

The Roadmap for Mobility Behavior Analysis: From Surveys to Travel Choices and Accessibility

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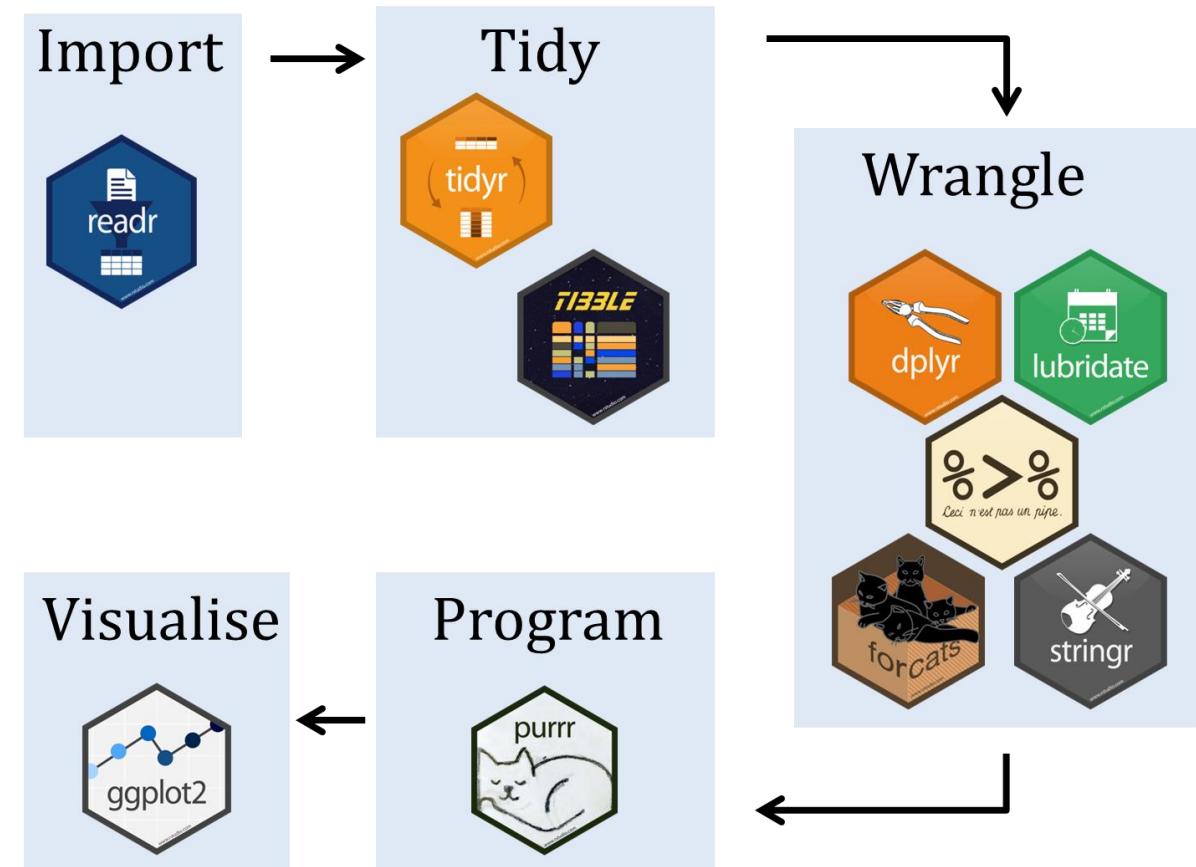
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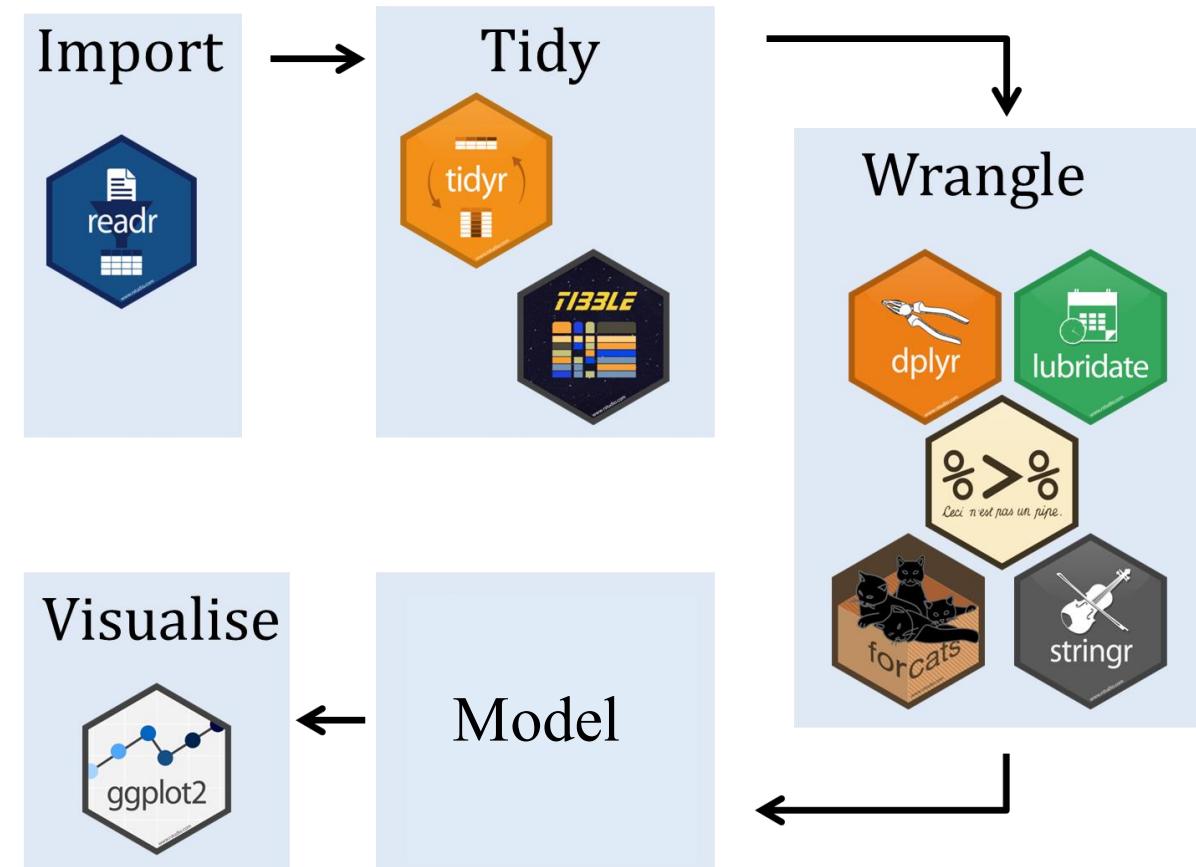
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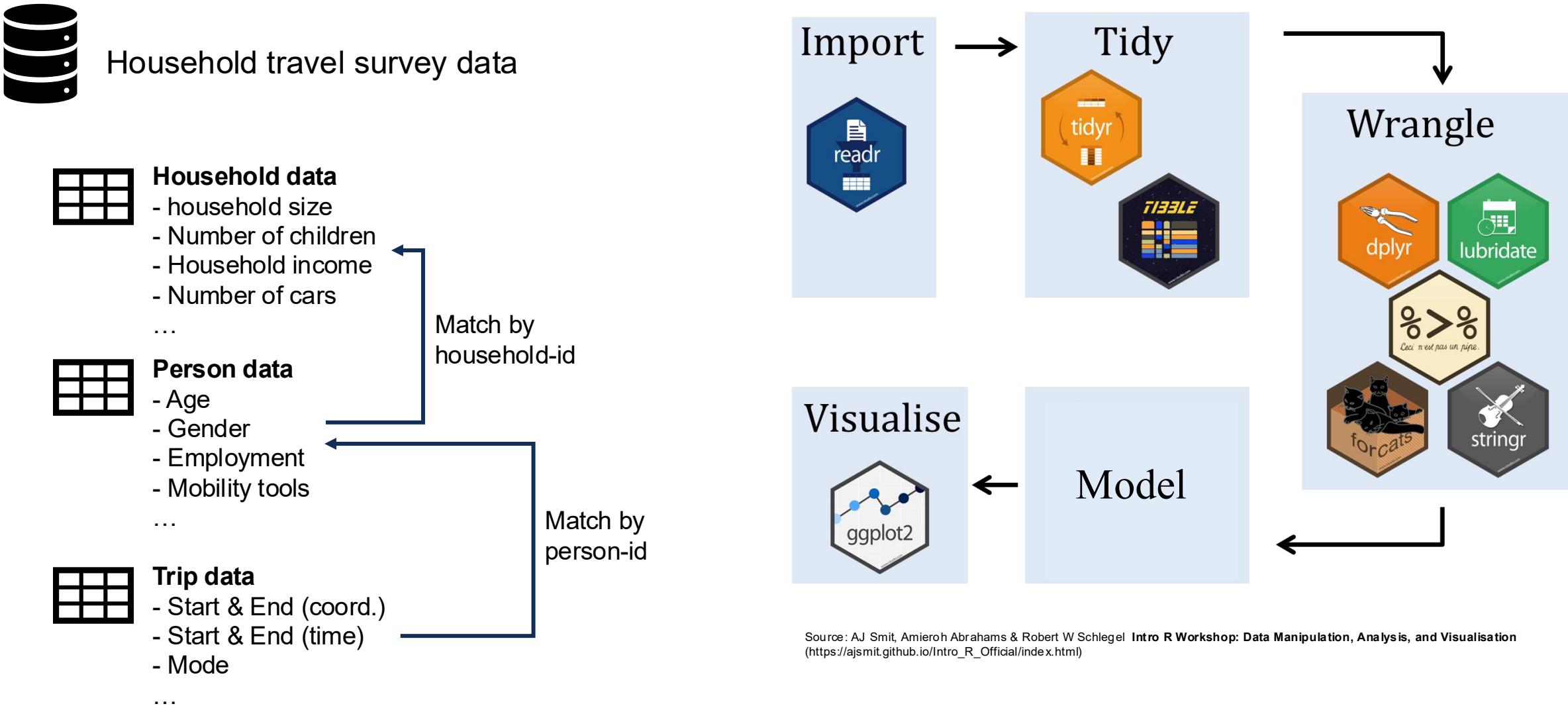
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- Transport is an inherently interdisciplinary field
- We borrow methods from various other disciplines, including geography and geosciences, environmental sciences, sociology, physics & computer science.

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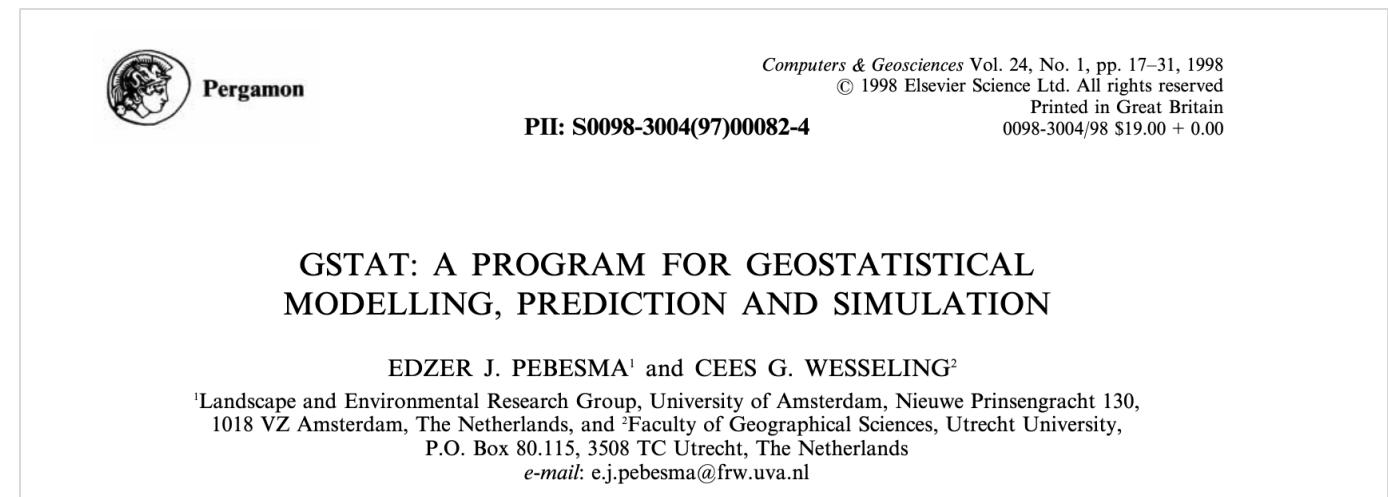
- **Data**
 - Travel Behavior: Longitudinal GPS-based travel diary (TimeUse+) beginning 17 July 2022.
 - Temperature: Spatial temperature distribution through kriging.
- **Exposures**
 - Tropical night: daily minimum temperature $\geq 20 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$
 - Heat stress: maximum daily temperature $\geq 35 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$
- **Outcomes**
 - Number of walking and cycling trips
 - Distance (km per day) traveled for walking and cycling

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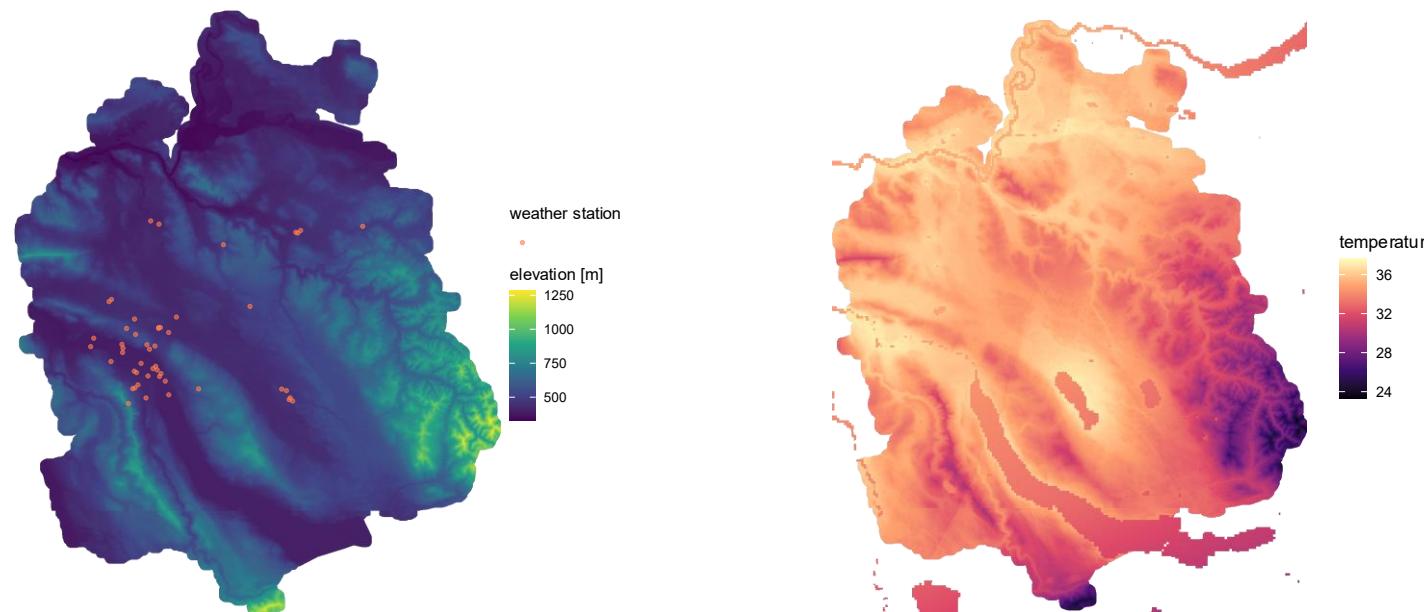


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Apollo: A flexible, powerful and customisable freeware package for choice model estimation and application

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mixl: An open-source R package for estimating complex choice models on large datasets

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- Given their own and mode characteristics, which mode will individuals choose?

ID	av_car	av_bus	av_air	av_rail	time_car	cost_car	time_bus	cost_bus	access_bus	time_air	cost_air	access_air	service_air	time_rail	cost_rail	access_rail	female	income	choice	
1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	50	80	55	0	140	55	5	0	46705	4	
2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	70	80	45	0	170	45	20	0	46705	4	
17	2	1	1	0	1	345	40	345	30	15	0	0	0	0	130	55	20	1	50123	2
18	2	1	1	0	1	345	45	345	25	20	0	0	0	0	130	45	10	1	50123	2
33	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	90	65	40	0	130	35	20	1	67589	4	
34	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	60	110	40	0	170	35	15	1	67589	4	

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```
1 library(apollo)
2 # #####
3 # ## LOAD LIBRARY AND DEFINE CORE SETTINGS #####
4 # #####
5
6 ### Initialise code
7 apollo_initialise()
8
9 ### Set core controls
10 apollo_control = list(
11   modelDescr      = "Simple MNL model on mode choice RP data",
12   indivID        = "ID",
13   outputDirectory = "output"
14 )
15
16 # #####
17 # ## LOAD DATA AND APPLY ANY TRANSFORMATIONS #####
18 # #####
19
20 ### Loading data from package
21 ### if data is to be loaded from a file (e.g. called data.csv),
22 ### the code would be: database = read.csv("data.csv",header=TRUE)
23 database = apollo_modeChoiceData
24 ### for data dictionary, use ?apollo_modeChoiceData
25
26 ### Use only RP data
27 database = subset(database,database$RP==1)
28
```

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```
29 # ##### #
30 # ## DEFINE MODEL PARAMETERS #####
31 # ##### #
32
33 ### Vector of parameters, including any that are kept fixed in estimation
34 apollo_beta=c(asc_car    = 0,
35             asc_bus     = 0,
36             asc_air     = 0,
37             asc_rail    = 0,
38             b_tt_car   = 0,
39             b_tt_bus   = 0,
40             b_tt_air   = 0,
41             b_tt_rail = 0,
42             b_access   = 0,
43             b_cost     = 0)
44
45 ### Vector with names (in quotes) of parameters to be kept fixed at their start
46 apollo_fixed = c("asc_car")
47
48 # ##### #
49 # ## GROUP AND VALIDATE INPUTS #####
50 # ##### #
51
52 apollo_inputs = apollo_validateInputs()
53
```

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```
54 # #####  
55 #!!! DEFINE MODEL AND LIKELIHOOD FUNCTION #####  
56 # #####  
57  
58 apollo_probabilities=function(apollo_beta, apollo_inputs, functionality="estimate"){  
59  
60   ### Attach inputs and detach after function exit  
61   apollo_attach(apollo_beta, apollo_inputs)  
62   on.exit(apollo_detach(apollo_beta, apollo_inputs))  
63  
64   ### Create list of probabilities P  
65   P = list()  
66  
67   ### List of utilities: these must use the same names as in mnl_settings, order is irrelevant  
68   V = list()  
69   V[["car"]] = asc_car + b_tt_car * time_car + b_cost * cost_car  
70   V[["bus"]] = asc_bus + b_tt_bus * time_bus + b_access * access_bus + b_cost * cost_bus  
71   V[["air"]] = asc_air + b_tt_air * time_air + b_access * access_air + b_cost * cost_air  
72   V[["rail"]] = asc_rail + b_tt_rail * time_rail + b_access * access_rail + b_cost * cost_rail  
73  
74   ### Define settings for MNL model component  
75   mnl_settings = list(  
76     alternatives = c(car=1, bus=2, air=3, rail=4),  
77     avail = list(car=av_car, bus=av_bus, air=av_air, rail=av_rail),  
78     choiceVar = choice,  
79     utilities = V  
80   )  
81  
82   ### Compute probabilities using MNL model  
83   P[["model"]]= apollo_mnl(mnl_settings, functionality)  
84  
85   ### Take product across observation for same individual  
86   P = apollo_panelProd(P, apollo_inputs, functionality)  
87  
88   ### Prepare and return outputs of function  
89   P = apollo_prepareProb(P, apollo_inputs, functionality)  
90   return(P)  
91 }  
92  
93 # #####  
94 #!!! MODEL ESTIMATION #####  
95 # #####  
96  
97 model = apollo_estimate(apollo_beta, apollo_fixed, apollo_probabilities, apollo_inputs)
```

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Model Results:

	Estimate	s.e.	t.rat.(0)	Rob.s.e.	Rob.t.rat.(0)
asc_car	0.000000	NA	NA	NA	NA
asc_bus	0.474676	1.018672	0.4660	0.990600	0.4792
asc_air	1.629072	0.827435	1.9688	0.817513	1.9927
asc_rail	0.944534	0.803551	1.1755	0.795160	1.1879
b_tt_car	-0.003646	0.001555	-2.3455	0.001568	-2.3251
b_tt_bus	-0.008846	0.002624	-3.3711	0.002616	-3.3815
b_tt_air	-0.020685	0.006599	-3.1346	0.006424	-3.2202
b_tt_rail	-0.011239	0.004386	-2.5626	0.004468	-2.5157
b_access	-0.011466	0.006430	-1.7832	0.006297	-1.8210
b_cost	-0.033947	0.003295	-10.3035	0.003180	-10.6755

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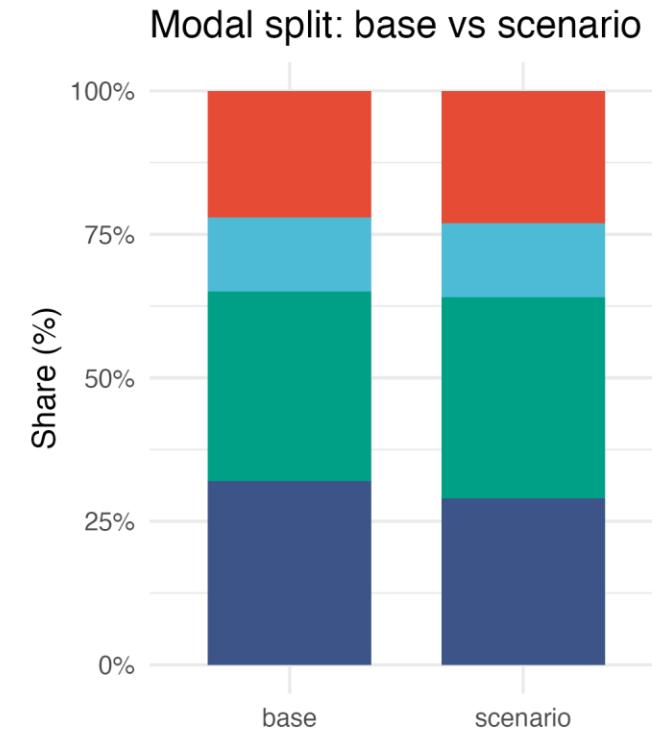
- Model predictions:

```
Running predictions from model using parameter estimates...
Prediction at user provided parameters
      car    bus    air    rail
Aggregate 332.00 126.00 215.00 327.00
Average     0.33   0.13   0.21   0.33
```

- Scenario: Increased rail costs

```
## Now imagine the cost for rail increases by 1%
database$cost_rail = 1.1*database$cost_rail
## Rerun predictions with the new data
apollo_inputs = apollo_validateInputs()
predictions_new = apollo_prediction(model, apollo_probabilities, apollo_inputs)
```

```
> predictions_new = apollo_prediction(model, apollo_probabilities, apollo_inputs)
Running predictions from model using parameter estimates...
Prediction at user provided parameters
      car    bus    air    rail
Aggregate 349.17 133.87 226.19 290.77
Average     0.35   0.13   0.23   0.29
```



OpenStreetMaps and Routing

Downloading OpenStreetMap Data with osmextract



```
#canton network
zurich_lines = oe_get("Zurich", download_directory = "./data")
#clip network to city boundaries in terminal:
#osmium extract -b 8.47,47.32,8.60,47.42 openstreetmap_fr_zurich-latest.osm.pbf -o zurich_city_clip.osm.pbf

z_lines <- oe_read("./data/zurich_city_clip.osm.pbf")

z_network <- z_lines |>
  filter(highway %in% c("motorway",
    "primary", "primary_link",
    "secondary", "secondary_link",
    "tertiary", "tertiary_link")) |>

ggplot() +
annotation_map_tile(type = "cartolight", zoom = 13) +
geom_sf(color = "navyblue", alpha = .6) +
theme_void()
```



Routing with r5r



- Necessary input:

- OSM network (.pbf file) → mandatory
- GTFS data (.zip file) → optional
- Digital Elevation Model → optional

```
options(java.parameters = "-Xmx8G")

library(r5r)
library(data.table)

r5r_network <- r5r::build_network(data_path = "./data")

# extract OSM network
street_net <- r5r::street_network_to_sf(r5r_network)

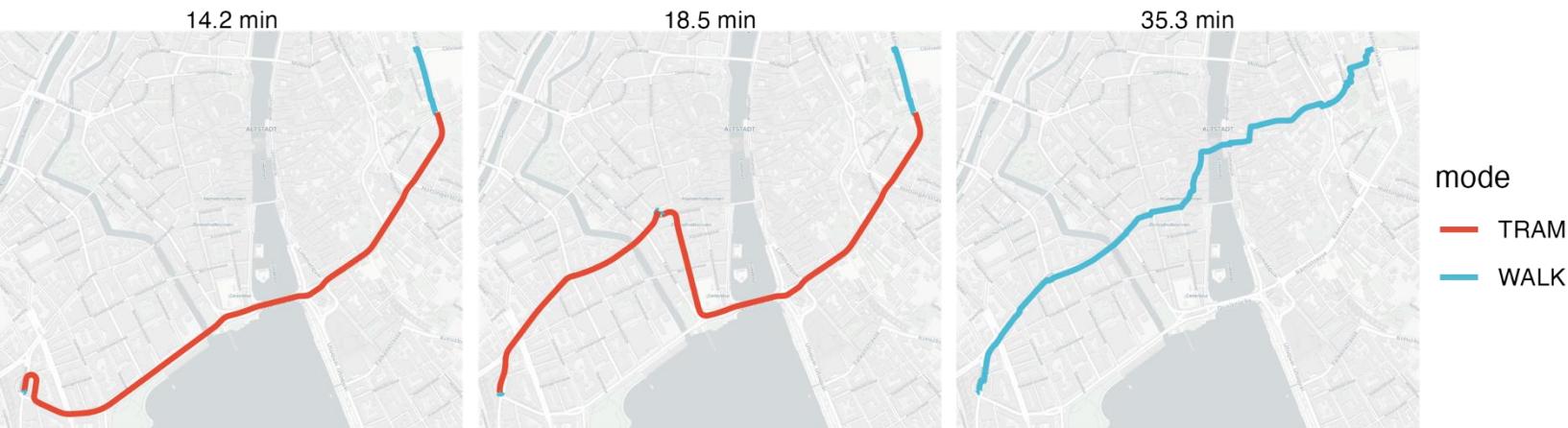
# extract public transport network
transit_net <- r5r::transit_network_to_sf(r5r_network)

poi <- data.frame(
  id = c("UZH", "ETH_poly", "ETH_hoengg", "HB", "BHF_enge"),
  lat = c(47.37472, 47.376174, 47.408259, 47.37753, 47.36422),
  lon = c( 8.54932, 8.546599, 8.507384, 8.54198, 8.53140)
)

# set inputs
origins <- poi[1,]
destinations <- poi[5,]
mode <- c("WALK", "TRANSIT")
max_walk_time <- 60 # minutes
departure_datetime <- as.POSIXct("09-10-2025 21:00:00", format = "%d-%m-%Y %H:%M:%S")

det <- detailed_itineraries(
  r5r_network,
  origins = origins,
  destinations = destinations,
  mode = mode,
  departure_datetime = departure_datetime,
  max_walk_time = max_walk_time,
  shortest_path = FALSE
)
```

- Routing output



```
route_plot <- ggplot() +  
  annotation_map_tile(type = "cartolight", zoom = 16) +  
  geom_sf(data = det, aes(color = mode), linewidth = 1) +  
  facet_wrap(. ~ total_duration_str) +  
  scale_color_npg() +  
  theme_void()
```

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