



Online Young Scientist School MEGAPOLIS-2021

Multi-Scales and -Processes Integrated Modelling, Observations and Assessment for Environmental Applications

GIS technologies in environmental sciences (urban climate)



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A short introduction

Education

2007 – MSc in Cartography
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2010 – PhD in Cartography
(Lomonosov MSU)

Courses taught

- Geographical Information Science
- Visualization and Analysis of Geographic Data Using R Language
- Programming and Data Science
- Spatial Statistics
- Visualization of Spatial Data
- Generalization of Spatial Data

Working experience

2006–2008 – «Mercator Group»
(mapping for TV news)

2008-2011 – Esri CIS
(server GIS expert)

Since 2011 – **Lomonosov MSU Faculty of Geography, Leading research scientist**

Scientific Interests

Theoretical and applied GIScience,
automated cartography

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Presentation is based on

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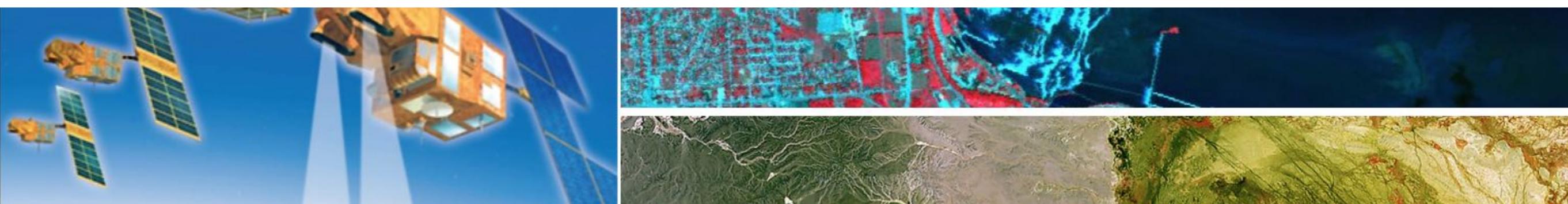
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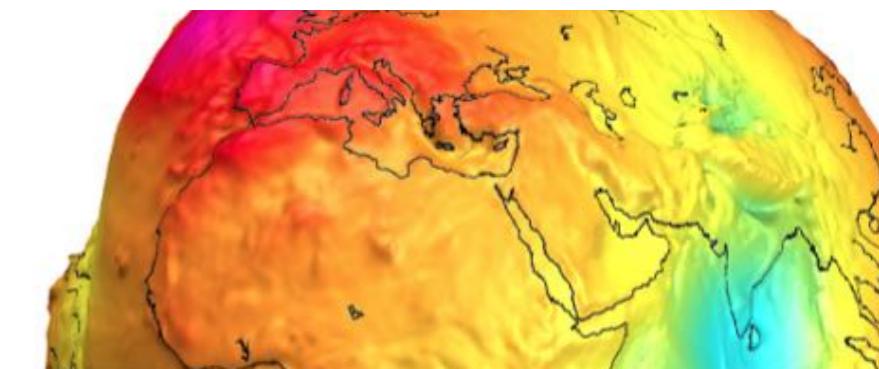
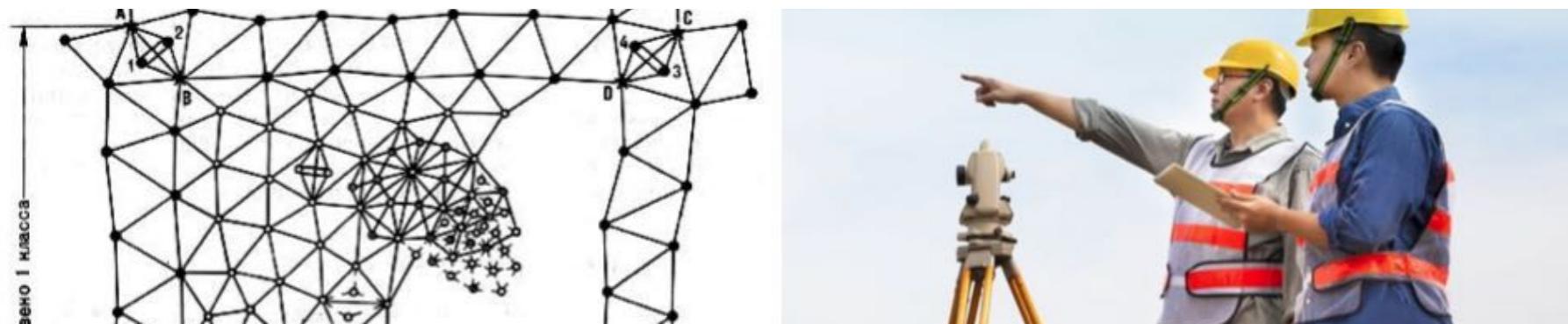
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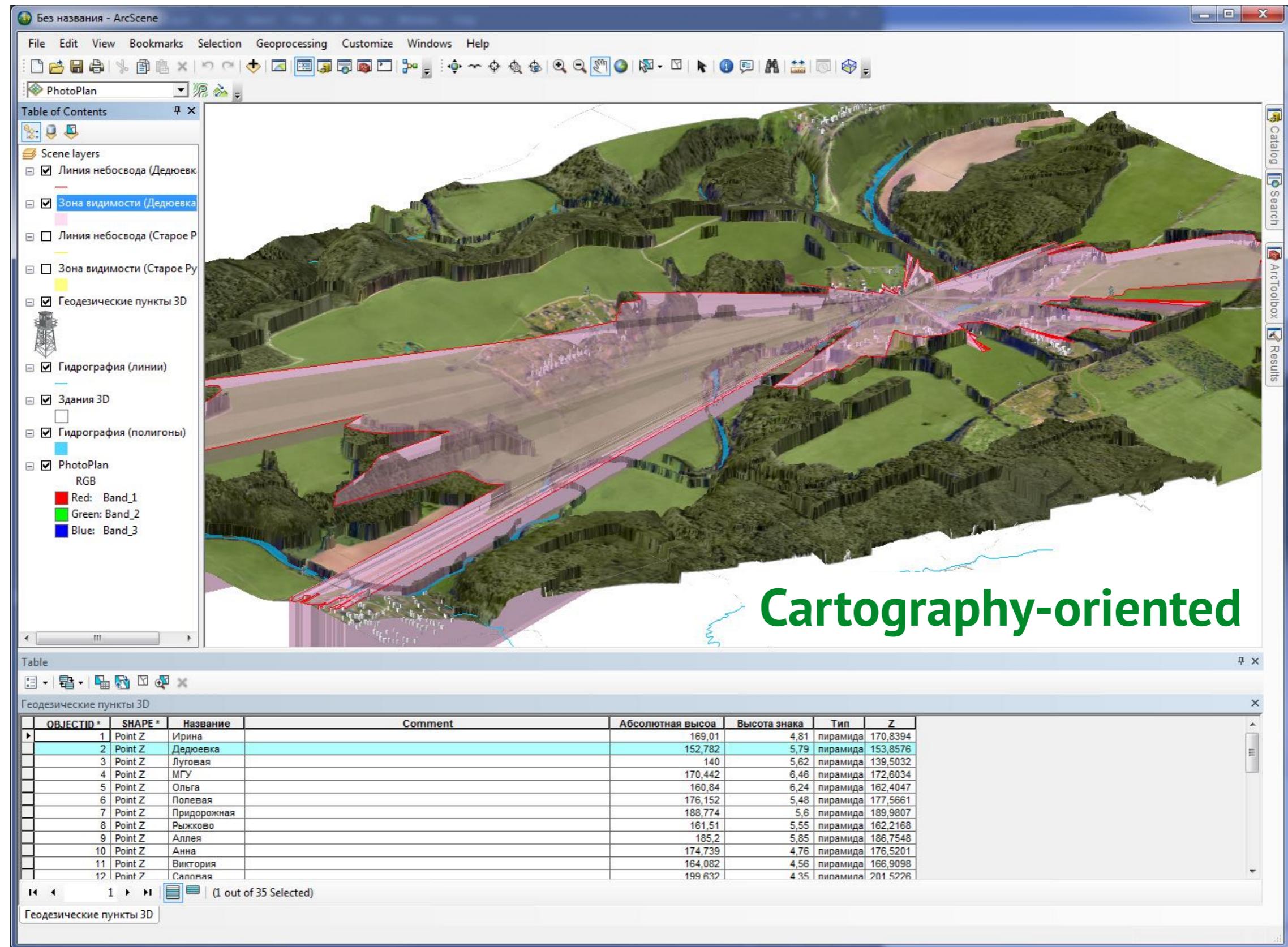
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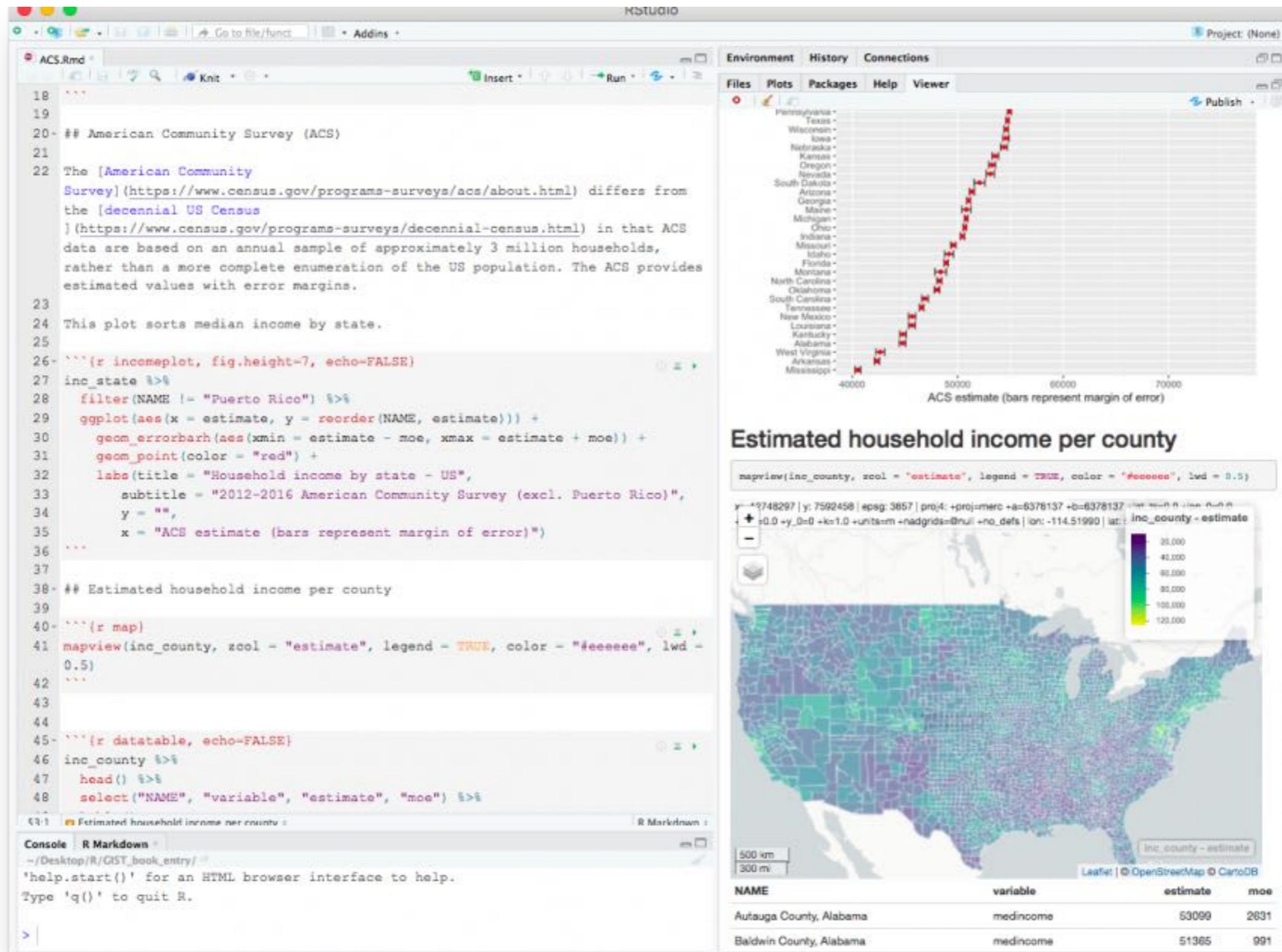
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Geographical Information Systems



Geographical Information Systems



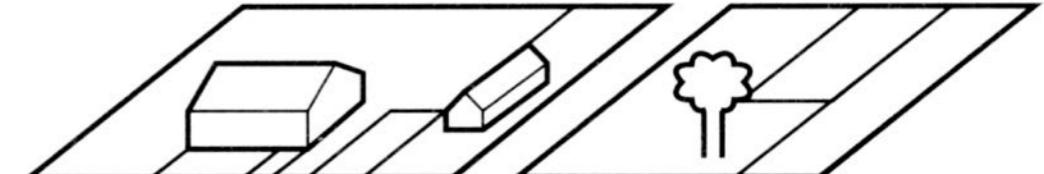
Computation-oriented

GIScience

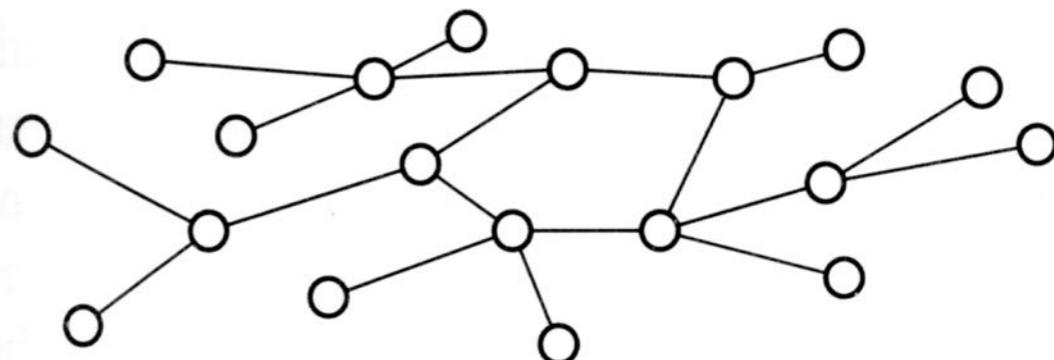
vocabulary

Conceptual models of geographic space

Object-oriented models



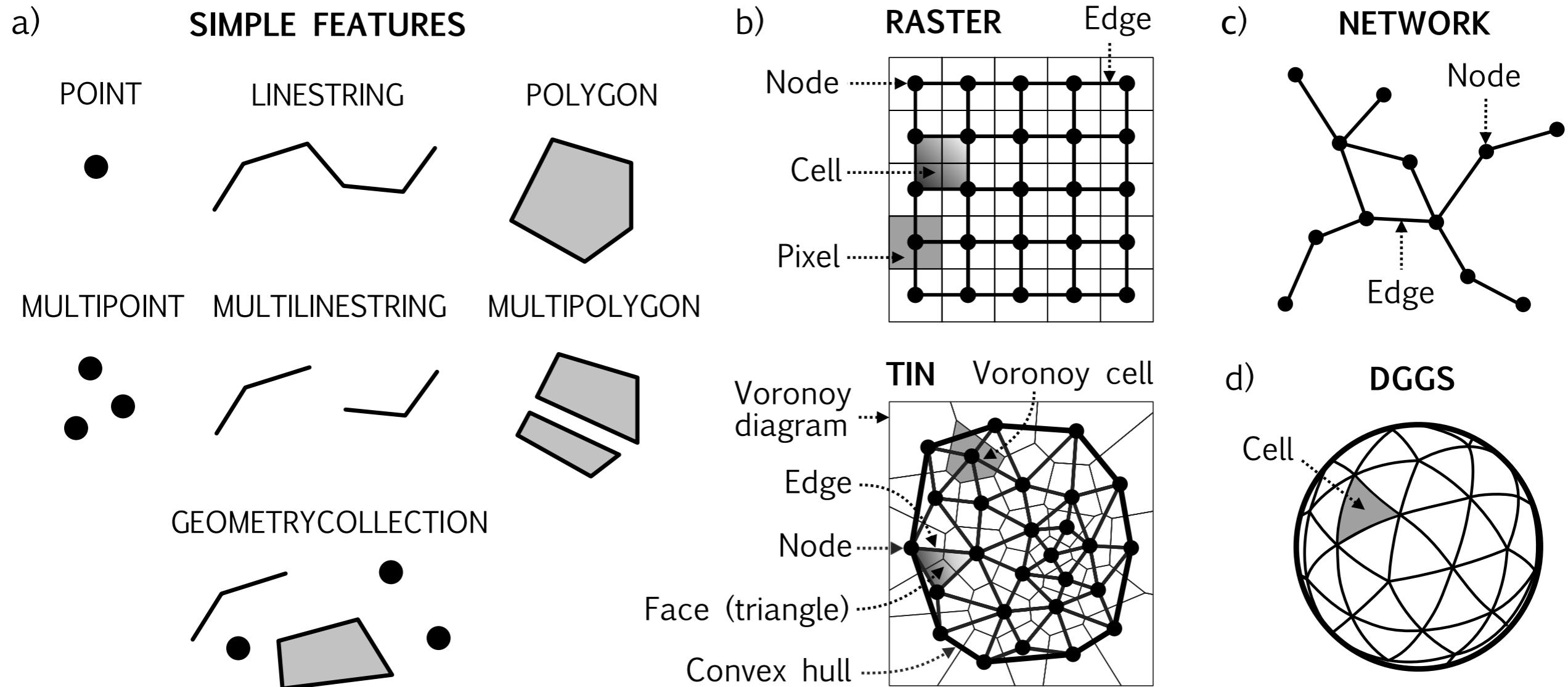
Network models



Geographical field models

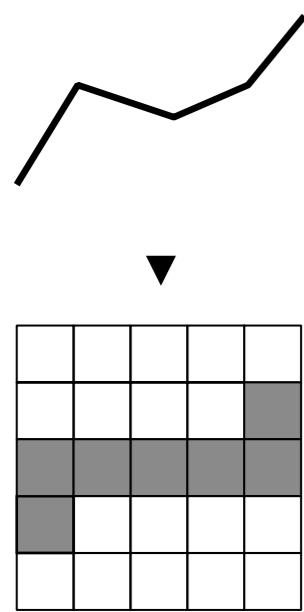


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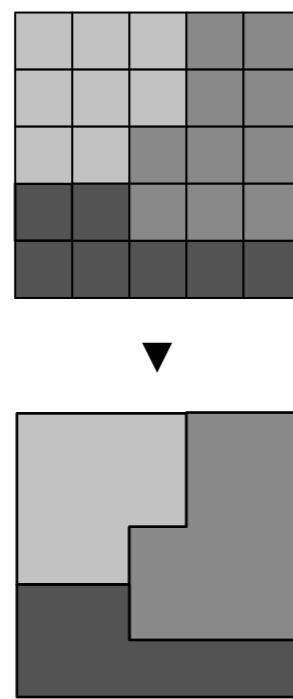


Spatial data model transformations

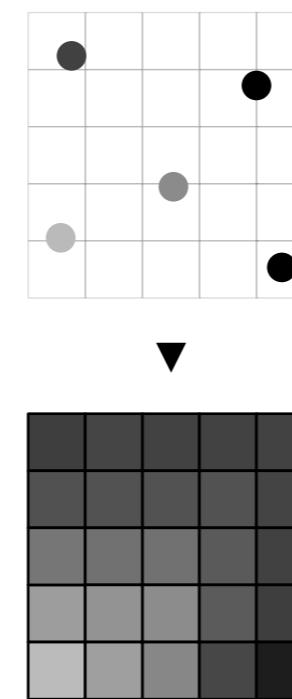
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TO RASTER



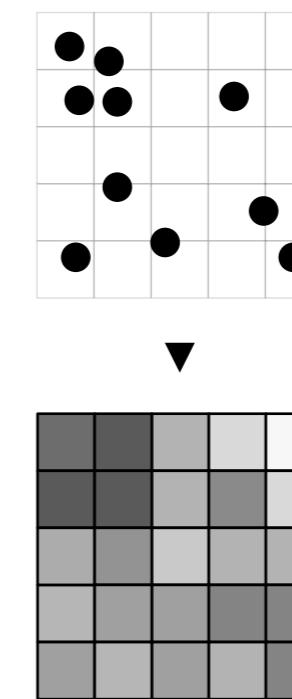
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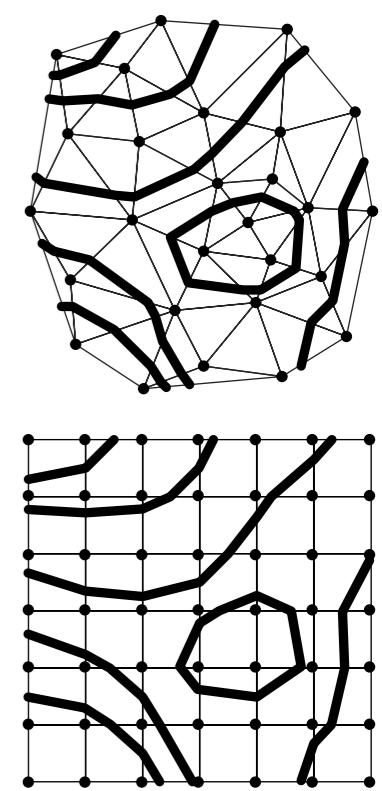
c) SPATIAL
INTERPOLATION



d) SPATIAL
DENSITY

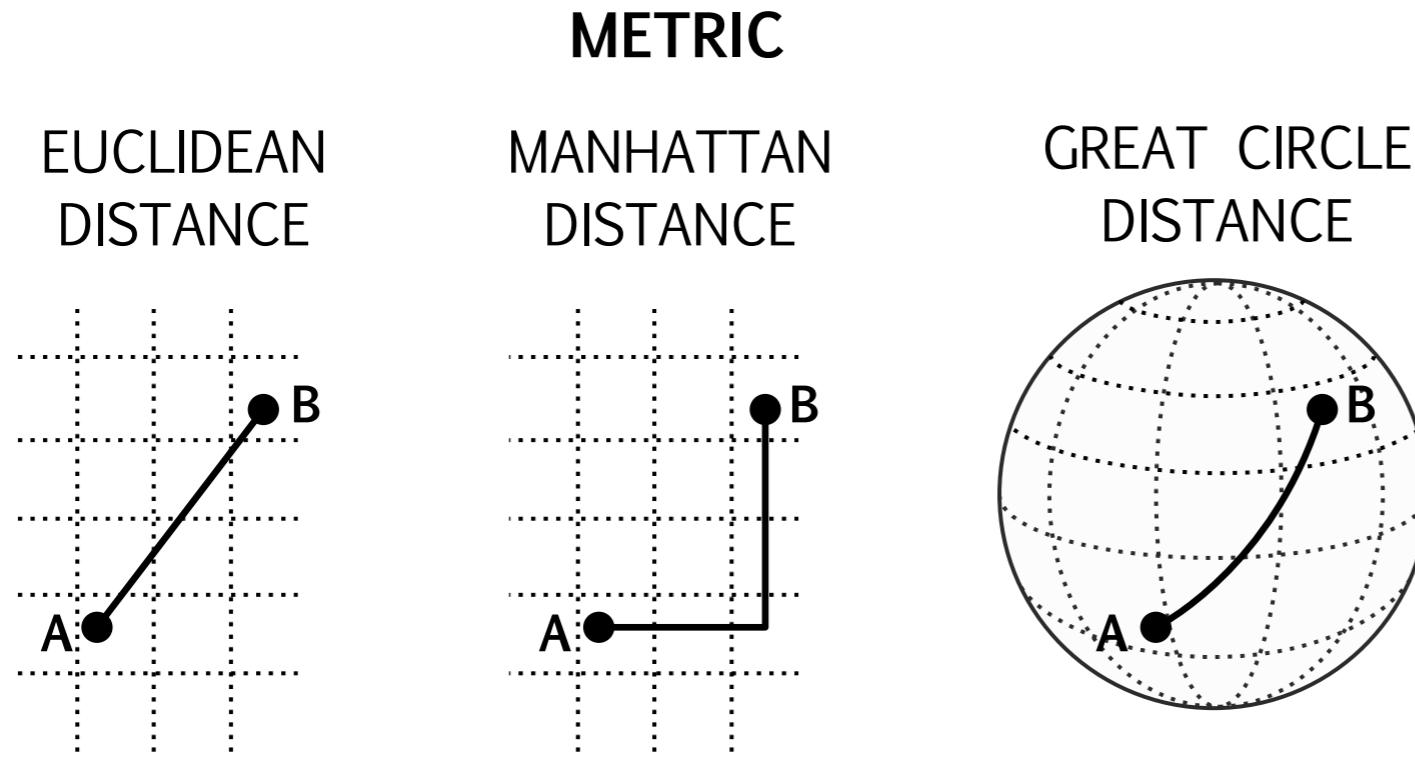


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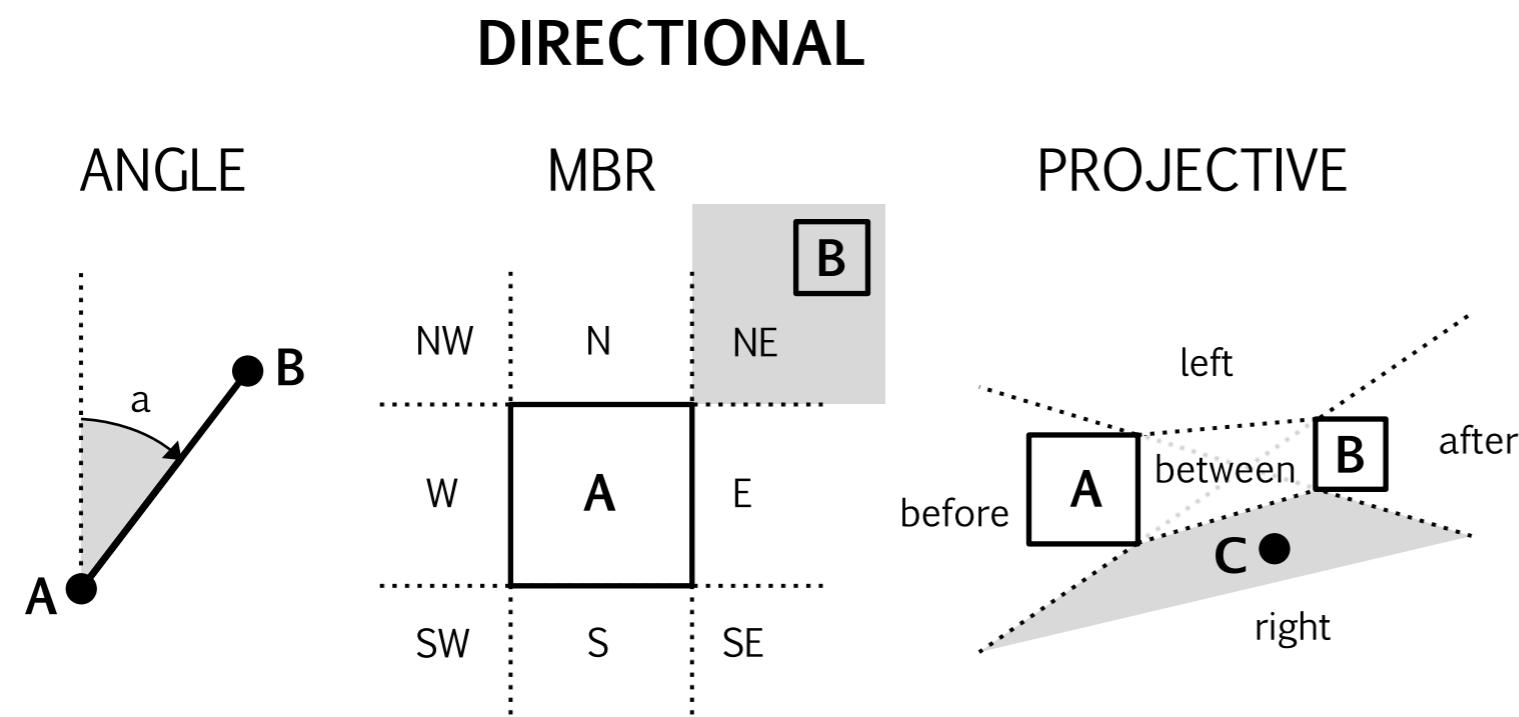


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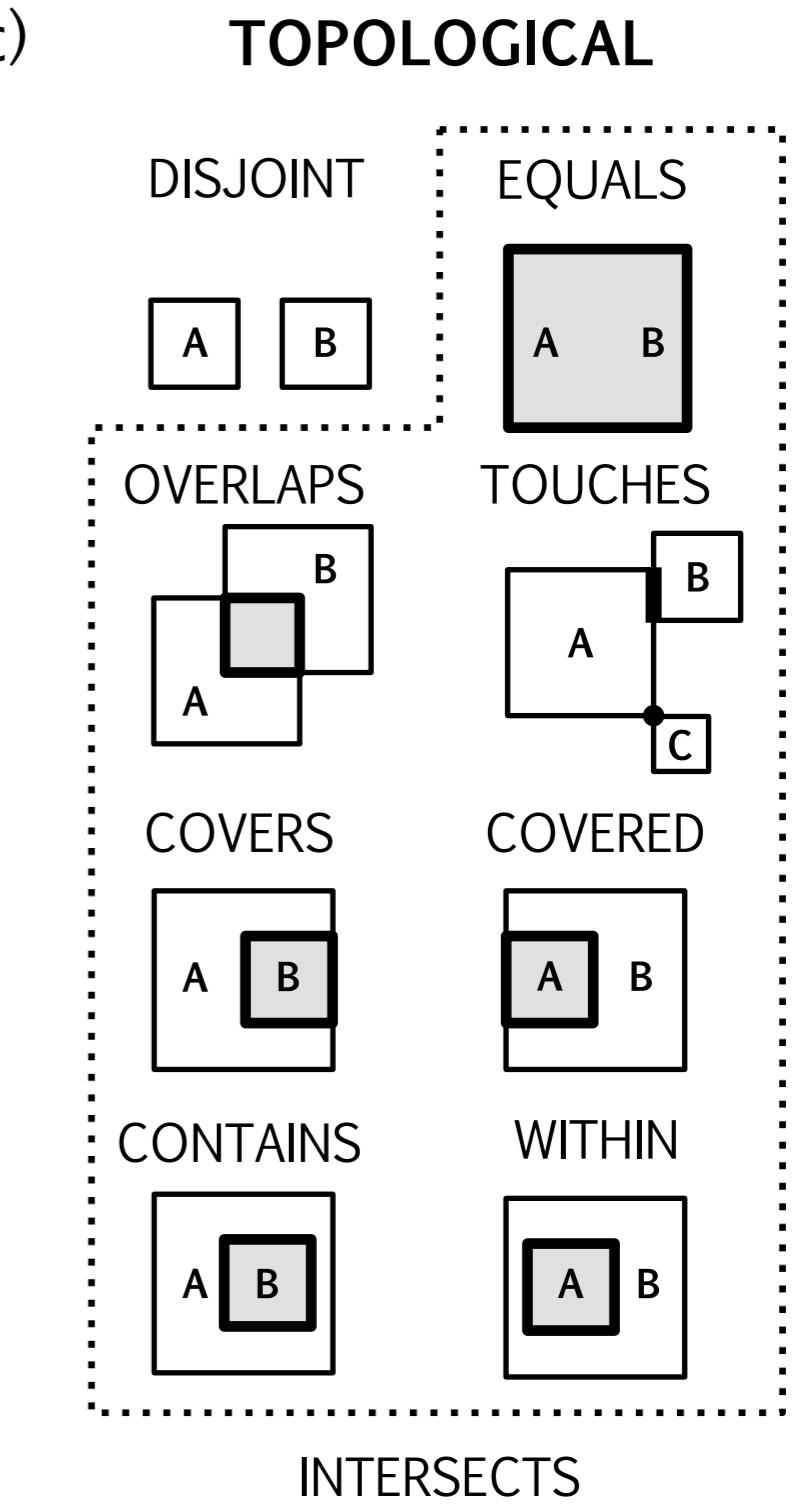
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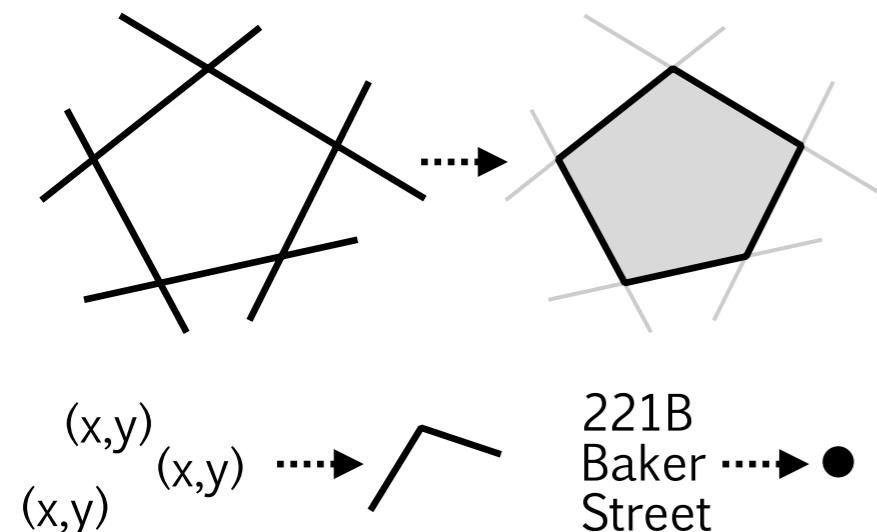


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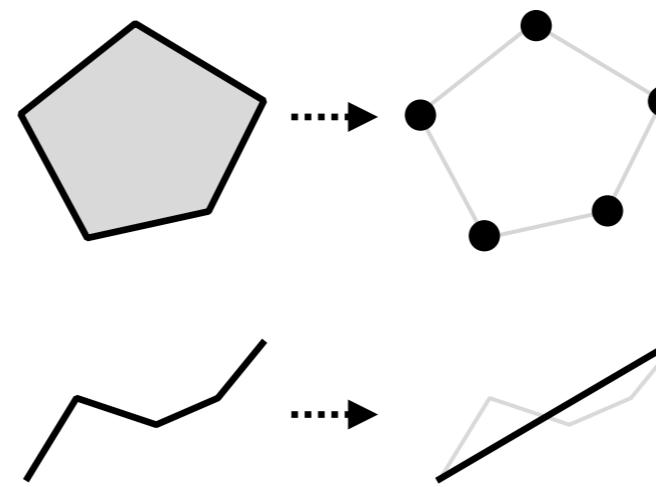


Geometric transformations

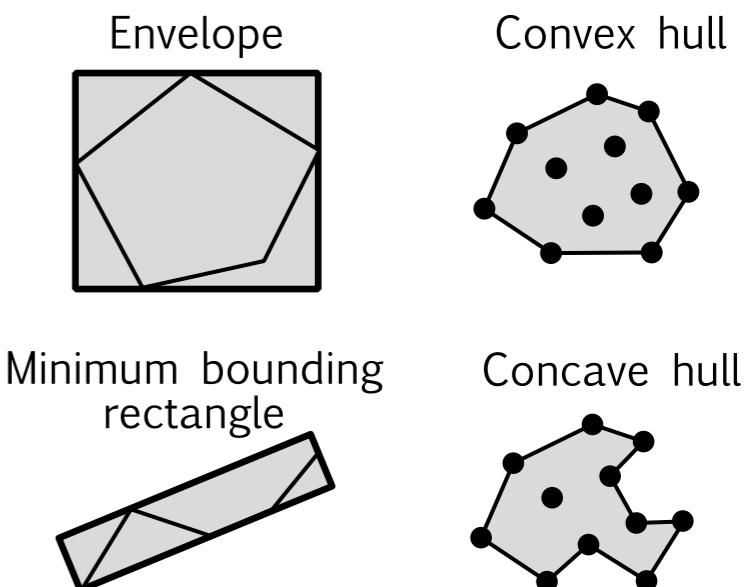
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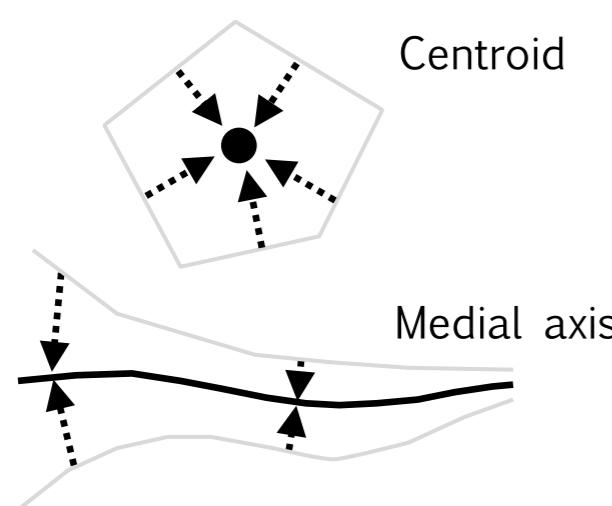
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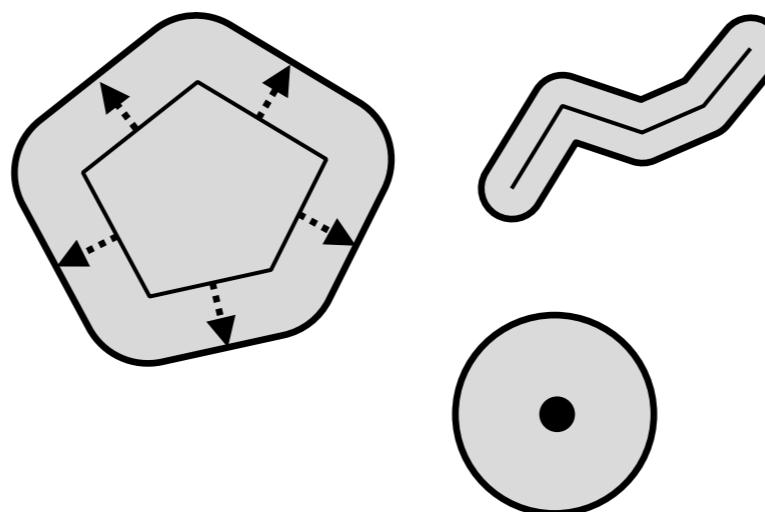
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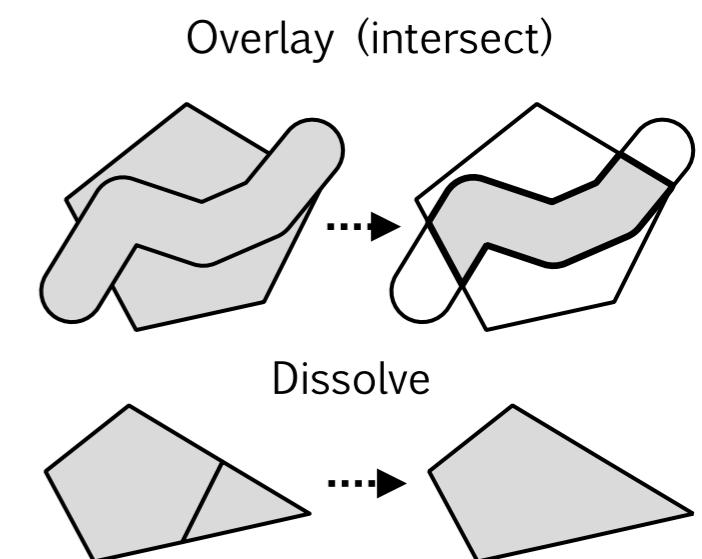
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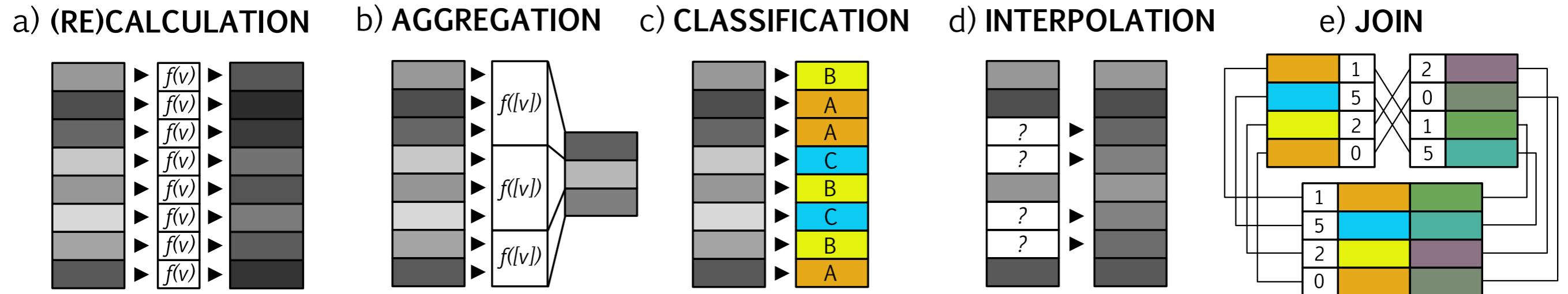
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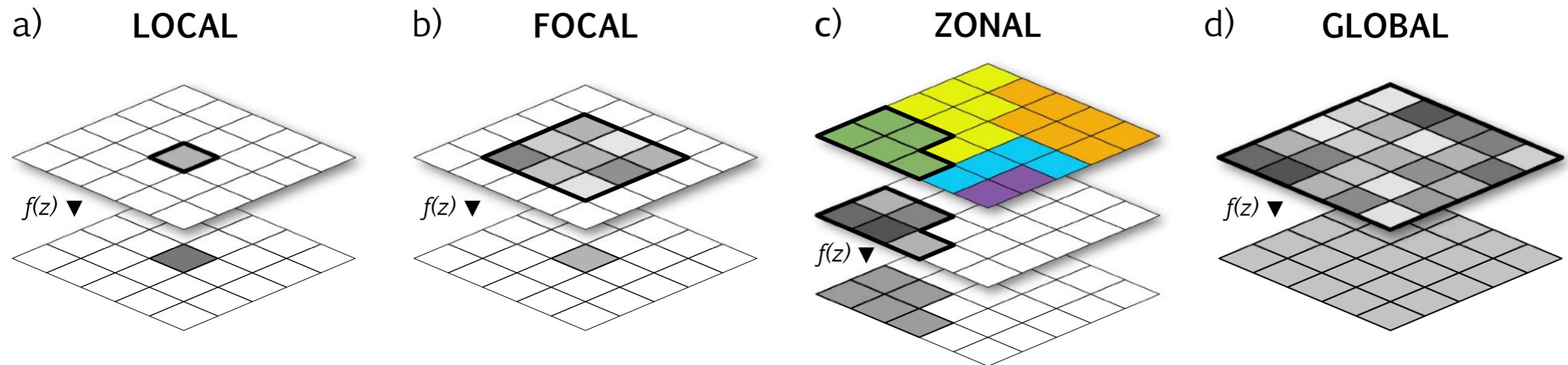
f) OVERLAY AND DISSOLVE



Attribute transformations



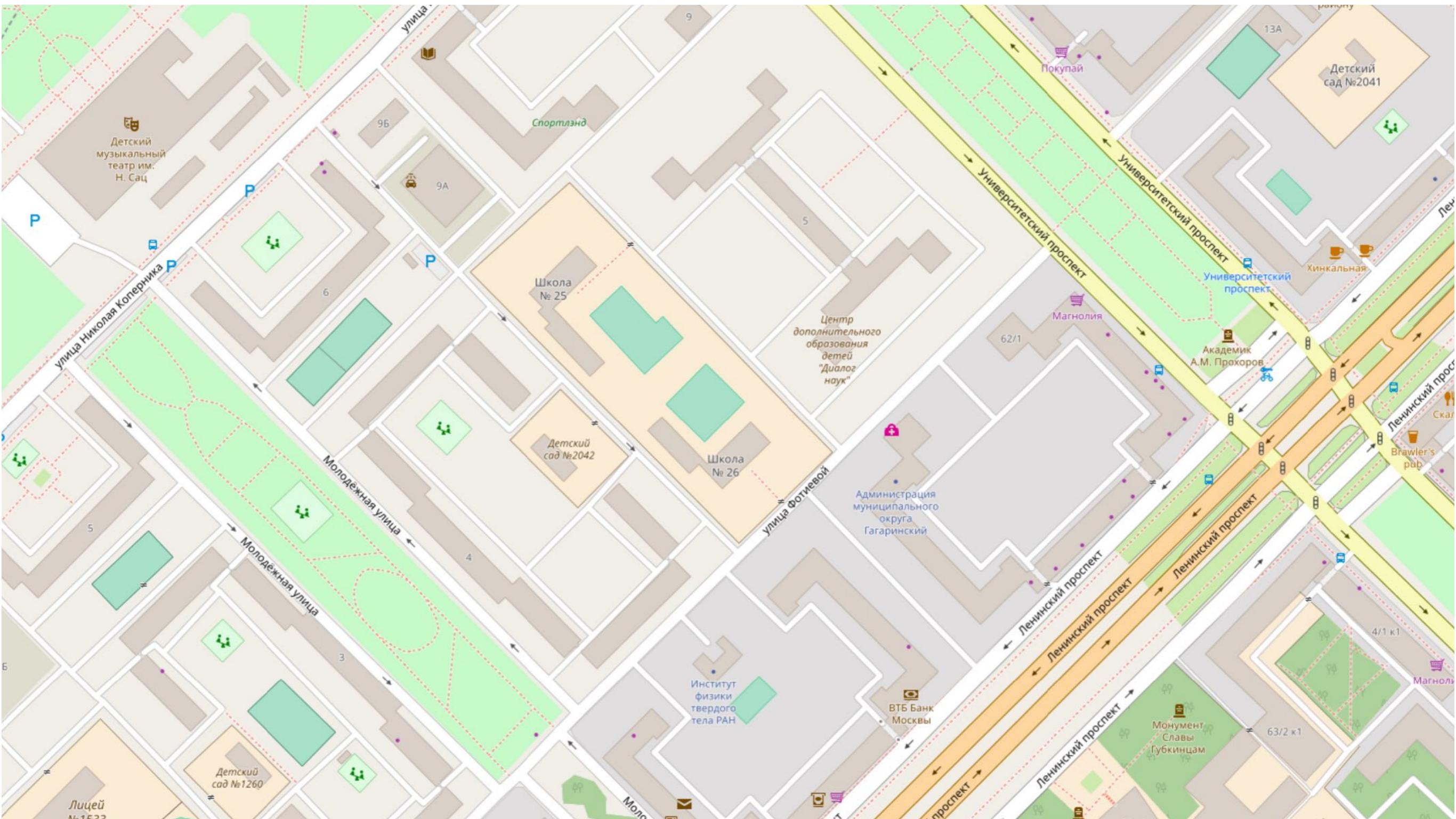
Raster algebra



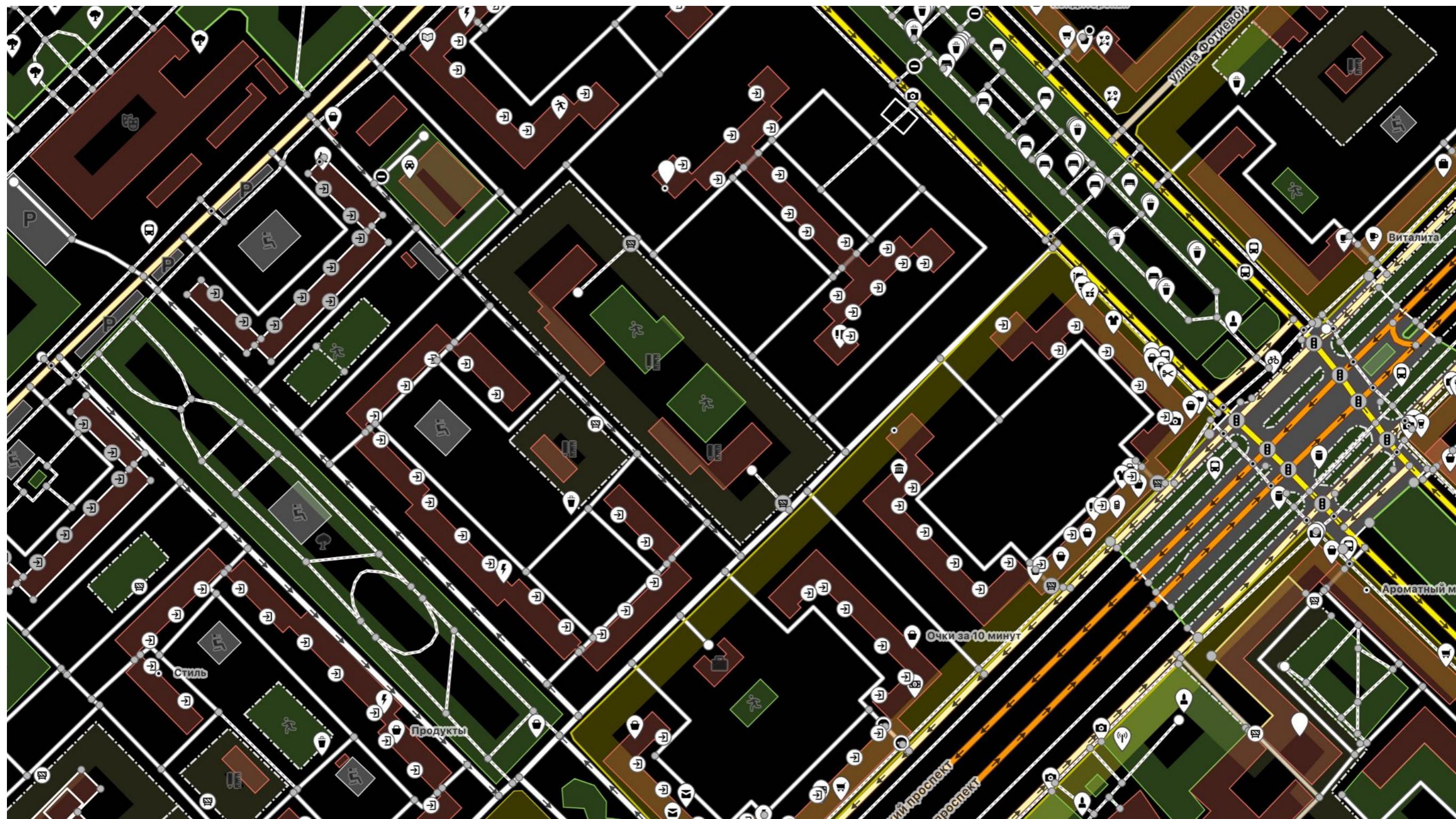
Use case: urban land cover from OpenStreetMap data

A map

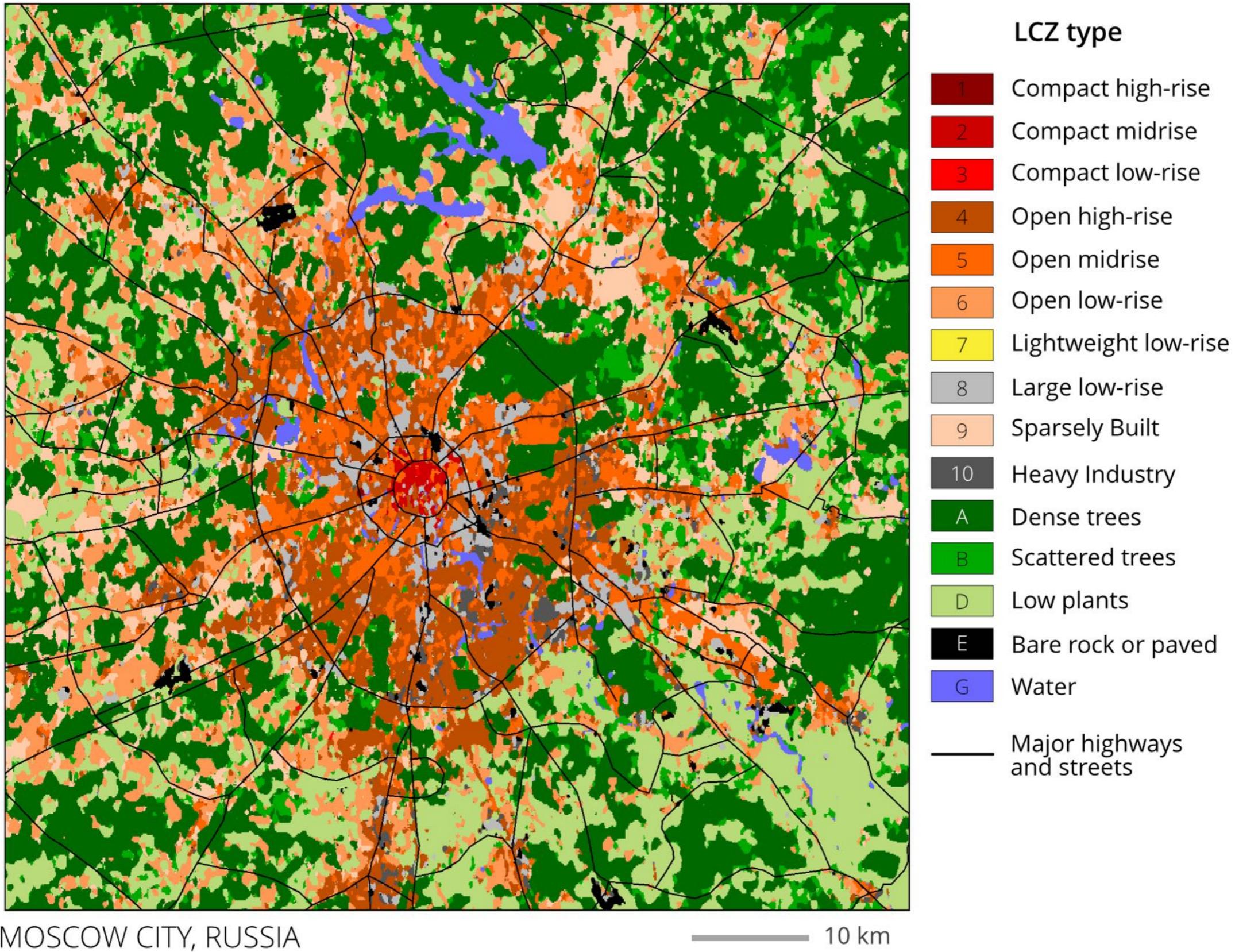
<https://www.openstreetmap.org/>



Vector data behind the map



MOSCOW LCZs



OSM application: Evaluation of LCZs inner structure

OSM XML

Topographic layers

Dissolve-Erase-Merge
(Topological Integration)

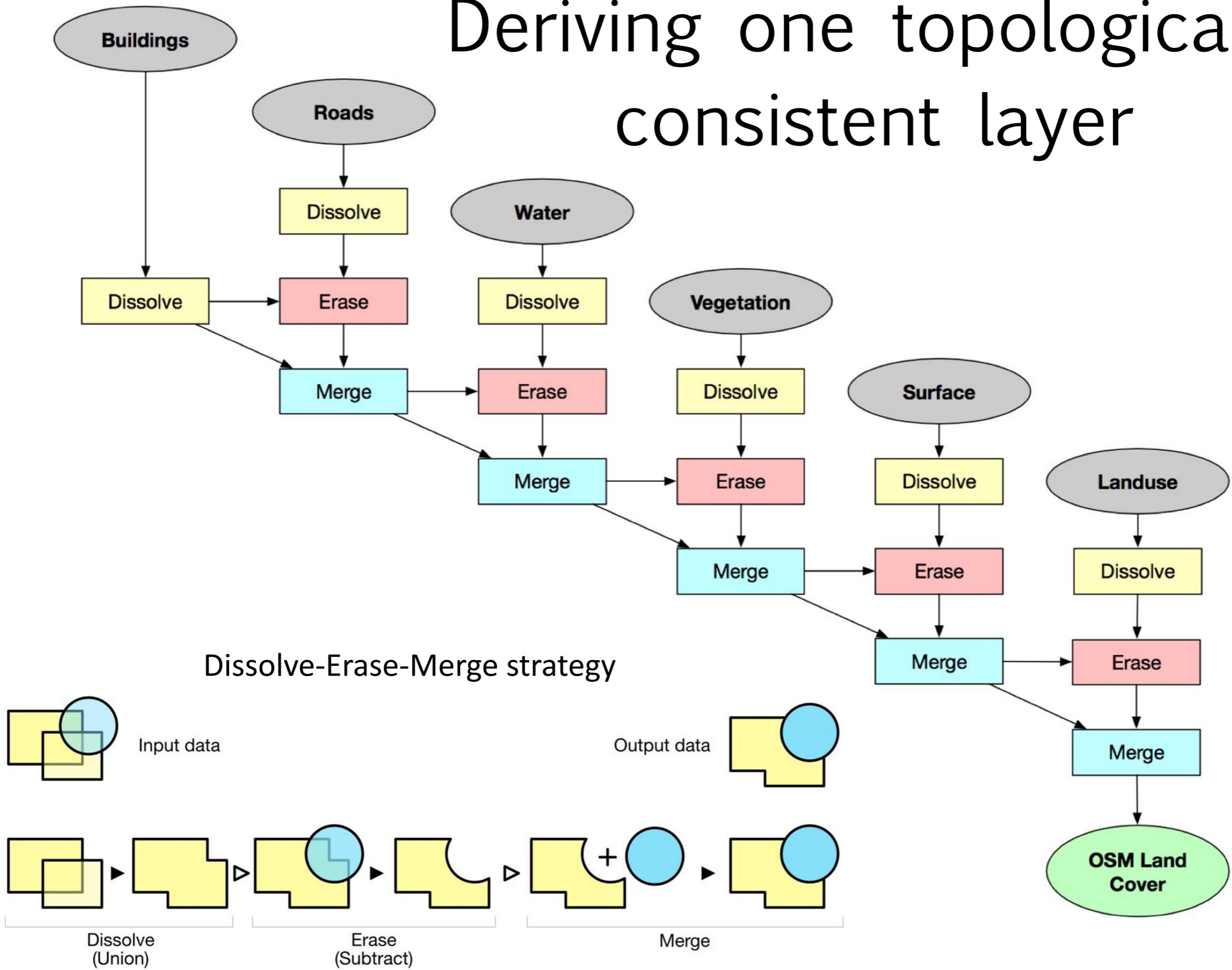
Reclassify

Tabulate within LCZ
classes

Deriving layers from OSM

N.	Name	Query	Fields
1	Landuse	<landuse> IS NOT NULL AND NOT <landuse> IN ('forest')	NAME, LANDUSE, RSDNTL
2	Vegetation	<natural> IN ('wood', 'scrub', 'heath') OR <landuse> IN ('forest')	NATURAL, LANDUSE, WOOD, NAME
3	Buildings	<building> IS NOT NULL AND NOT <building> IN ('no', 'entrance')	BUILDING, A_STRT, A_SBRB, A_HSNMBR, B_LEVELS, NAME
4	Surface	<natural> IN ('beach', 'sand', 'fell', 'grassland', 'heath', 'scree', 'scrub')	NATURAL
5	Water	<natural> IN ('water', 'wetland') OR <waterway> = 'riverbank'	NAME, NATURAL, WATERWAY, WETLAND
6	Roads	<highway> IN ('motorway', 'motorway_link', 'trunk', 'trunk_link', 'primary', 'primary_link', 'secondary', 'secondary_link', 'tertiary', 'tertiary_link', 'residential', 'unclassified', 'road', 'living_street', 'service', 'track', 'pedestrian', 'footway', 'path', 'steps', 'bridleway', 'construction', 'cycleway', 'proposed', 'raceway')	NAME, REF, HIGHWAY, ONEWAY, BRIDGE, TUNNEL, MAXSPEED, LANES, WIDTH, SURFACE

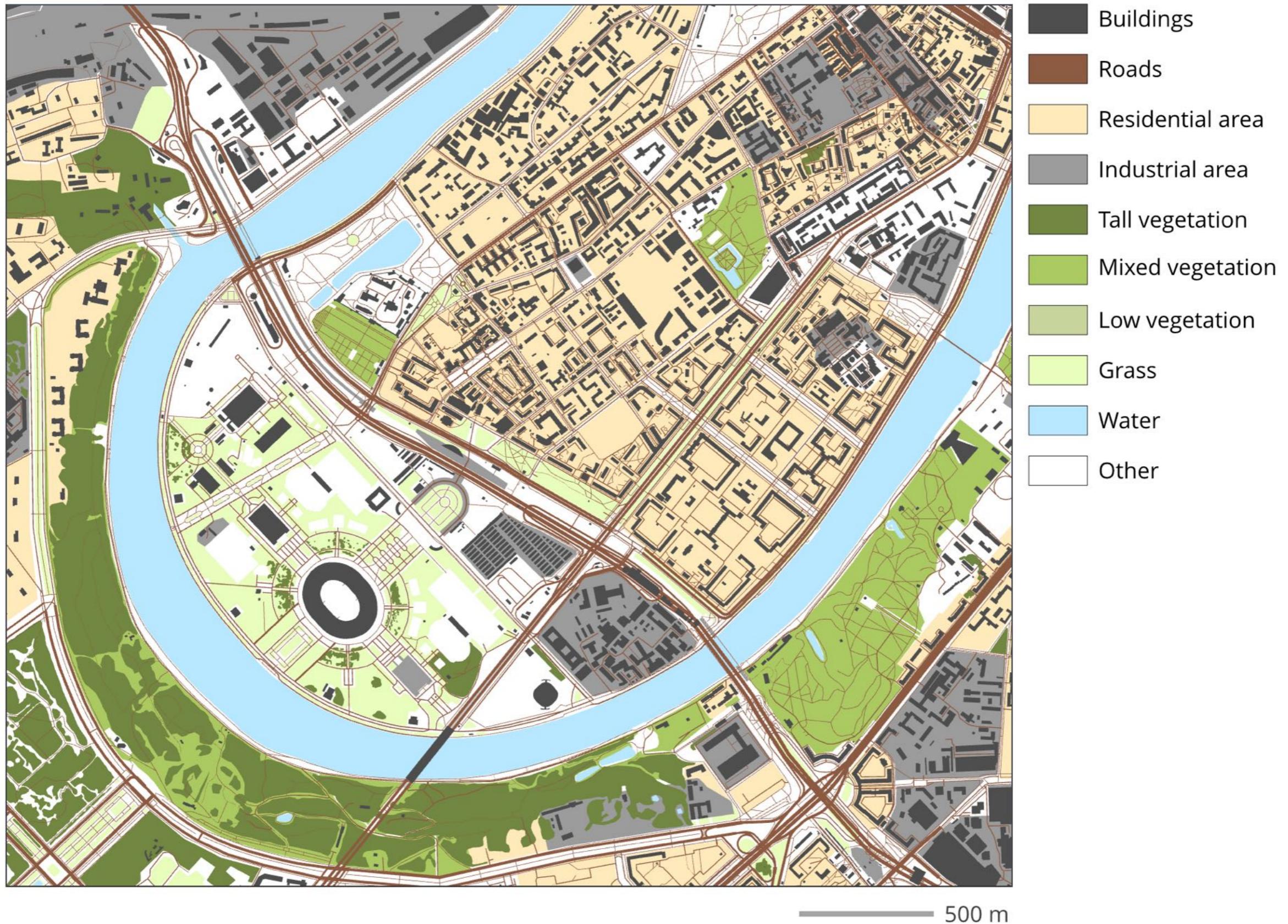
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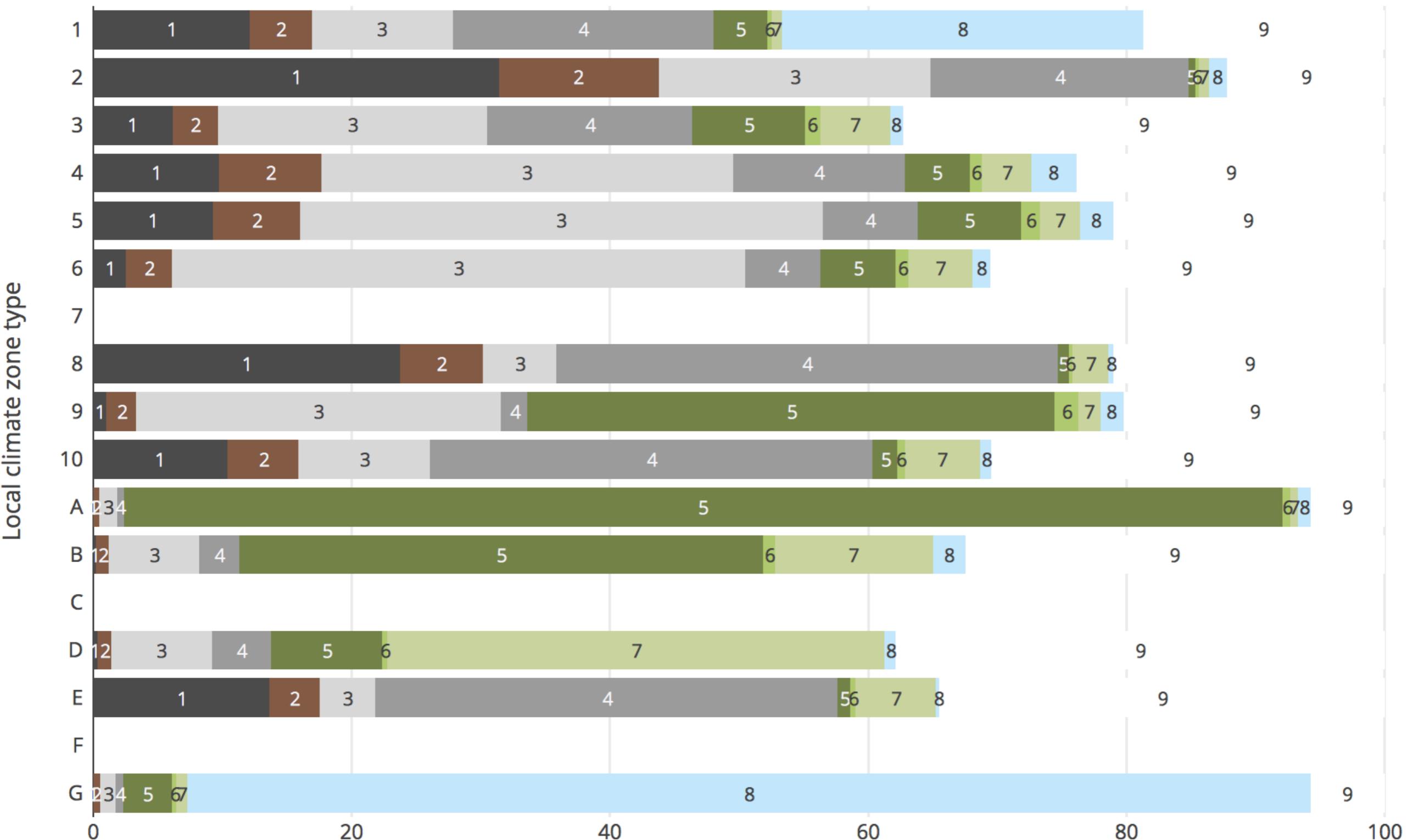
Classifying the features in layer

Land cover type	Query
Buildings	"BUILDING" is not NULL
Roads	"HIGHWAY" is not NULL
Grass	"LANDUSE" in ('grass', 'grassland', 'meadow') or "SURFACE" = 'grass' OR "NATURAL" = 'grassland'
High vegetation	"LANDUSE" in ('forest','logging') OR "NATURAL" in ('tree', 'tree_row', 'wood') OR "WOOD" IS NOT NULL
Low vegetation	"LANDUSE" in ('orchard', 'vineyard', 'scrub', 'farm', 'farmland', 'greenfield') or "NATURAL" = 'scrub'
Mixed vegetation	"LANDUSE" in ('cemetery', 'garden', 'park' , 'natural_reserve')
Surface (impervious)	"LANDUSE" = 'parking' or ("SURFACE" in ('asphalt' , 'asphalt;compacted' , 'asphalt;concrete' , 'asphalt;gravel' , 'brick' , 'cobblestone' , 'concrete' , 'concrete:lanes' , 'concrete:plates' , 'granite' , 'paved' , 'paving_stones' , 'pebblestone' , 'stone') AND "HIGHWAY" IS NULL)
Water	"NATURAL" in ('water', 'waterway', 'wetland') OR "WATERWAY" IS NOT NULL OR "LANDUSE" = 'reservoir'
Industrial	"LANDUSE" in ('construction' , 'garage' , 'garages', 'industrial', 'military' , 'railway' , 'retail' , 'depot', 'commercial')
Residential	"LANDUSE" in ('residential', 'allotments')

OSM Landcover



LCZ vs OSM Landcover tabulation



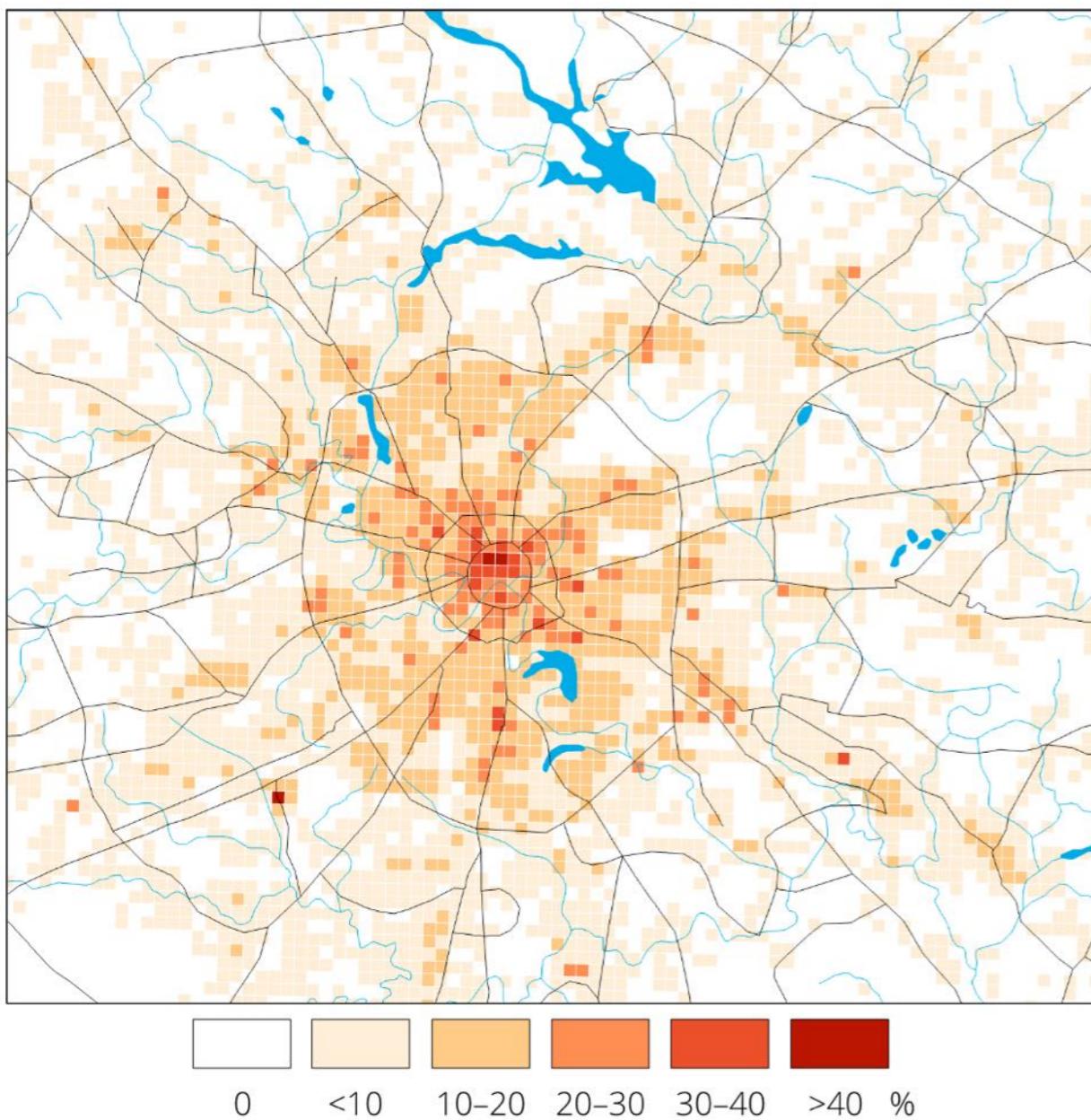
Land cover type ratio, %

- 1. Buildings 2. Roads 3. Residential 4. Industrial 5. Tall vegetation
- 6. Mixed vegetation 7. Low vegetation 8. Water 9. Other

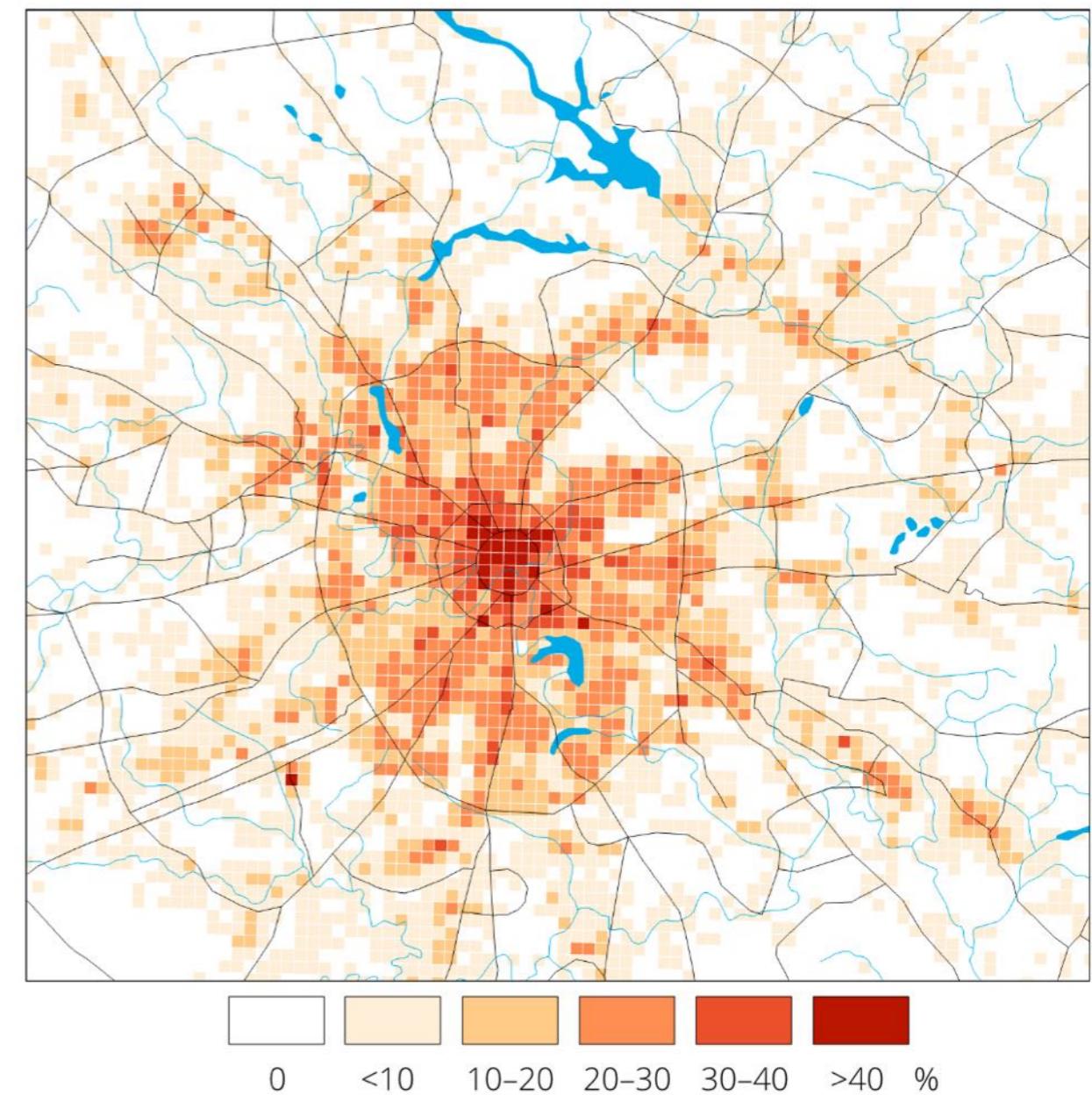
OSM application:

Deriving LCZ parameters from OSM

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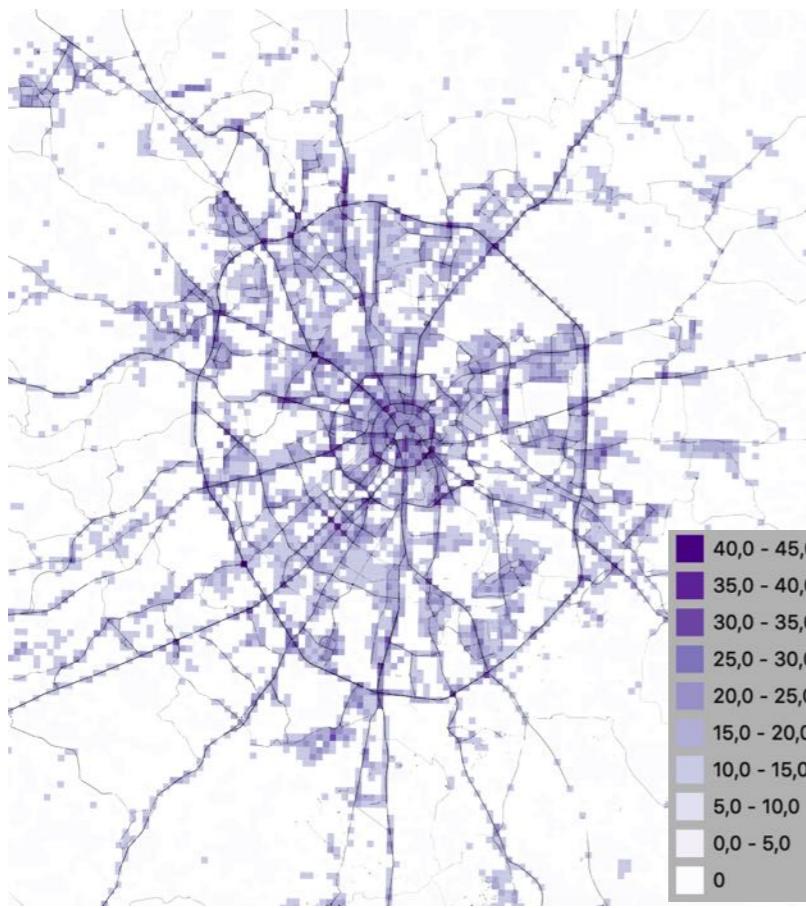


b) Impervious surface fraction

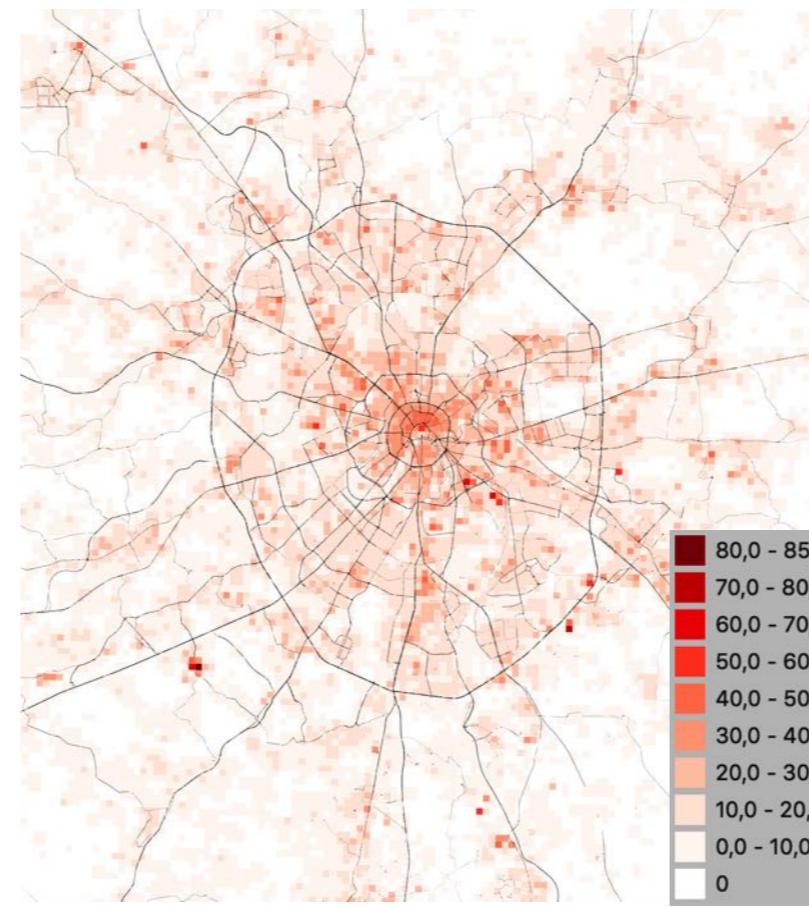


Built-up landcover data from OSM

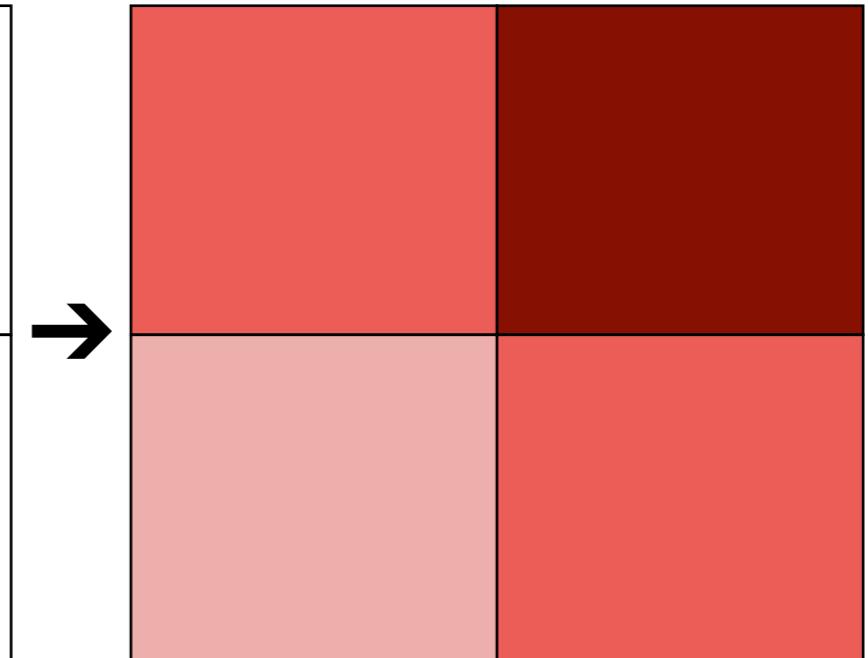
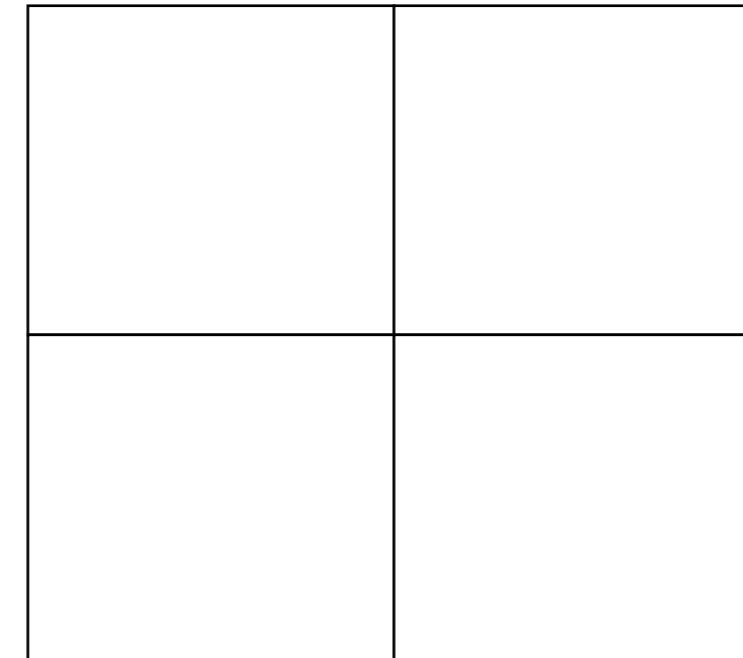
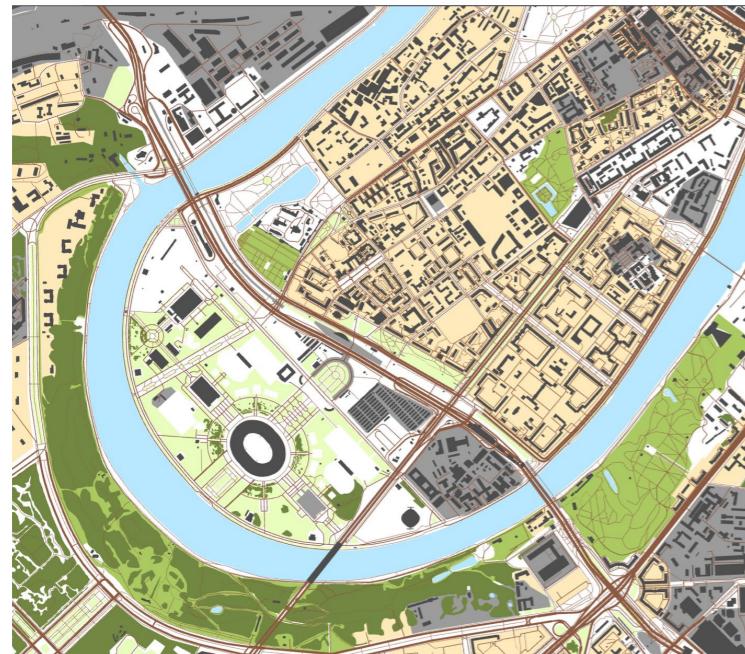
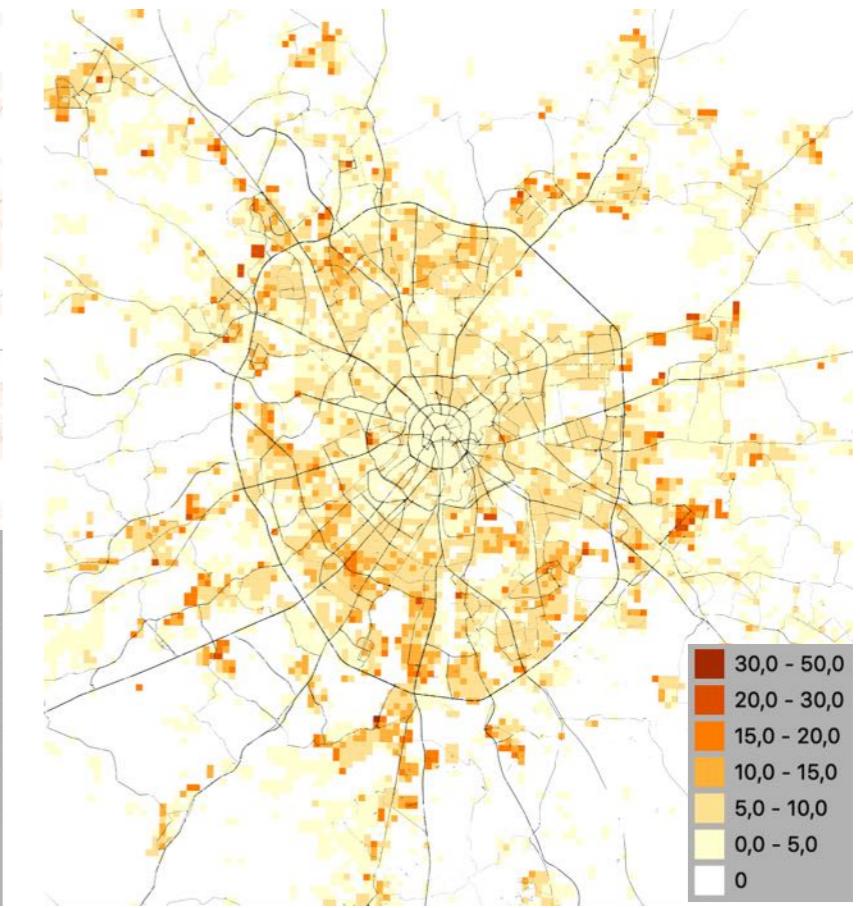
Road ratio, %



Building ratio, %



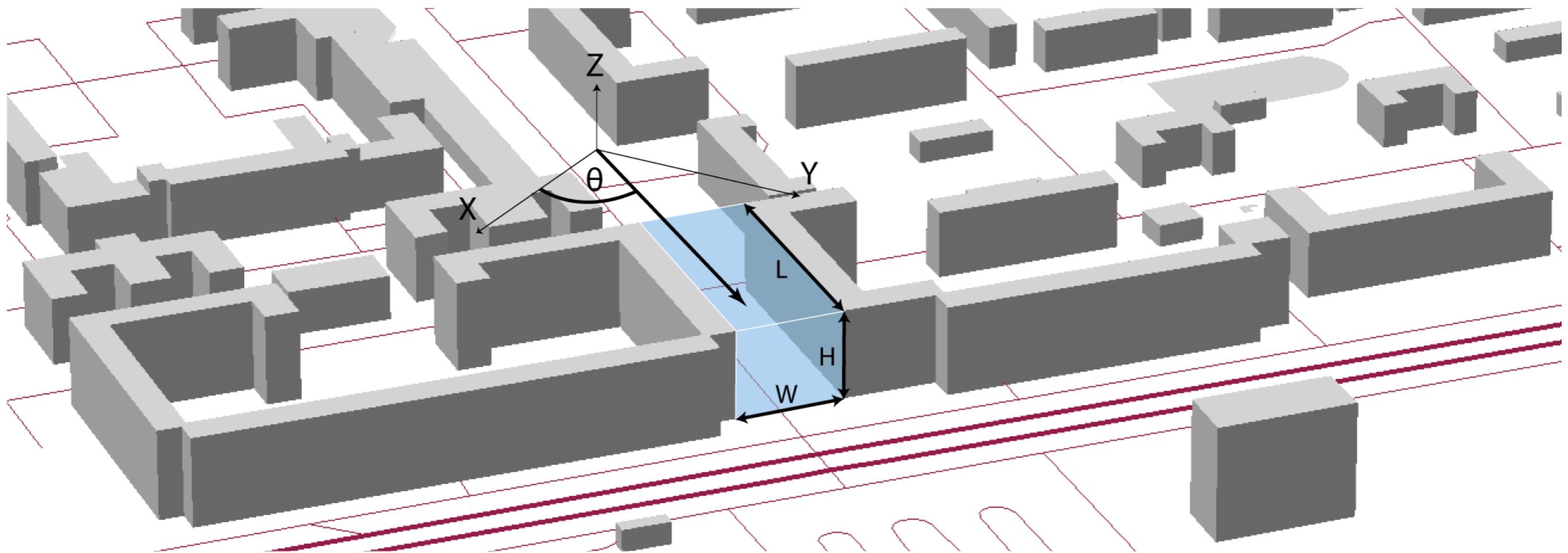
Mean building levels



Use case: urban geometry from OpenStreetMap data

Urban canyon geometry from OSM

Urban canyon — a space between buildings



Urban canyon width estimation

Local canyon width w_i is calculated for every triangle as altitude to the side, which is not intersected by street network:

$$w_i = \frac{2S_i}{a_i}$$

For undirected canyons and crossroads an average triangle side length is used instead of a_i

Average canyon width is calculated for n triangles as a weighted average of their altitudes with triangle areas S_i as weights:



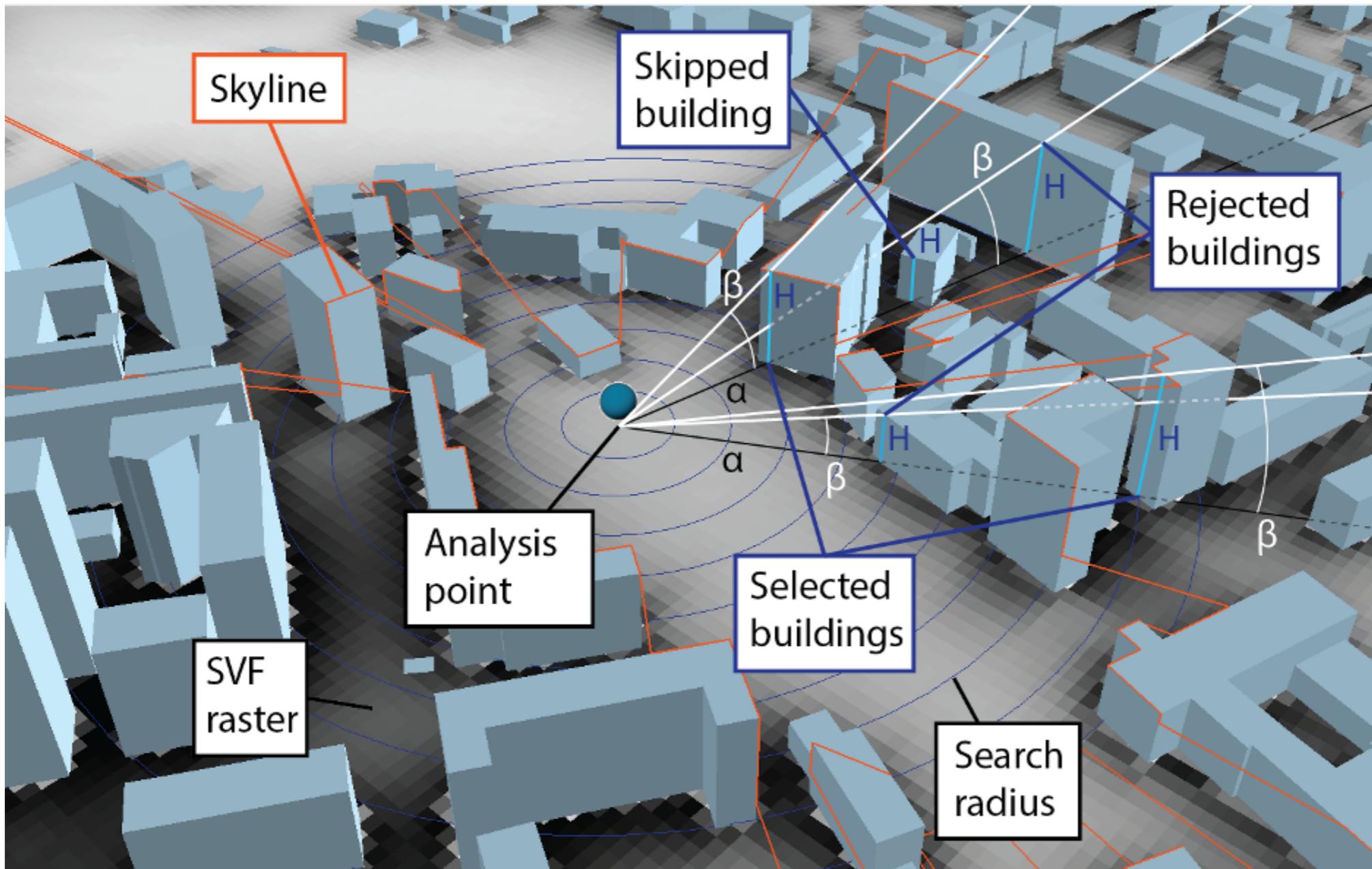
Canyon Width



Can be derived in GIS using triangulation of buildings

Sky View Factor

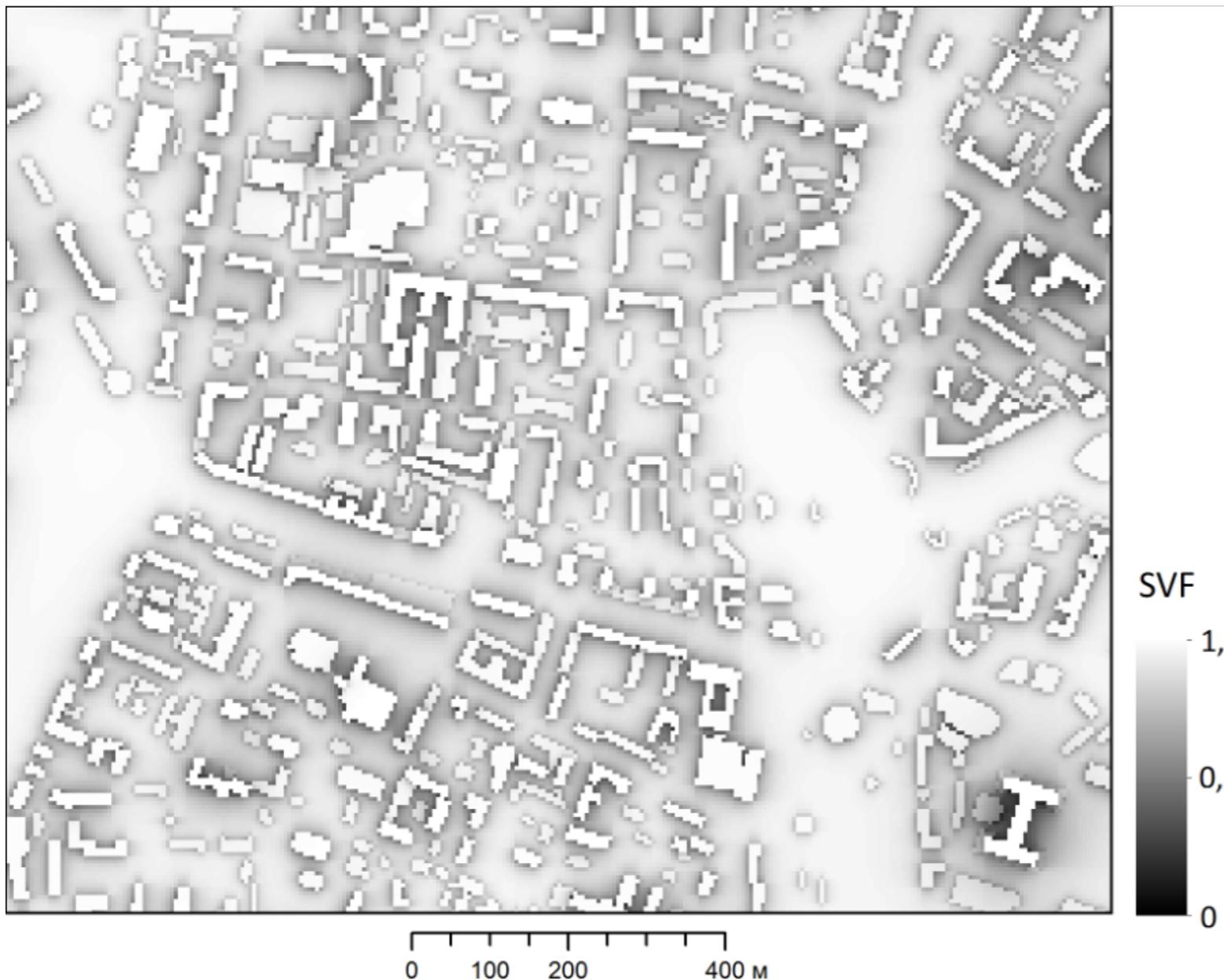
A portion of the sky hemisphere visible at point



Can be derived in GIS using focal raster analysis with extended neighborhood

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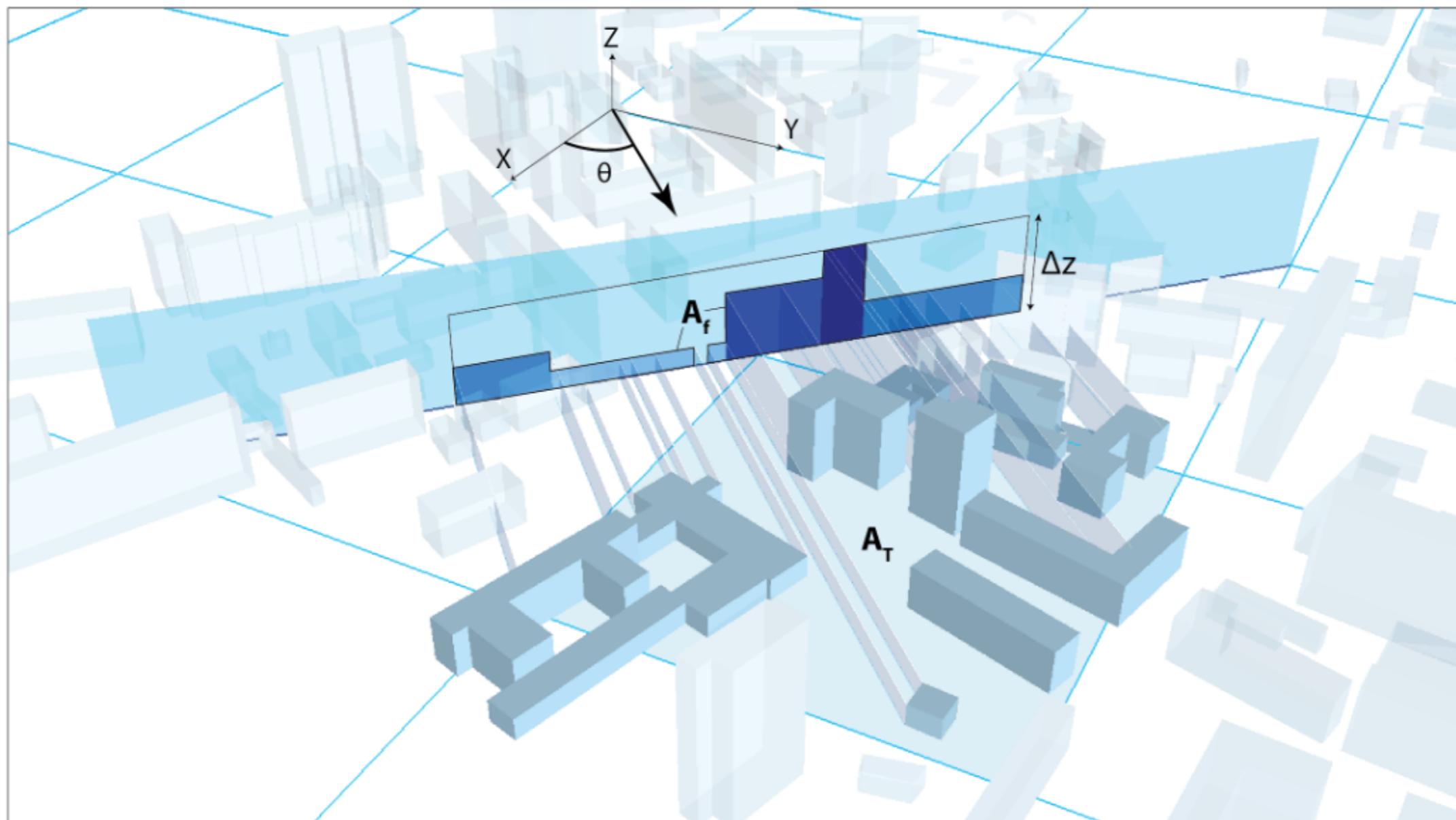
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Frontal area index

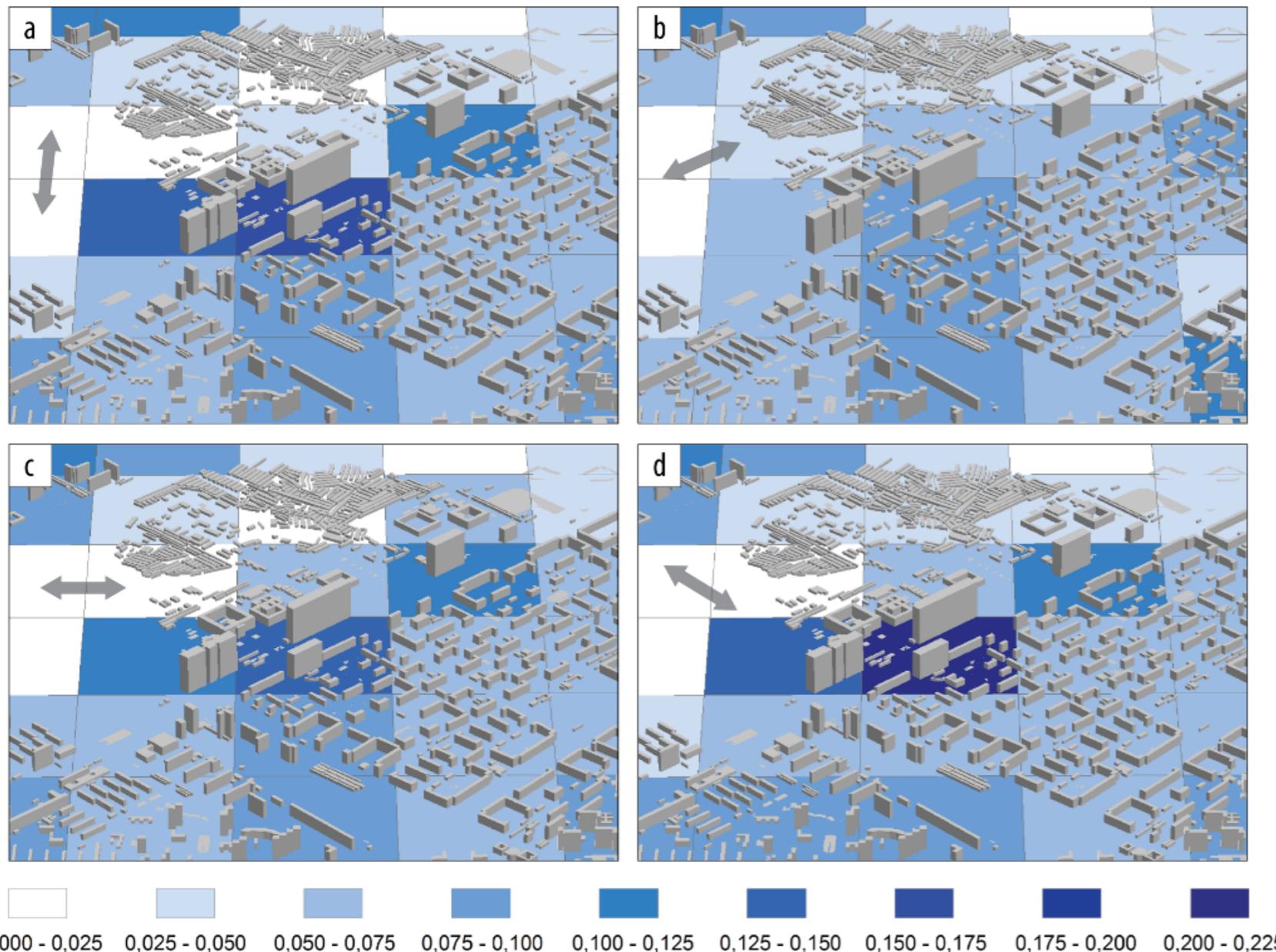
The **frontal area index** determines the "vertical roughness" of the surface. It is calculated as the ratio of the projection of the area of the walls of buildings A_f , visible from a given direction θ and the area of the cell A_T on which these buildings are located



Can be derived in GIS using geometric intersections

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Changes with θ

Frontal area index



Changes with θ

Frontal area index



Changes with θ

Frontal area index



Changes with θ

Frontal area index



Changes with θ

Frontal area index



Changes with θ

Resume

1. Geographical Information Science (GIScience) provides technical tools for analyzing spatial data
2. The main GIScience idiom shifted from cartographic to computational during recent years.
3. Numerous parameters of urban environment can be derived from OpenStreetMap data.
4. These parameters are useful for verification of external classifications (land cover) and for describing urban geometry



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