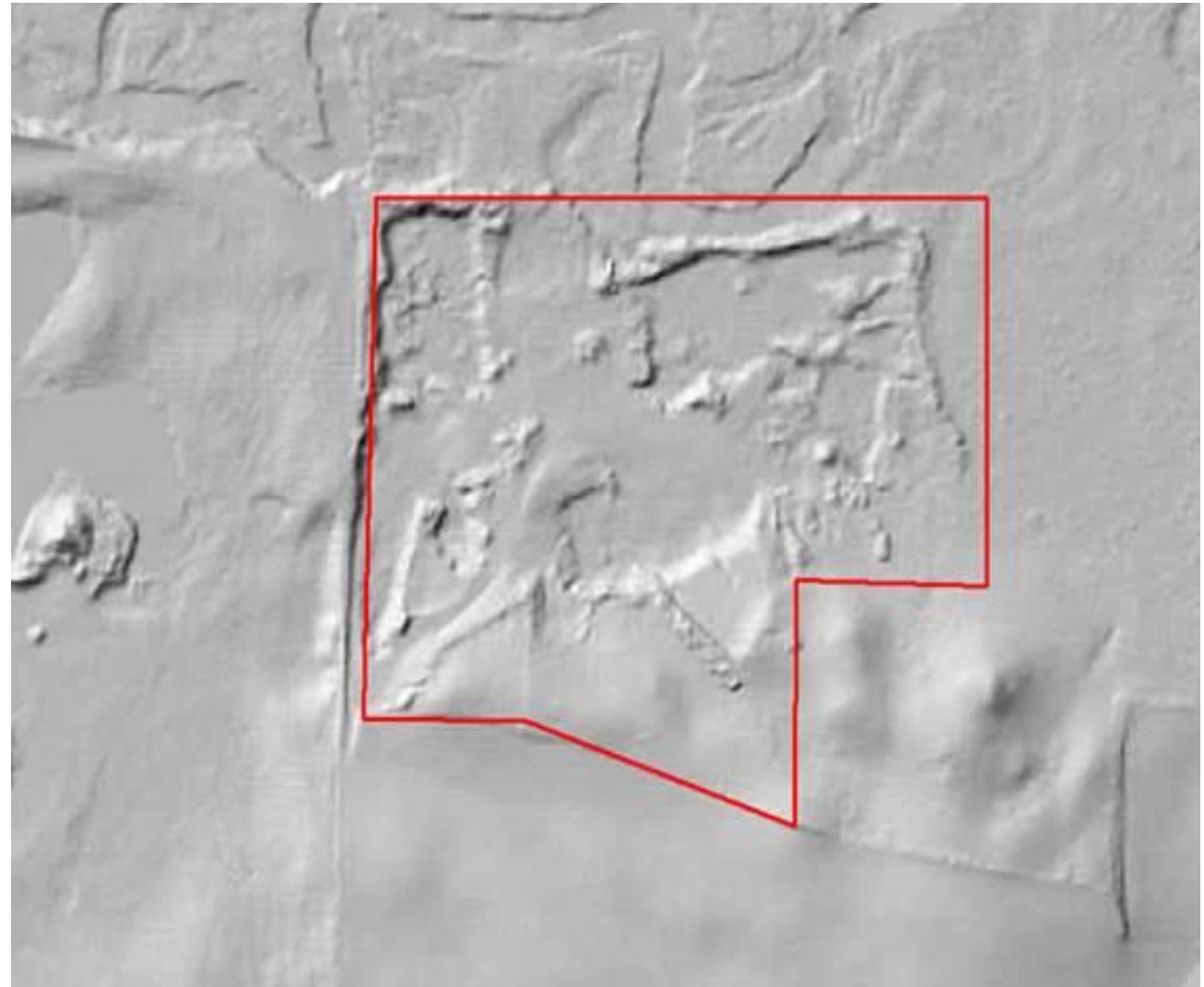
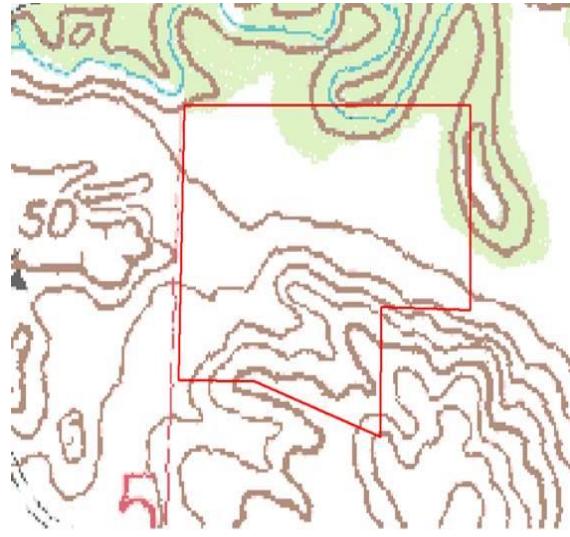


# Infrastructure examples



# Cultural Resources Lidar Use Example

Potential location  
for a new MnDOT  
Truck Station

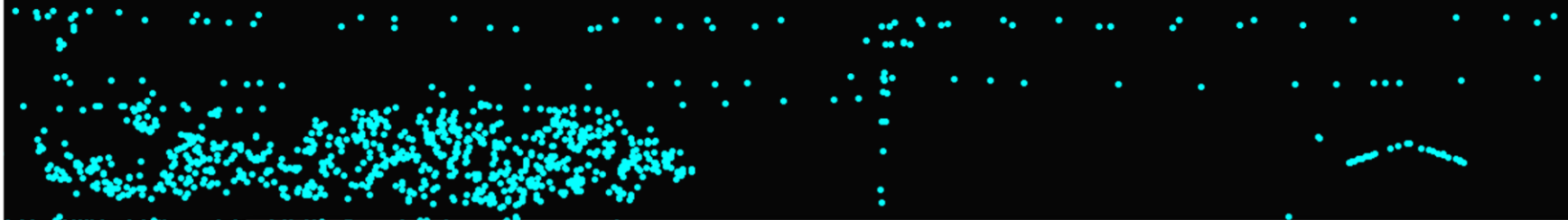


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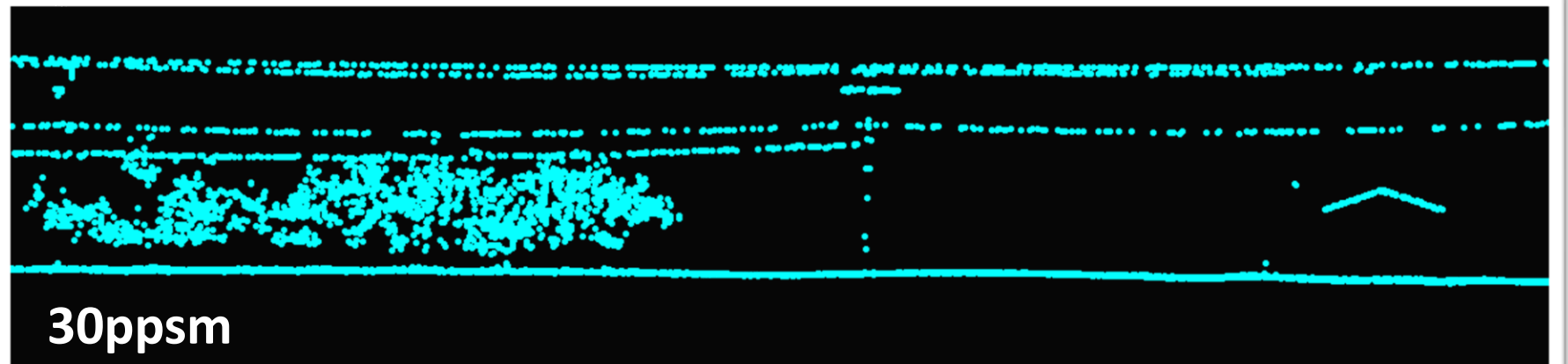
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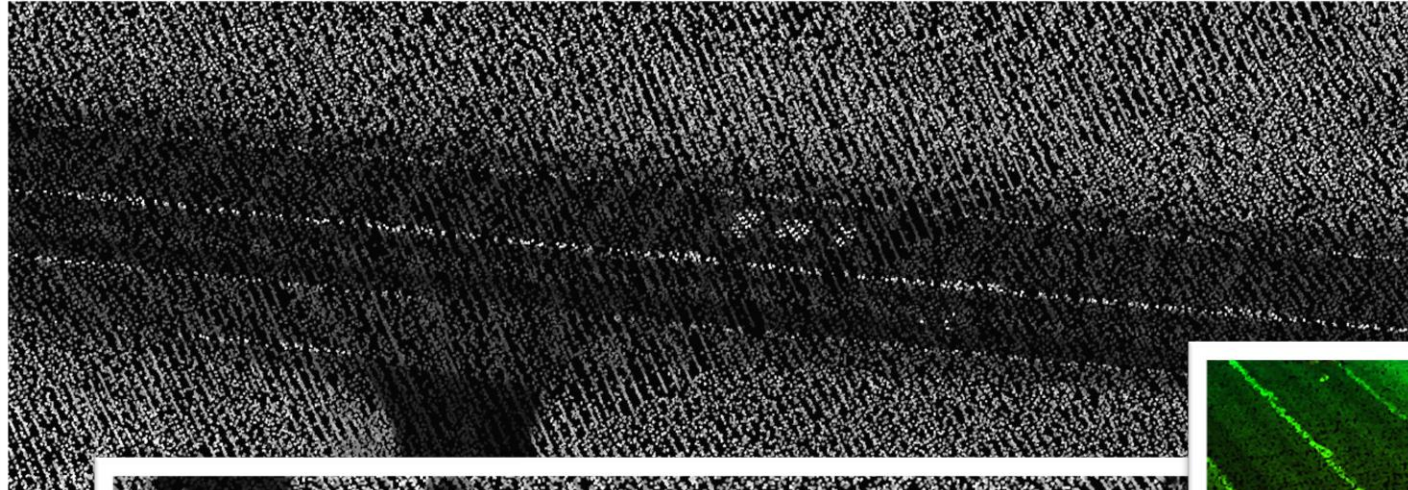


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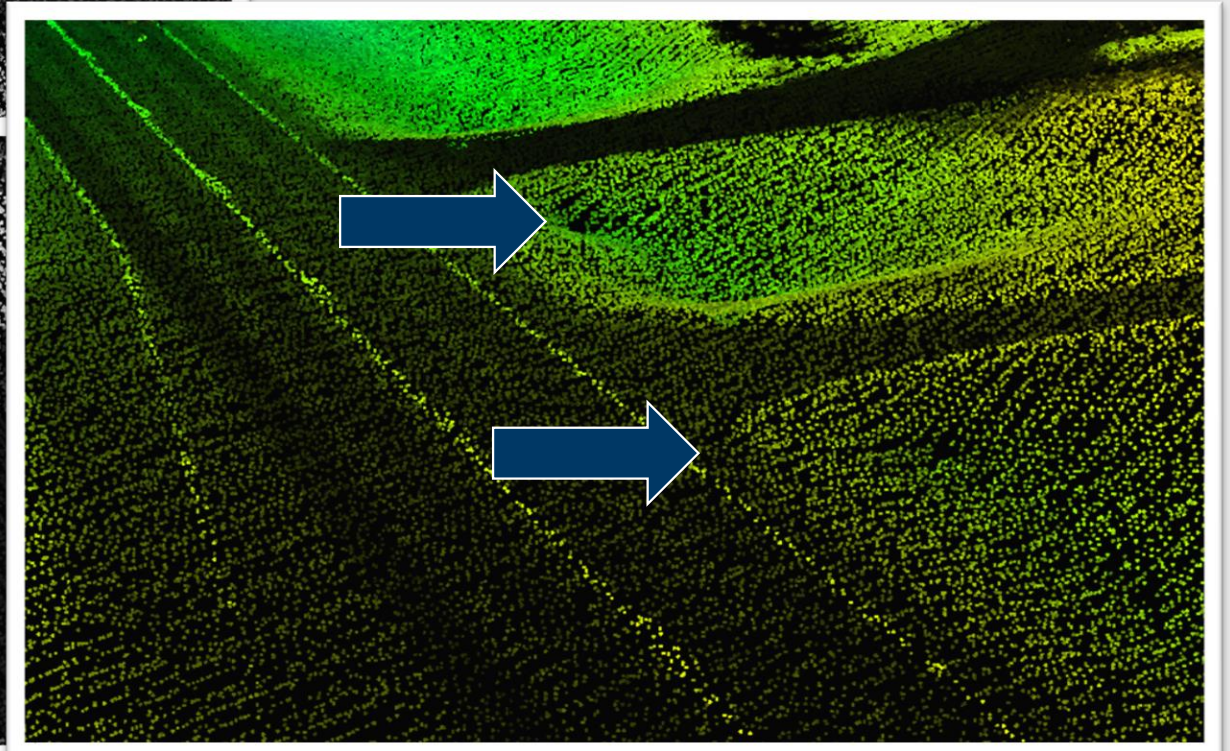
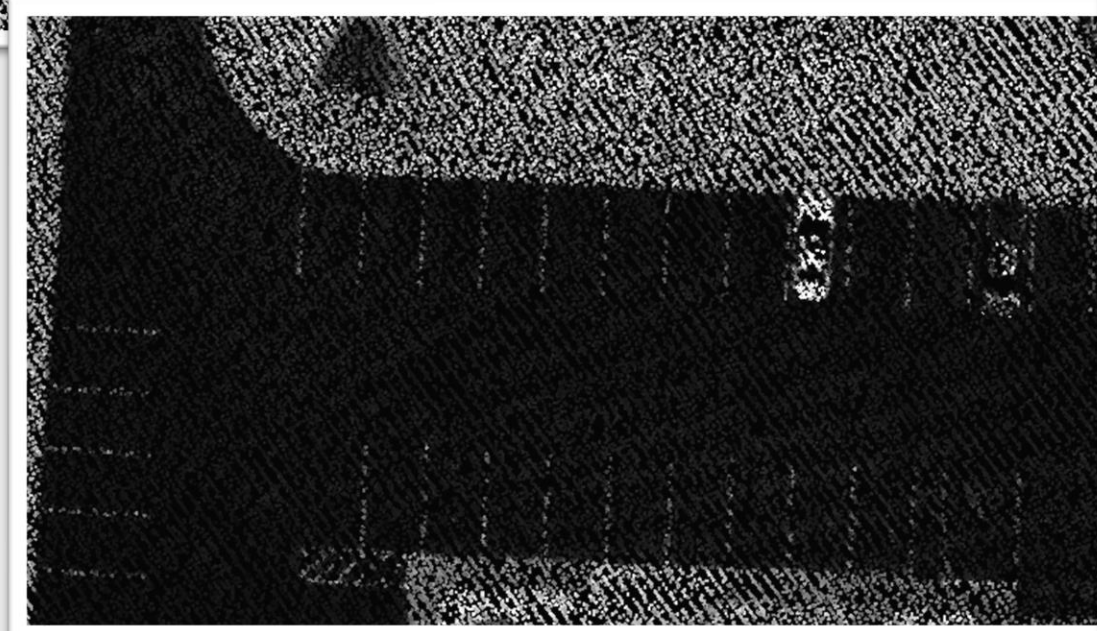


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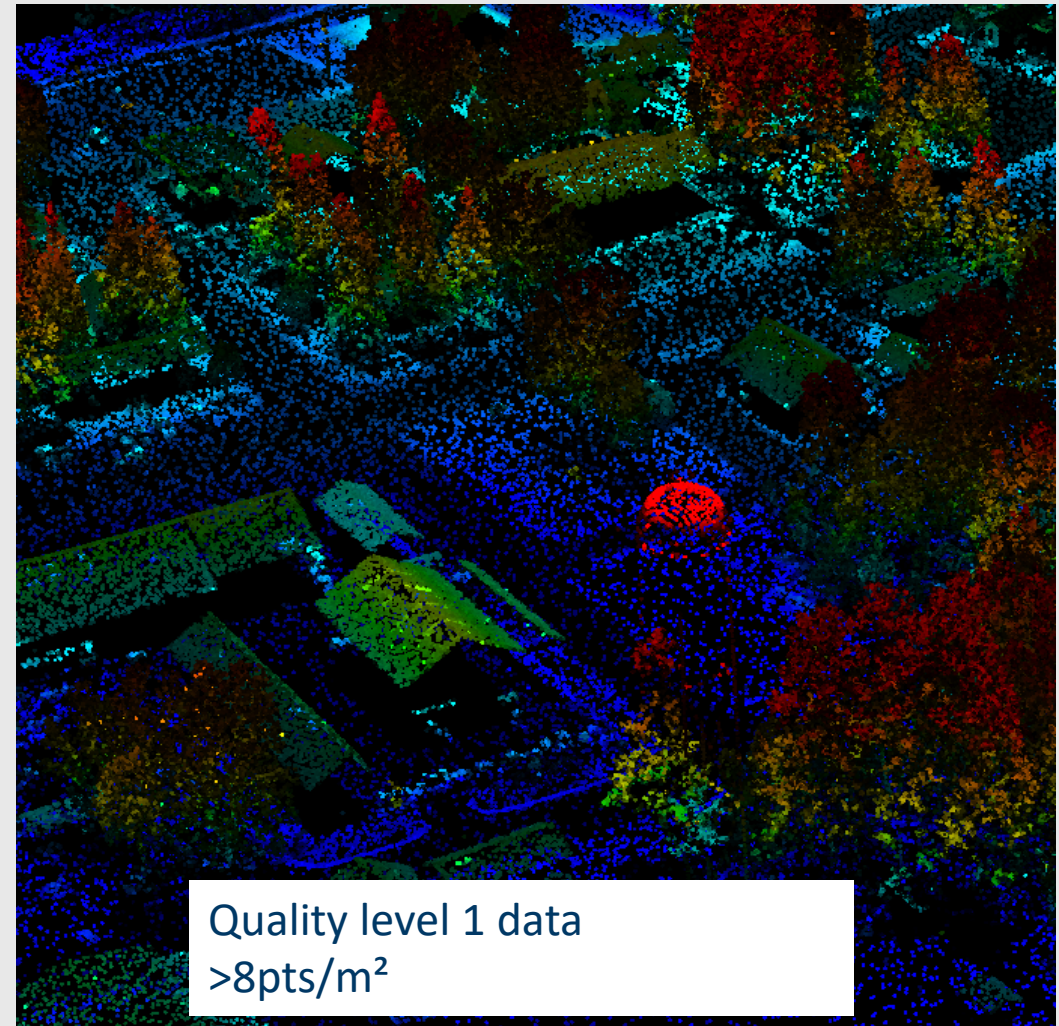
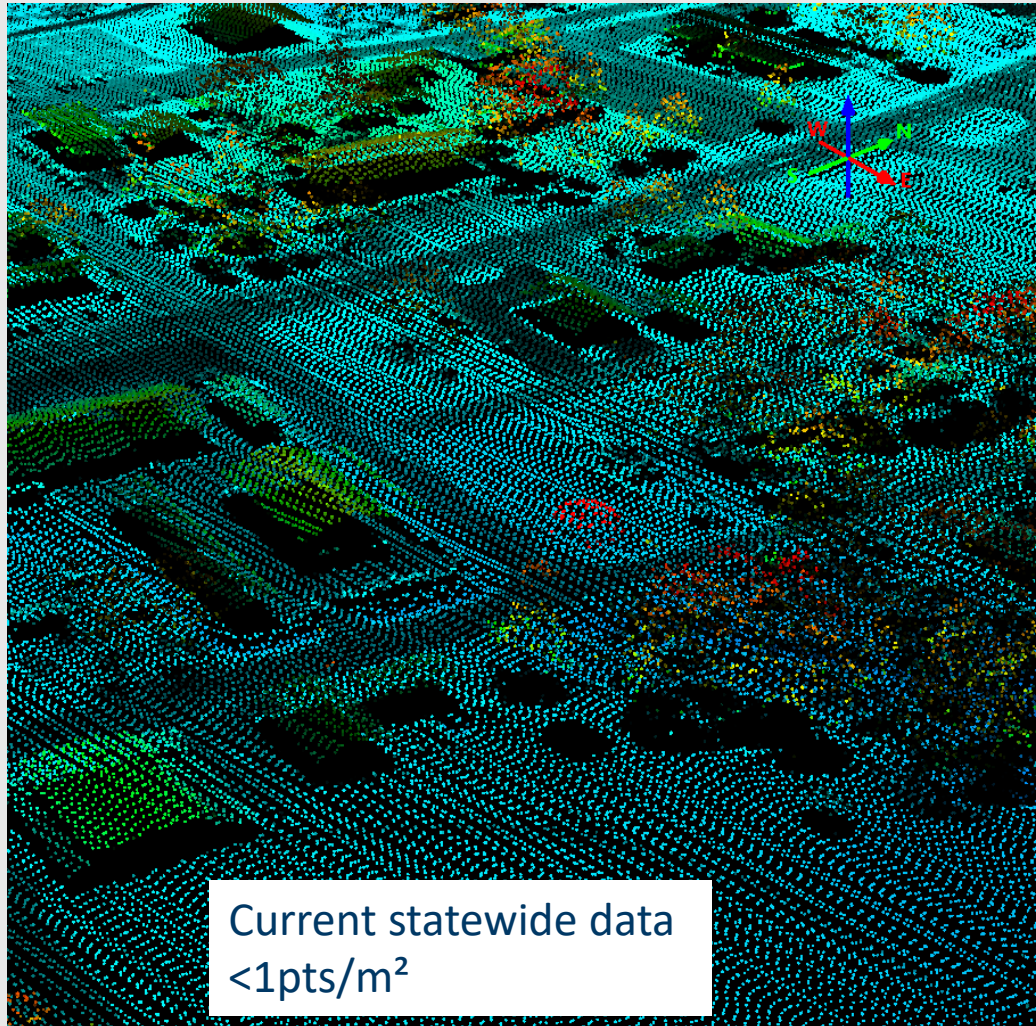
- Bridge and culvert analysis
- Paint and centerline analysis
- 8ppsm



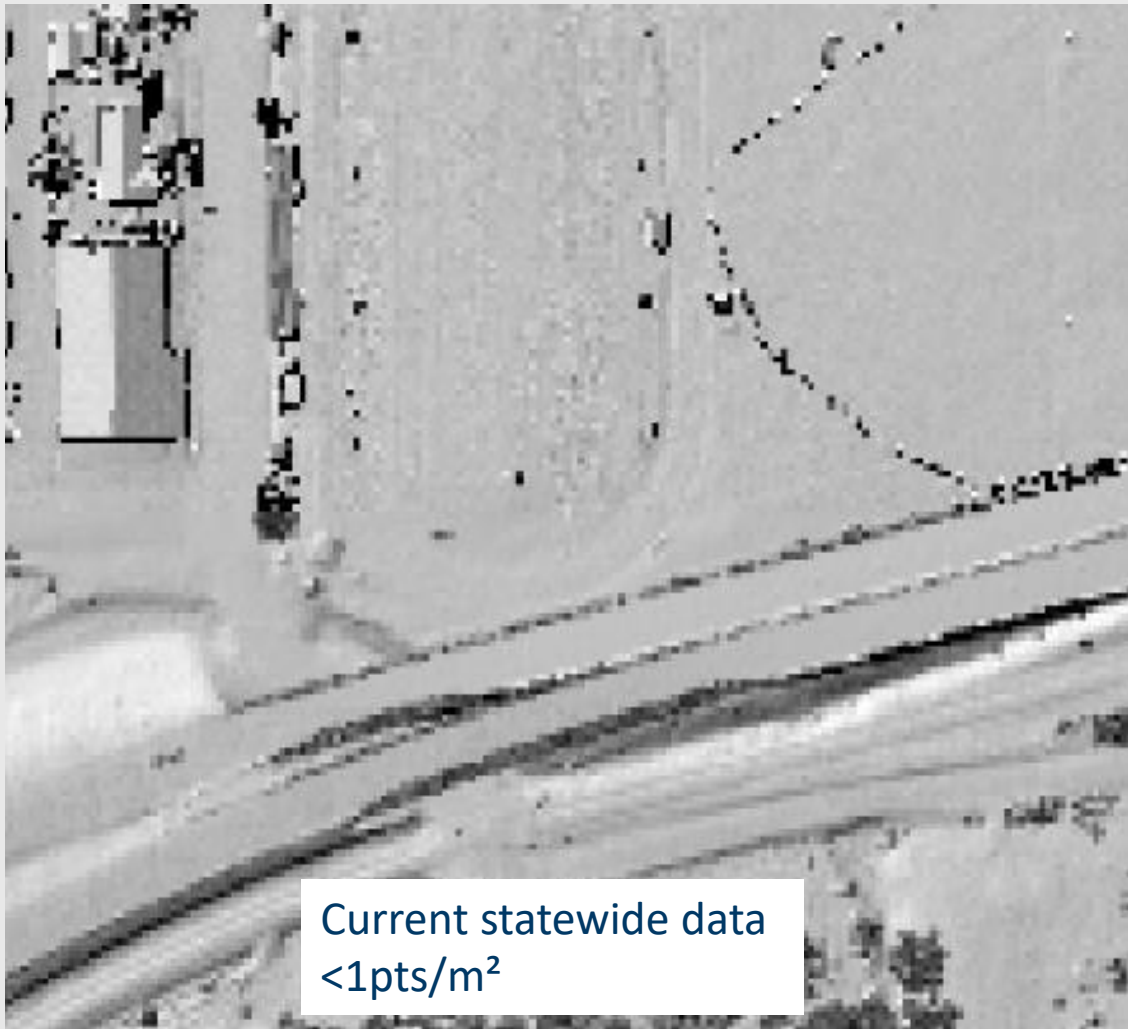


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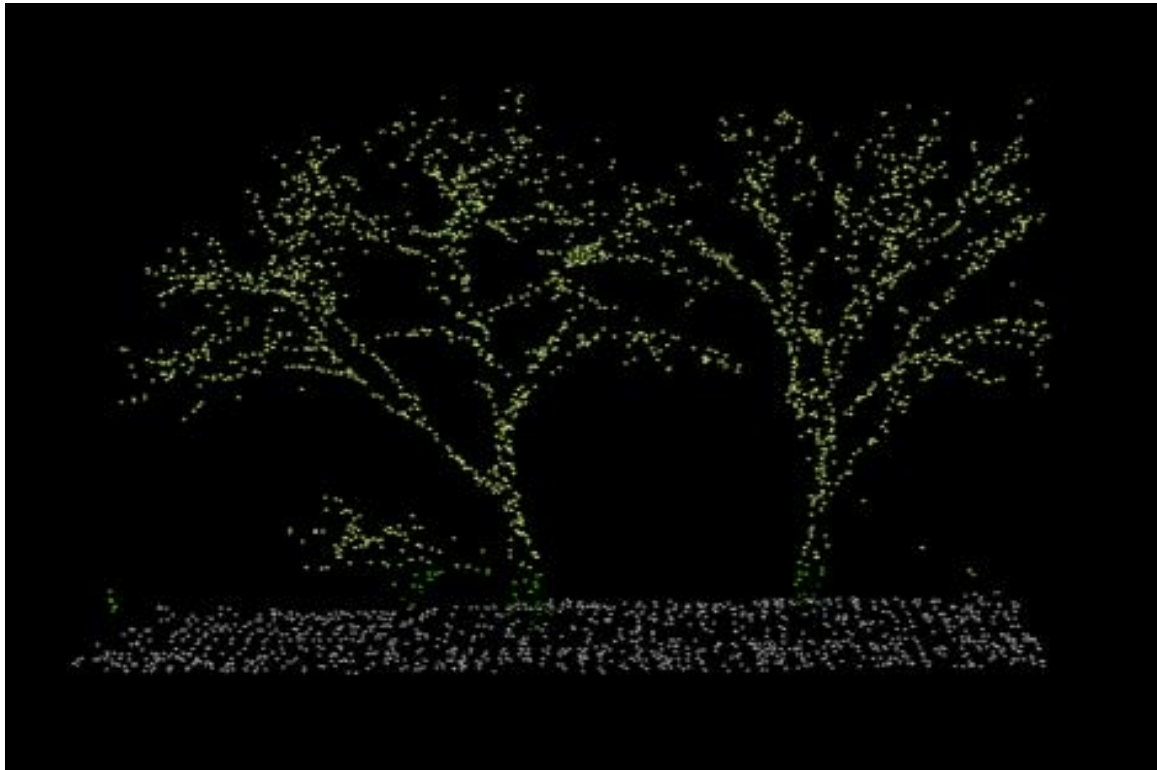
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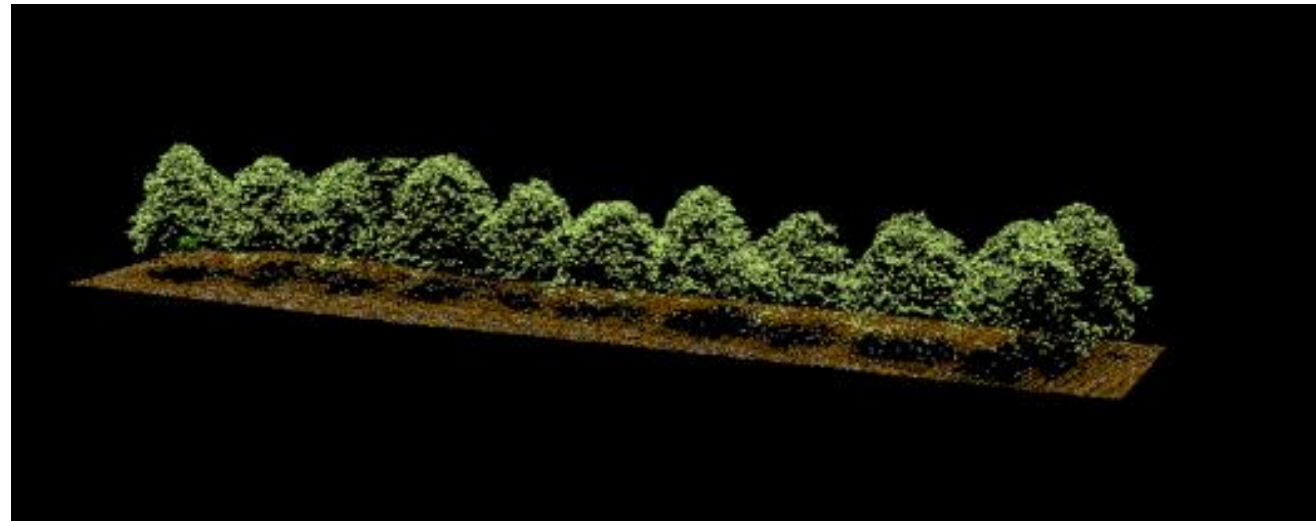
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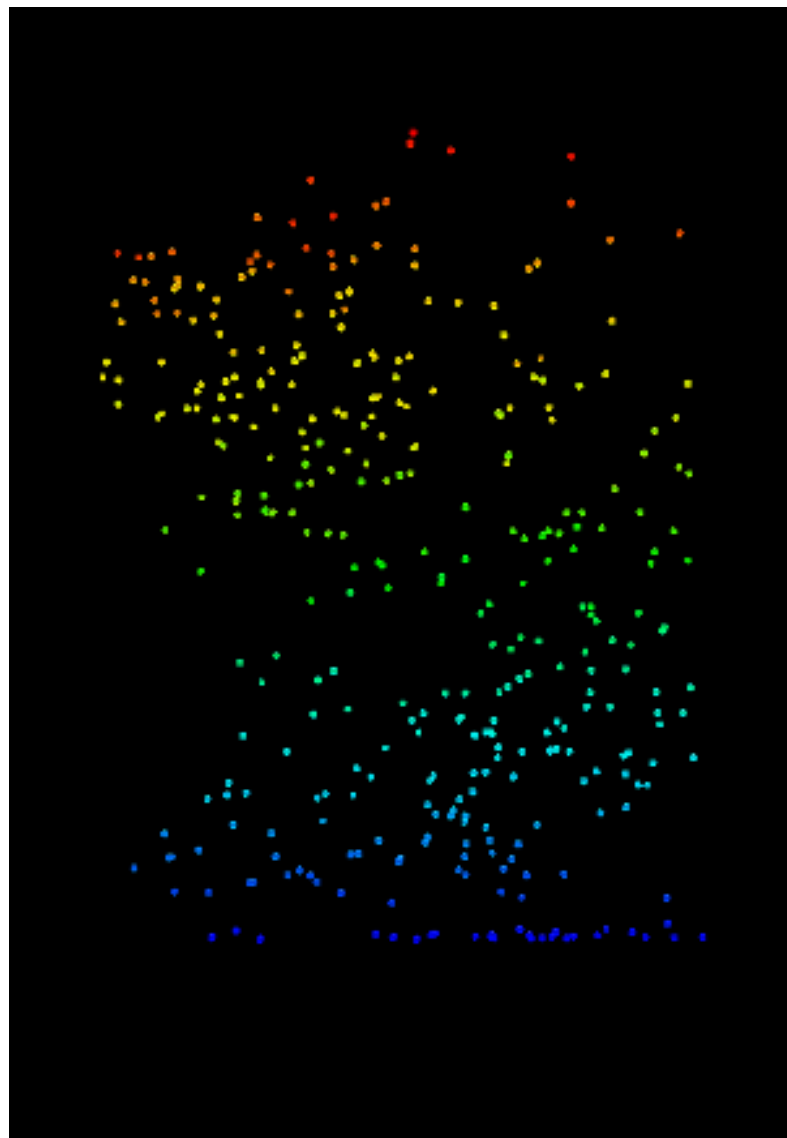
Deciduous Trees

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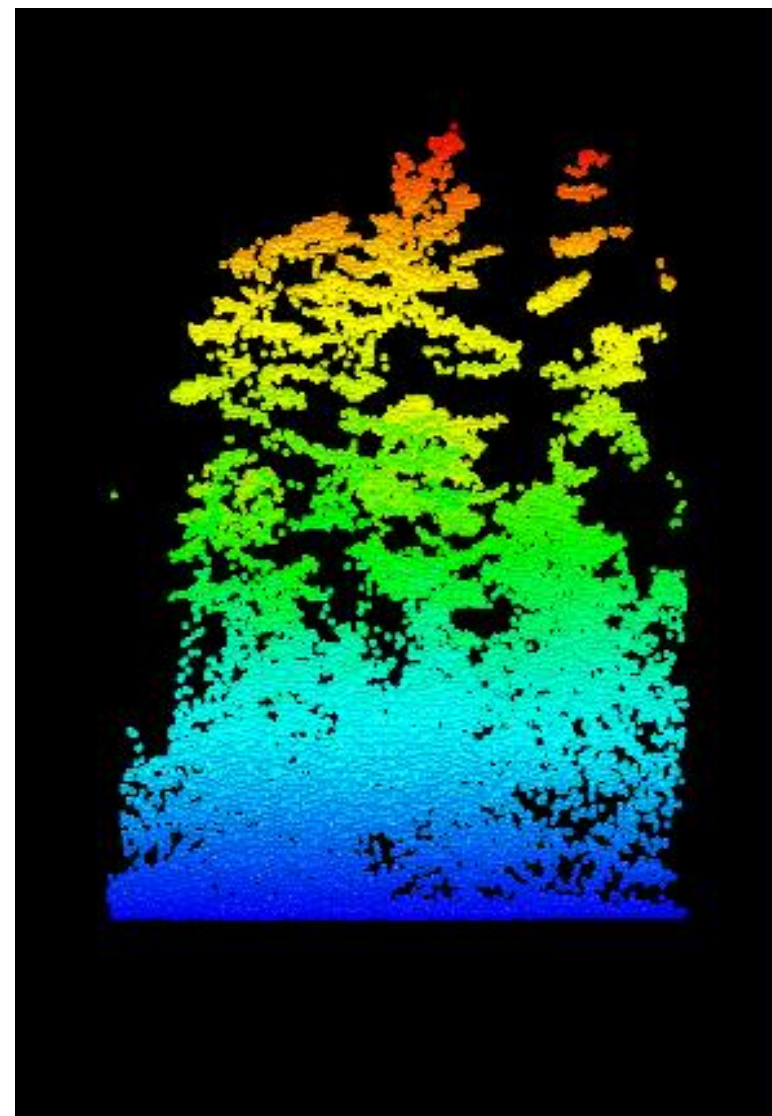


Coniferous Trees

QL3, Low Density Lidar 2011

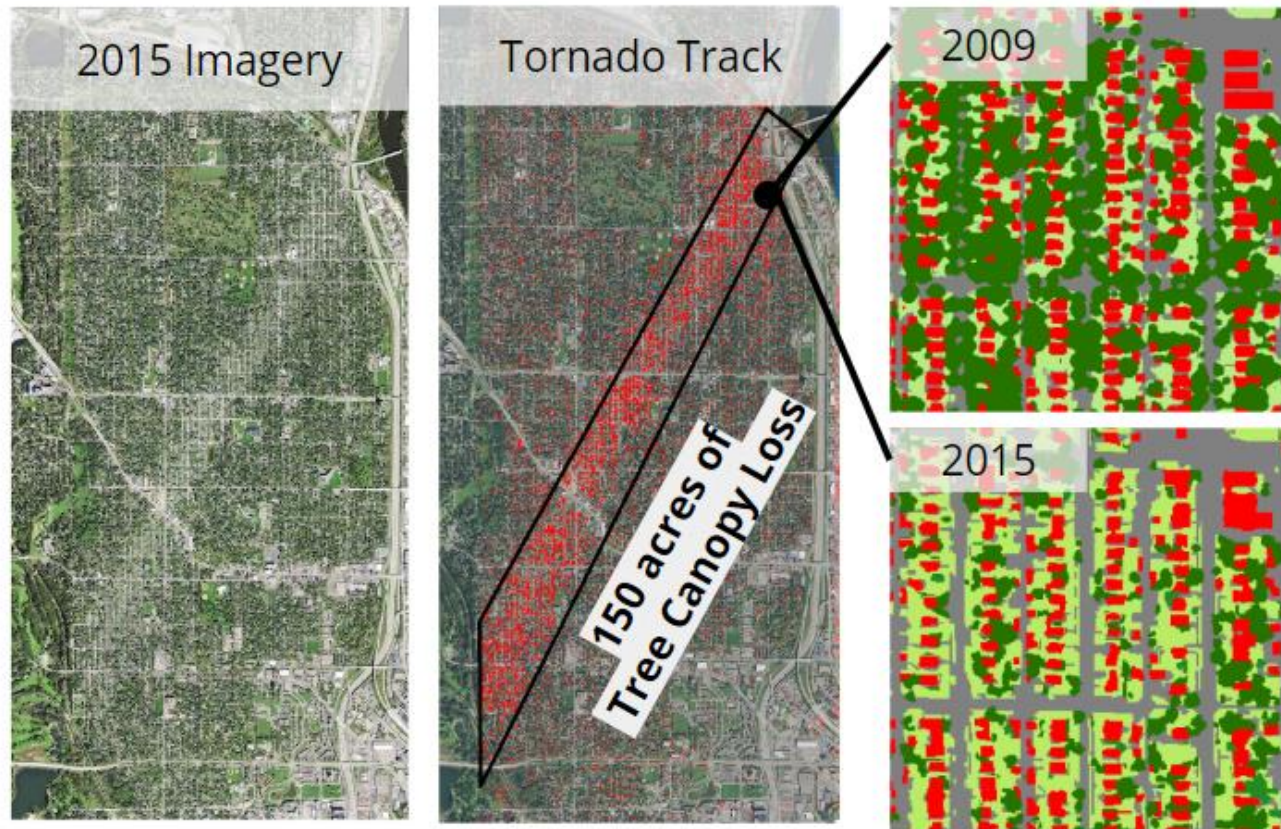


QL1, Linear Lidar 2018

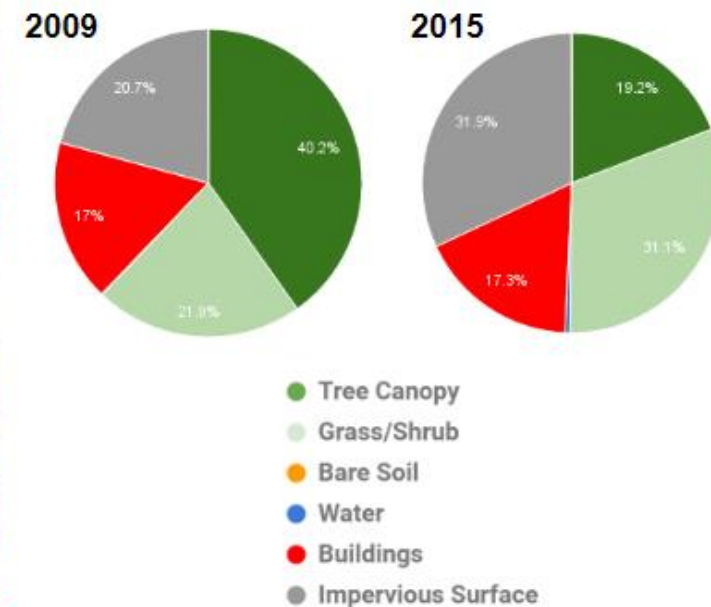


# Metro example: Canopy Height Change

## 2011 Tornado Blowdown

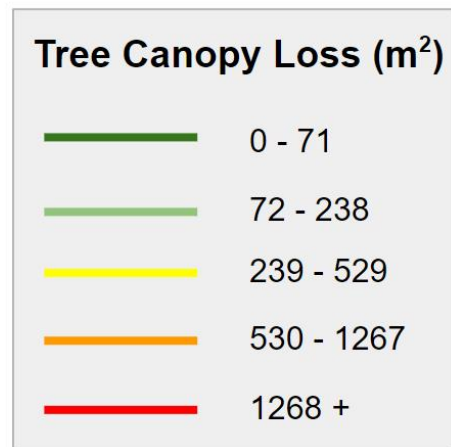
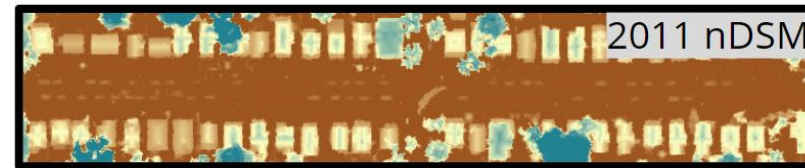
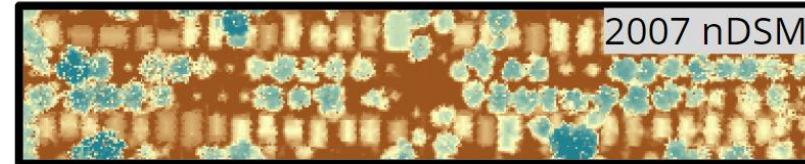
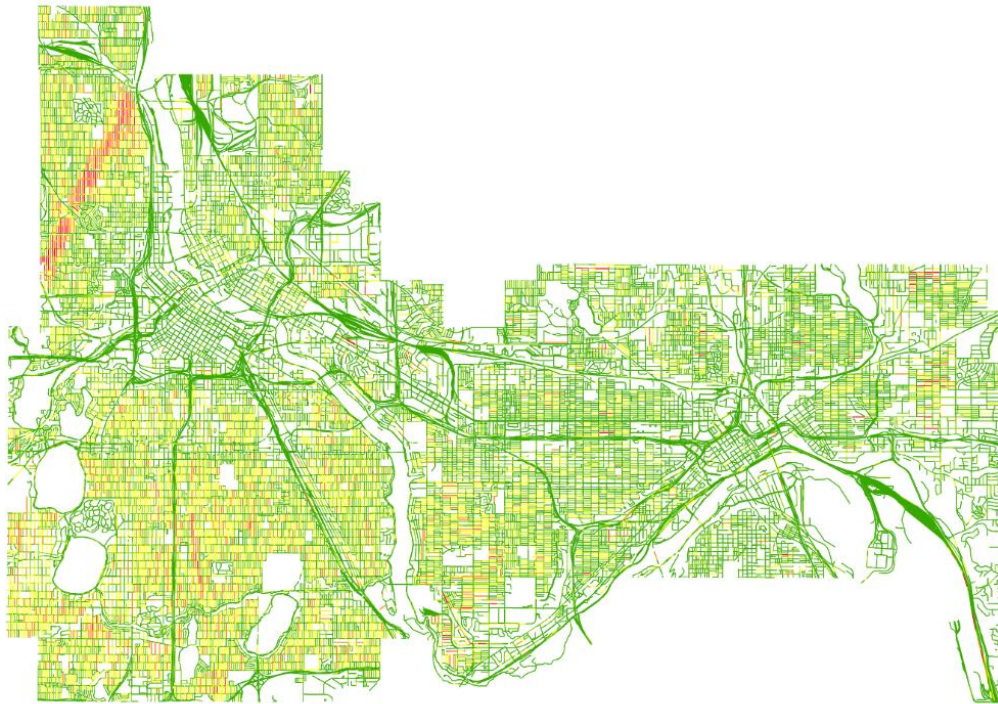


## Urban tree canopy loss due to tornado blowdown



# Metro example: Canopy Height Change

## Street tree removal



UMN  
RSGAL

# National Enhanced Elevation Assessment (NEEA)

Business Use		Annual Benefits	
Rank		Conservative	Potential
1	Flood Risk Management	\$295M	\$502M
2	Infrastructure and Construction Management	\$206M	\$942M
3	Natural Resources Conservation	\$159M	\$335M
4	Agriculture and Precision Farming	\$122M	\$2,011M
5	Water Supply and Quality	\$85M	\$156M
6	Wildfire Management, Planning and Response	\$76M	\$159M
7	Geologic Resource Assessment and Hazard Mitigation	\$52M	\$1,067M
8	Forest Resources Management	\$44M	\$62M
9	River and Stream Resource Management	\$38M	\$87M
10	Aviation Navigation and Safety	\$35M	\$56M
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20	Land Navigation and Safety	\$0.2M	\$7,125M
<b>Total for all Business Uses (1 – 27)</b>		<b>\$1.2B</b>	<b>\$13B</b>

- Conducted in 2011-2013
- Information gathered from every state and from 34 different federal agencies
- 602 Mission Critical Activities need significantly better data than available
- Between \$1.2 and \$13 BILLION in benefits annually
- **5:1 Return on Investment**

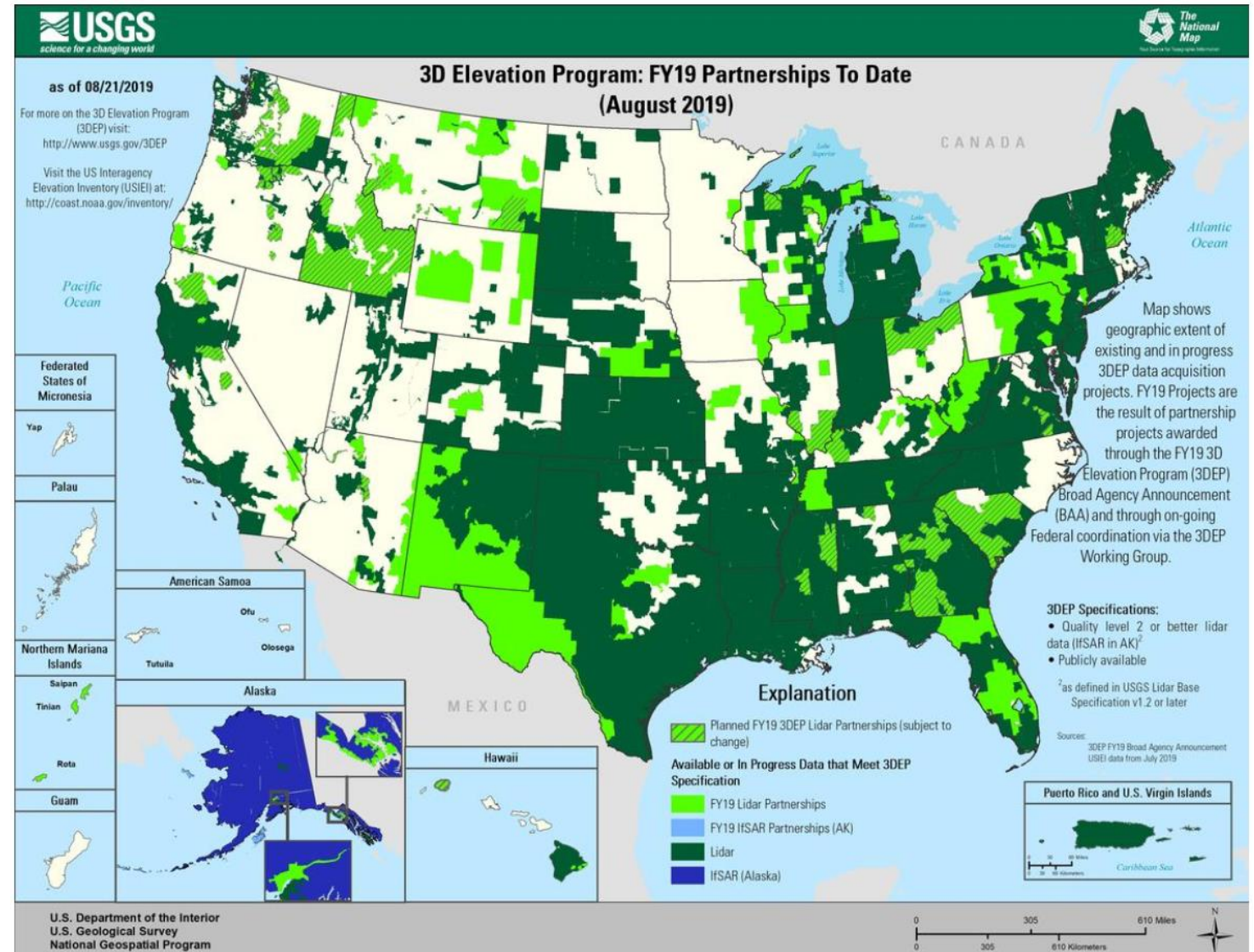
# Potential costs of lidar in Minnesota

Quality Level (QL)	Average Cost per mi2	Average Cost for Minnesota [millions]
QL-0	\$442	\$38.2
QL-1	\$339	\$29.4
QL-2	\$199	\$17.2
QL-3	\$175	\$13.9



# Federal Vision: USGS 3D Elevation Program (3DEP)

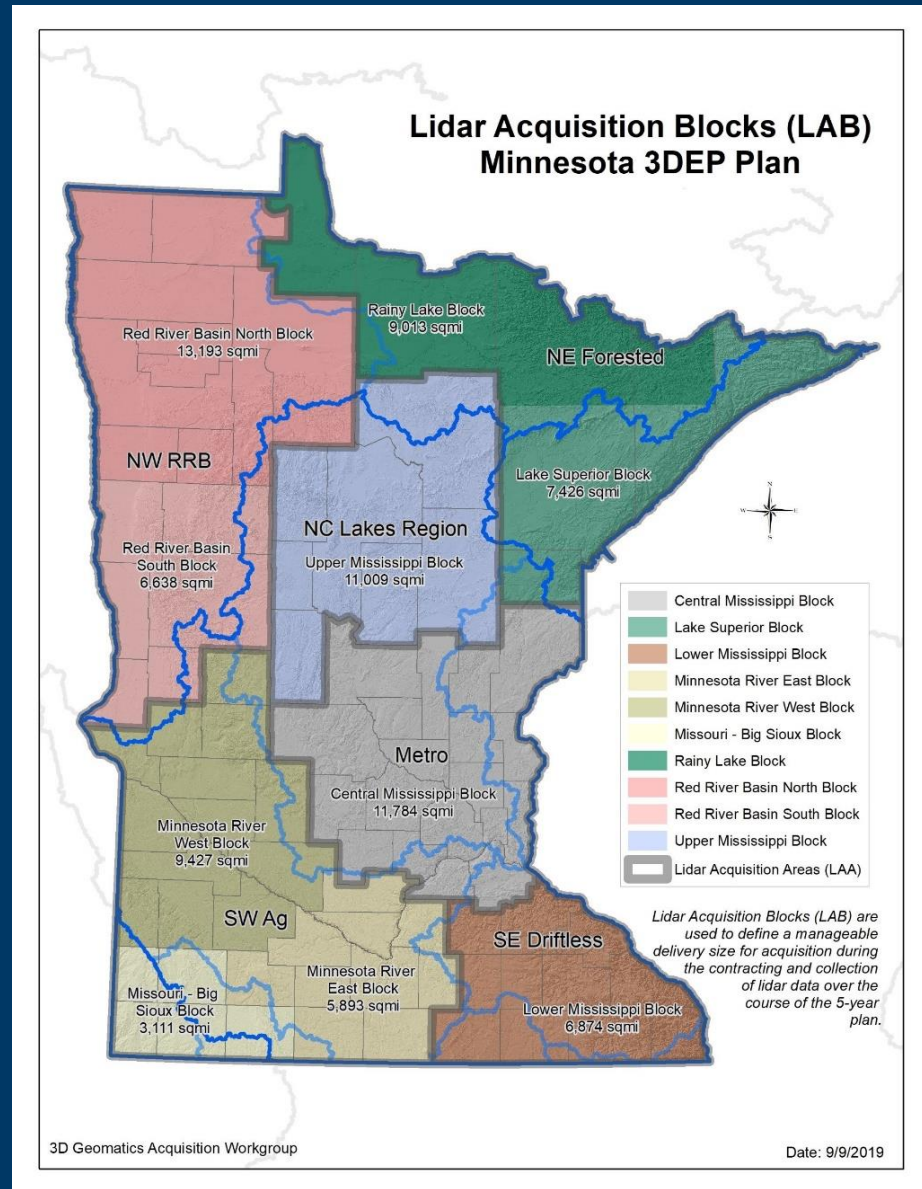
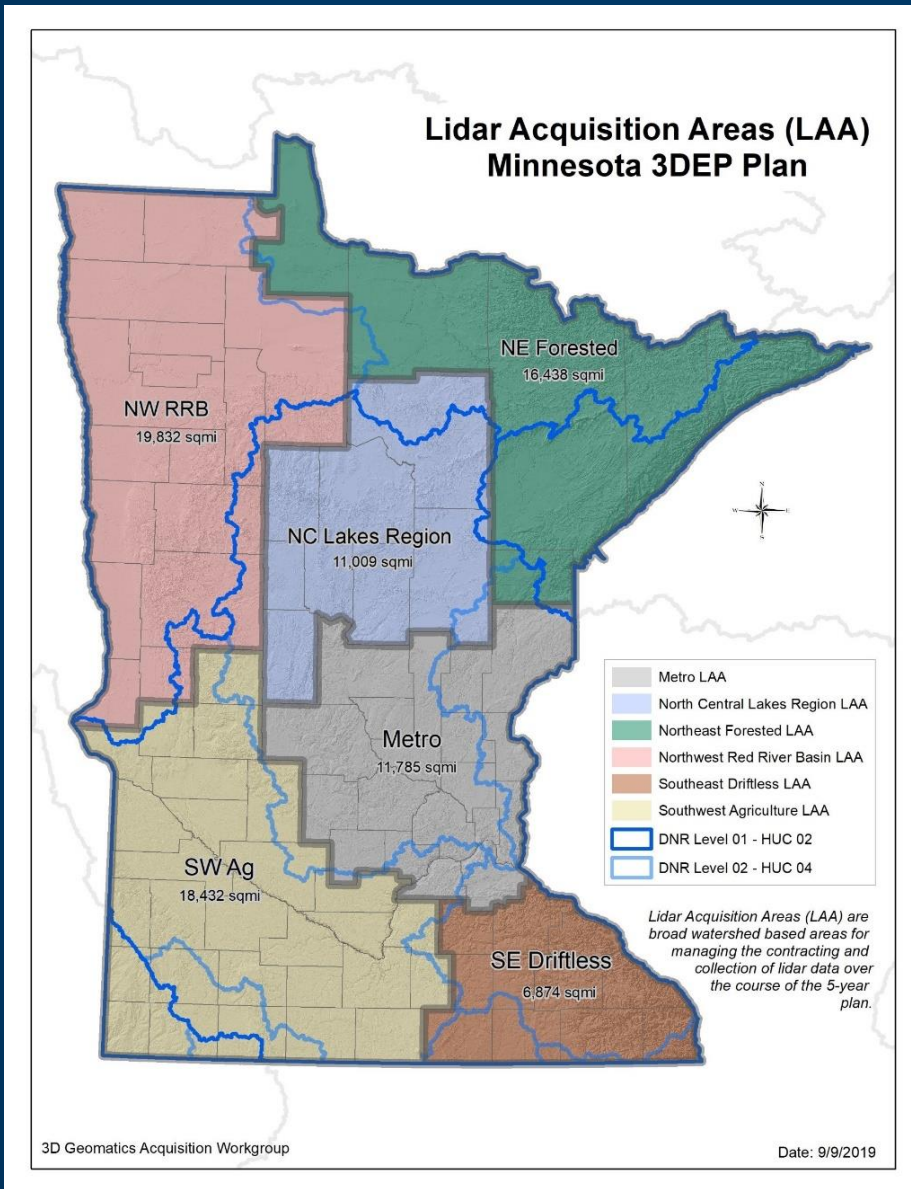
- National map has goal of national elevation dataset for the nation by 2023
- USGS is cost-sharing via grant funds for QL2 or better
- Grants through “BAA” process – next deadline is November 1



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# Lidar Acquisition Areas of Interest





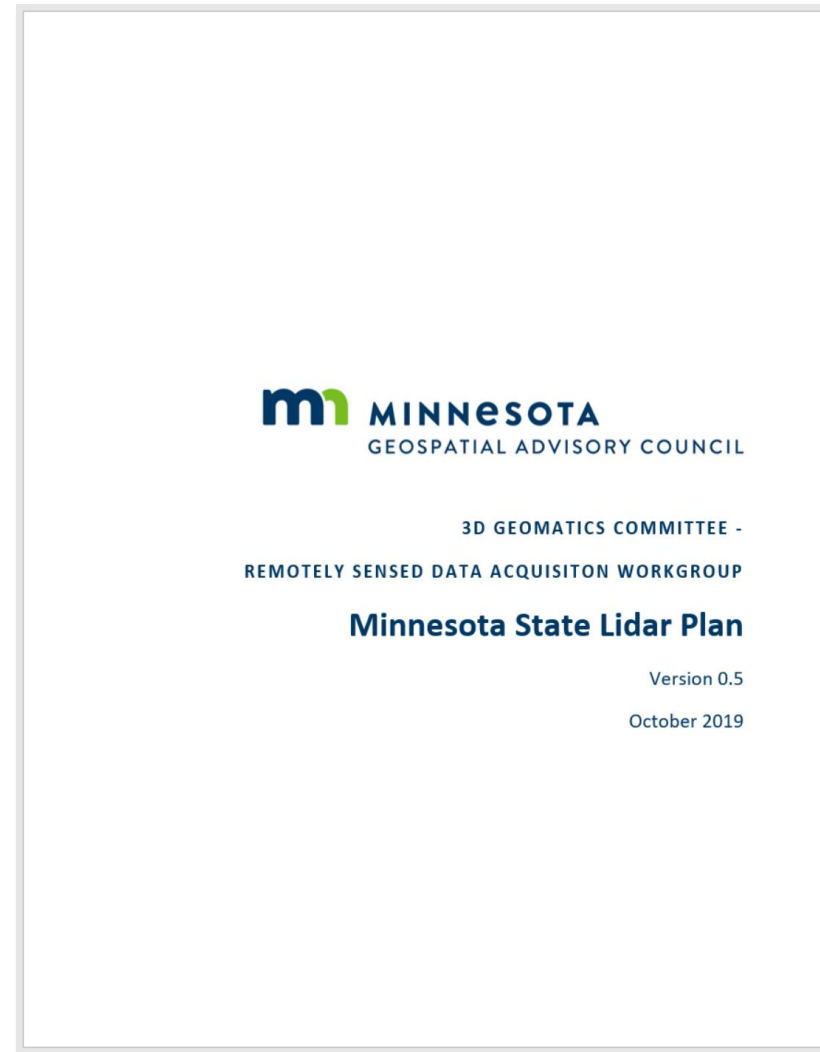
# The Draft Minnesota State Lidar Plan

An introduction to lidar, how it is used in Minnesota, and the Minnesota State Lidar Plan.

October 01, 2019

# Overview of Plan

- Executive Summary & Introduction
- Background about Lidar
- Value and Benefit of Lidar to the State
- Lidar Acquisition Areas of Interest
- Lidar Acquisition Specifications
- Elevation Products to be Derived from Lidar
- Cost Estimates
- Data management and Distribution
- Outreach Plan
- Educational Needs and Support



## 3DEP standard deliverables

- Survey Report
- Collection Report / Mission Report
- Processing Report
- QA/QC report
- Lidar Swath Polygon
- Product metadata & Metadata Tags
- Classified Point Data
- Bare-Earth Surface Raster (Digital Elevation Model)

## Possible added deliverables

- Improved hydrographic products
- 1-ft contour dataset
- Bare Earth point cloud
- Classification of high vegetation and buildings
- Intensity imagery, GeoTIFF

# Next steps

- Minnesota State Lidar Plan draft will be published on GAC website
- [Story Map](#) published on GAC website
- Preparing to submit 2019 BAA request for funding support to USGS (November 8)
- USGS matching will help fund lidar collection and product creation, but we need local partners



# Next steps

- We need partners to help fund lidar acquisition!
- Check out story map
- Stay in touch
  - Get on GovDelivery list (MnGeo email list)
  - Join 3D Geo Acquisition Group
  - [lidar@state.mn.us](mailto:lidar@state.mn.us)





The background of the slide is a topographic map with contour lines. The map is color-coded, with green and yellow representing lower elevations and red and purple representing higher elevations. A dark blue circle is overlaid on the right side of the map, containing the text "Questions & Discussion" in white. The text is centered within the circle and is written in a clean, sans-serif font.

# Questions & Discussion