# Practical drone ecology: Data management

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## Abstract

"Small science" ecology labs are increasingly collecting "big data" from drone-based instruments [1]. There is currently a lack of a consensus framework on how to best manage these data from collection to publication. Here, we propose a guide for established "data levels" for ecological applications akin to those developed for NASA and USGS Earth observation data as well as practical suggestions for ensuring data privacy, data redundancy, and reproducible workflows using drone-derived data.

## Introduction

## Methods

### Study system

Figure 1

## Results

## Discussion

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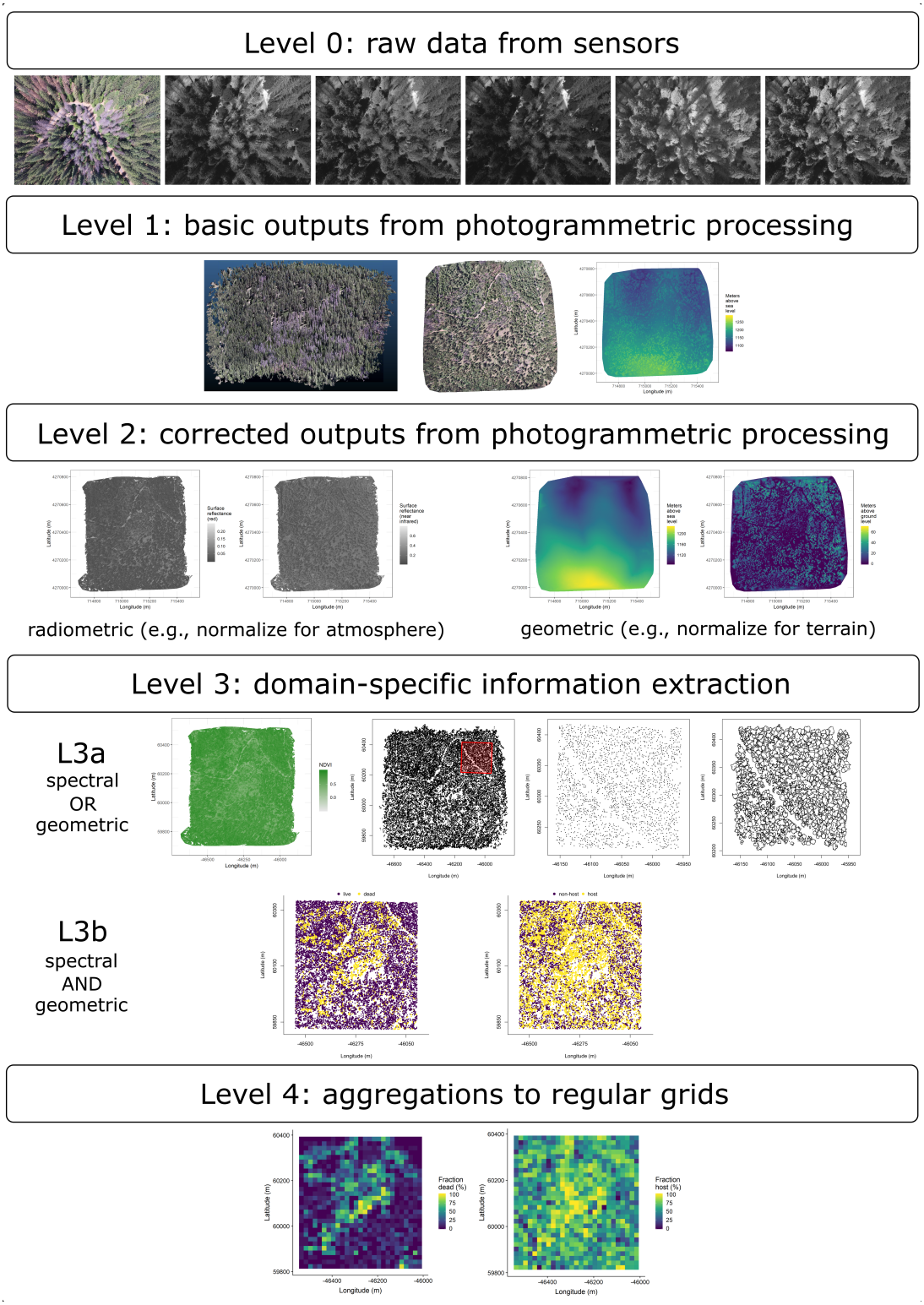


Figure 1: Proposed data levels for drone-derived data used in ecology applications.

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