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Synthesis Activity:

LVIS L2 vegetation structure estimates for ABoVE analyses

Enriching LVIS Level 2 data of forest structure with waveform-based estimates of cover and processing to analysis-ready grids for storage on ABoVE Science Cloud

Summary of Synthesis Activity Tasks:

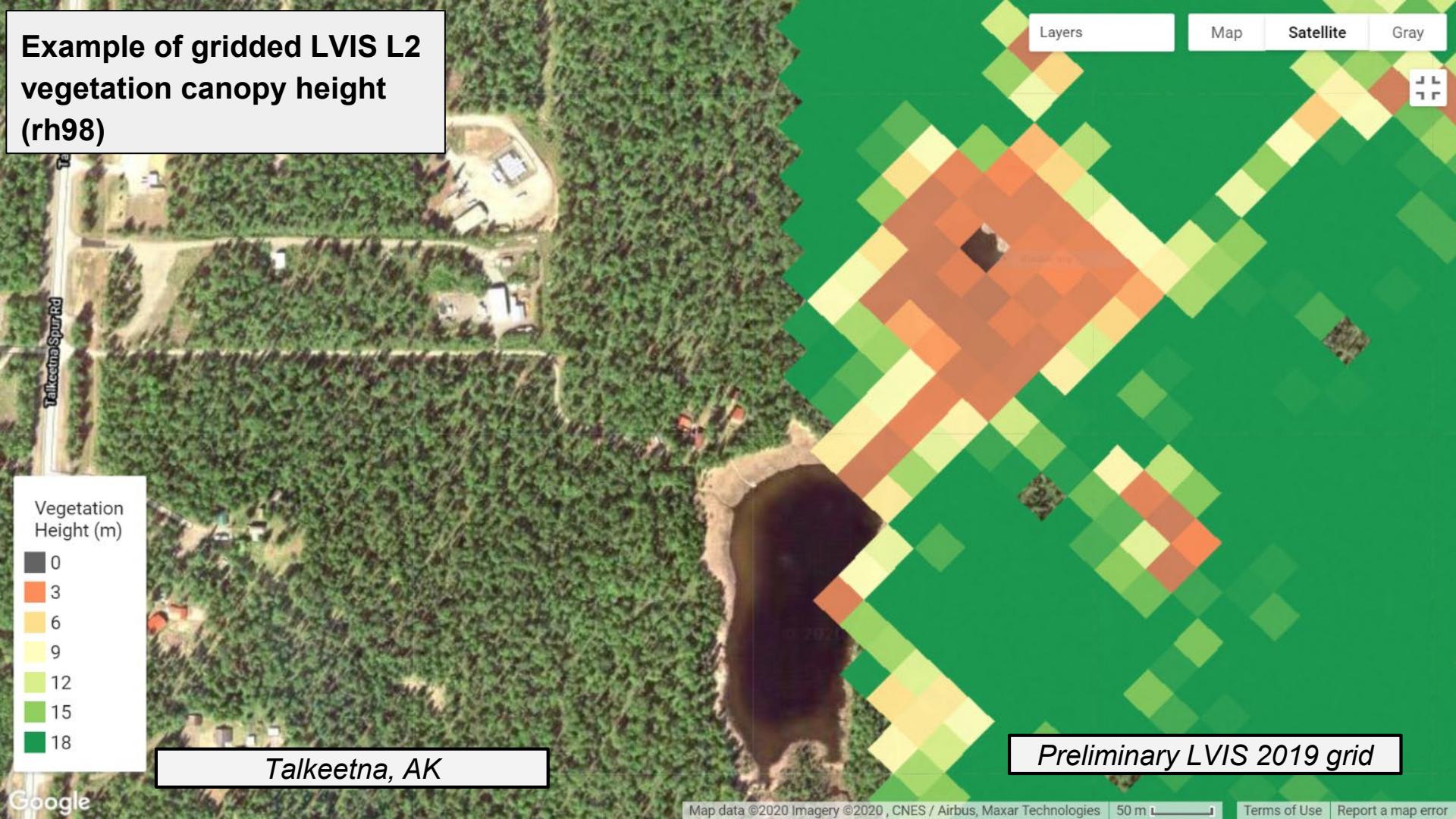
1. **Enriching dataset:** *adding a footprint-level canopy cover (%) estimate*
2. **Gridding:** *converting LVIS L2 footprint points to analysis-ready stacked geotiff raster grids*
3. **Code distribution:** *releasing gridding code via public repository (R, bash)*
4. **Data staging:** *making grids available on ABoVE Science Cloud*

LVIS L2 data table

id	lat	lon	rh98	rh90	...
1					
2					
3					
...					

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Example of gridded LVIS L2 vegetation canopy height (rh98)



What is LVIS L2 lidar data?

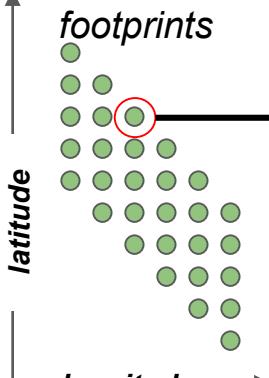
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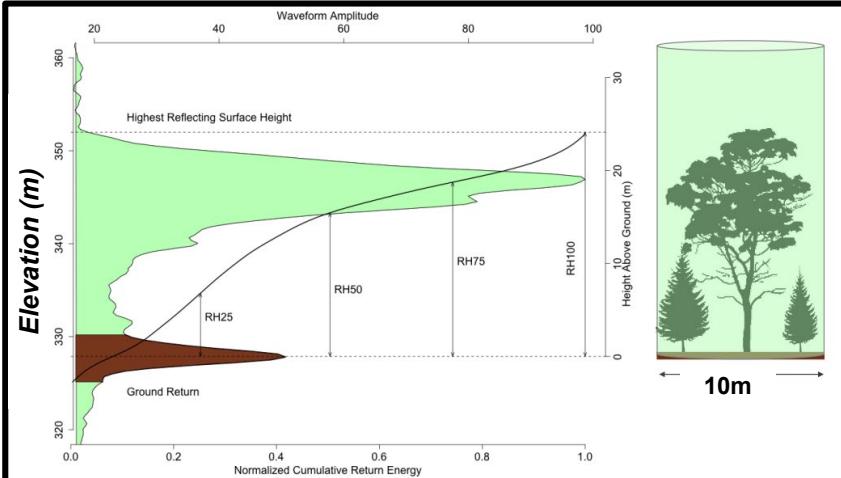
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LVIS Facility L2 Geolocated Surface Elevation and Canopy Height Product, Version 1

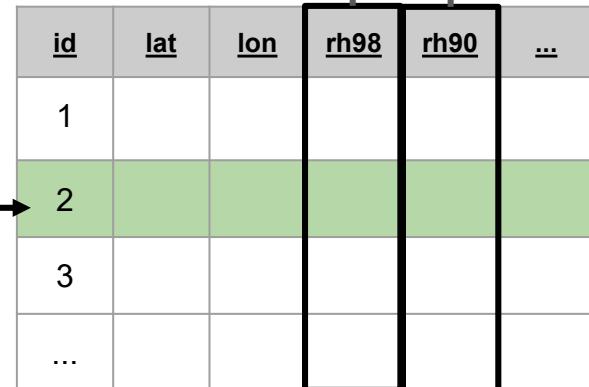
LVIS
waveform
footprints

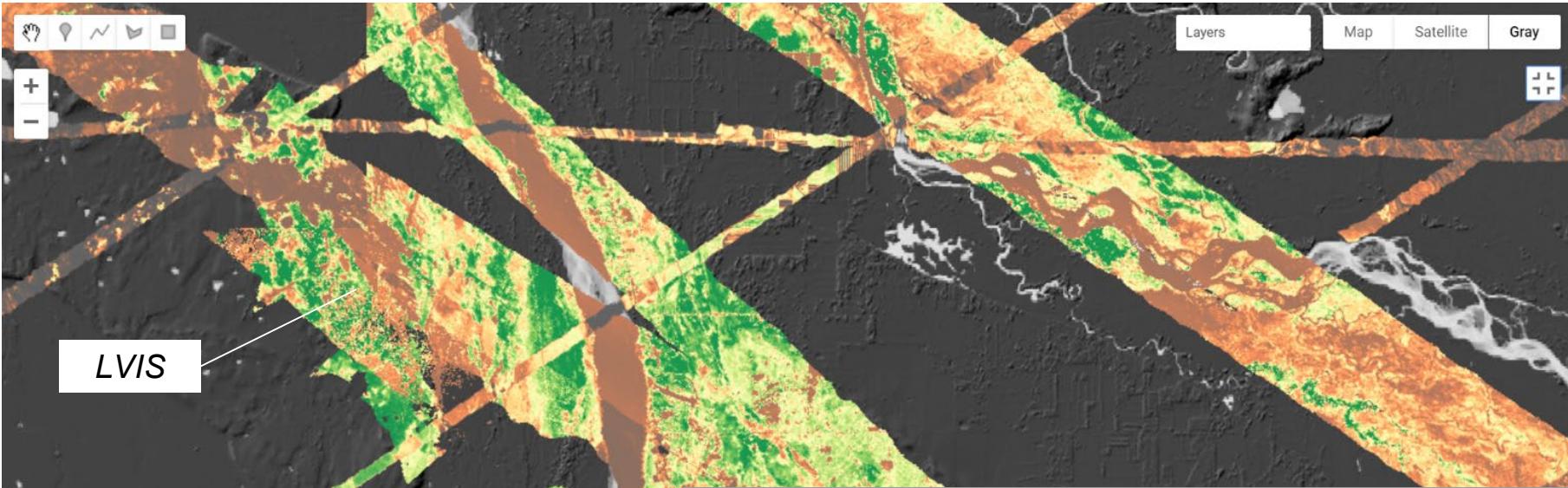


Waveform example



Stacked geotiff raster
grid





LVIS

2 km

Vegetation Height (m)

0
3
6
9
12
15
18

Google

GLiHT

NASA Airborne Campaign

LVIS 2017

Grid resolution (metrics)

30 m

Total area (km²)

~210,000

LVIS 2019

30 m

?

GLiHT 2014

13 m

~99,176

GLiHT 2018

13 m

~500*

