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# Image processing of airborne scanning laser altimetry data for improved river flood modelling

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### Abstract

Airborne scanning laser altimetry (LiDAR) is an important new data source for environmental applications, being able to map topographic height, and the height of surface objects, to high vertical and horizontal accuracy over large areas. This paper describes a range image segmentation system for data from a LiDAR measuring either time of last significant return, or measuring time of both first and last returns. We focus on the application of the segmenter to improving the data required by 2D hydraulic flood models, i.e. maps of topographic height which provide model bathymetry, and vegetation height, which could be converted to distributed floodplain friction coefficients. In addition, the location of river channels and a suitable height contour are used to define the extent of the model domain. An advantage of segmentation is that it allows different topographic and vegetation height extraction algorithms to be used in

regions of different cover type. LiDAR data for a reach of the River Severn, UK, is presented. Short vegetation heights (grass and cereal crops) are predicted with a rms error of 14 cm. The topography underlying such cover differs from manually measured spot heights by 17 cm (rms error). The topographic accuracy decreases in the presence of a densely wooded slope. Errors in the vegetation height map, apparent at the overlap regions of adjacent swaths, are reduced by the removal of heights measured at large scan angles.



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## Keywords

Laser scanning; River flood modelling; Vegetation height; Digital elevation models; Orientation error

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