

From Raster to Vector in OpenStreetMap: Techniques for Automated Stylesheet Transformation

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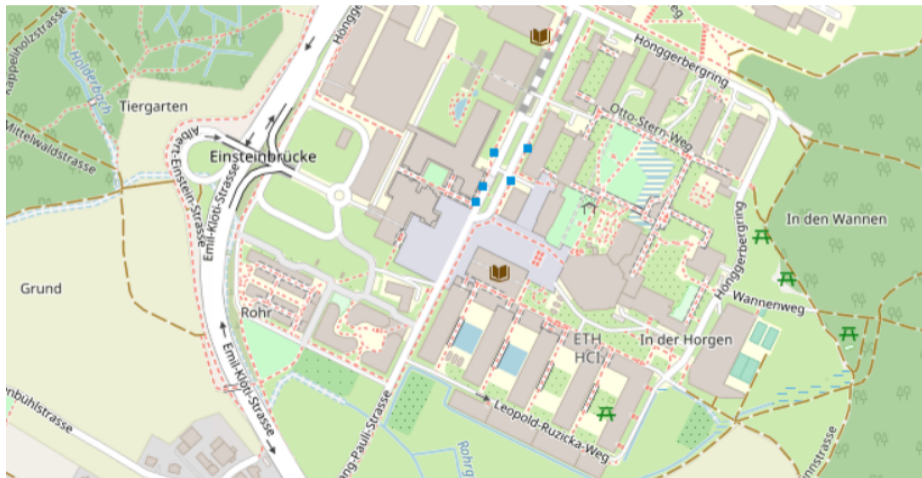
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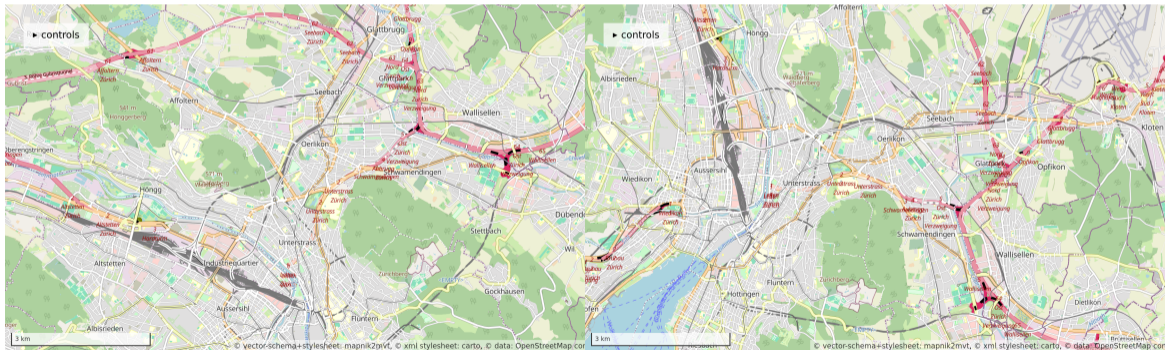
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<Map><Layer><Datasource><Parameter name="type">postgis
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter name="table">SELECT feature,way
        FROM planet_osm_line WHERE highway='track'
    </Parameter>
</Datasource>
<StyleName>firststyle</StyleName>
</Layer>
<Style name="firststyle">
    ...
</Style>
</Map>
```

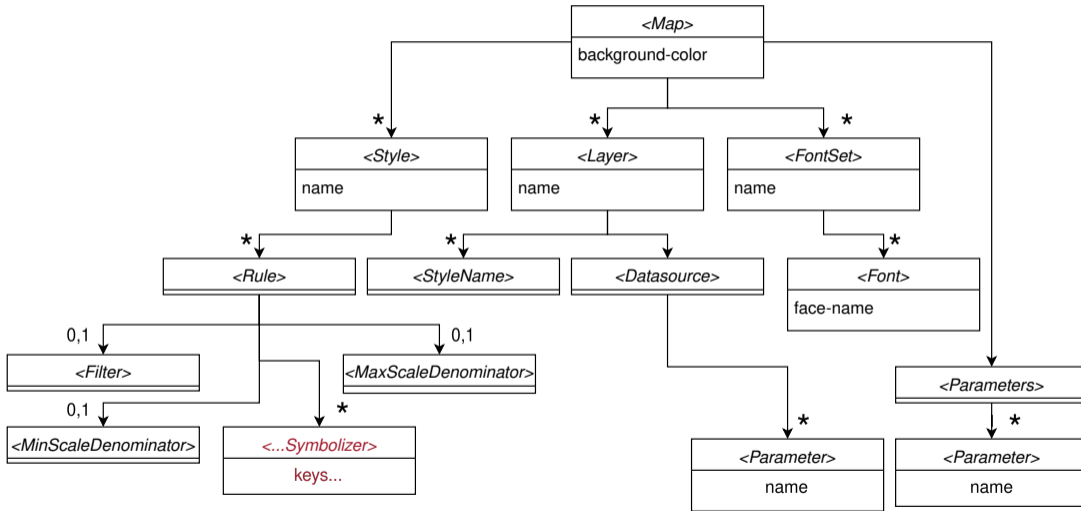
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  <Filter>[tracktype]='grade3'</Filter>
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XML tree



MSS (second input)

```
1 #water-areas {
2   [natural = 'glacier']::natural {
3     [zoom >= 5] {
4       line-width: 1.0;
5       line-color: @glacier-line;
6       polygon-fill: @glacier;
7       [zoom >= 10] {
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10      }
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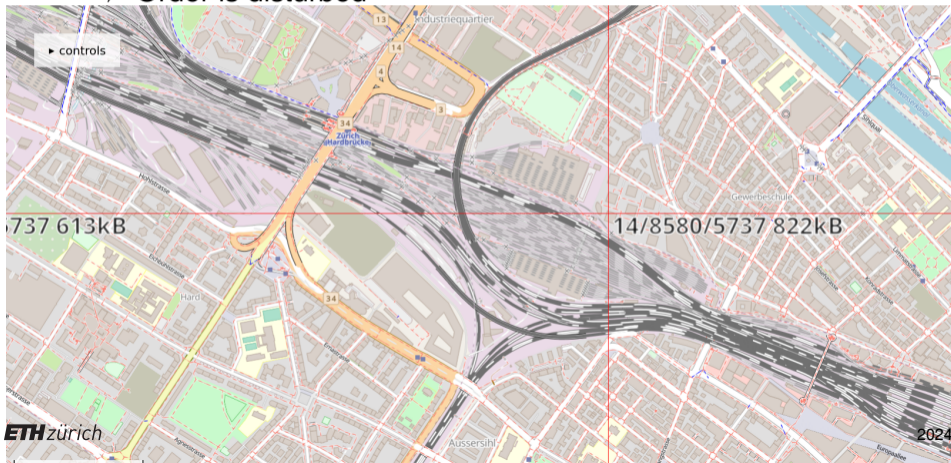
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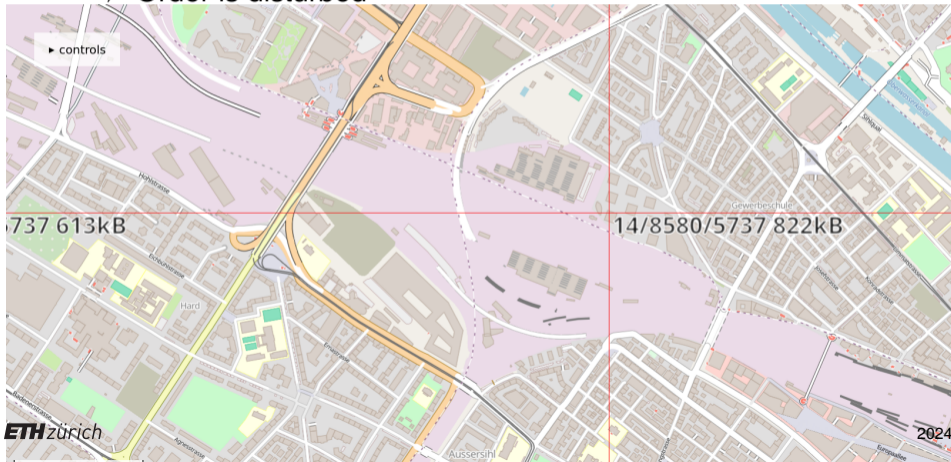
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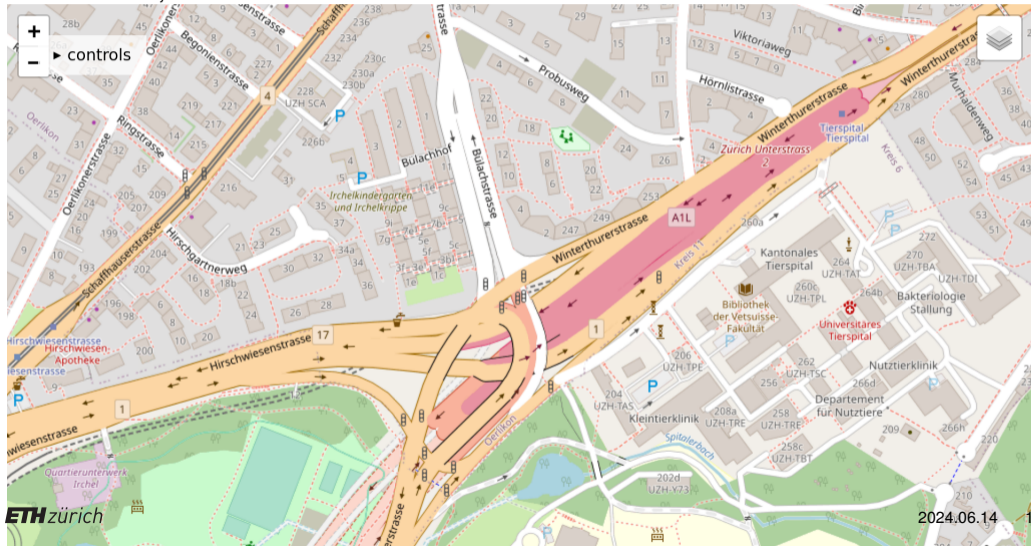
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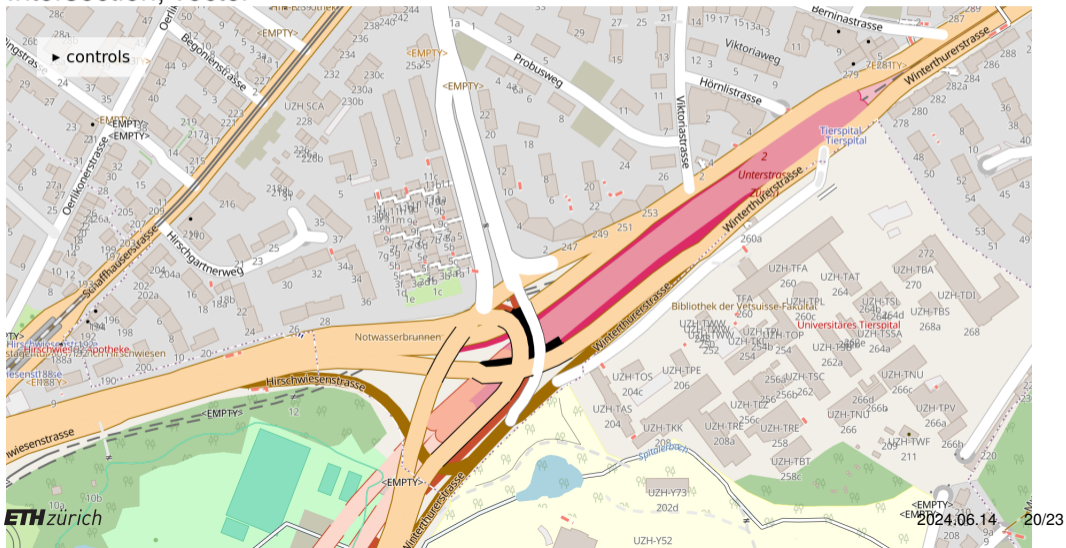
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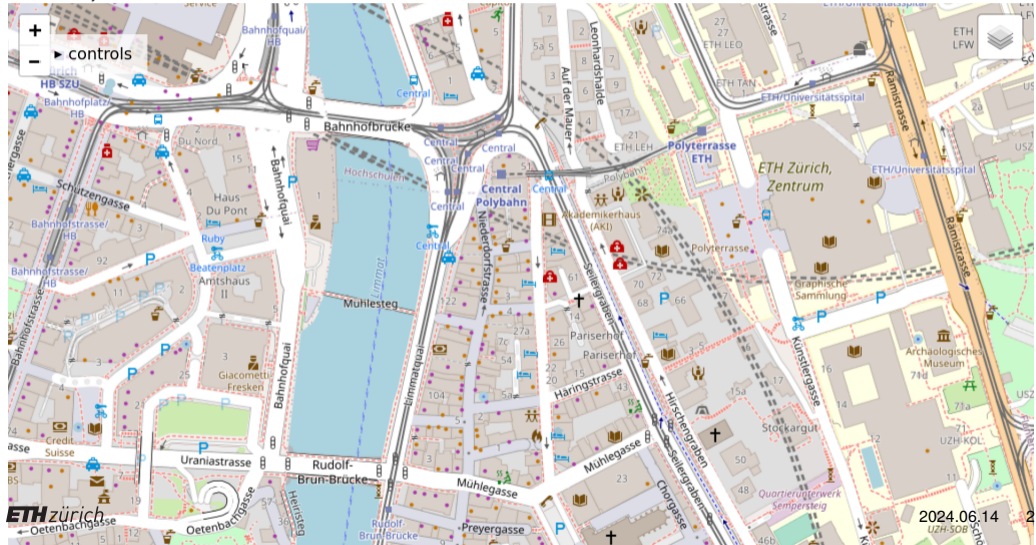
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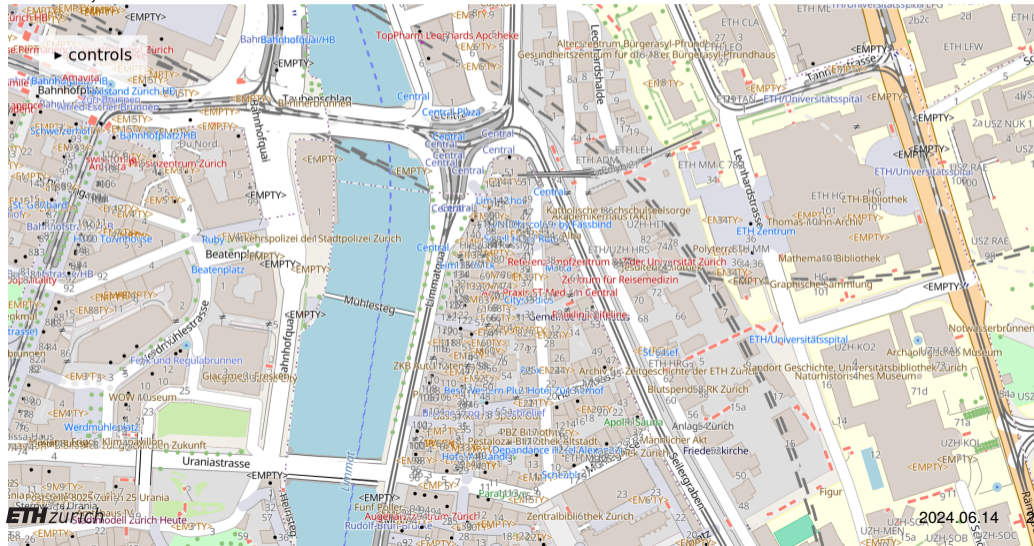
Visual comparisons, 2

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