

Cities in shape: Assessing the impact of urban form on accessibility

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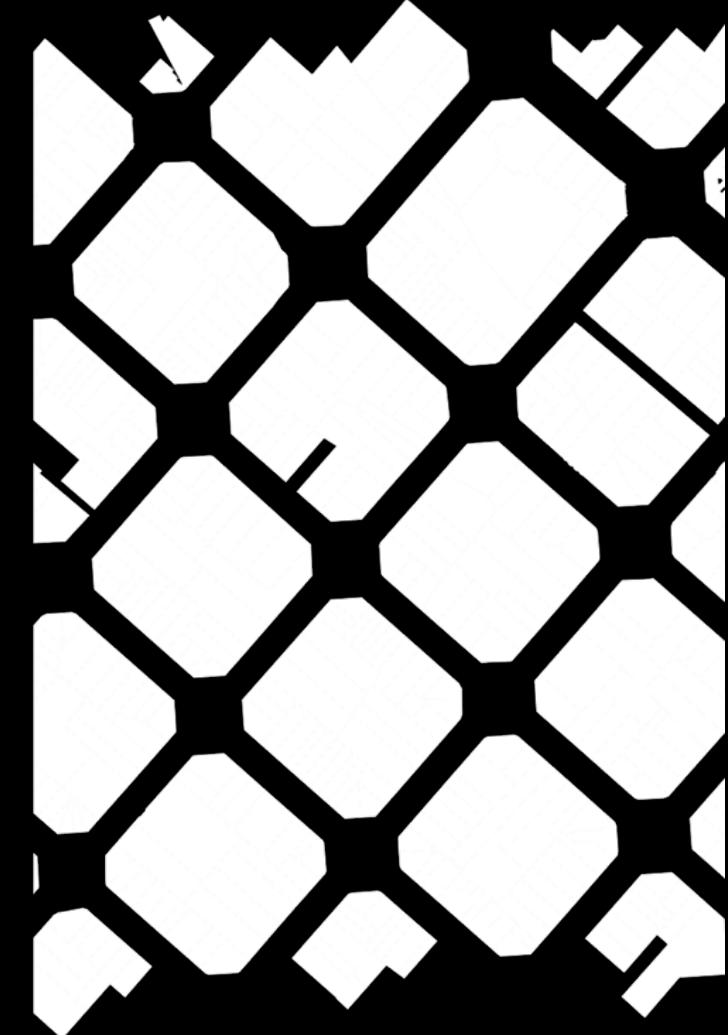
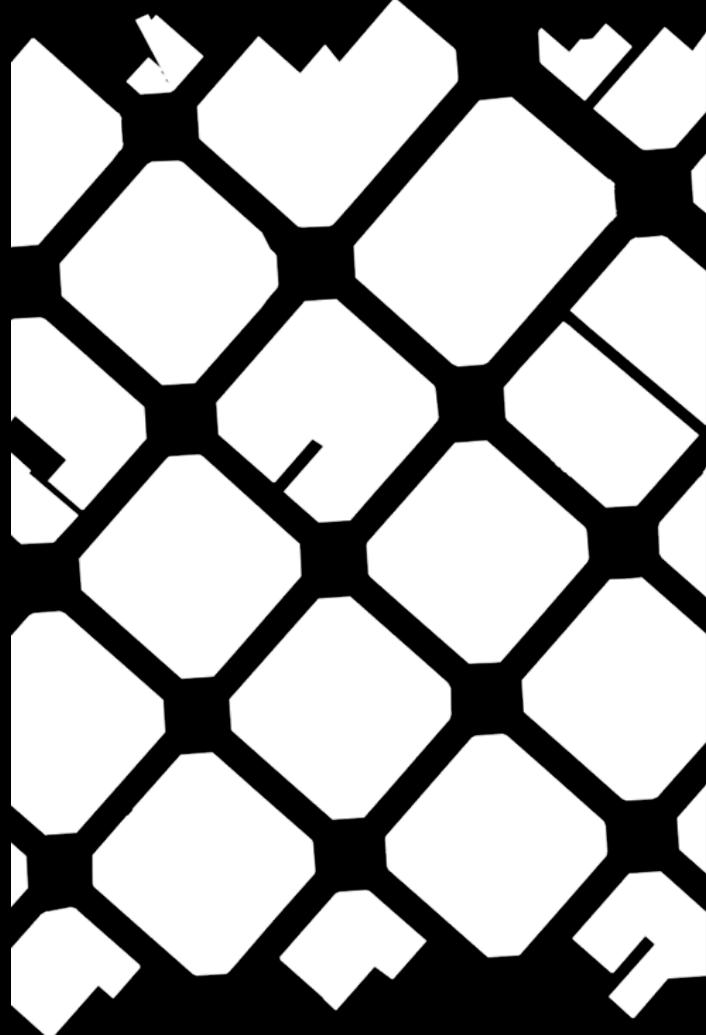
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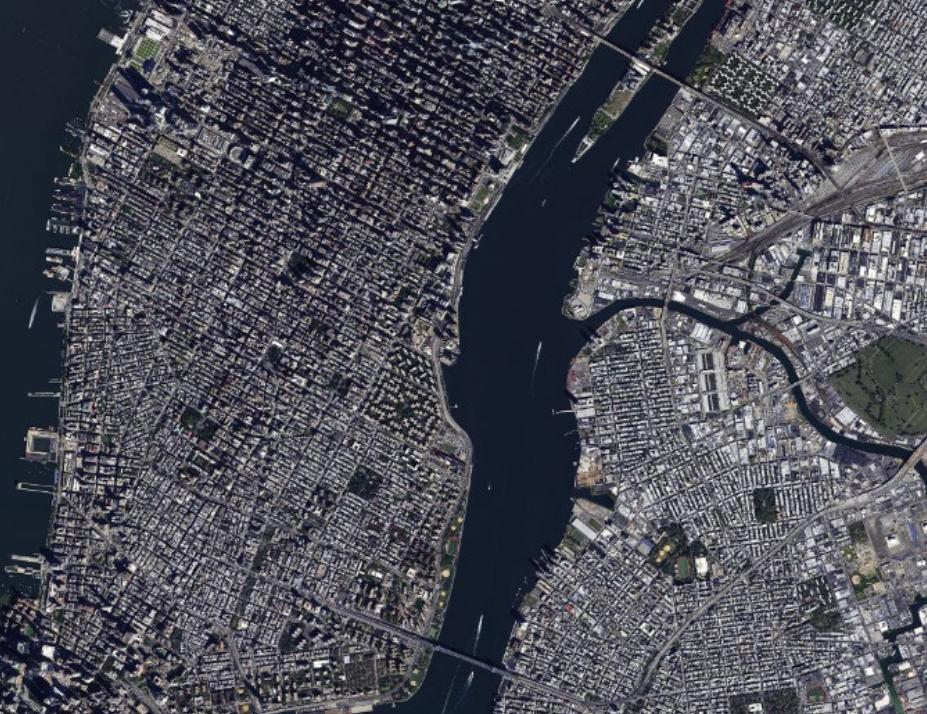
Accessibility

Accessibility is the ease with which opportunities can be reached from an origin [1]

[1] Páez, A., Scott, D.M. and Morency, C., 2012. Measuring accessibility: positive and normative implementations of various accessibility indicators. *Journal of Transport Geography*, 25, pp.141-153.

Urban form





Research question

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What does an accessible city look like to
different people?

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**Identify best practices
and explore their
potential
implementation in
different contexts**

Methods

Accessibility score



Morphometric analysis



Socioeconomic analysis

Accessibility score

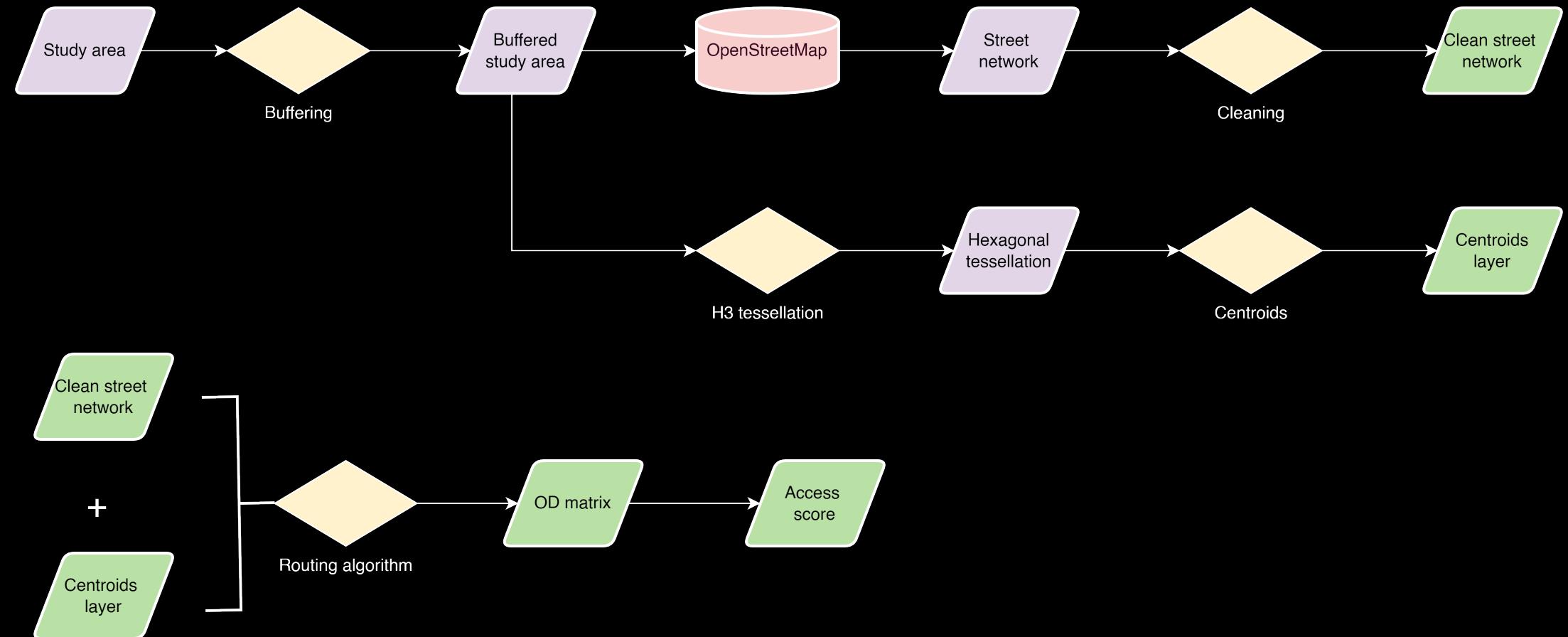


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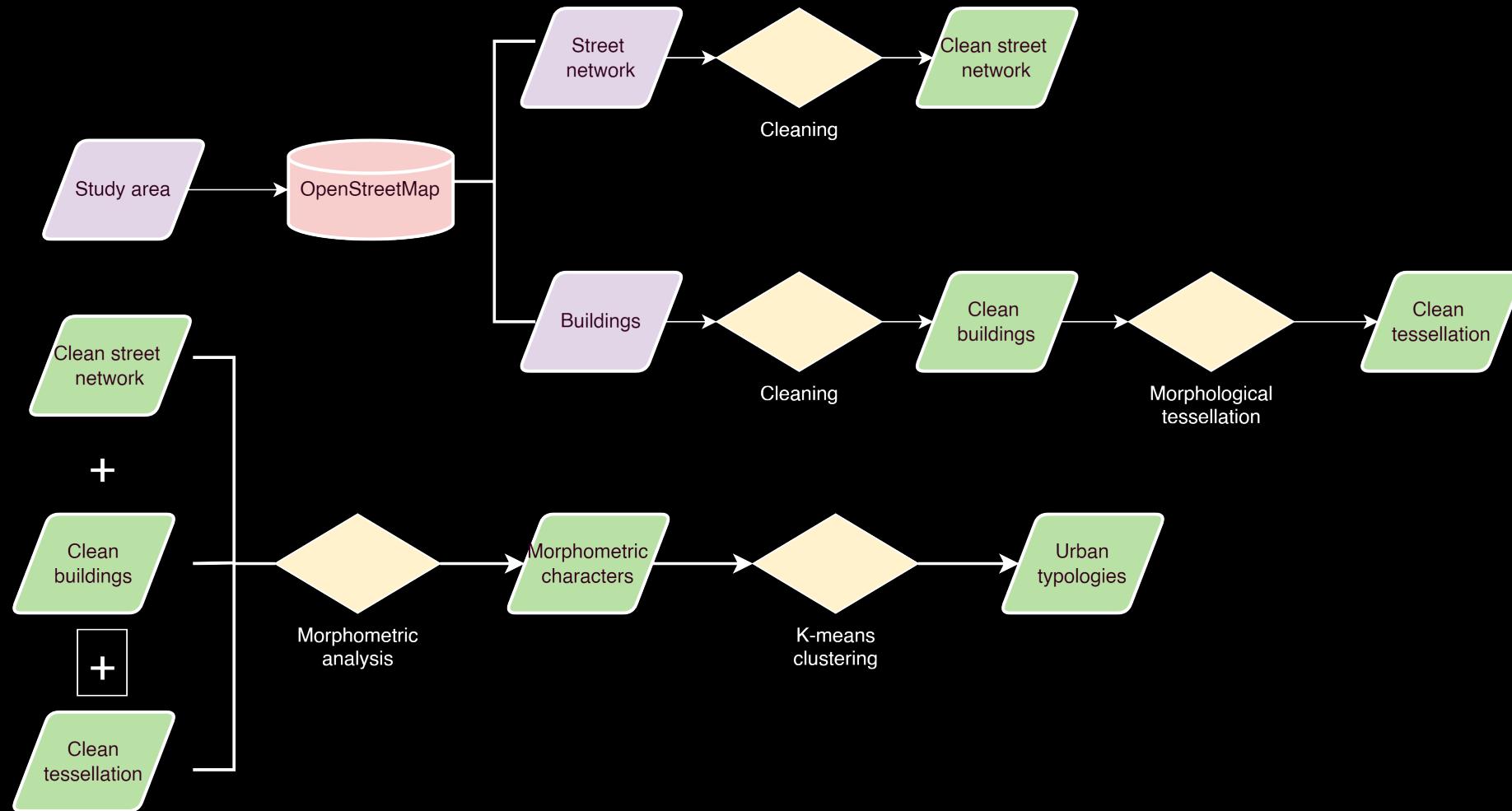


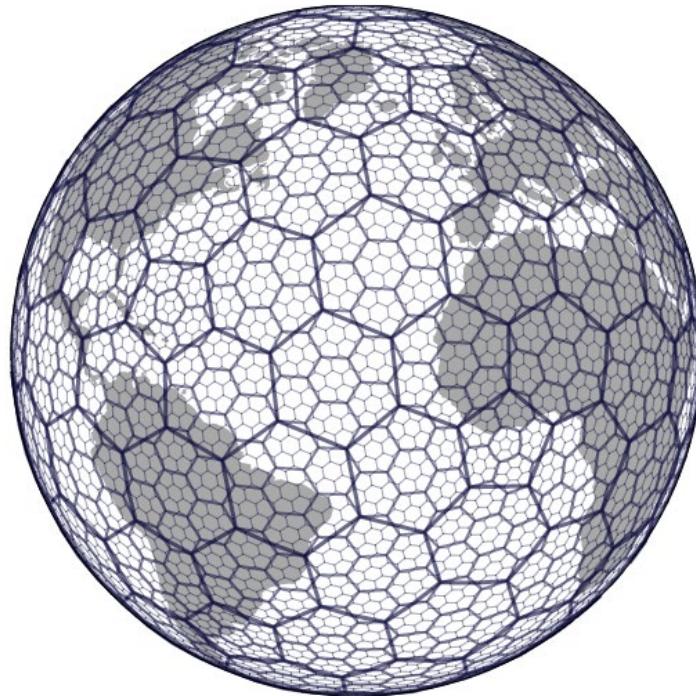
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Methods – Accessibility score



Methods – Morphometric analysis









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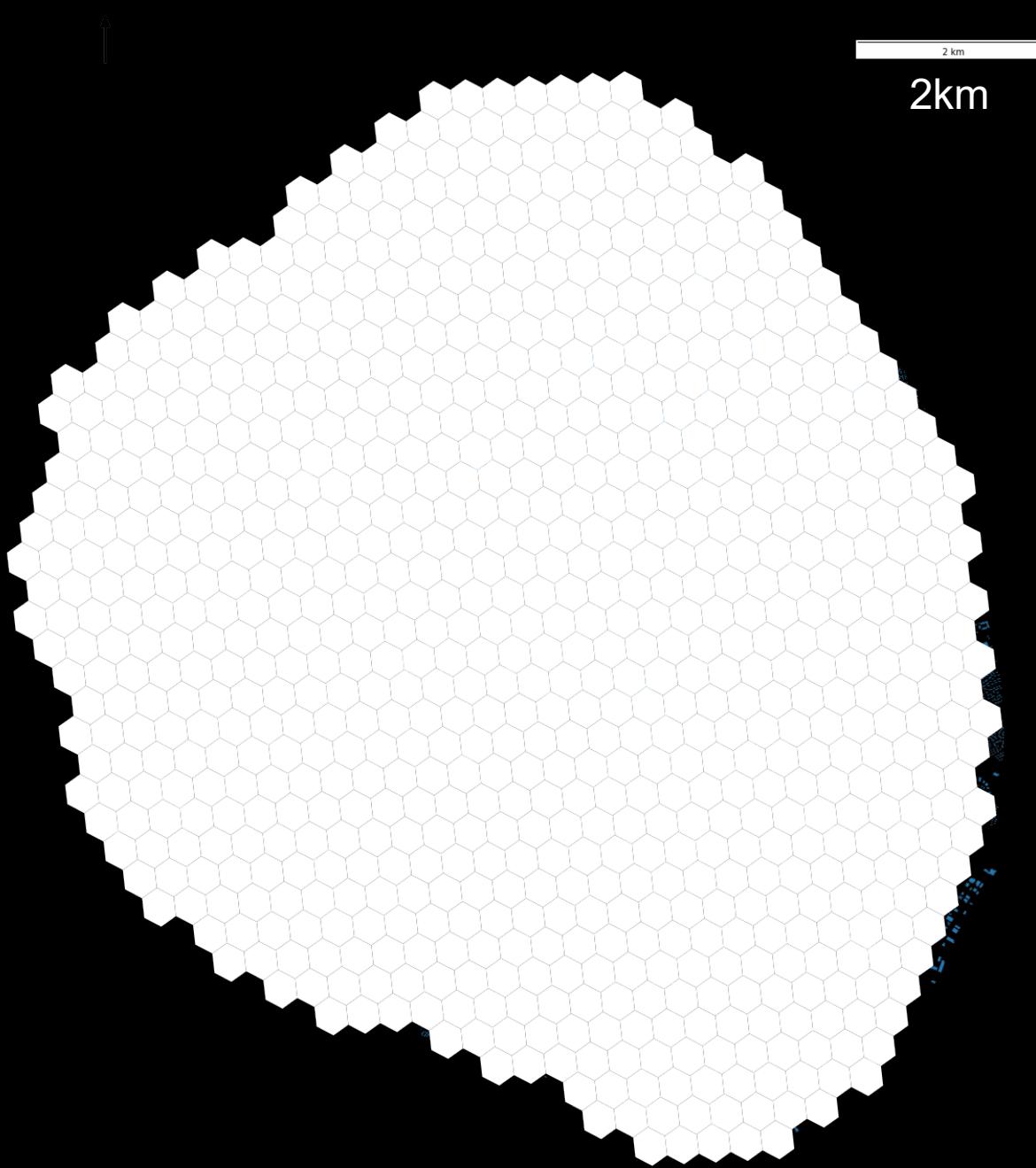


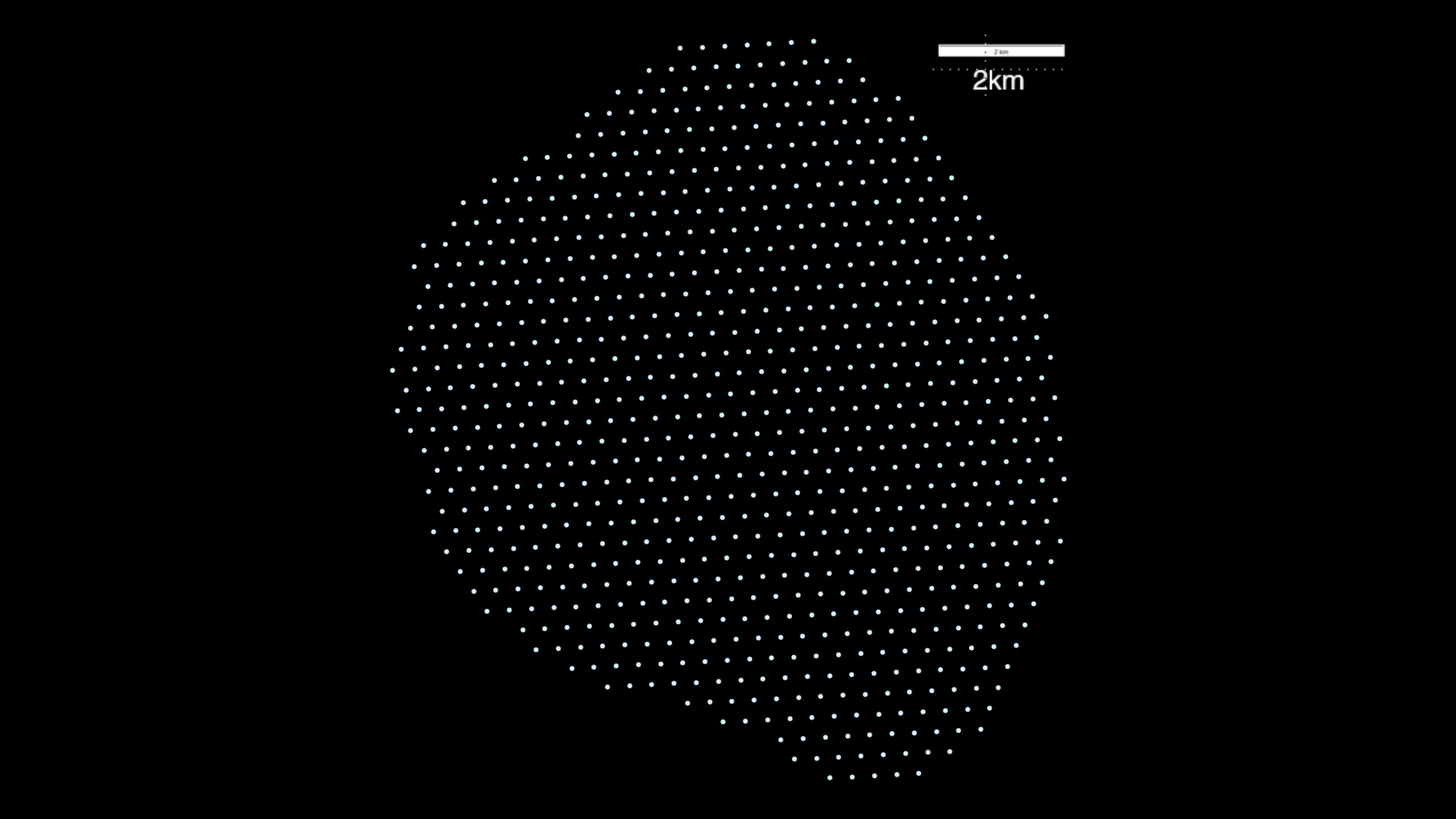


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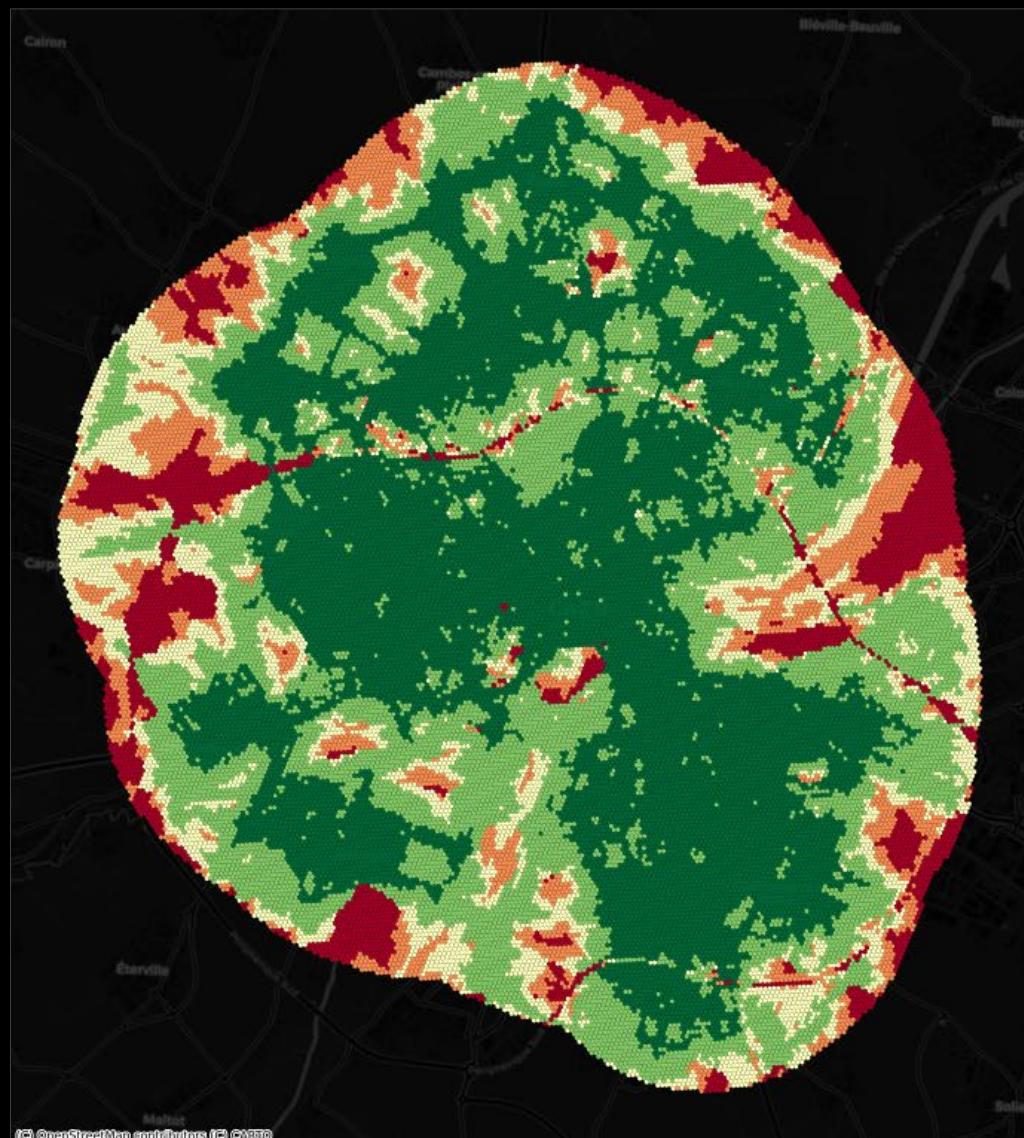


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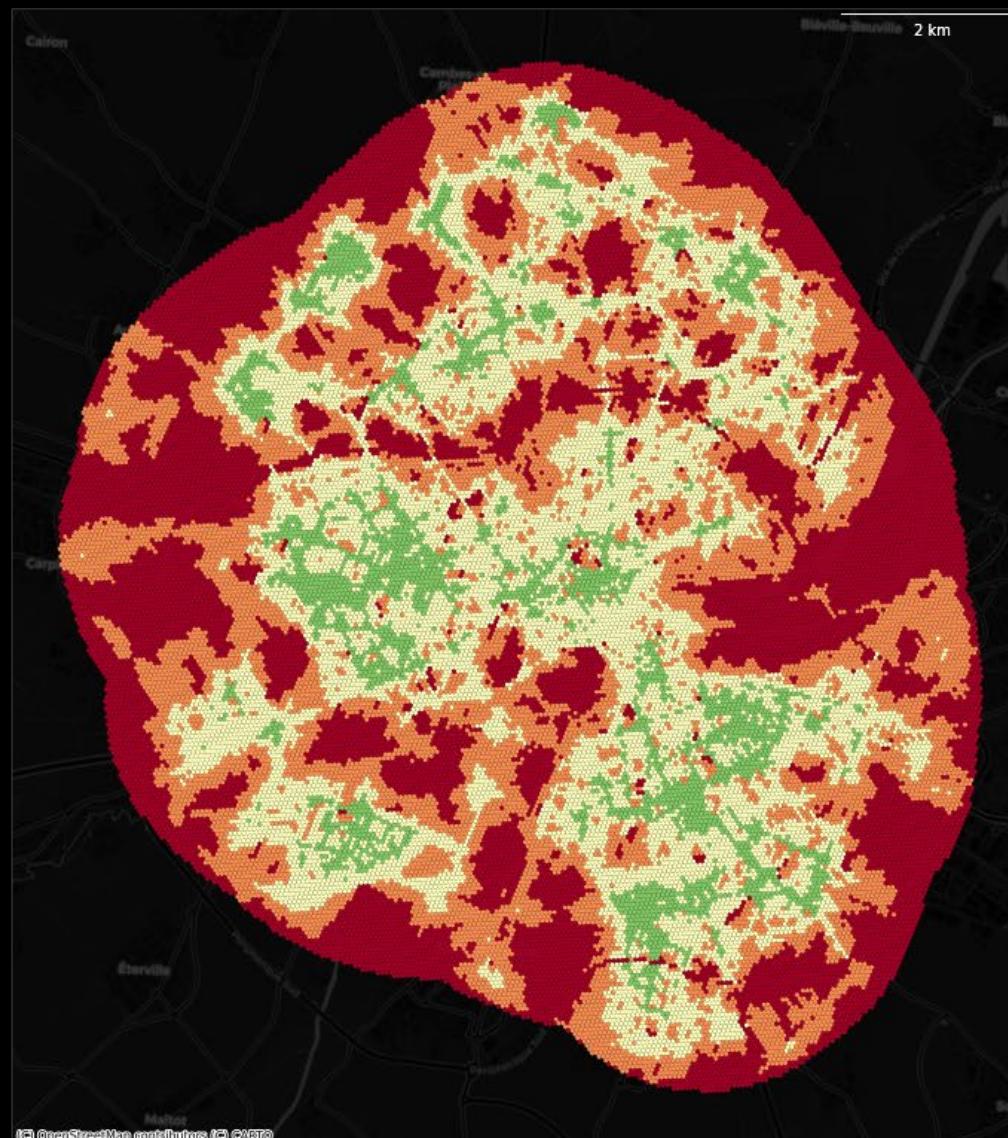
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Results

Accessibility score adults

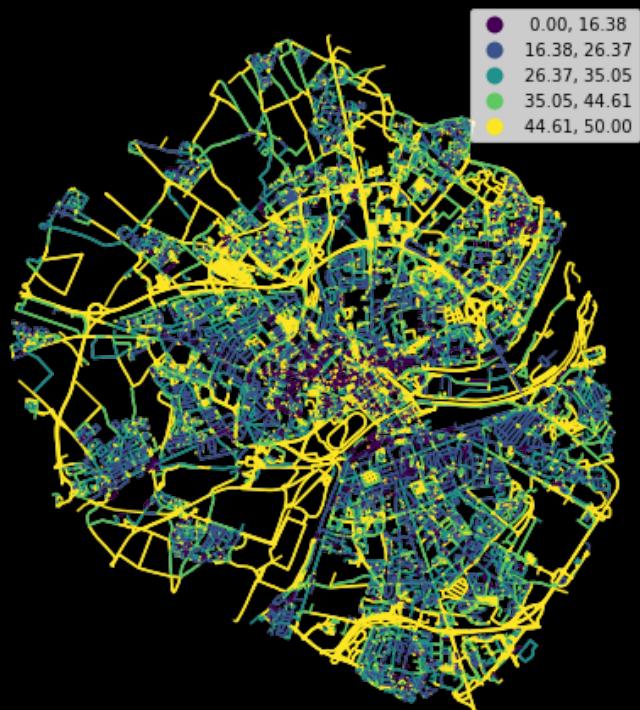


Accessibility score seniors

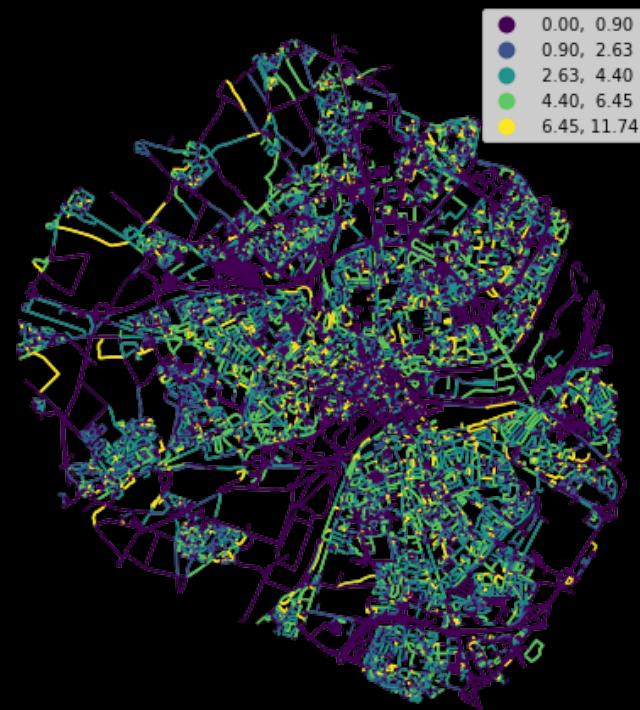


- Very low access
- Low access
- Medium access
- High access
- Very high access

Width



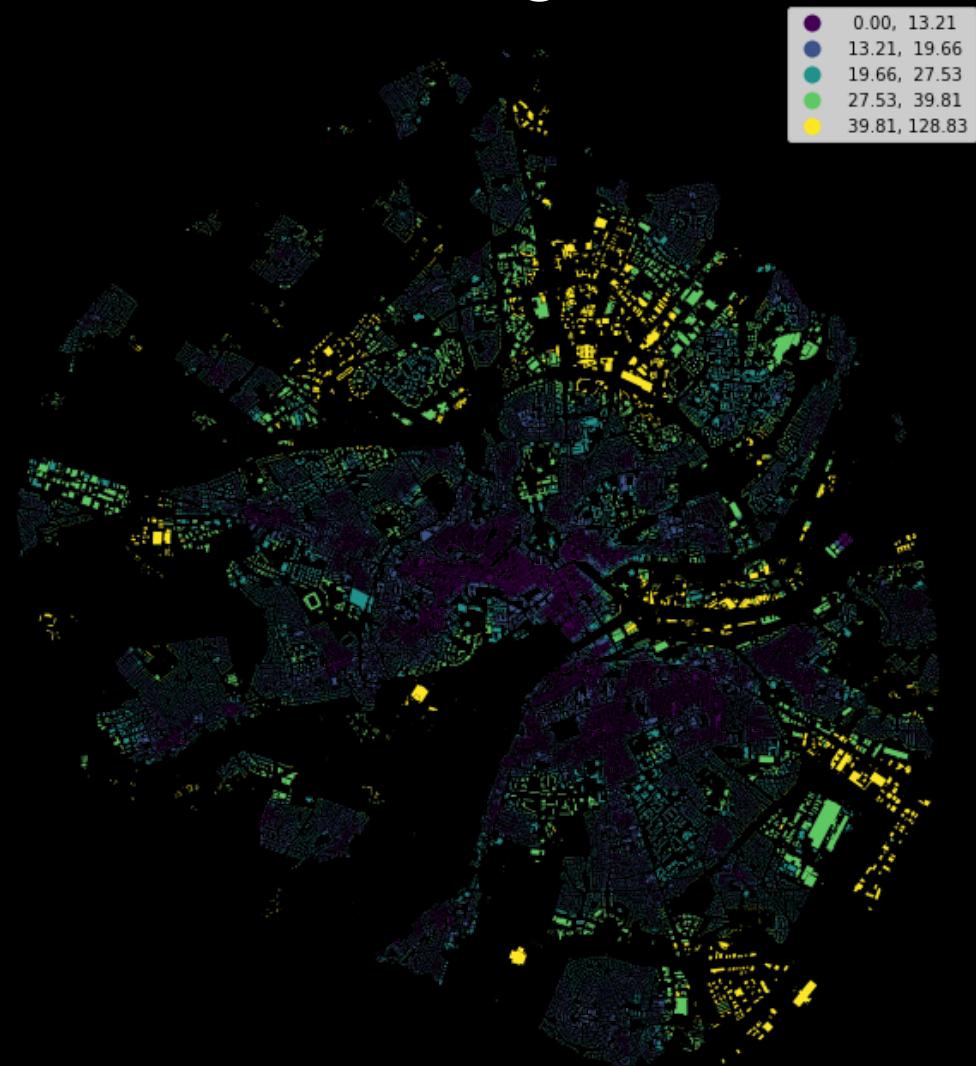
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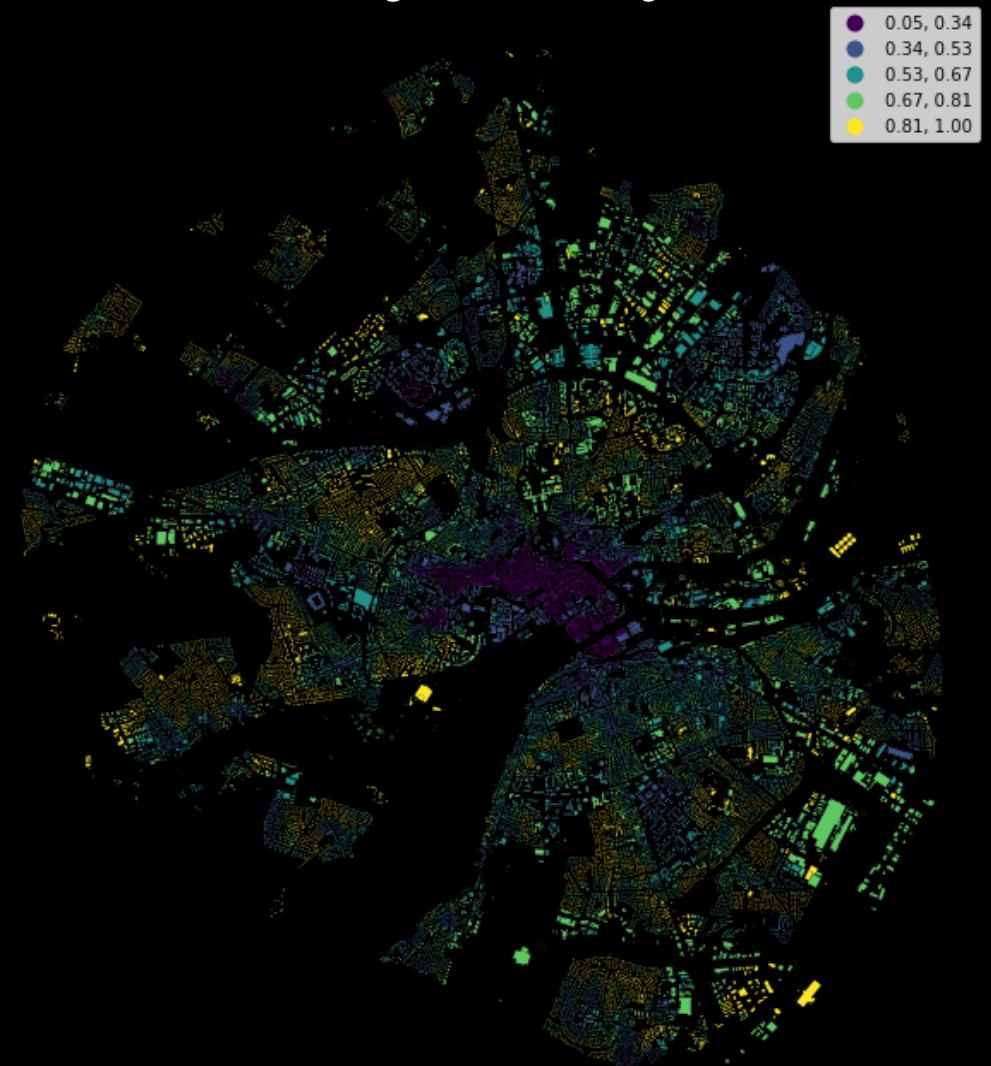
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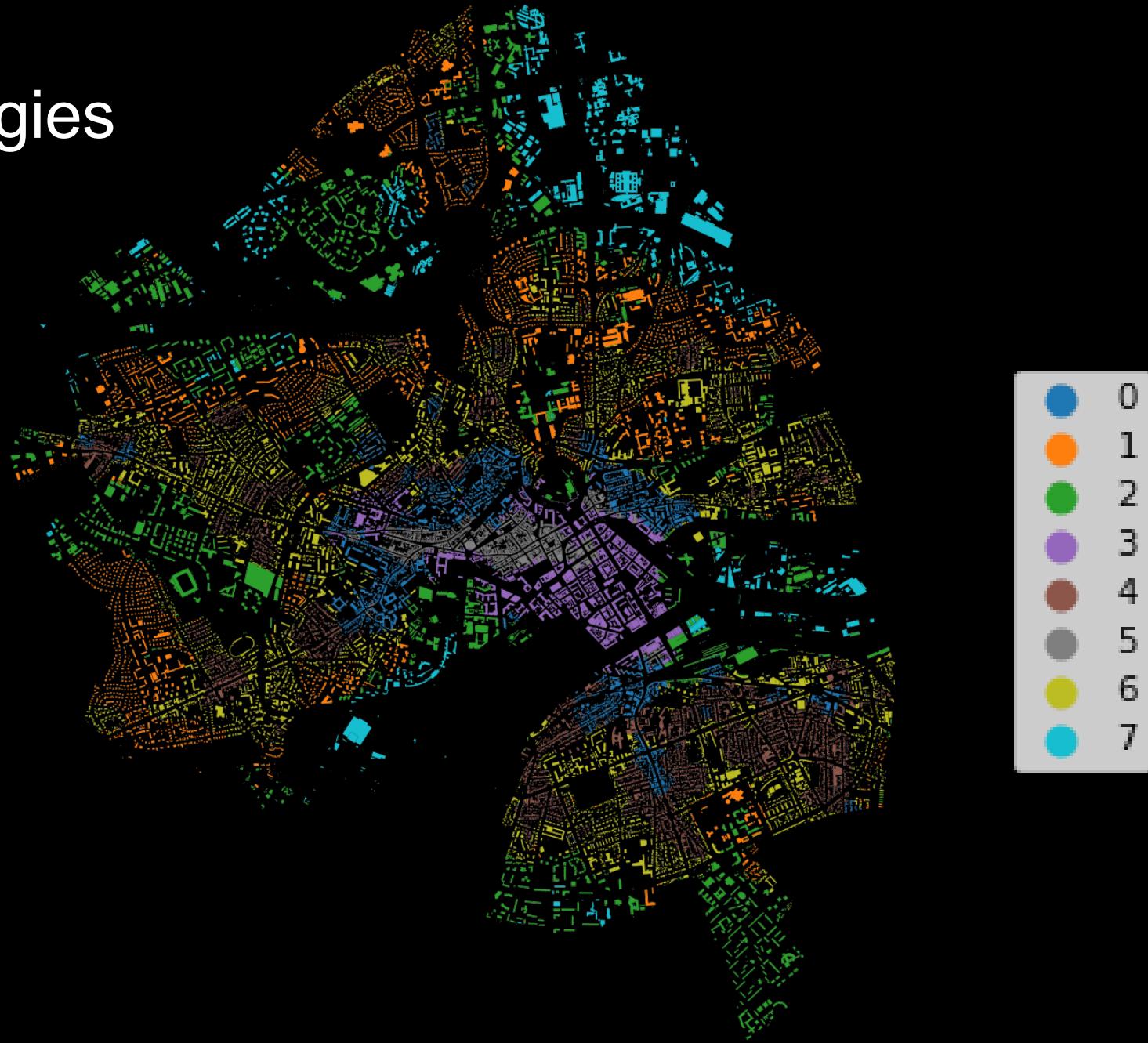
Inter-building distance



Adjacency



Urban typologies



Conclusions & future work

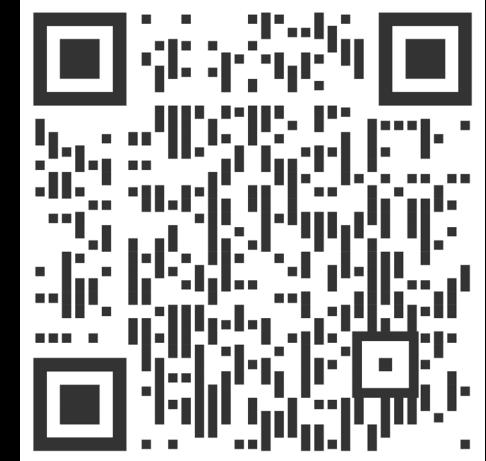
Conclusions & future work

- After a very preliminary exploration, results suggest there is a relationship between accessibility and certain morphometric characters
- Hexagonal tessellation can be a useful tool to standardise analyses across multiple study areas.

Conclusions & future work

- GWR to quantify relationships between accessibility and urban form
- Incorporate amenities as destinations
- Assign weights to amenities based on demographic profiles
- Socioeconomic & land use variables - Dasymetric population
- Deep learning for urban tissue simulation

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