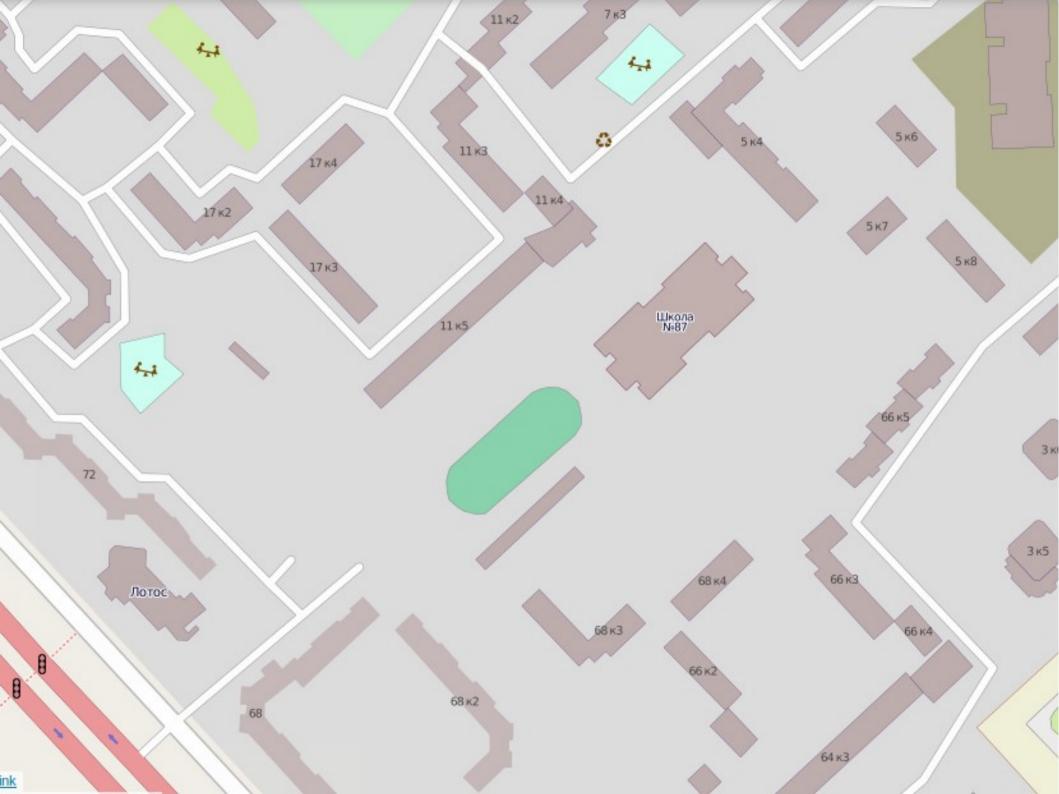
OpenStreetMap address base: ready for prime time?

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The Question

Can OpenStreetMap address database be used to create complete geographic datasets?

Setup

- Creation of data layers for different features
- Large areas (Russia)
- Thousands objects
- Practical applications

You will find answers here for...

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- 2. How much does postprocessing help?
- 3. How is completeness distributed across Russia?
- 4. How good is the quality compared to other geocoders?

...but, nothing about...

- What are the mistakes of geocoding and how it can be improved?
- What is the right scheme for addressing?
- When will OSM take over the world?

Some definitions

Result — correct lat/long for an address

Result ~ data preparation + geocoding + postprocessing

- Data prep make well structured address
- Geocoding find lat/long for it with osm.org.ru
- Postprocessing fix it manually if wrong

Examples

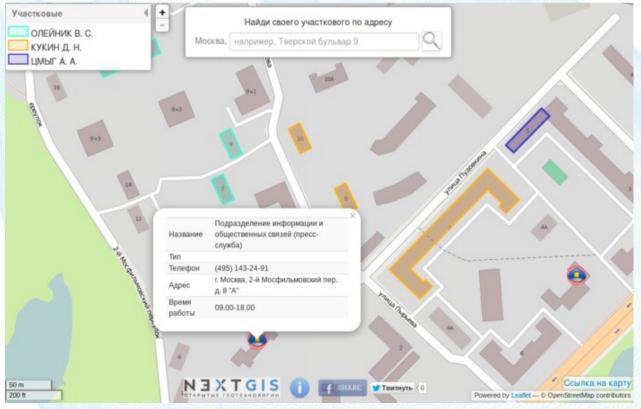
- OpenPolice where are the local cops in Moscow
- Elections where are the voting stations in Moscow
- Orphanages where are the children orphanages in Russia

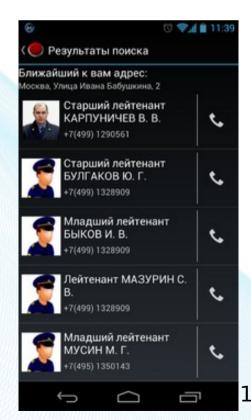
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OpenPolice

- Extract all addresses from 112.ru
- Geocode them
- Relate them to buildings in Moscow to get areas of responsibility

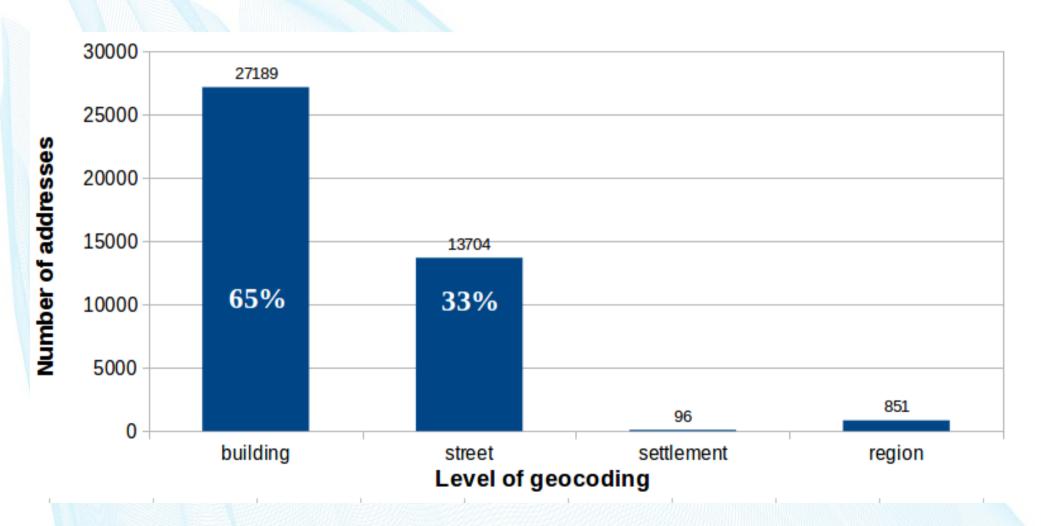




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Results

Total: ~41000 addresses in Moscow

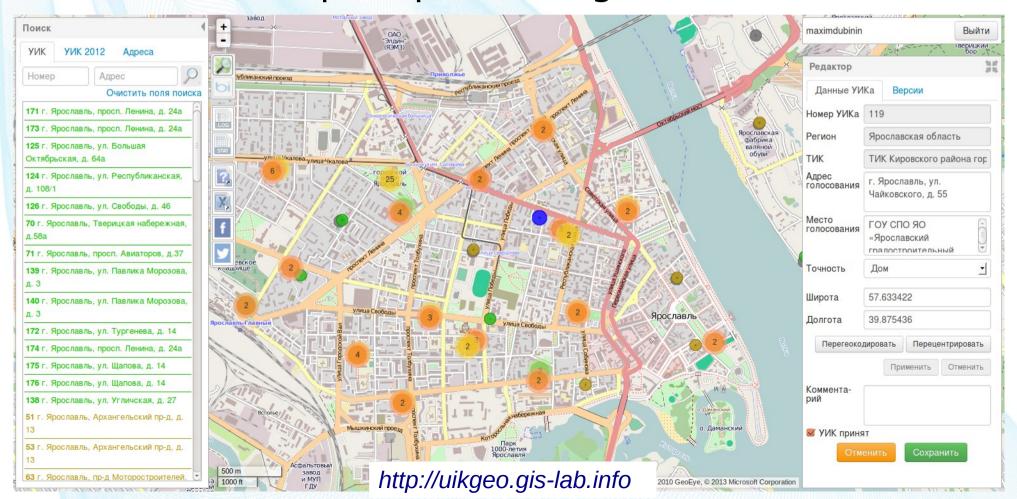


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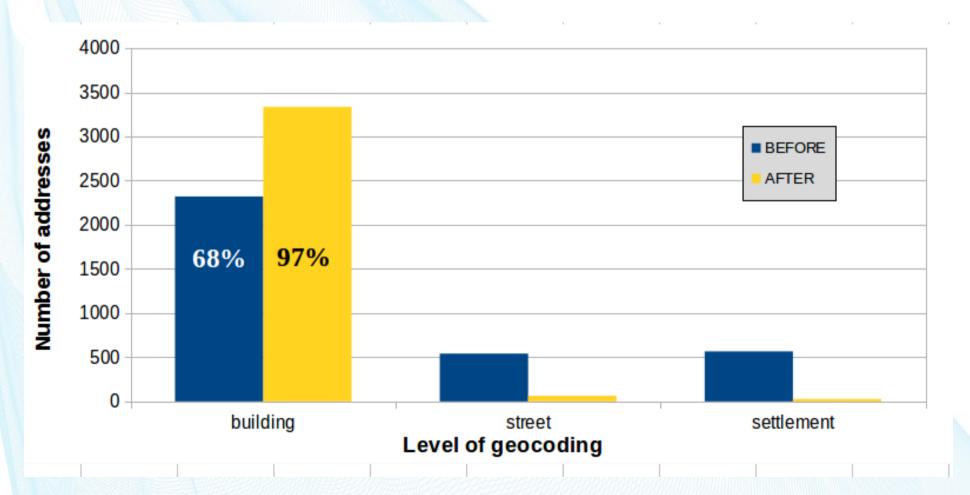
Voting comissions

- Extract all addresses from public database
- Geocode them
- Crowdsource post-processing



Results

- Total: ~3500 addresses in Moscow
- Before post-processing VS after post-processing



Question 3

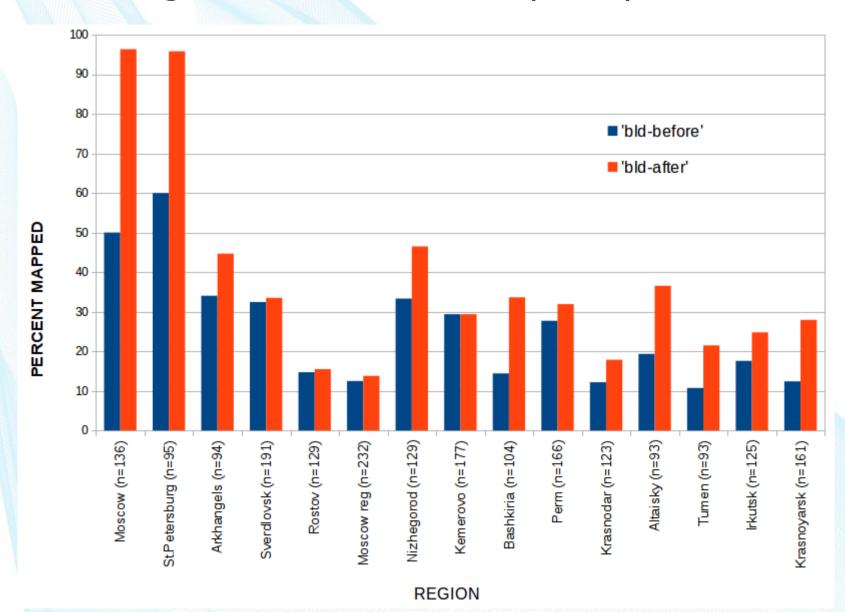
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Orphanages

- Extract all addresses from public database
- Geocode and post-process them
- All regions of Russia, ~5000 orphanages total, mean 50 per region

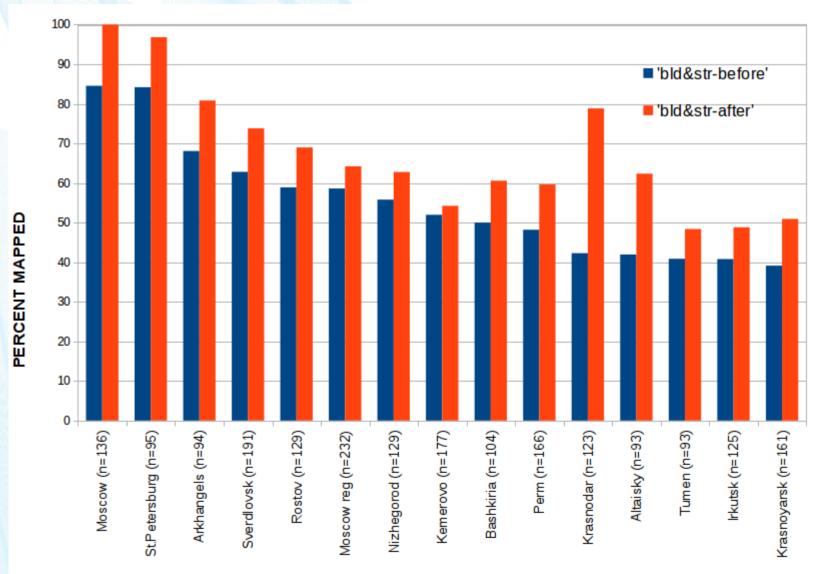
Orphanages

Buildings before and after post-proc, % total



Orphanages

Buildings and streets before and after post-proc,
 % total



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Question 4

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No project, just comparison

- Take few hundreds of addresses in different parts of Russia
- Geocode them with OSM and Yandex
- For each point, assign score: Building = 3,
 street = 2, settlement = 1
- Sum the scores up
- Compare

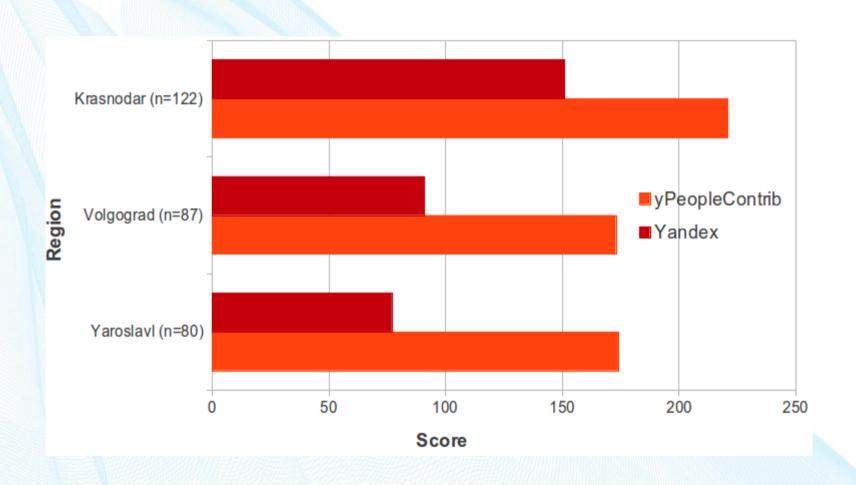
OSM vs Yandex

Summed scores for geocoding accuracy



Yandex

Yandex People's map contribution to total score



How to get better?

- Map more ;)
- Improve automatic geocoding
- Create positive feedback loop with geocoding projects

Sources for this presentation

https://github.com/simgislab/osmaddress-sotmbaltics13