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Lidar for Forest Parameters Retrieval

Message from the Guest Editors

LiDAR technology has played a significant role in forest research for decades, facilitating the retrieval of important forest parameters, including biomass, leaf area index, and individual tree health classification. Nevertheless, LiDAR-derived metrics often exhibit site- or sensor-specific characteristics, which can present a challenge when extending the application of evaluated approaches to diverse geographical areas and/or sensor platforms such as spaceborne, airborne, UAV, MLS, and TLS systems. The acquisition of dense point clouds and their computational processing at a large scale can be exceedingly demanding, in terms of both acquisition time and processing power. Recent studies have further shed light on the carbon emissions associated with the computational and storage requirements of Earth observation data. It is, therefore, important to implement adaptable, scalable, and computationally inexpensive approaches for tackling forest-related problems. Furthermore, with the advancement of artificial intelligence approaches, there are still questions about the best approaches, including traditional machine learning approaches, deep neural networks

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