

# ‘LOCATING THE GEOSOCIAL TOWN’

Spazi digitali e nuove rappresentazioni urbane attraverso l’utilizzo di  
VGI, OPEN GEODATA & (SPATIAL) BIG DATA

### ❑ **Domanda:**

se e in che modo l'utilizzo della Crowdsourced Geographic Information possa determinare un arricchimento delle informazioni in ambito urbano

→ **landscapes of Cyberspace**

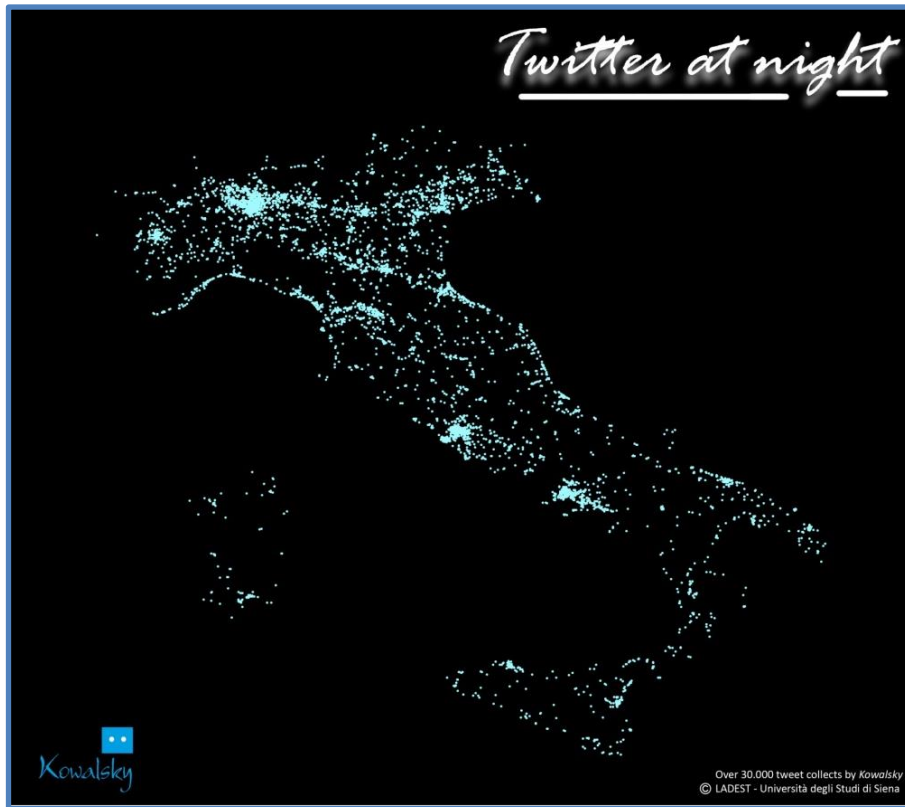
→ **Internet come Trama della nostra quotidianità (M. Castells)**

### ❑ **Caso studio:**

Comune di Firenze

### ❑ **Metodologia:**

- ✓ Open Geodata presenti sul portale “[opendata.comune.fi.it](http://opendata.comune.fi.it)”;
  - sezioni di censimento Istat;
- ✓ i contributi geo-tagati dagli utenti in 1 anno → VGI  
(Wikipedia, Twitter, Flickr, Instagram --- Openstreetmap)
- ✓ Hot-spot analysis
- ✓ Distance decay



**Data based geography**

30.000 Tweets collects by Kowasky  
1 night

*The Earth from space - NASA*



**r= 0.75**

*Brightest areas of ITALY are the most urbanized*

- **Location → Where?** →
- **Locale → Shape of space** →
- **Sense of Place → Emotional** →  
*AGNEW J. (1987)*

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- **World Wide Web (1991)**  
TIM BERNERS LEE:

***'The Web is more a social creation than a technical one.'***  
*It was designed for a social effect to help people work together*

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- **WEB 1.0 -> WEB 2.0 (2004)**  
TIM O'REALLY

*personal website* ----->*blogging*  
*Britannica Online* ----->*Wikipedia*  
*Ofoto* ----->*Flickr*  
*Content management systems* ----->*wikis*  
*directories (taxonomy)* -----> *tagging ("folksonomy")*



OPEN GEODATA

WIKIPEDIA (geowiki)

OSM

Coordinate

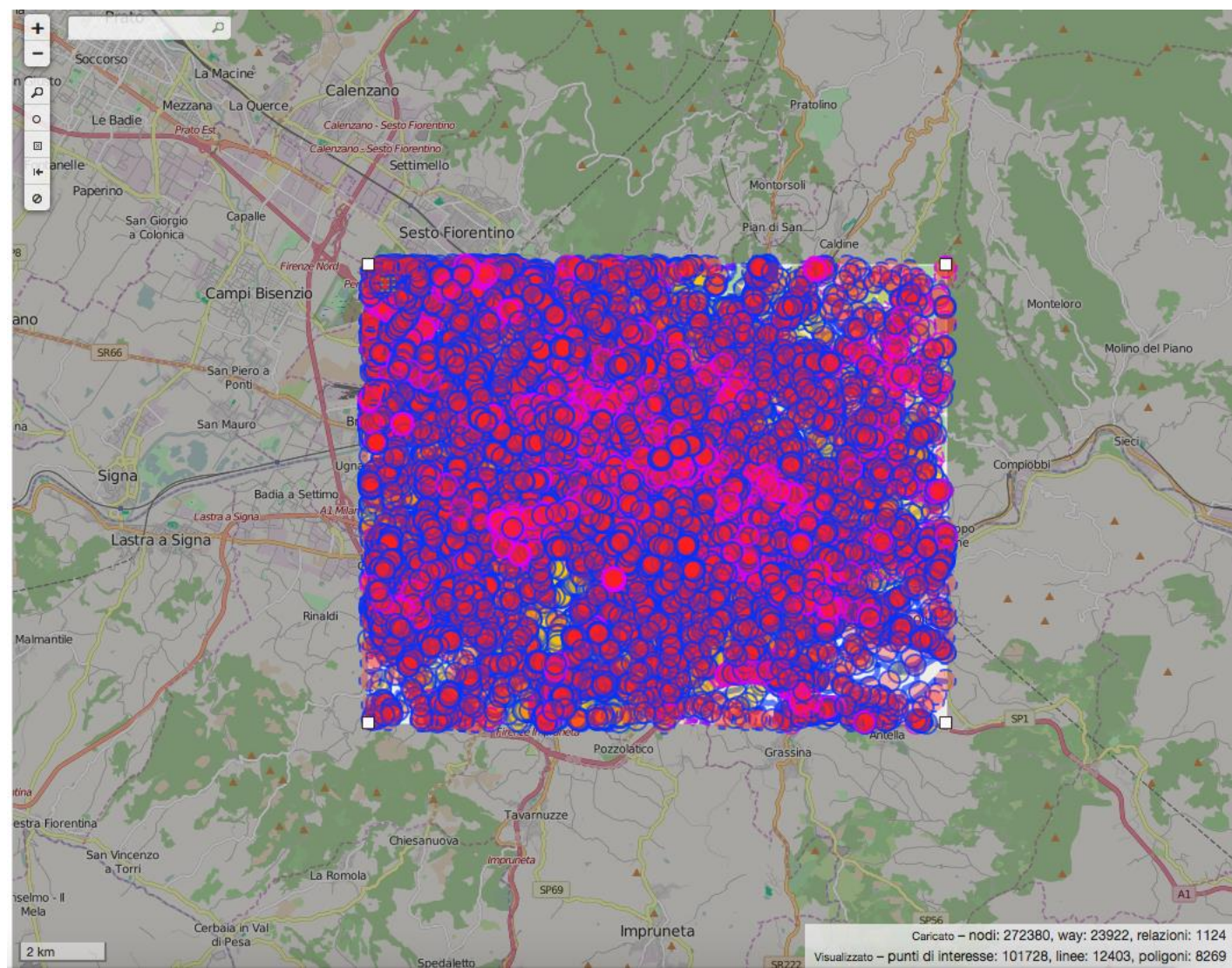
FIRENZE (IT):72933 visite negli ultimi 3 mesi

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**VETTORI**  
**101.728 POI**  
**12.403 Linee**  
**8.209 Poligoni**







Catasto 0.72%

Cultura 0.72%

Ambiente 12%

[datigis.comune.fi.it](http://datigis.comune.fi.it)

Turismo 3.60%

Attività Economiche 2.5%

Uso Suolo 1%

Urbanistica 20%

Strade 0.3%

Sezioni cens. 1.44%



## IL PALINSESTO DEL LUOGO 2.0



# USER GENERATED DATA 2.0

SOCIAL GEODATA → LANDSCAPES OF CYBERSPACE? DIGIPLACE?





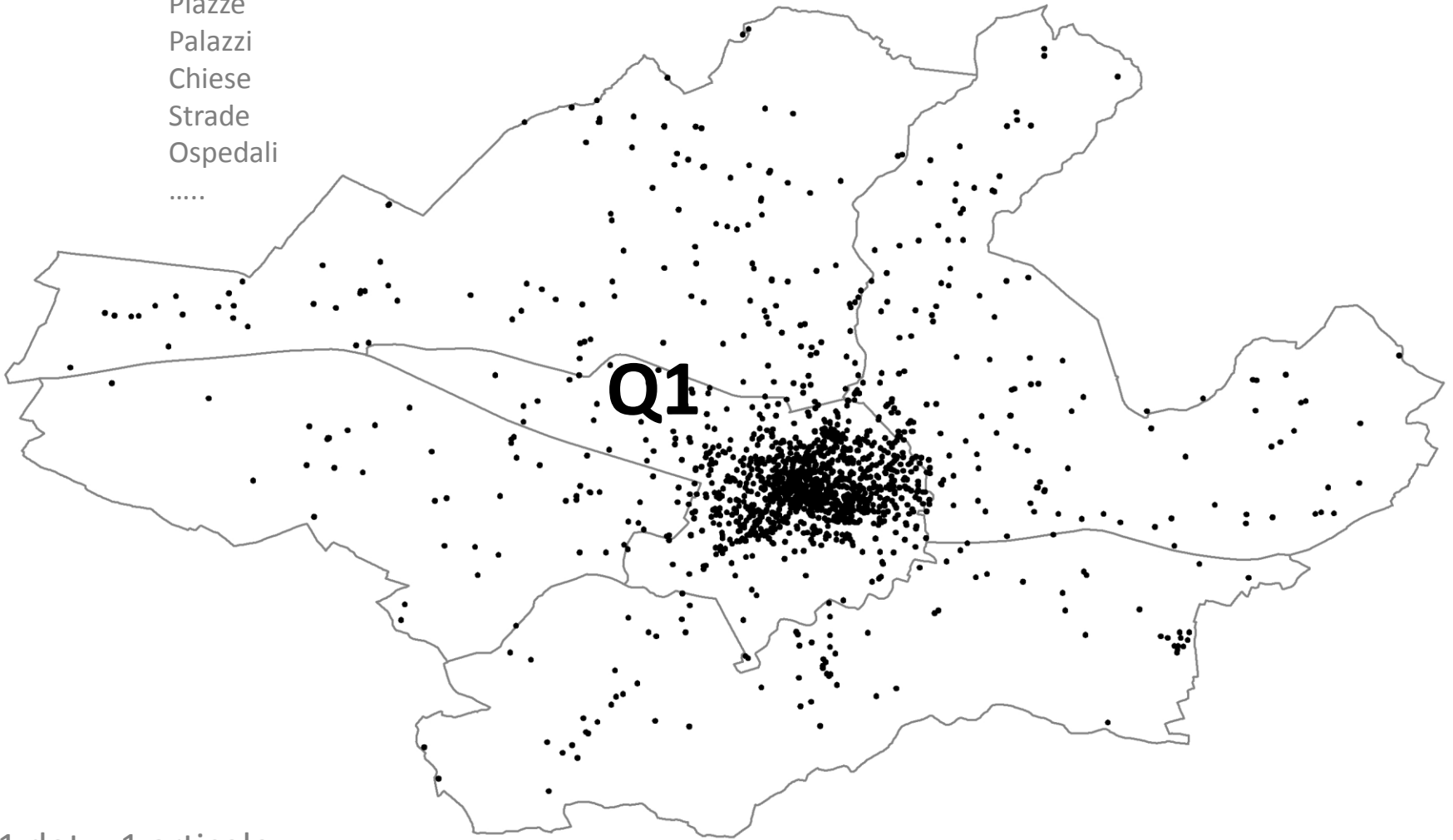


Location

1.500 GEOWIKI

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- Hotel
- Ville
- Piazze
- Palazzi
- Chiese
- Strade
- Ospedali
- .....

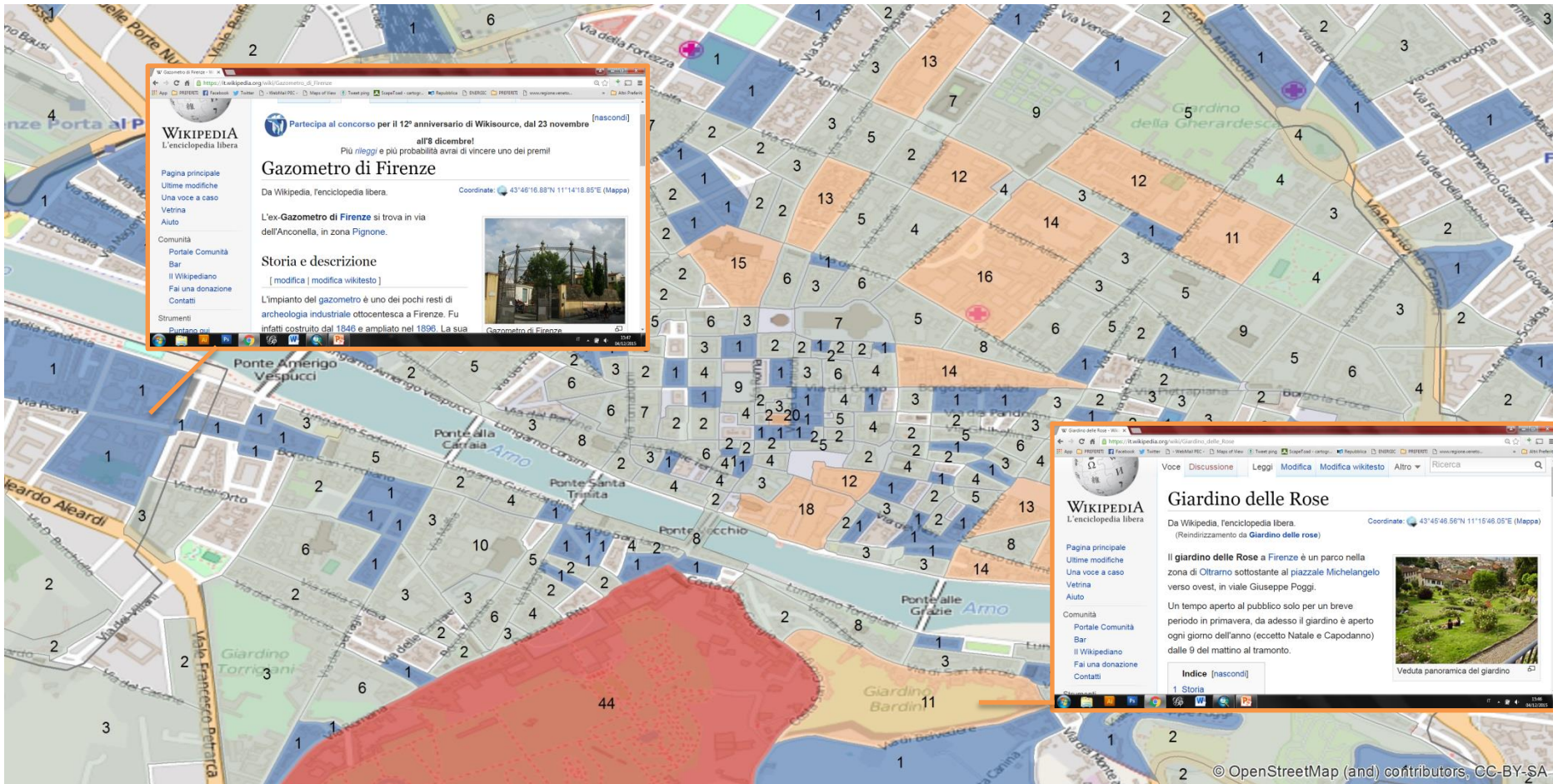


1 dot = 1 articolo



- Location
- Sense of Place

# OPEN GEODATA + USC GEODATA



Sezioni Censimento Firenze

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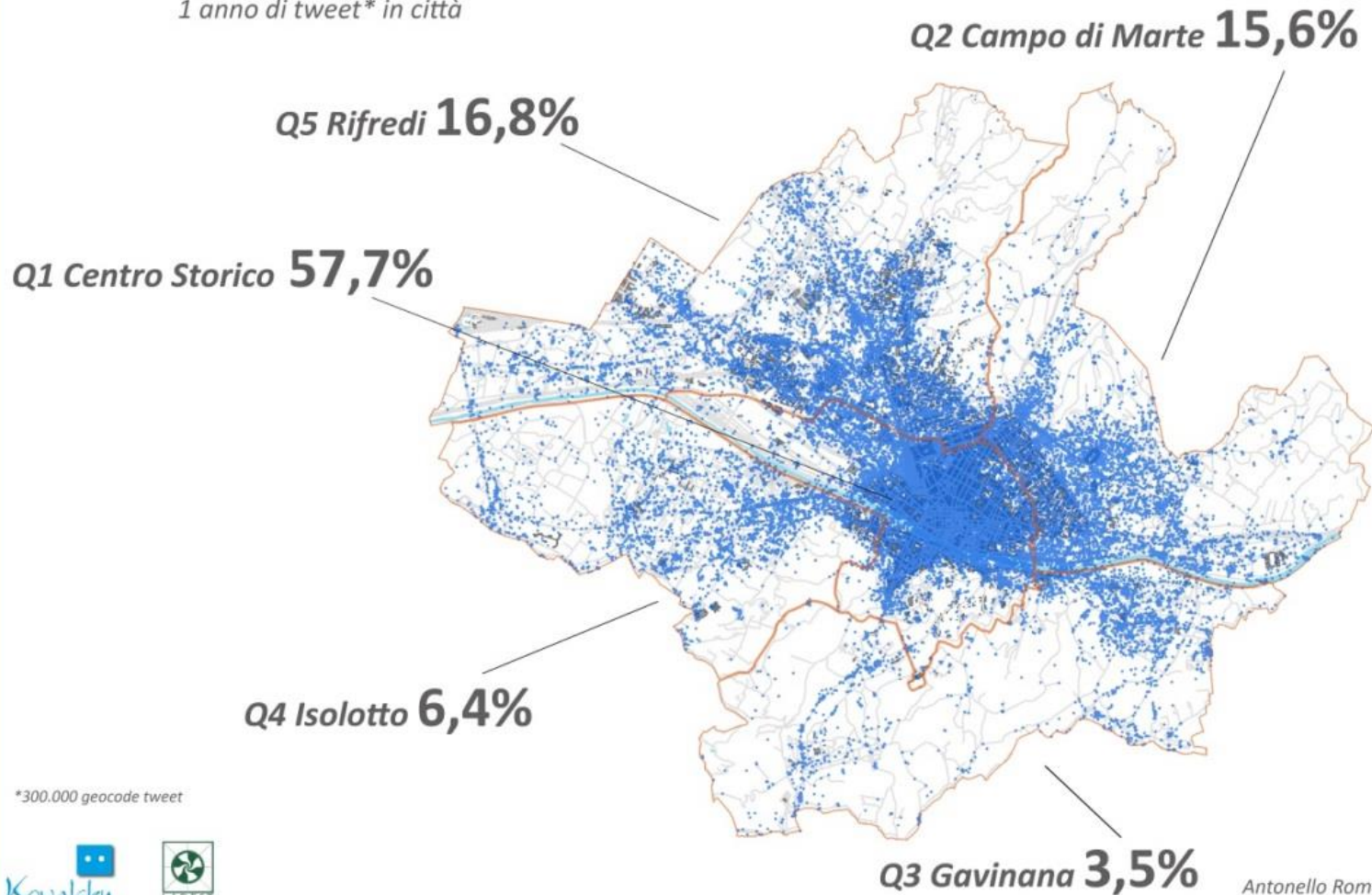




300.000 TWEET IN UN ANNO

# Tweeting in Firenze

1 anno di tweet\* in città



\*300.000 geocode tweet



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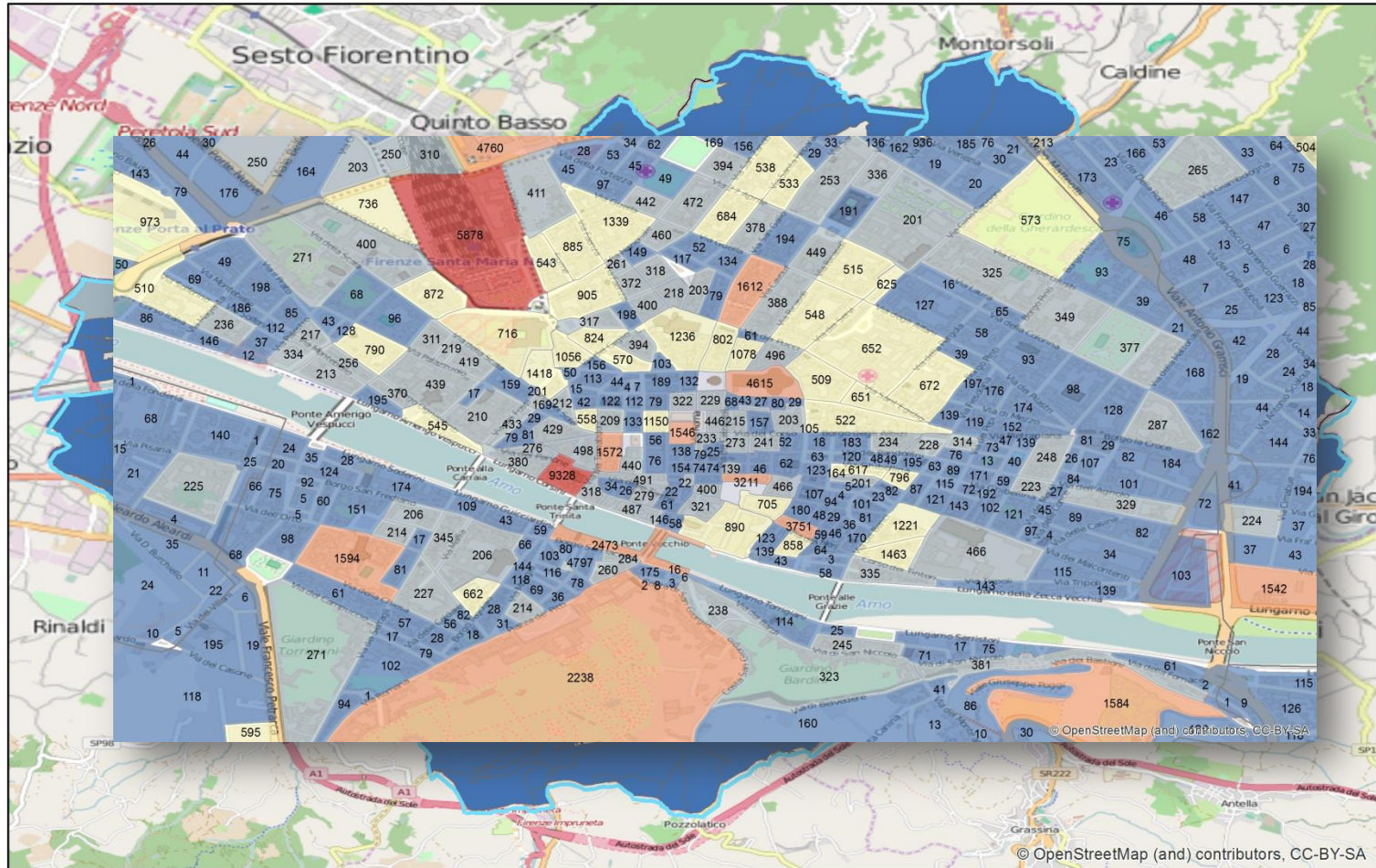
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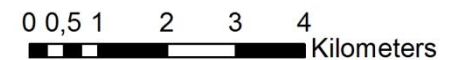
Location

300.000 TWEET IN UN ANNO

Tweet  
Numerosità



1:92.000

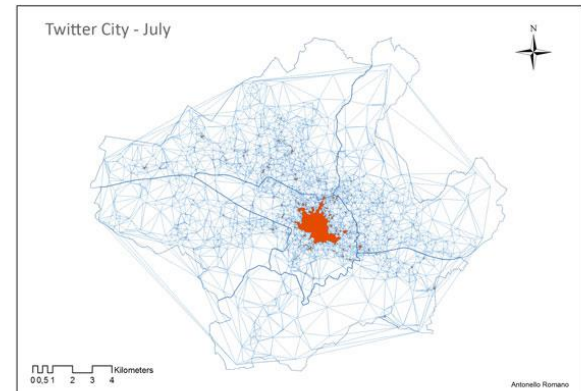
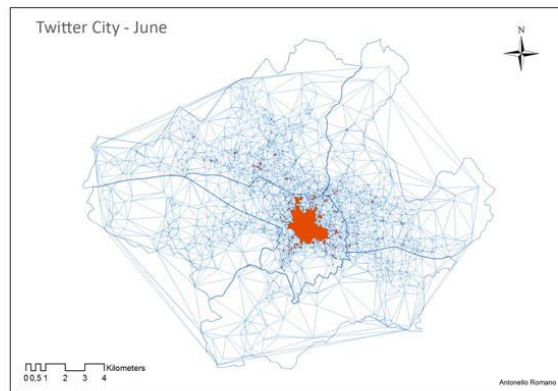
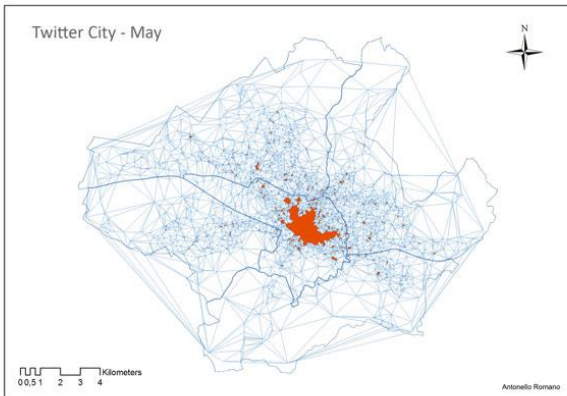
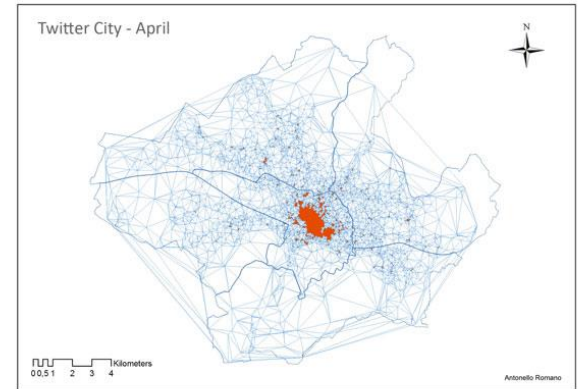
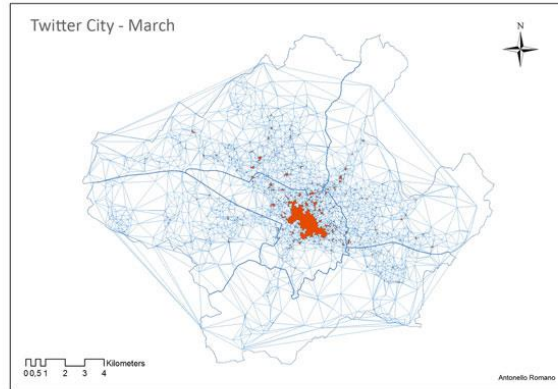
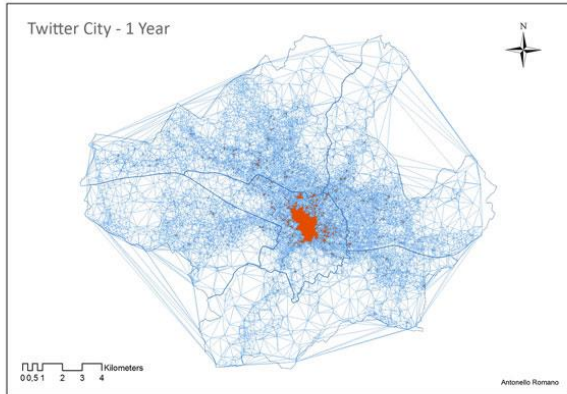




TWITTER



- Location
- Local?



# Twitter City - Florence

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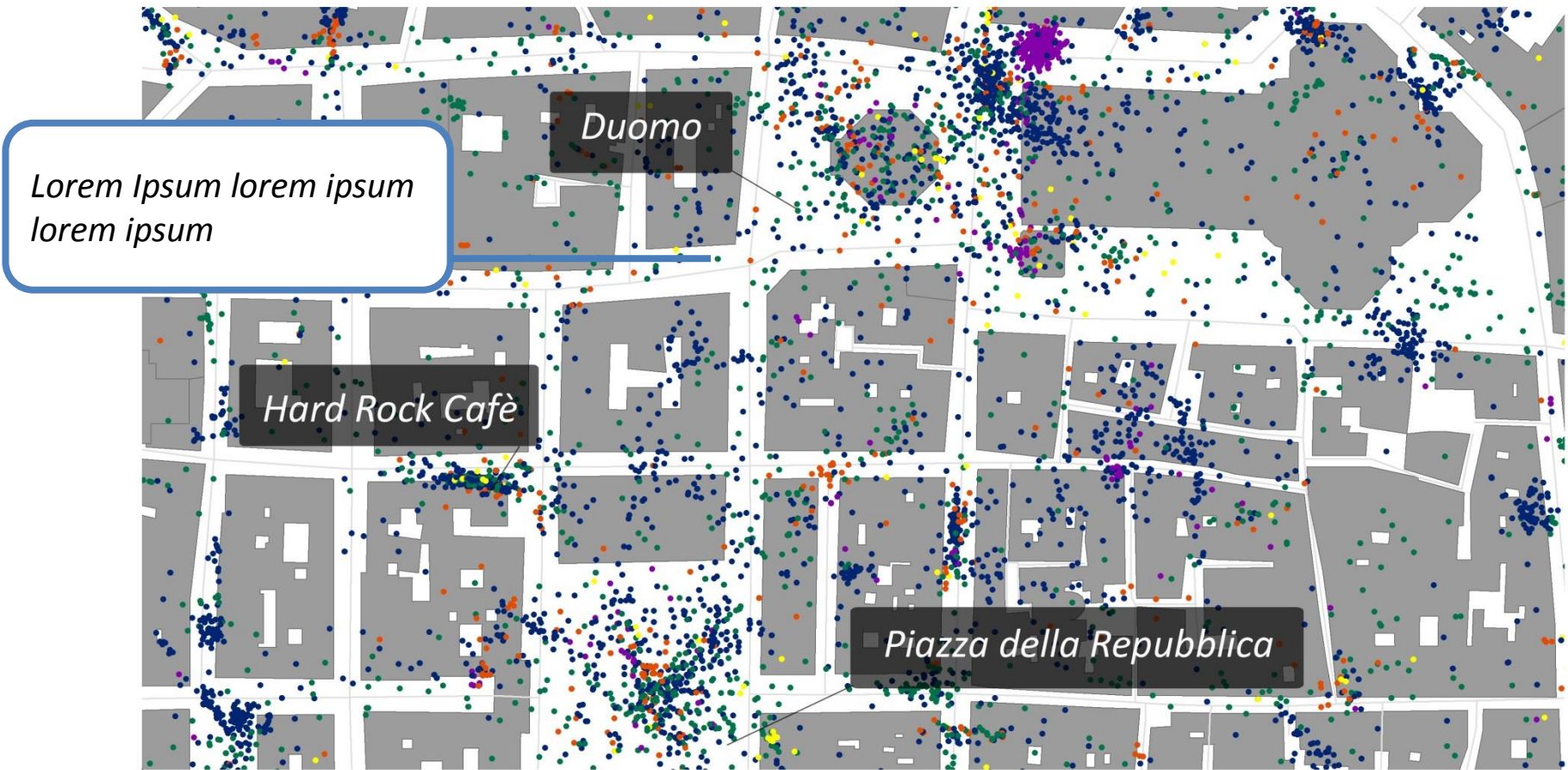
- Location
- Sense of Place  
(text, folksonomy)

# Tweeting in Firenze

1 anno di tweet in città

Lingua Tweet

● Italiano ● Francese ● Inglese ● Spagnolo ● Russo



300.000 geocode tweet



# The World according to Flickr

## Mapping 7.5 Millions Photo



FLICKR



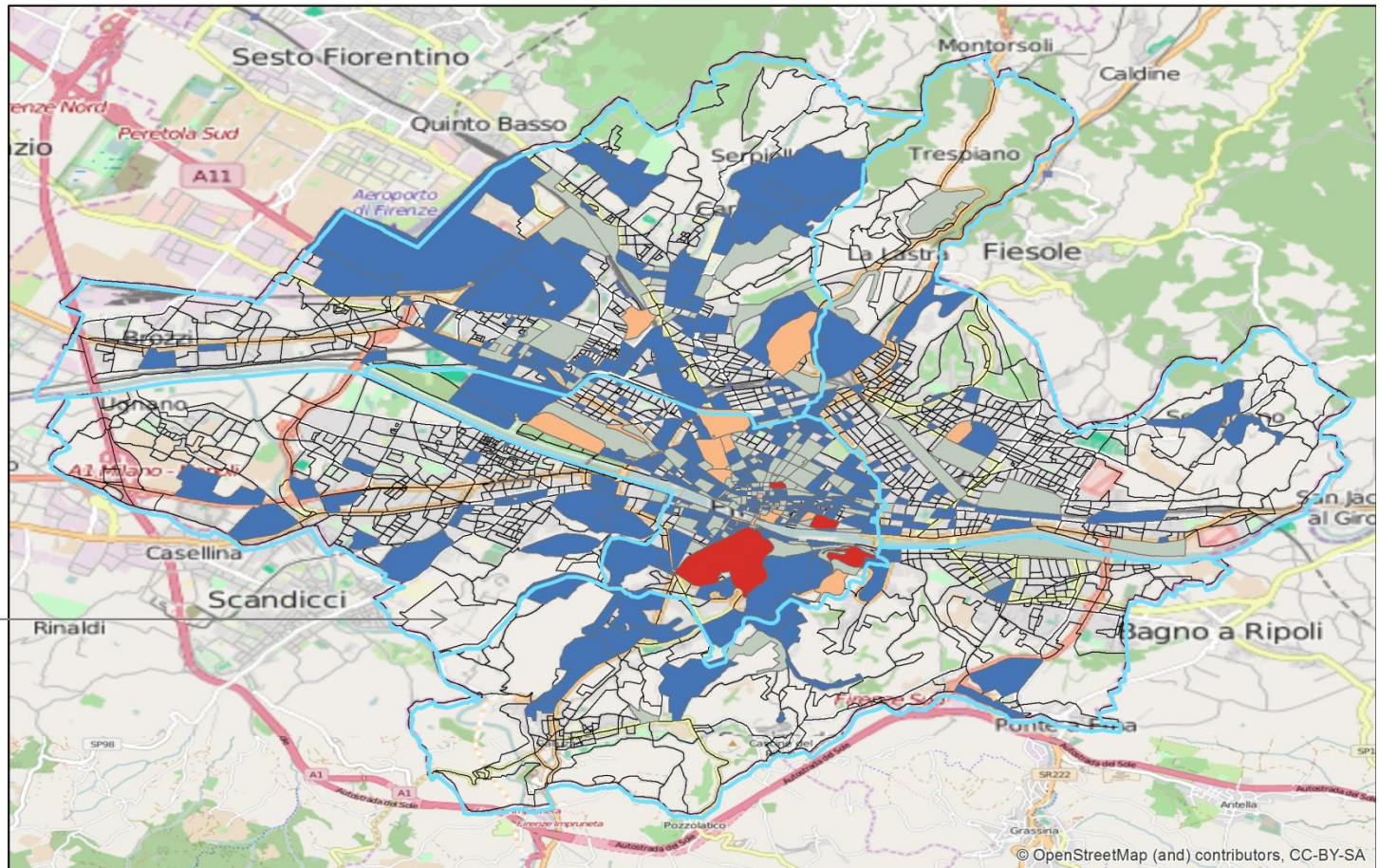
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Sense of Place  
(tags, Folksonomy)

## Flickr

### Numerosità Foto



122.271 Flickr foto



No data

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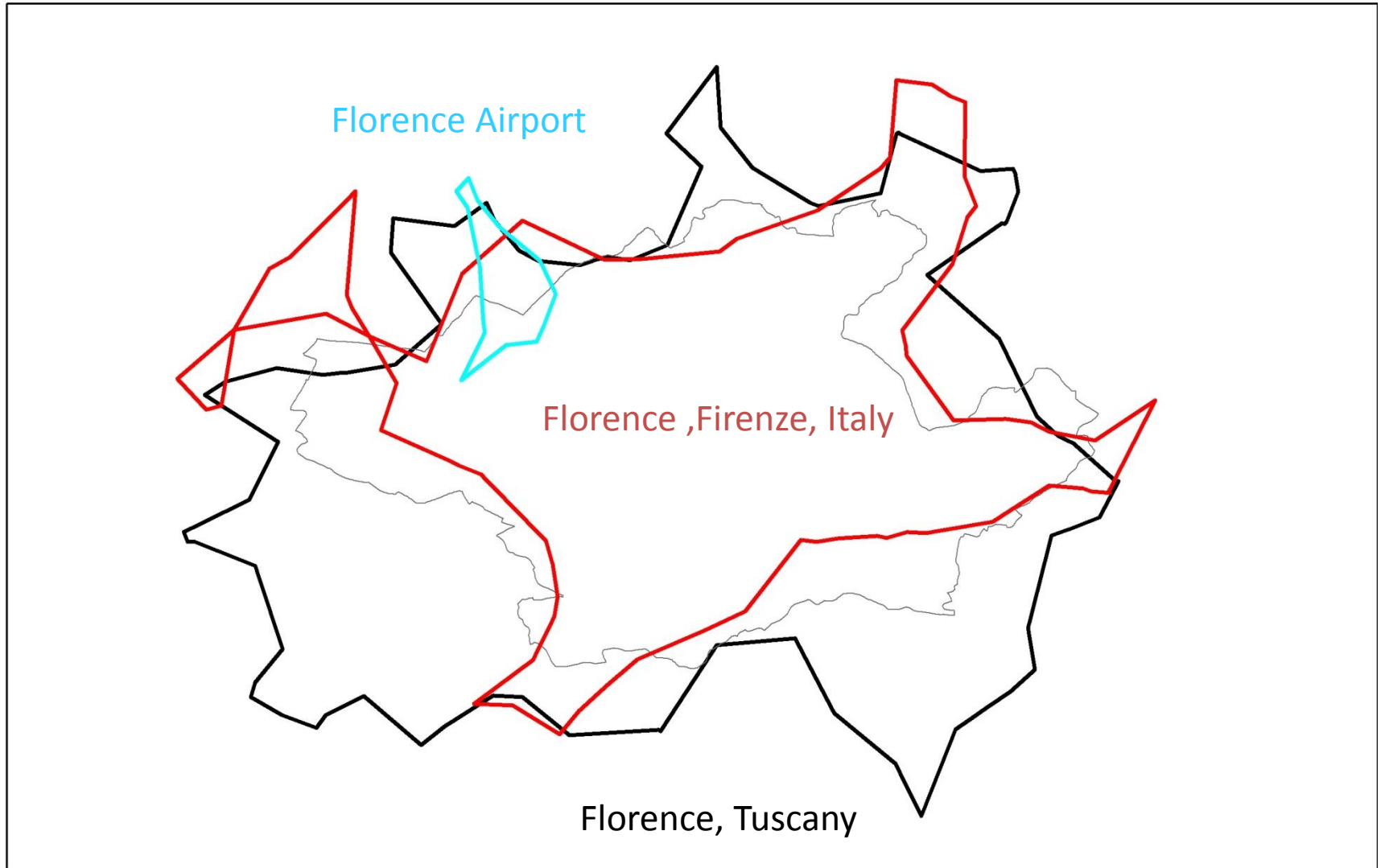


FLICKR



«ShapeTiles»

- Location
- Local?
- Sense of Place?



1:150.000

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Kilometers

# INSTAGRAM



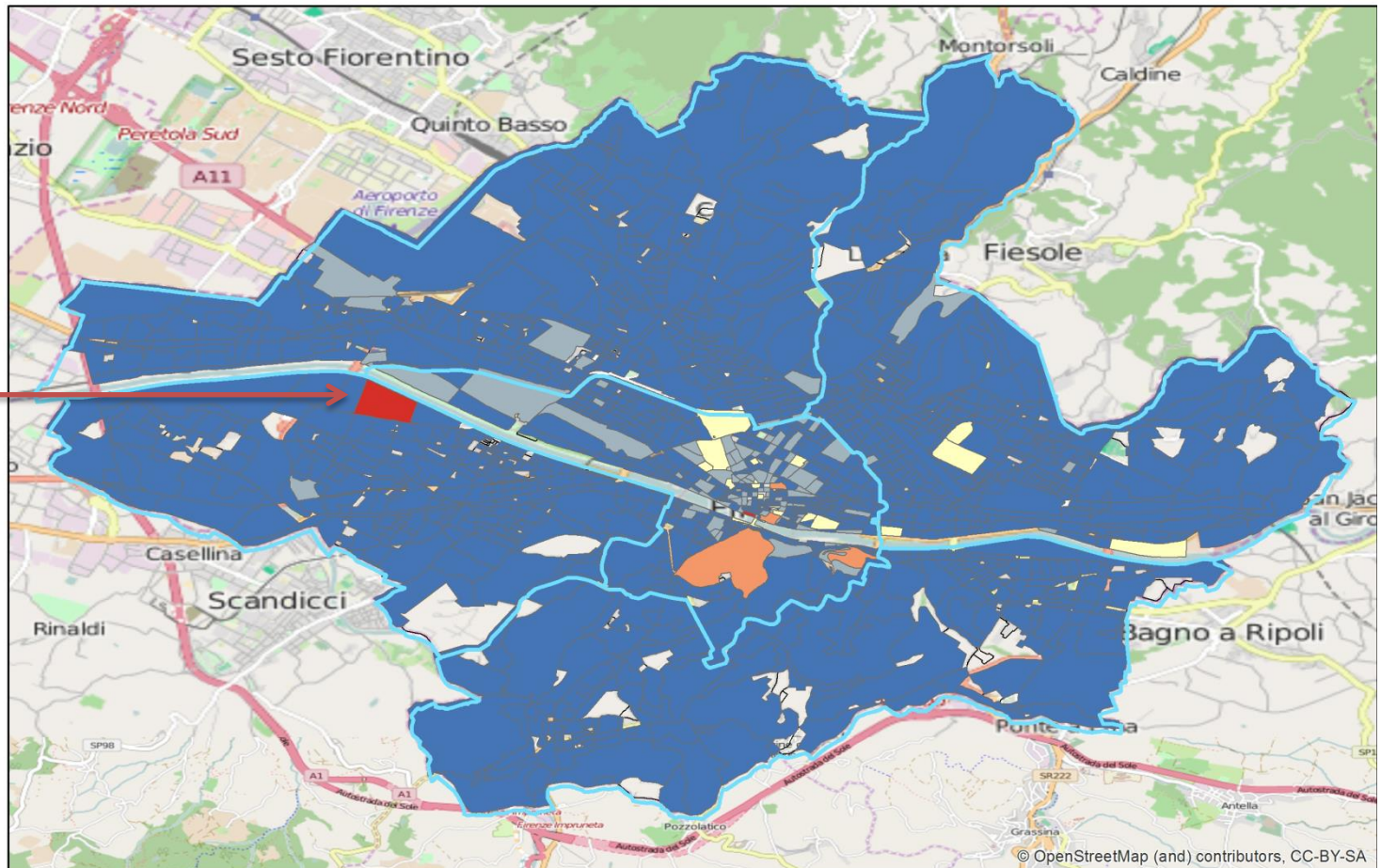
- Location
- Sense of Place  
(tags, Folksonomy)

## Instagram

### Numerosità Foto



1 Milione di Foto (1 anno)



PROBLEMA

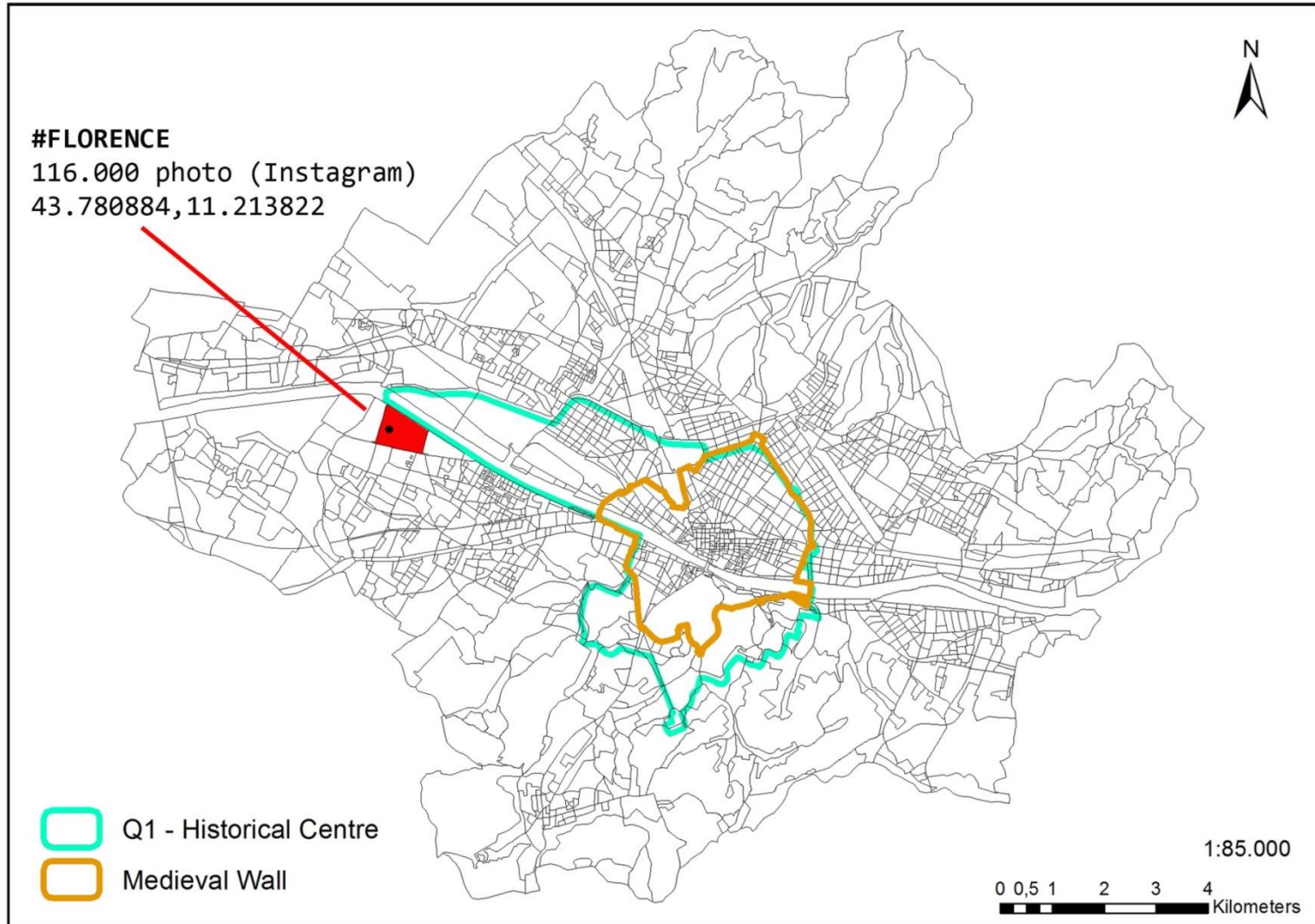
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0,5 1 2 3 4 Kilometers



## DATA VALIDATION

*The quality of Geographic Information is measured as the difference between the data and the world they represent and becomes poorer as the data and corresponding reality diverge (Maué and Schade, 2008).*

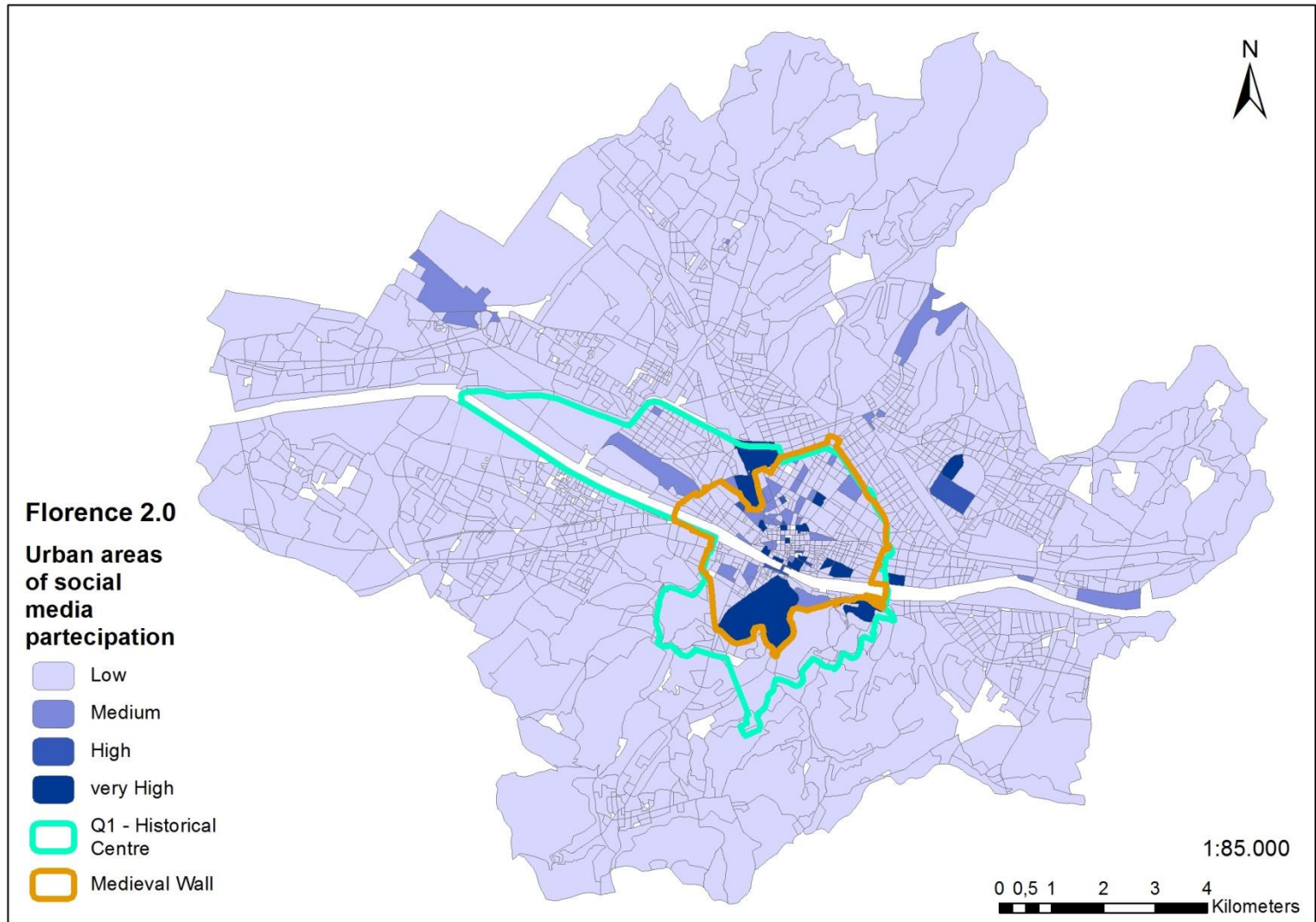


# THE GEOSOCIAL TOWN

## USER GENERATED DATA COMMONS?

Tweet + Instagram + Flickr + Wikipedia

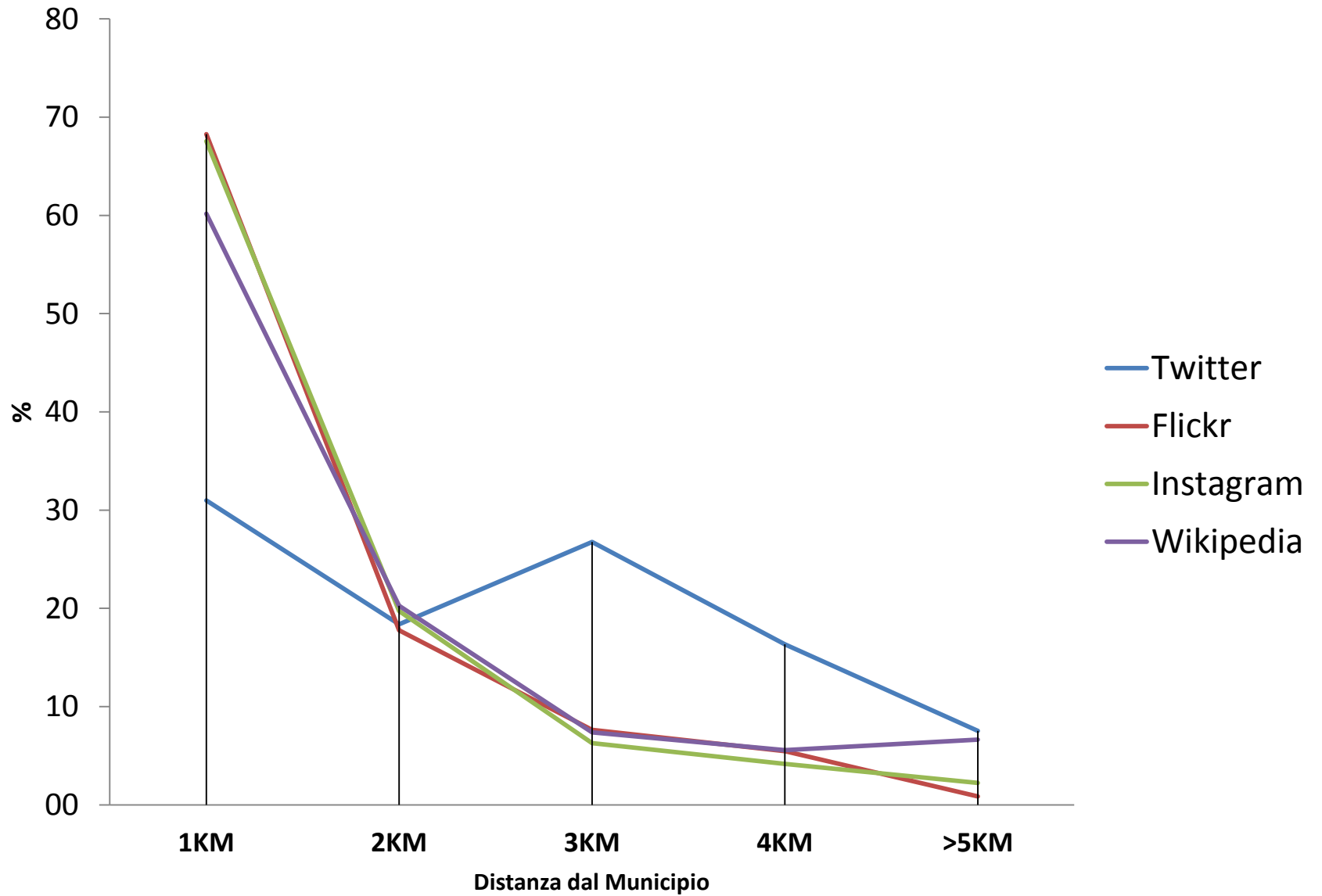
67.000 GeoSocial data per km2





# DISTANCE DECAY

70% in centro storico



- ✓ *The internet is characterised by complex spatialities which are challenging to understand and study, but that doesn't give us an excuse to fall back on unhelpful metaphors which ignore the internet's very real, very material, and very grounded geographies. (M.Graham).*
- ✓ **The experiment has tried to highlight multiple layers of digital geographic information strongly linked to the urban physical spaces that can contribute to the interpretation of the urban environment and its dynamics, and in an innovative way, the definition of urban centralities defined by social participation.**



Getty Images

## ***DIGIPLACE***

*digital data and physical places (Zook, Graham, 2007)*



## CONCLUSIONI

- ❑ Presupposto: Open Geodata → Dataset più scaricati > Necessitano più apertura/usabilità (Global OpenData INDEX)

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- ❑ LIMITI 'TECNICI' GEOPORTALE → **SHAPEFILE; ELABORARE XML/KML.**
- ❑ LIMITI 'TECNICI' SOCIAL MEDIA → **API (Application Program Interface)**

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- ❑ **La componente location/sense of place è presente negli UGC → Spatial Big Data**
  - ❑ **Volume, Varietà, Velocità**
- ❑ **E' necessario validare e filtrare i dati**
  - ❑ **Veracità**
- ❑ **Livello 'UGC' può contribuire (arricchire) ad una nuova rappresentazione urbana**
  - ❑ **DATA DRIVEN SCIENCE**
- ❑ **E' fondamentale interrogarsi sui vantaggi e sulle potenzialità dei dati social circa il buon governo del territorio.**