# Cities in shape:

## Assessing the impact of urban morphology on accessibility to urban amenities

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# Background: Accessibility & Urban Morphology

# Accessibility

***Accessibility*** *is the ease with which opportunities can be reached from an origin*

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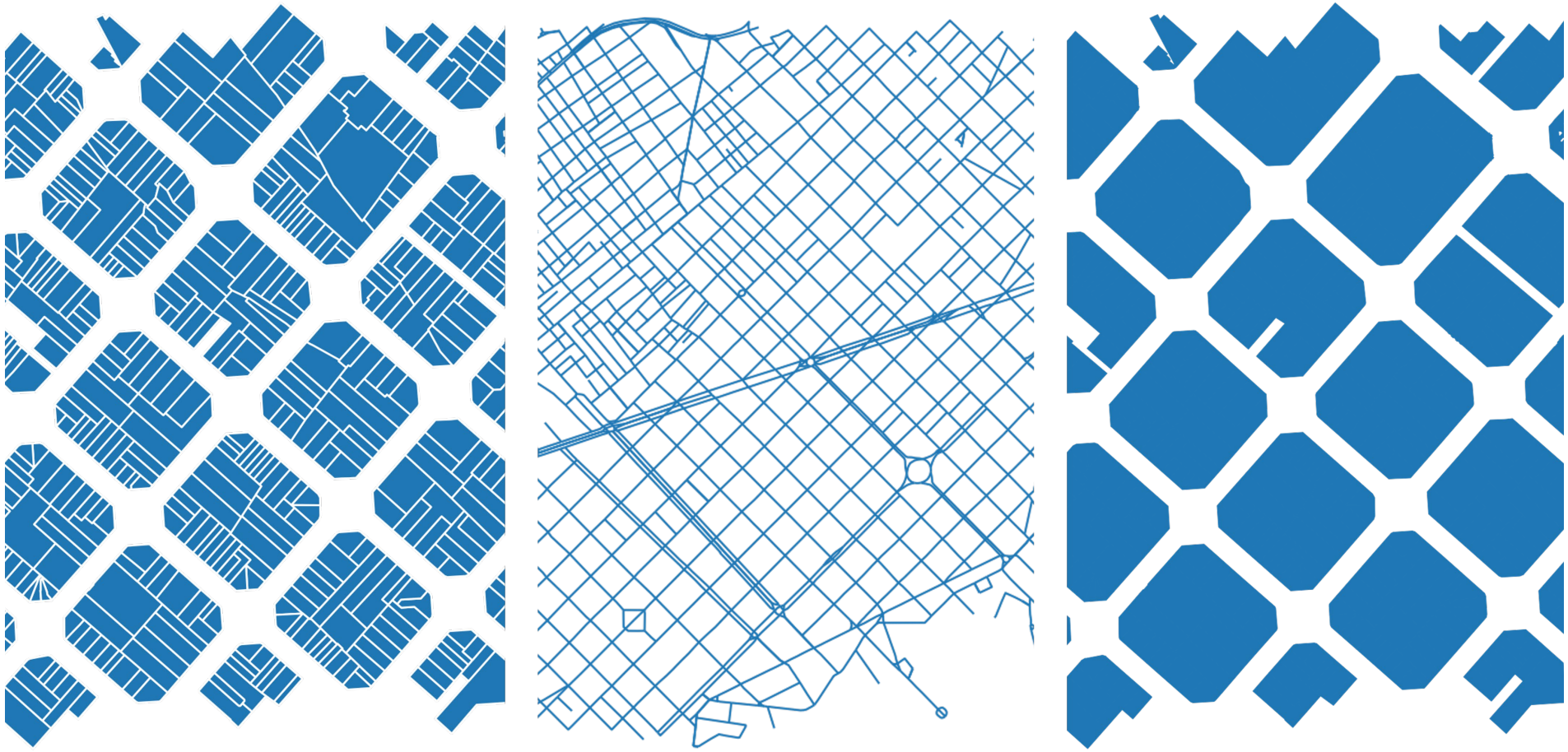
# Urban Morphology



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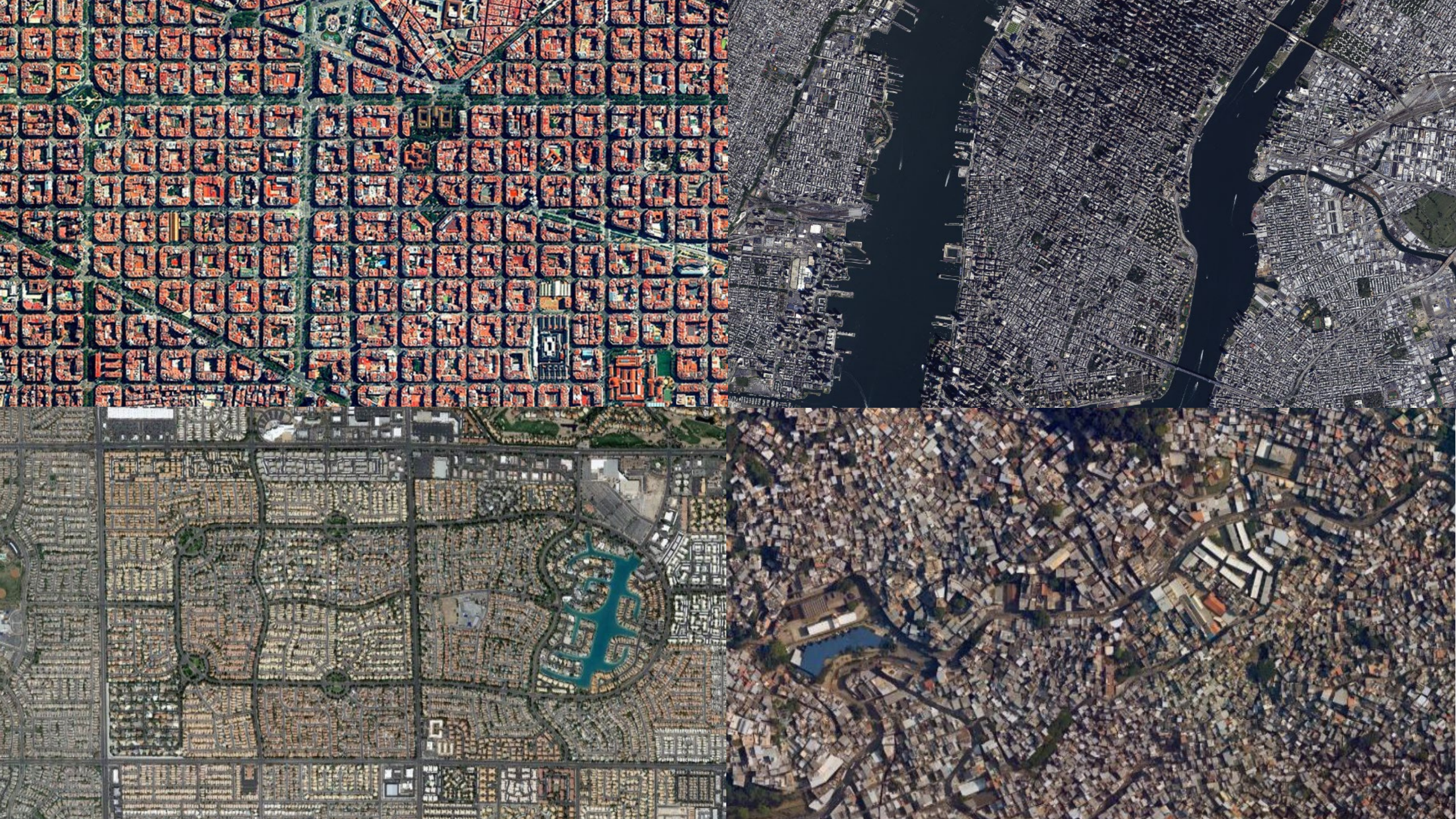

# Background

- **Accessibility + Urban morphology + Sustainable cities** (Boeing, G., et al., 2022, Ewing, R., & Handy, S., 2009)
- **Urban air pollution** (Burnett et al., 2018; Khomenko et al., 2021; Landrigan et al., 2018)
- **Motorised traffic** (Kumar et al., 2020; Sicard et al., 2020; Tobías et al., 2020)

# Research Gap & Questions

# Research Questions

- RQ1 – How does an accessibility index to urban amenities vary when considering different demographic groups?
- RQ2 – What urban tissues favour accessibility the most? (quantitative analysis)
- RQ3 – Can urban tissue simulation help us evaluate the accessibility of future urban developments?

# Methods & Data

Accessibility score

Morphometric analysis

Urban tissue simulation

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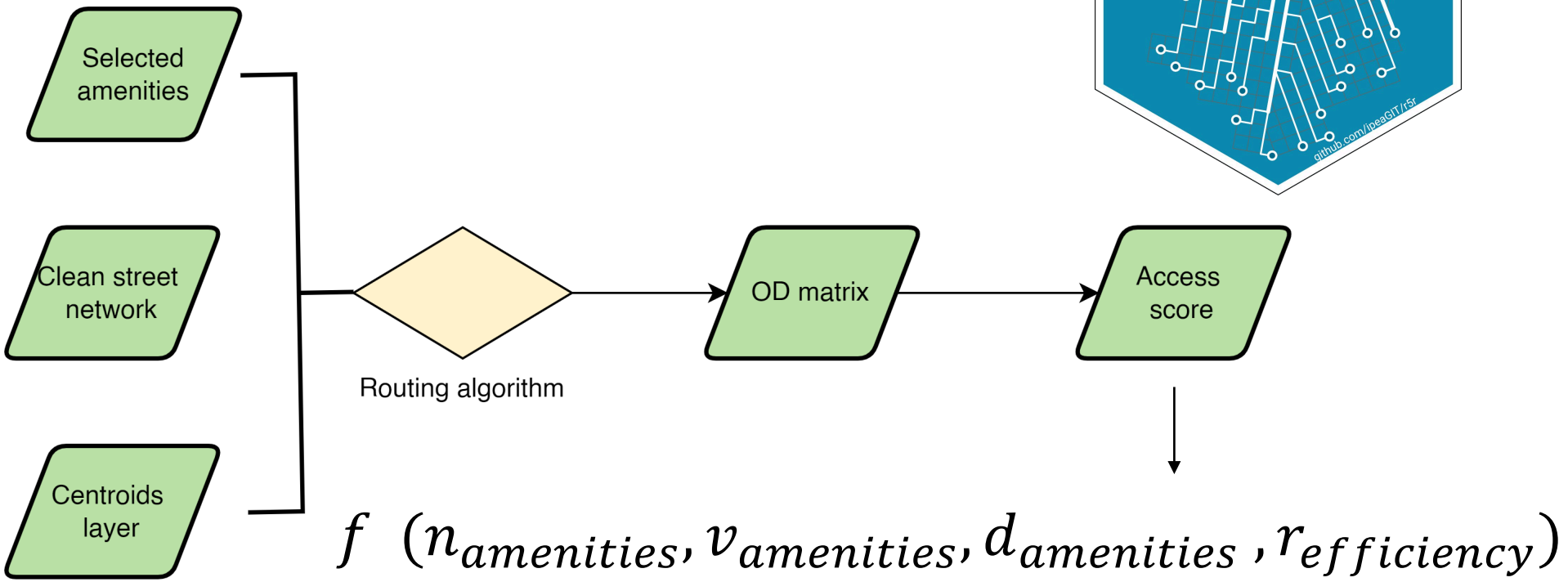
Selected cities in Europe and North America




$$f\ (n_{amenities}, v_{amenities}, d_{amenities}, r_{efficiency})$$

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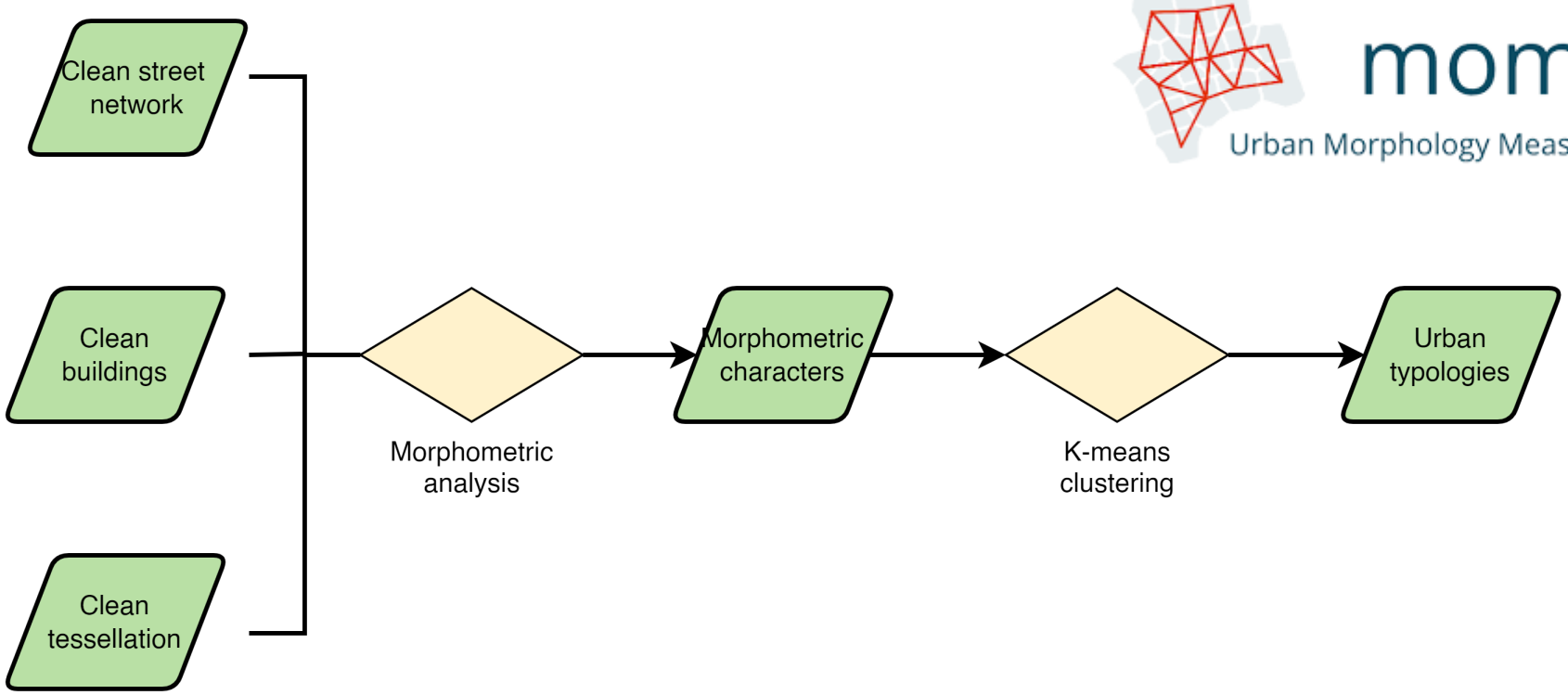


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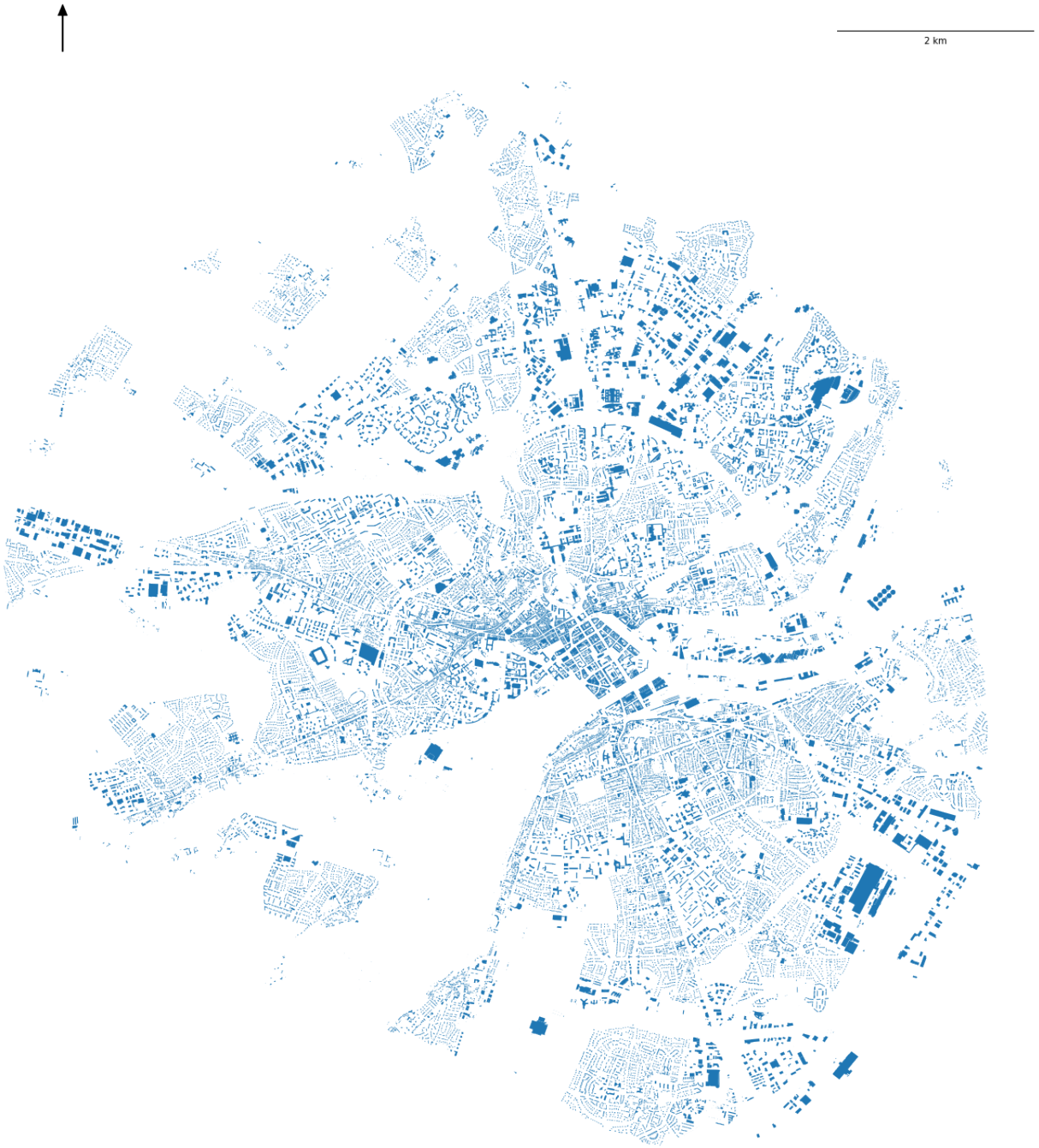
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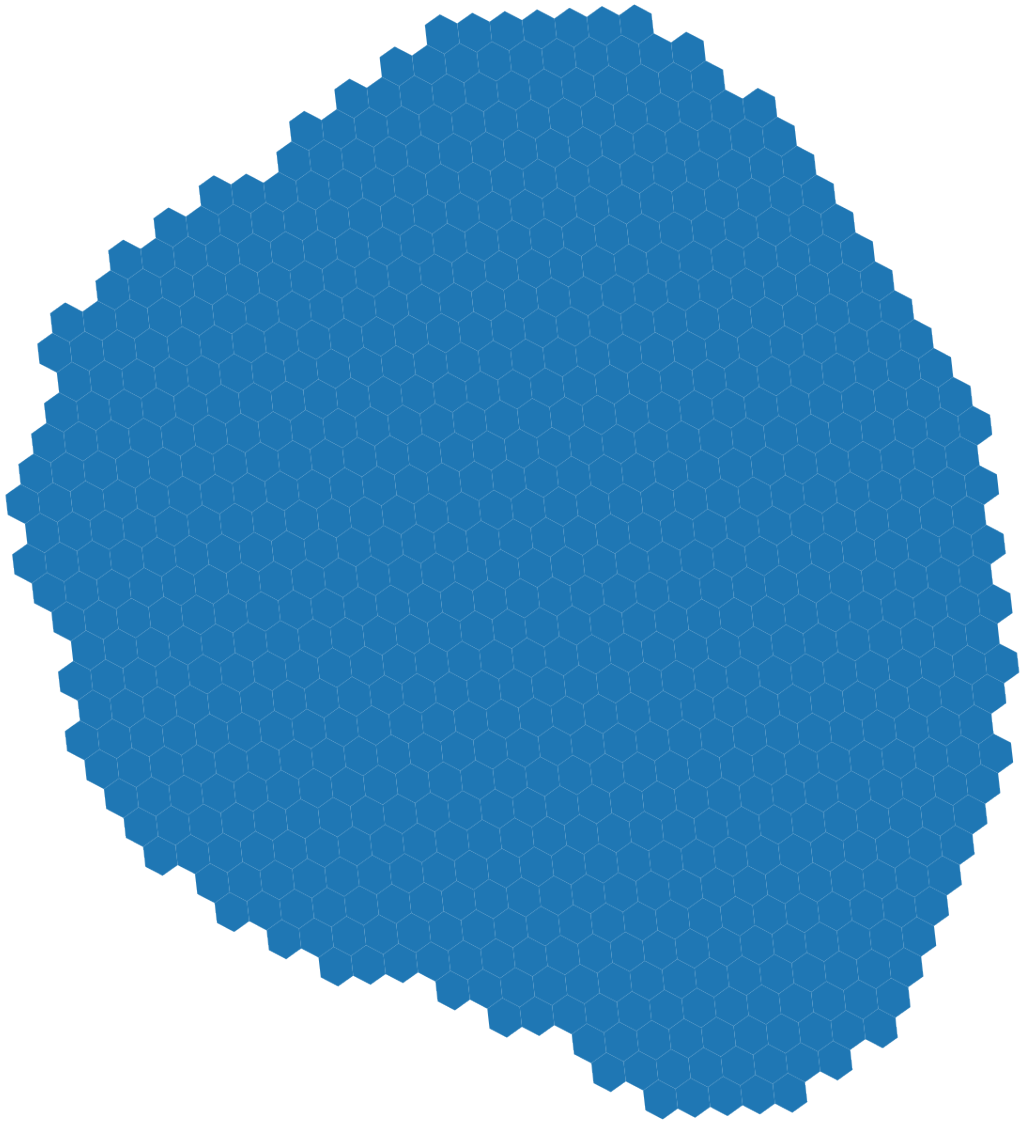

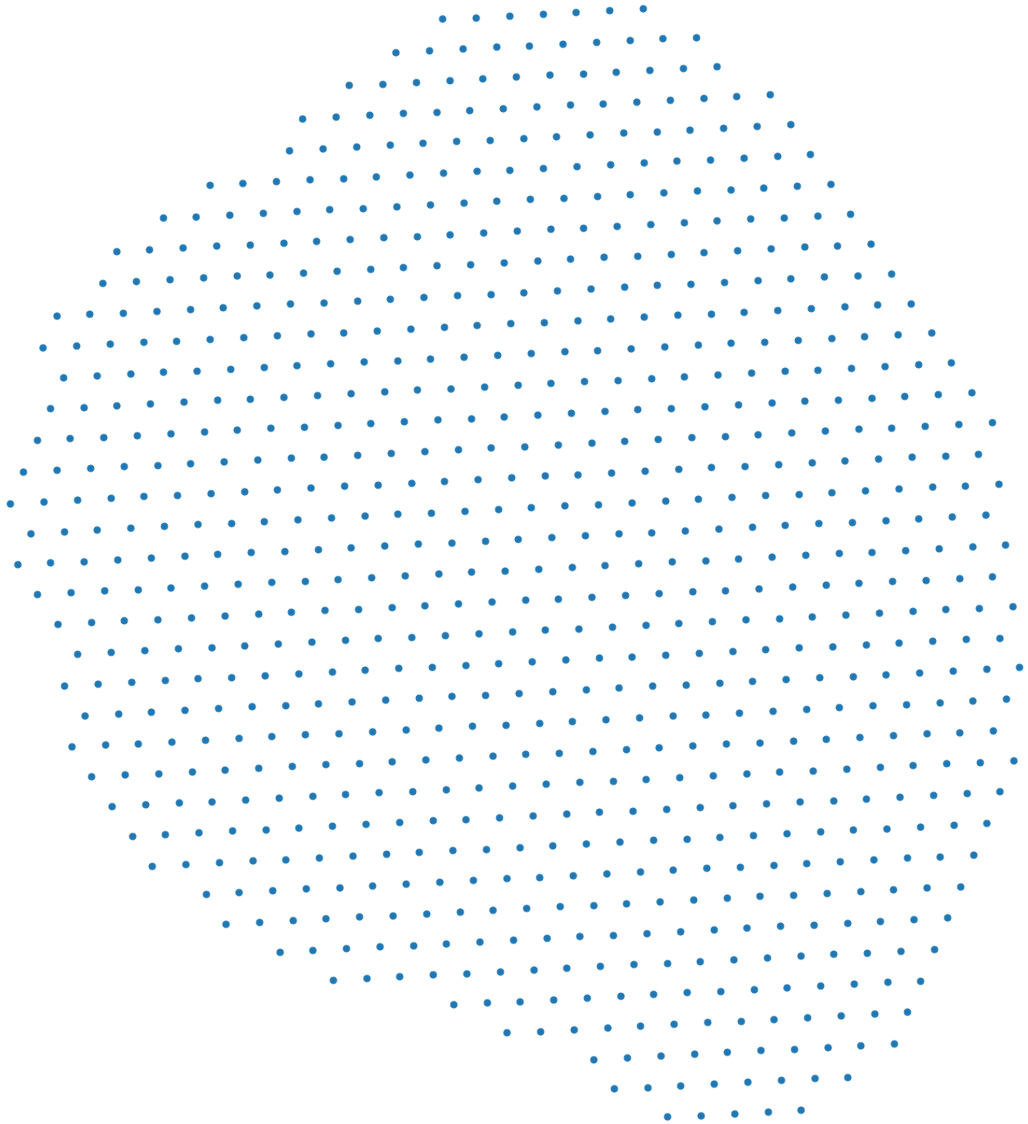

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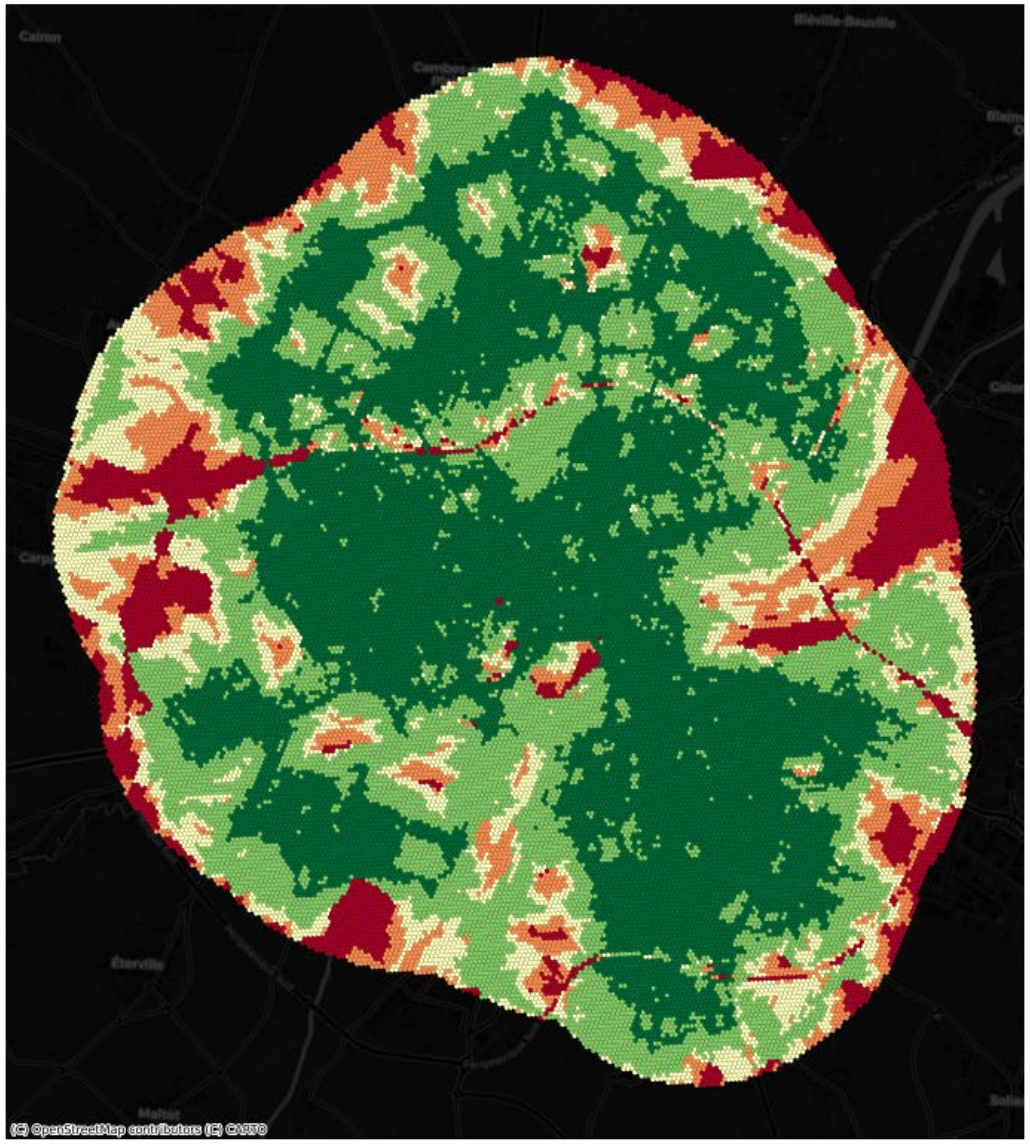


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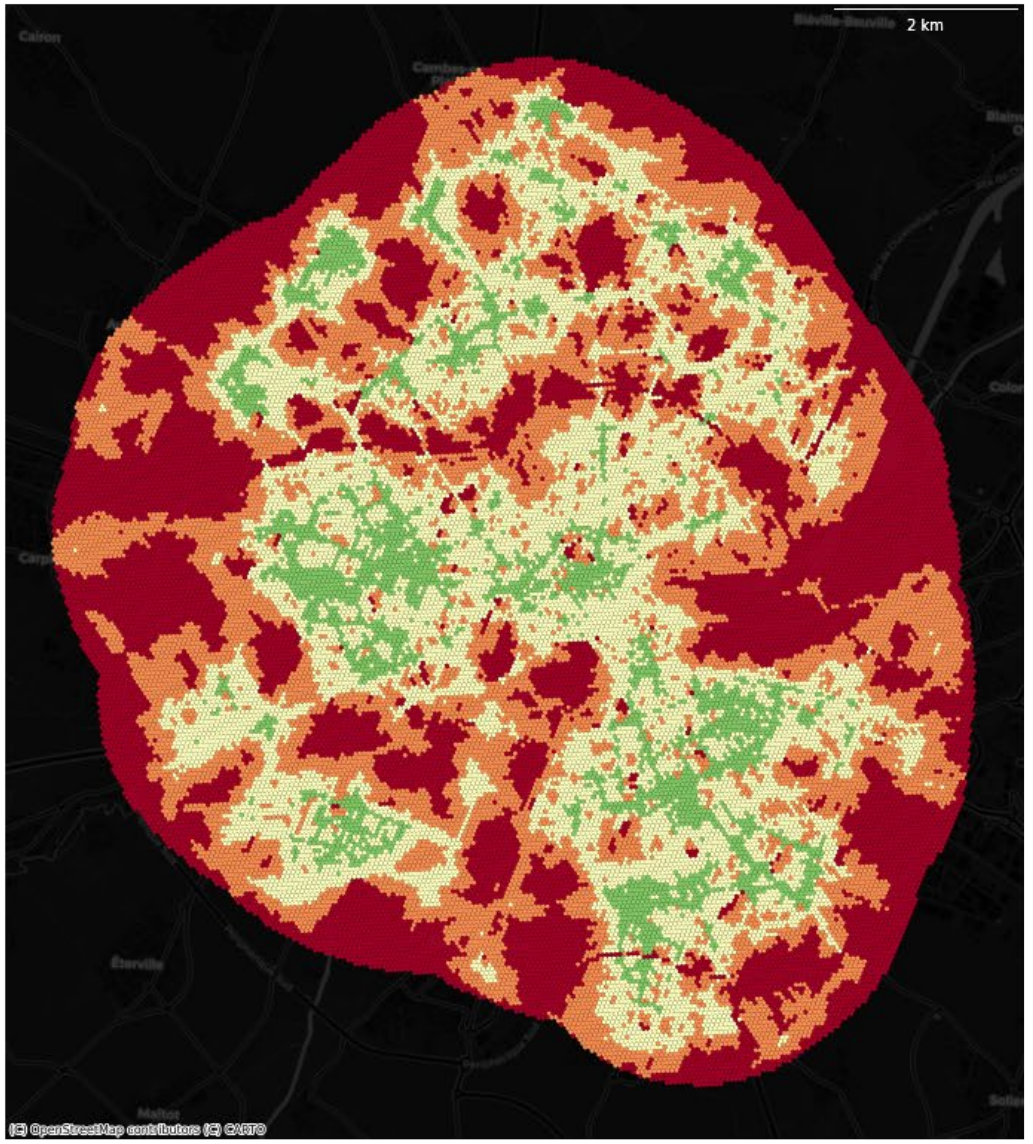


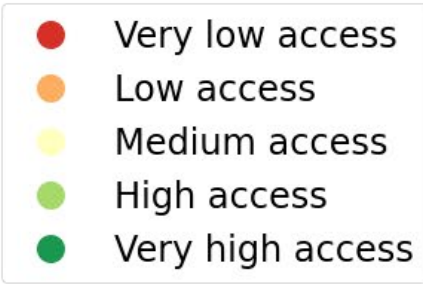

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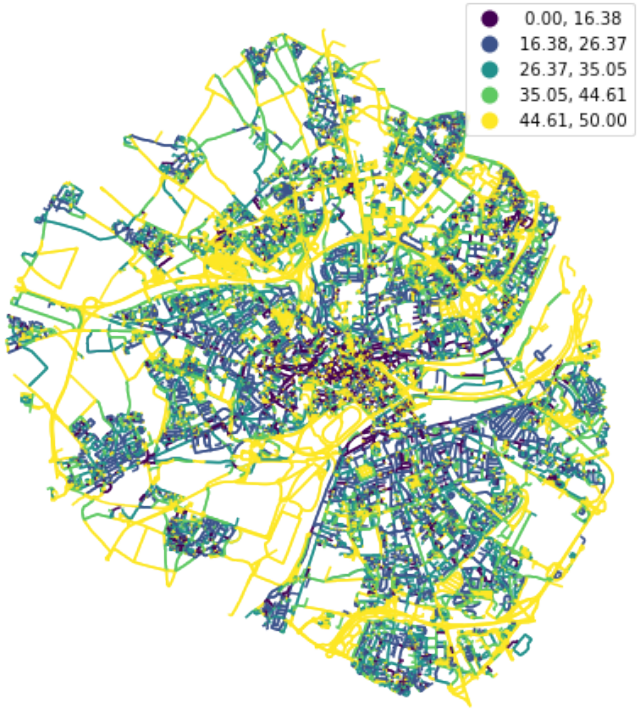


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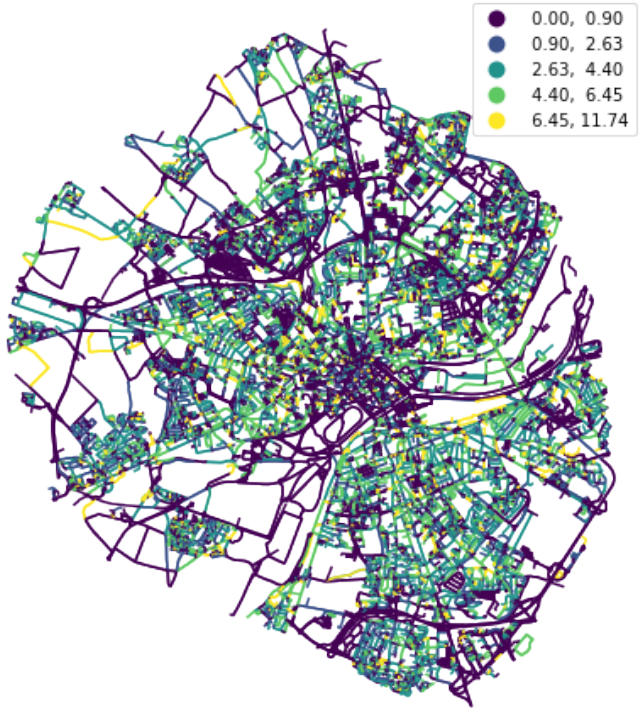
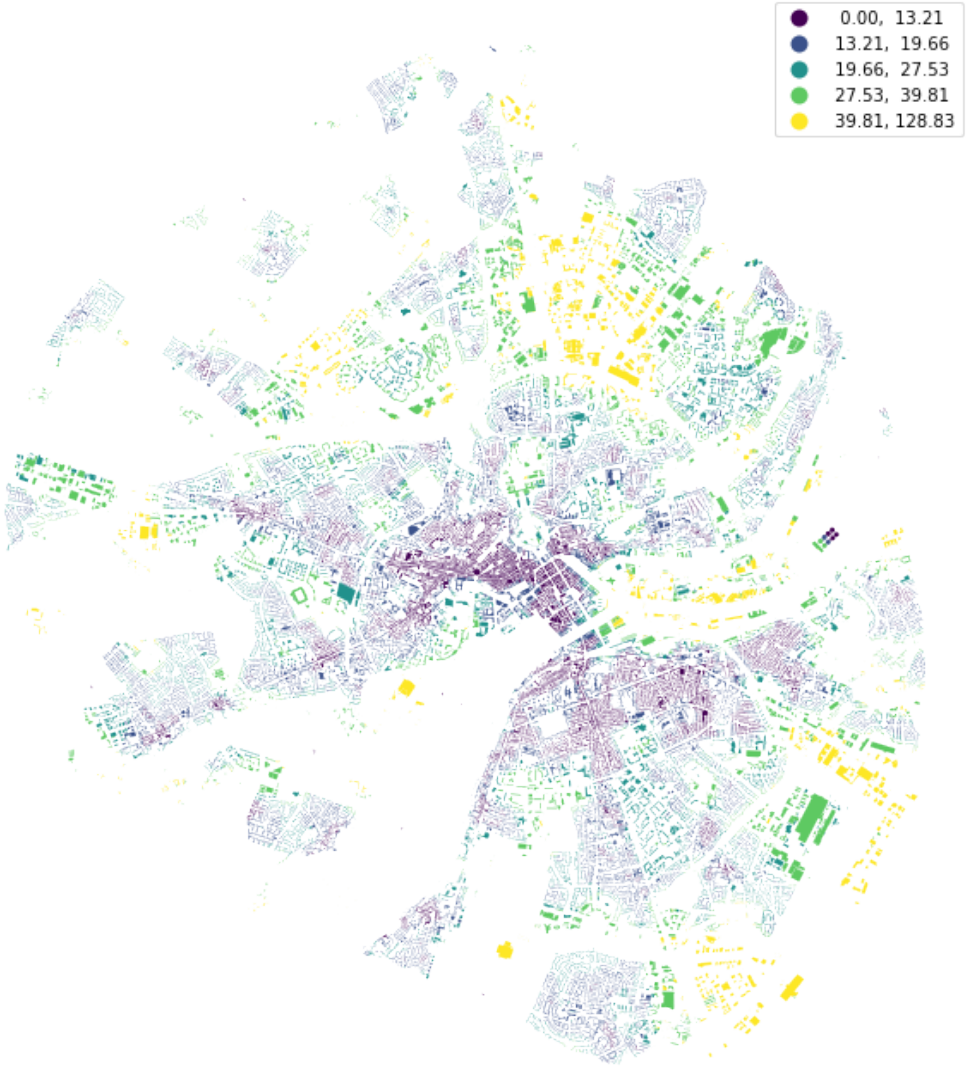



# Openness

# Inter-building distance

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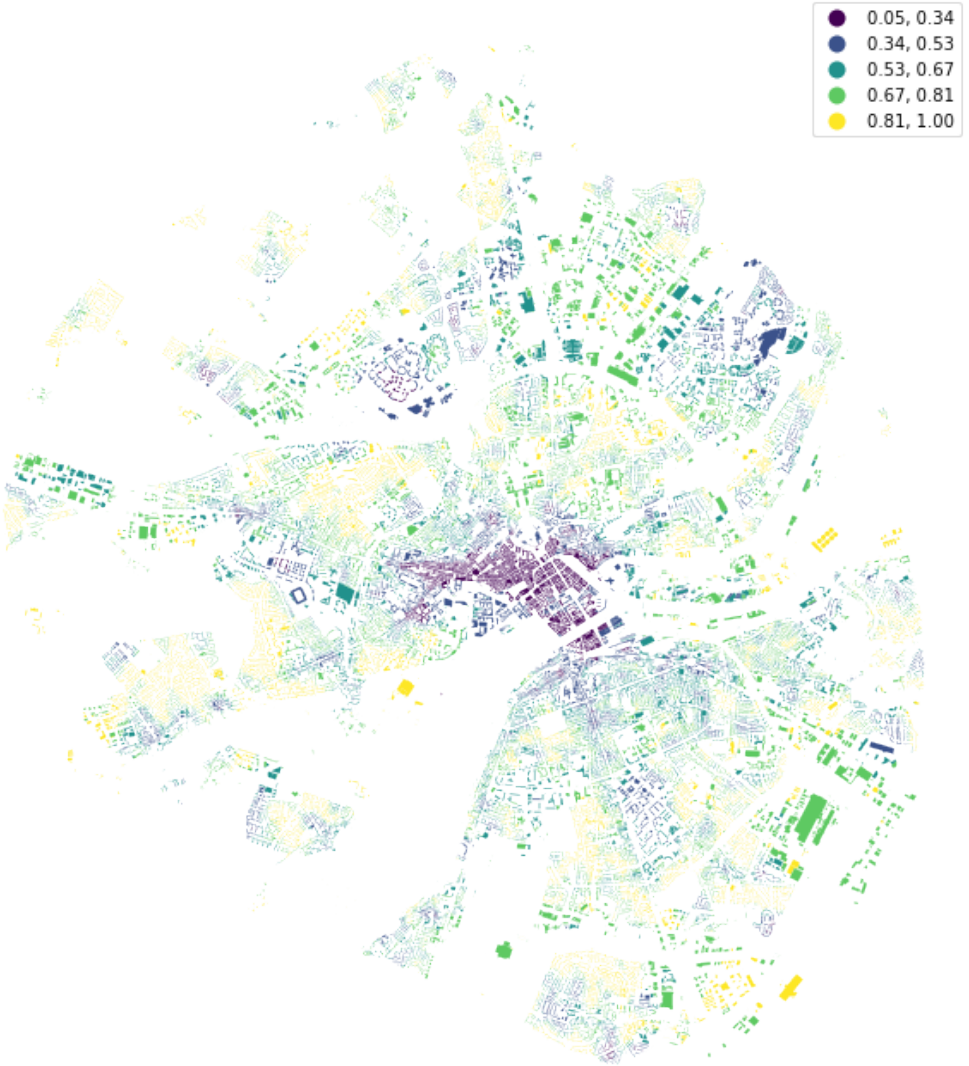

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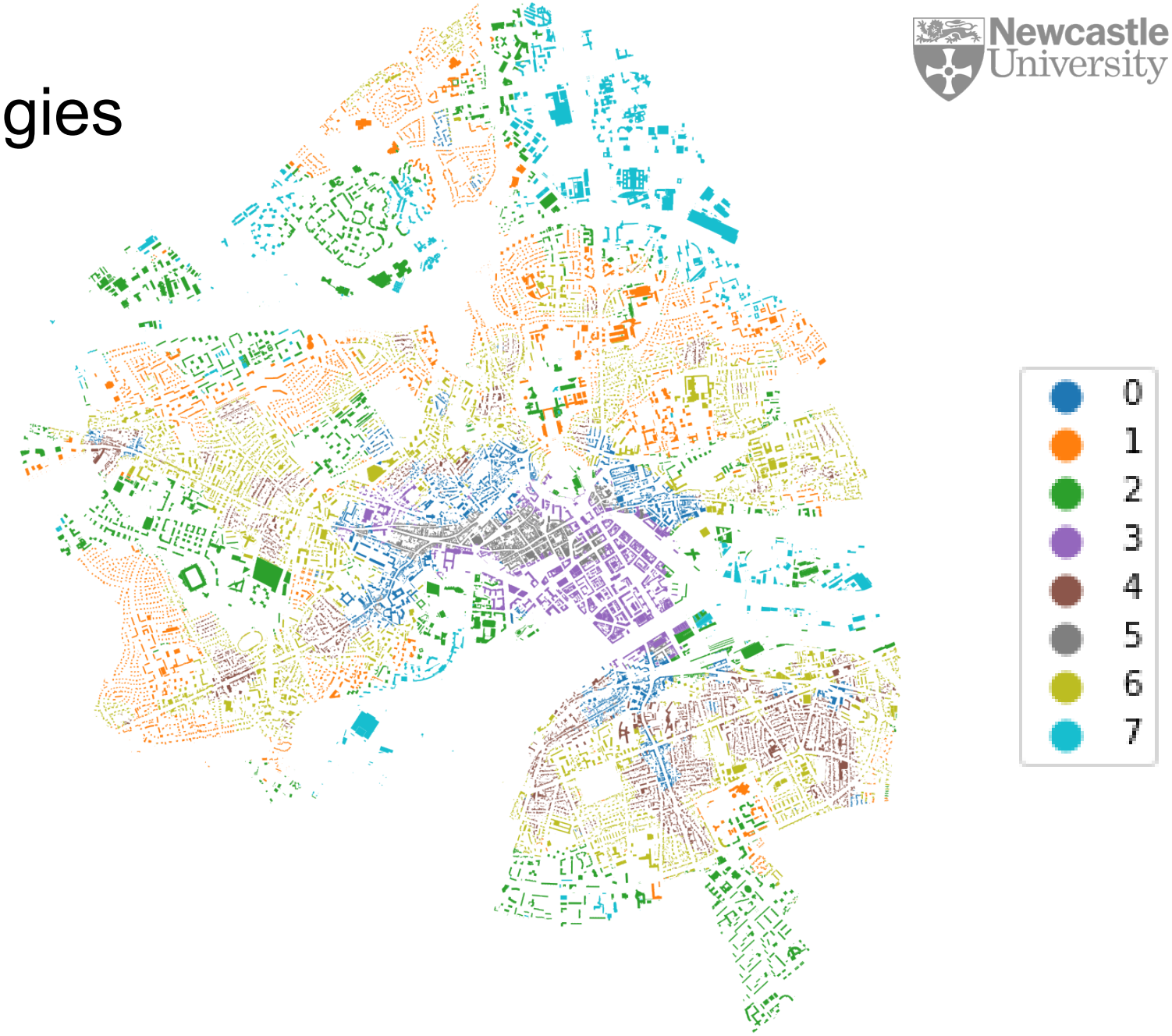

# Future Work & Limitations

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- Time Use Survey for amenity weighting - UK
- GWR to quantify relationship between access and form.
- Deep Learning for synthetic urban tissue generation.
- Dasymetric population methods for socioeconomic variables

# Limitations

The limits of open data

# Thank you

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