

Bridging the map? Exploring interactions between academic and mapping communities in OSM

An introduction to the Academic Track of State of the Map 2019
The Scientific Committee

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The Academic Track

- **2nd edition** of the track: 20 contributions accepted (18 talks & 6 posters)
- Ranging across **disciplines & topics**:
 - civil engineering, computer science, earth sciences, geography, GIScience, industry, etc.
 - contribution patterns, OSM effects, applications, the OSM community, data quality, etc.

09:00	Bridging the Map? Exploring Interactions between the Academic and Mapping Communities in OpenStreetMap A. Yair Grinberger, Marco Minghini, Levente Juhász, Peter Mooney, Godwin Yeboah
09:30	Lightning Poster Talks Various authors
10:00	Analysis of OSM data through OSM-Notes user posting Toshikazu Seto, Hiroshi Kanasugi, Yuichiro Nishimura
10:30	A novel application of models of species abundance to better understand OpenStreetMap Community structure and interactions Peter Mooney
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	 Towards Scalable Geospatial Remote Sensing for Efficient OSM Labeling Rui Zhang, Marcus Freitag, Conrad Albrecht, Siyuan Lu, Wei Zhang
12:00	Estimating latent energy demand of buildings Nikola Mlijević-Dupont, Peter-Paul Pichler, Lynn H. Kaack, Steffen Lohrey, Felix Creutzig
12:30	Client-side route planning: preprocessing the OpenStreetMap road network for Routable Tiles Harm Delva, Jullán Andrés Rojas Meléndez, Ben Abelshausen, Pieter Colpaert, Ruben Verborgh

14:00	Intrinsic assessment of OpenStreetMap contribution patterns through Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis Marco Minghini, Daniele Oxilli, Francesco Frassinelli, Maria Antonia Brovelli
14:30	Corporate Editors in the Evolving Landscape of OpenStreetMap: A Close Investigation of the Impact to the Map & Community Jennings Anderson, Diplo Sarkar, Leysia Palen
15:00	Exploring the Effects of Pokémon Go Vandalism on OpenStreetMap Levente Juhász, Hartwig Hochmaier, Sen Qiao, Tessel Novack
15:30	Analyzing the spatio-temporal patterns and impacts of large-scale data production events in OpenStreetMap A. Yair Grinberger, Moritz Schott, Martin Raifer, Rafael Trollo, Alexander Zipf
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	Development after Displacement: Using OSM data to measure SDG indicators at informal settlements Jamon Van Den Hoek, Hannah Friedrich, Anna Ballasiotes, David Wrathall
17:00	Analysis of OpenStreetMap data quality at different stages of a participatory mapping process: Evidence from informal urban settings Godwin Yeboah, Rafael Trollo, Vangelis Pitidis, João Porto de Albuquerque
17:30	Assessing the Completeness of Urban Green Spaces in OpenStreetMap Christina Ludwig, Robert Hecht, Sven Lautenbach

Bridging the Map

- **OSM research community:**
 - Has a stable base
 - Very diverse
 - Still developing
- Integration into the OSM **community:**
 - OSM-Science list since January 2017
 - The Academic Track
- Integration also happens in other manners
- This talk studies the extent of this and its effects

	2018	2019
Submissions	36	41
Accepted abstracts	12 talks + 10 posters	18 talks + 6 posters
Total number of authors	62	70
Abstracts with co-authors from more than one country	5 (22%)	9 (45%)
Total number of countries	15	12
Authors contributing both in 2018 and 2019	12	

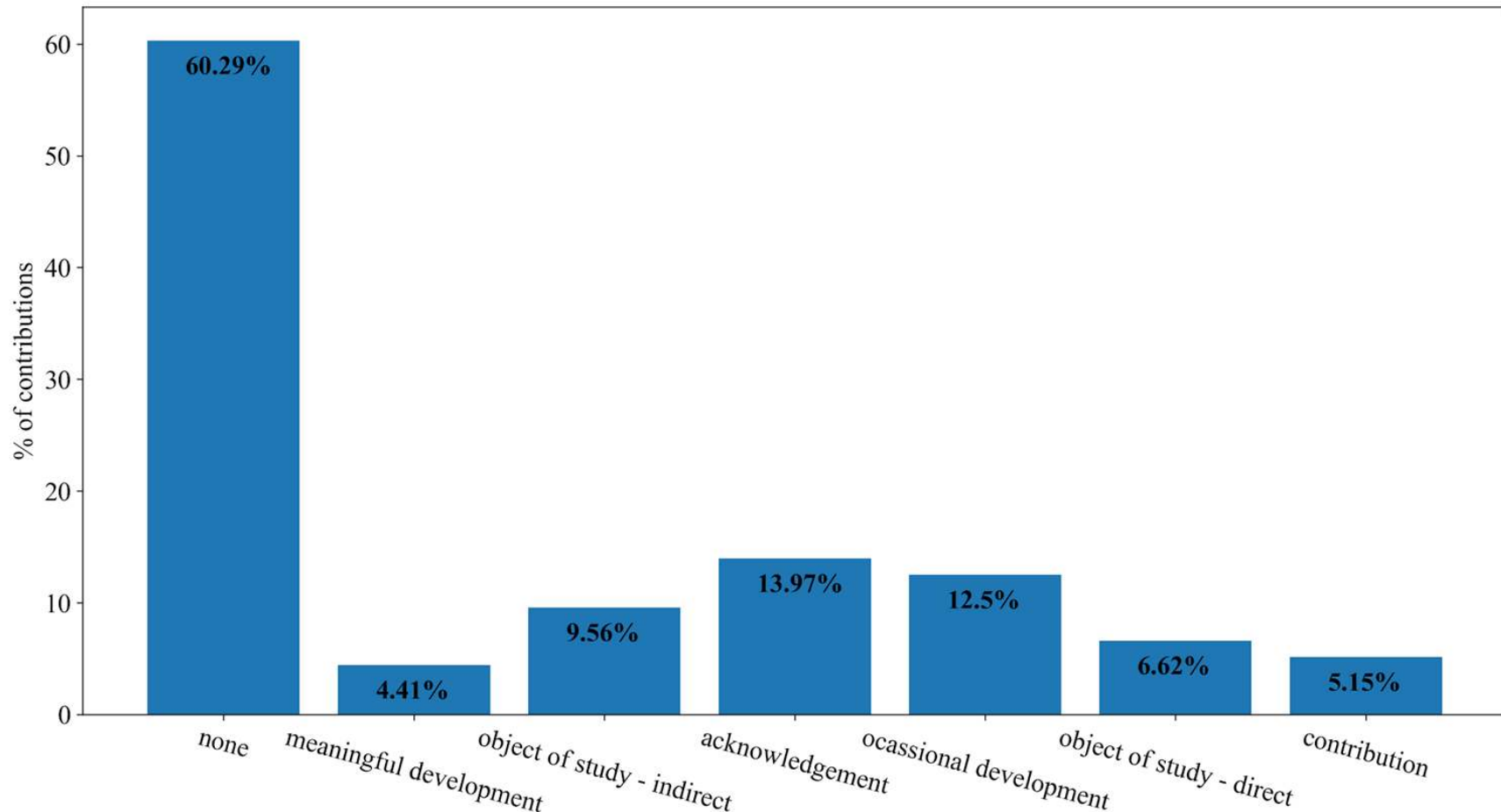
Community engagement and OSM research

- The positivist notion of the researcher's objectivity is contested today
- **Scientific knowledge** is seen to be:
 - Value-laden (Khun, 1962)
 - Constructed through interactions (Latour & Woolgar, 1979)
- OSM is open to different levels of interaction
- This makes OSM to susceptible to various **scientific interpretations**
- **Research questions:**
 - In which manners does OSM research engages with OSM?
 - What are the relations between engagement and conceptualizations of OSM?
 - How do engagement and perspective affect OSM research?
 - Where, when, and how should OSM research seek engagement with the mapping community?

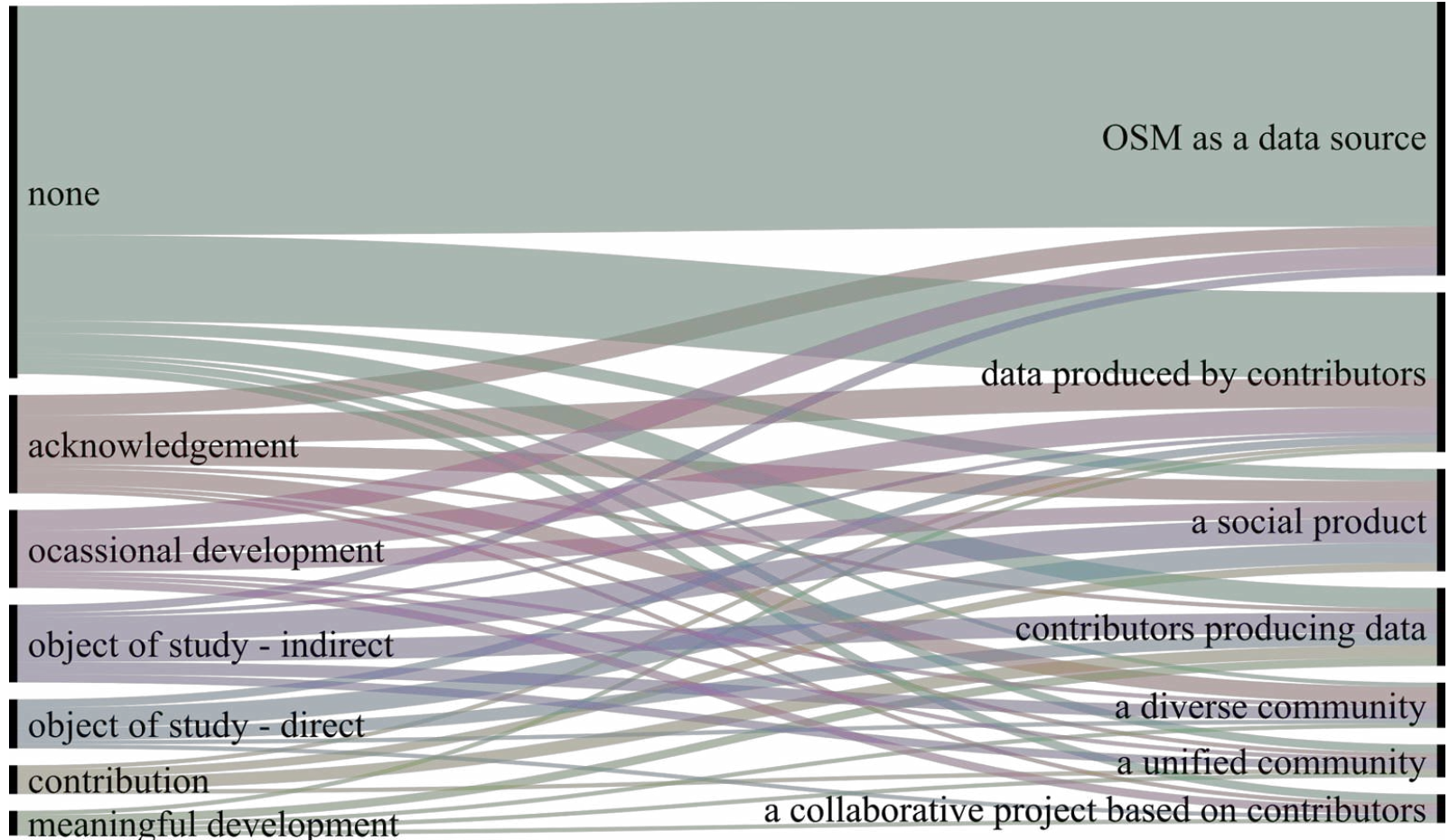
Method and Data

- **Paper review:**
 - Collection of 181 publications from 2016-2019 containing the words *OpenStreetMap* or *OSM* in the title
 - Manual classification of 136 items across multiple categories
- **Authors' self-reflections** on their personal experiences
- **10 interviews** of researchers using/relating to OSM in their studies:
 - Conceptualization of OSM
 - OSM research and interaction history
 - Views towards the future

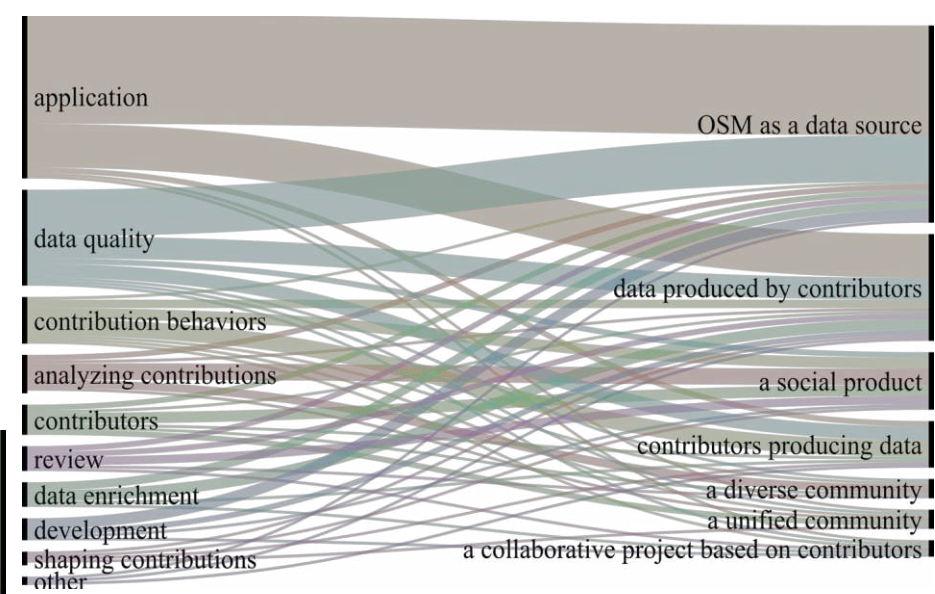
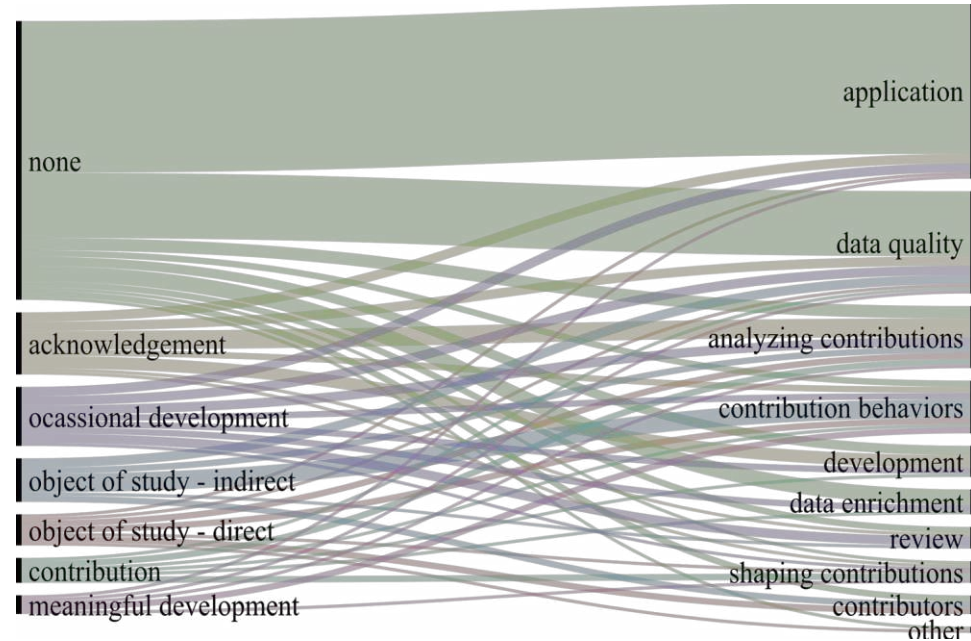
How does research engage with OSM?



Engagement and Conceptualization



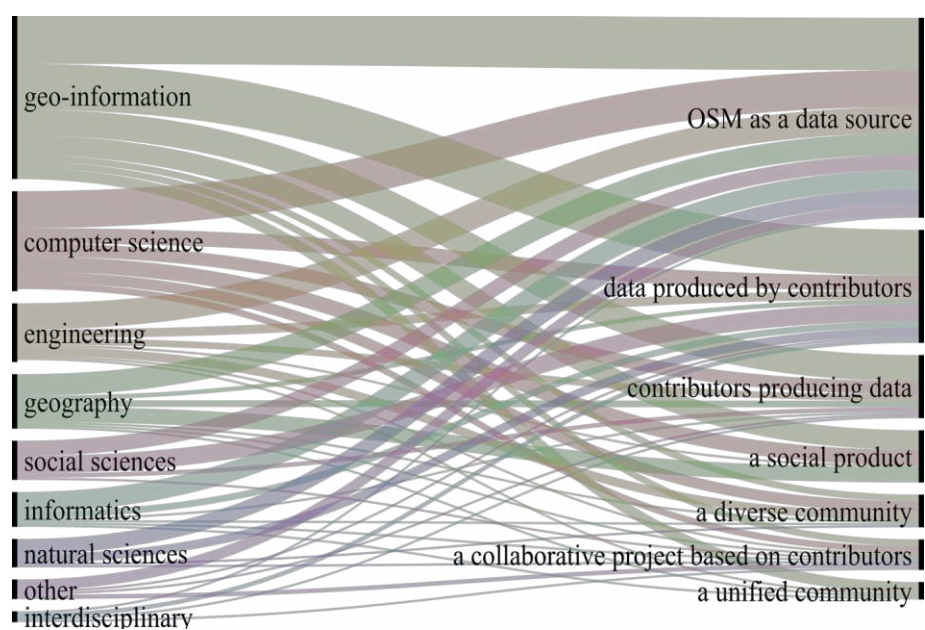
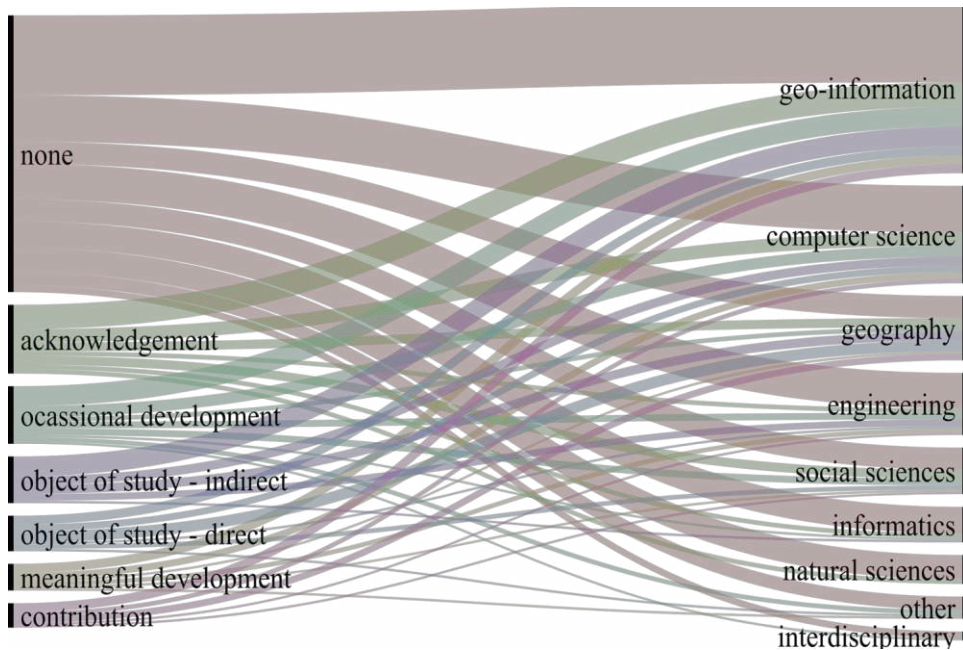
Engagement , perspectives, research



- Application and data quality \Leftrightarrow no engagement/data-centric view
- Behavior, contributions, contributors \Leftrightarrow engagement/contributors/community
- Data enrichment \Leftrightarrow no engagement

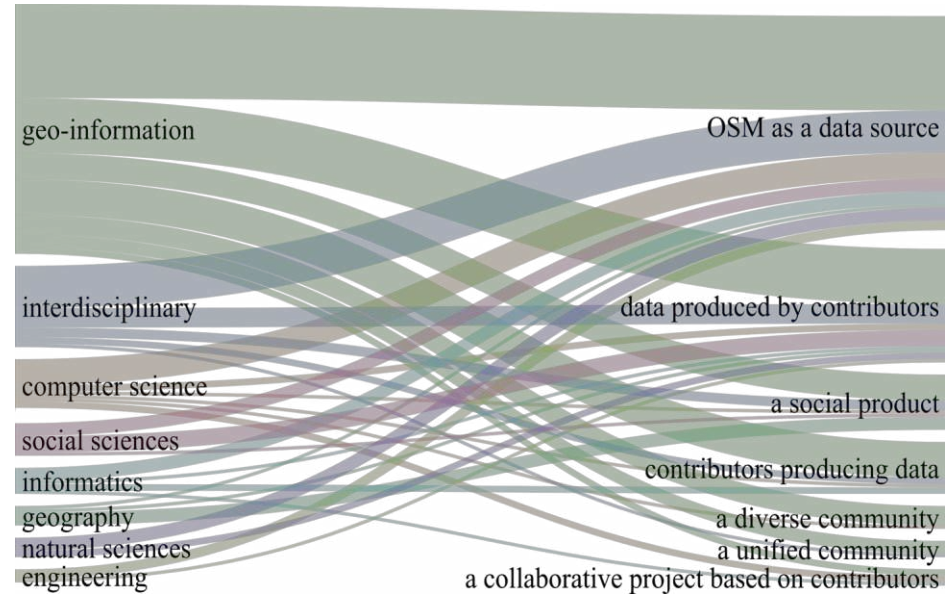
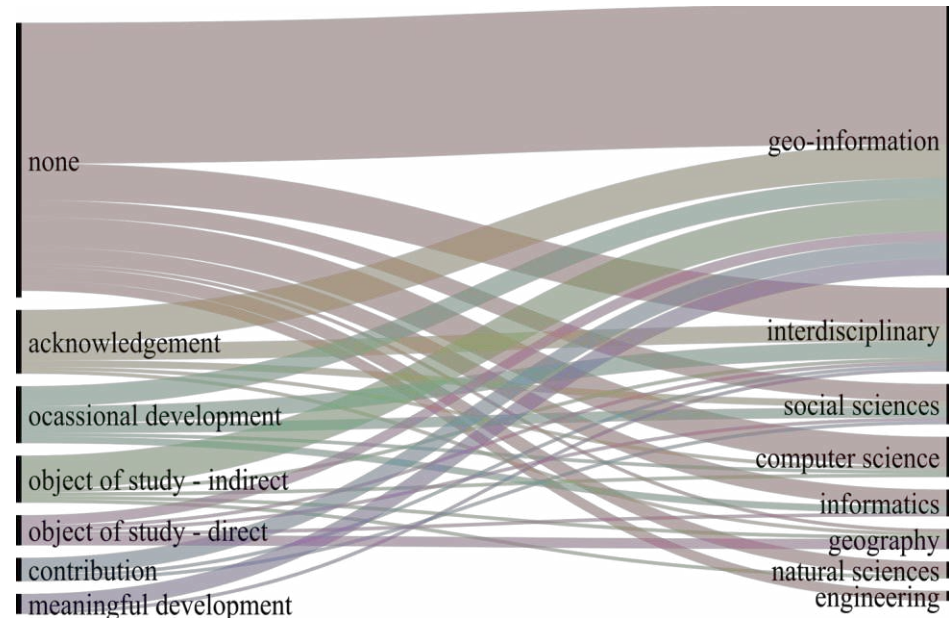
Place for engagement

(Authors' disciplines)



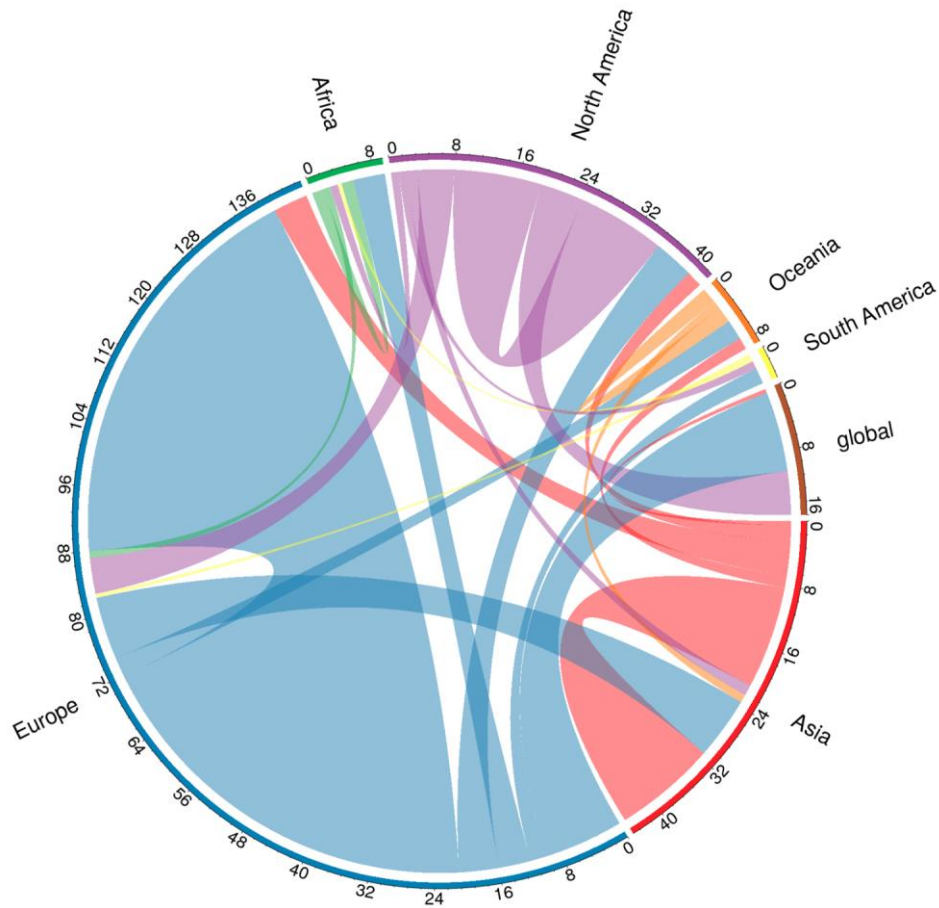
- **Engagement:**
 - Evident in more “social” fields
 - **Exceptions** - geo-information, computer science
- **Perspective:** not conclusive

Place for engagement (Journals' disciplines)



- **Engagement:**
 - Similar to authors' disciplines
 - **Exception:** computer science
- **Perspective:**
 - Geography ↔ social product
 - Informatics/nat. sciences/eng. ↔ data centric perspectives

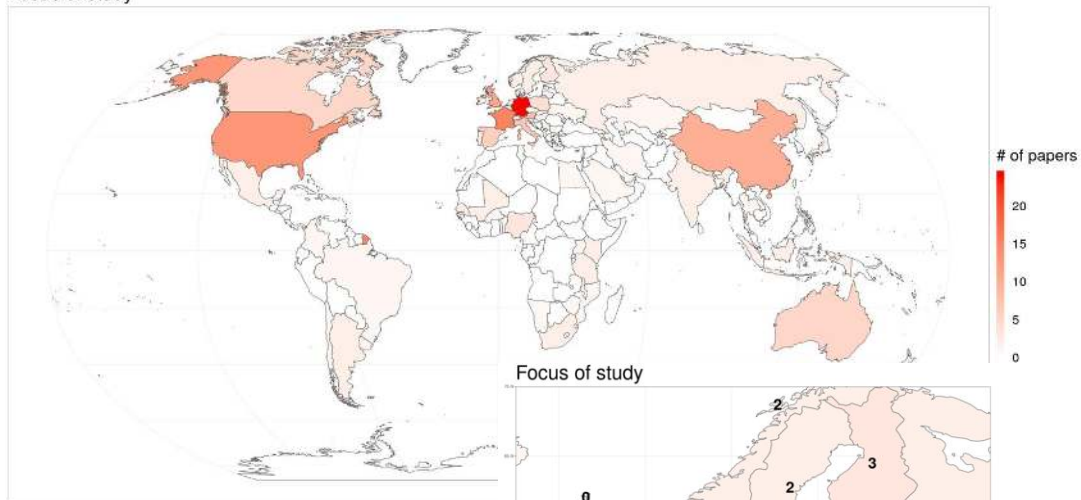
Place for engagement (Authors' origins and study areas)



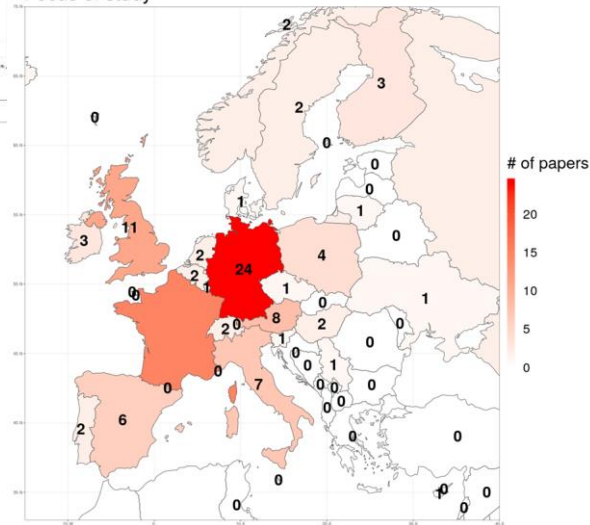
Place for engagement (Study areas)

	Study area	#of papers
1	Germany	24
2	global	16
3	France	15
4	not applicable	15
5	USA	13

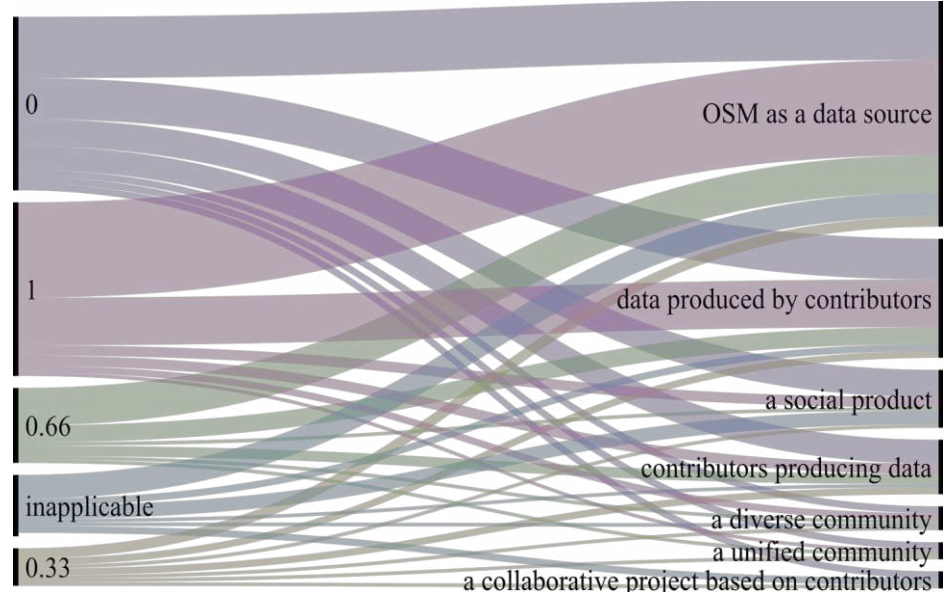
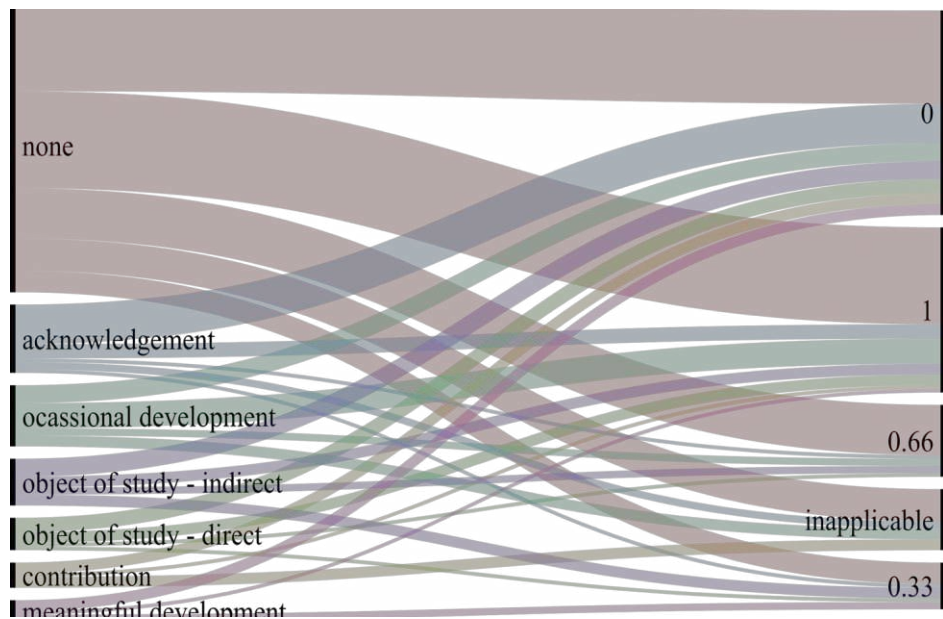
Focus of study



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Place for engagement (Geographical relations)



- Most cases – **away (0) or at home (1)**
- Engagement - nothing conclusive
- **Perspective:**
 - Data-centric perspective more dominant
“closer to home” (0.66+1)

Digging deeper into engagement

- **Personal reflections and interviews** as a means towards causality
- Initial insights:
 - More **engagement** => more complex **understanding**:
 - OSM Academic - potentially limited understanding
 - Academic to Mapper - developing understanding
 - Mapper to Academic - rich understanding
 - **First contact** is important in shaping view of the community
 - Contacts shape **engagement** and feedback loops
 - **Dual personalities** – how consciously does each ‘role’ affects the other? And to what extent?
 - Less engagement => greater openness for significant modifications of OSM

Conclusions - Paths for bridging the map?

- OSM is perceived and engaged in multiple ways, most cases - in the simplest manner.
- Evidence for **meaningful relations**:
 - Topics and engagement
 - Academic background and engagement/perspective
 - The orientation of publication outlets adversely affecting communication?
 - Geographical relations and engagement
 - First contact and engagement
- Engagement affects critical review of OSM assumptions?
- Where can OSM research **improve**:
 - Work **outside comfort zones** – geographically and discipline-wise
 - **Raising awareness** to the complexity of OSM in more technical fields
 - Increasing **communication with the mapping community**
 - Studying **mapping community views** on research

Communicating our results



- SotM 2019 **Academic Track Proceedings**:
 - Fitting with scientific standards
 - Openly accessible to everyone (CC BY (4.0
- **Special issue**:
 - *"OpenStreetMap as a multi-disciplinary nexus: Perspectives, Practices and Procedures"*
 - Meant to shed light on the relations between crowds, real-world applications, technological developments, and scientific research
 - Will offer Open Access fee waivers and/or discounts - accessible to the community
- Keeping the **OSM-science mailing list** active and vibrant, sharing in other lists?

