



Spatial Data

In Physical Activity Research

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Plan

- Why spatial data?
- Spatial data types
- Brief spatial data principles
- A bit of code 😊

Physical activity context

Occupational



Household



Leisure



Transportation



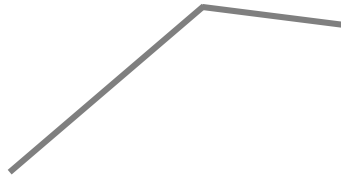
- Research questions
- Interventions
- Policy

Spatial data (vector)

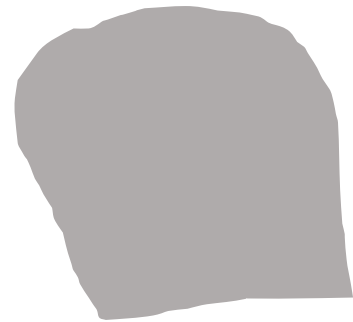
Point



Line

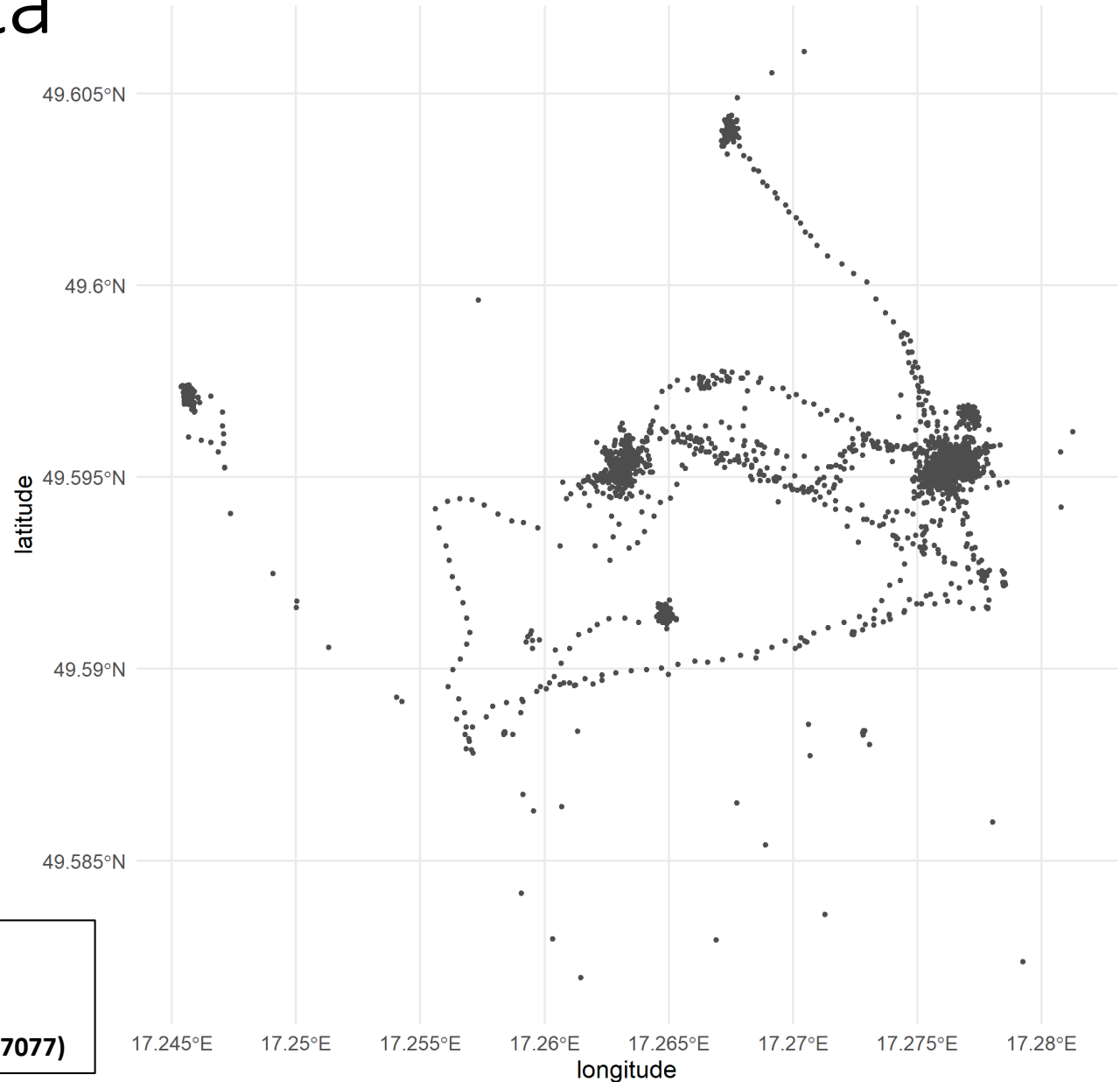


Polygon



Spatial data

- Individual-level



A tibble: 1 x 2

datetime

geometry

<dtm>

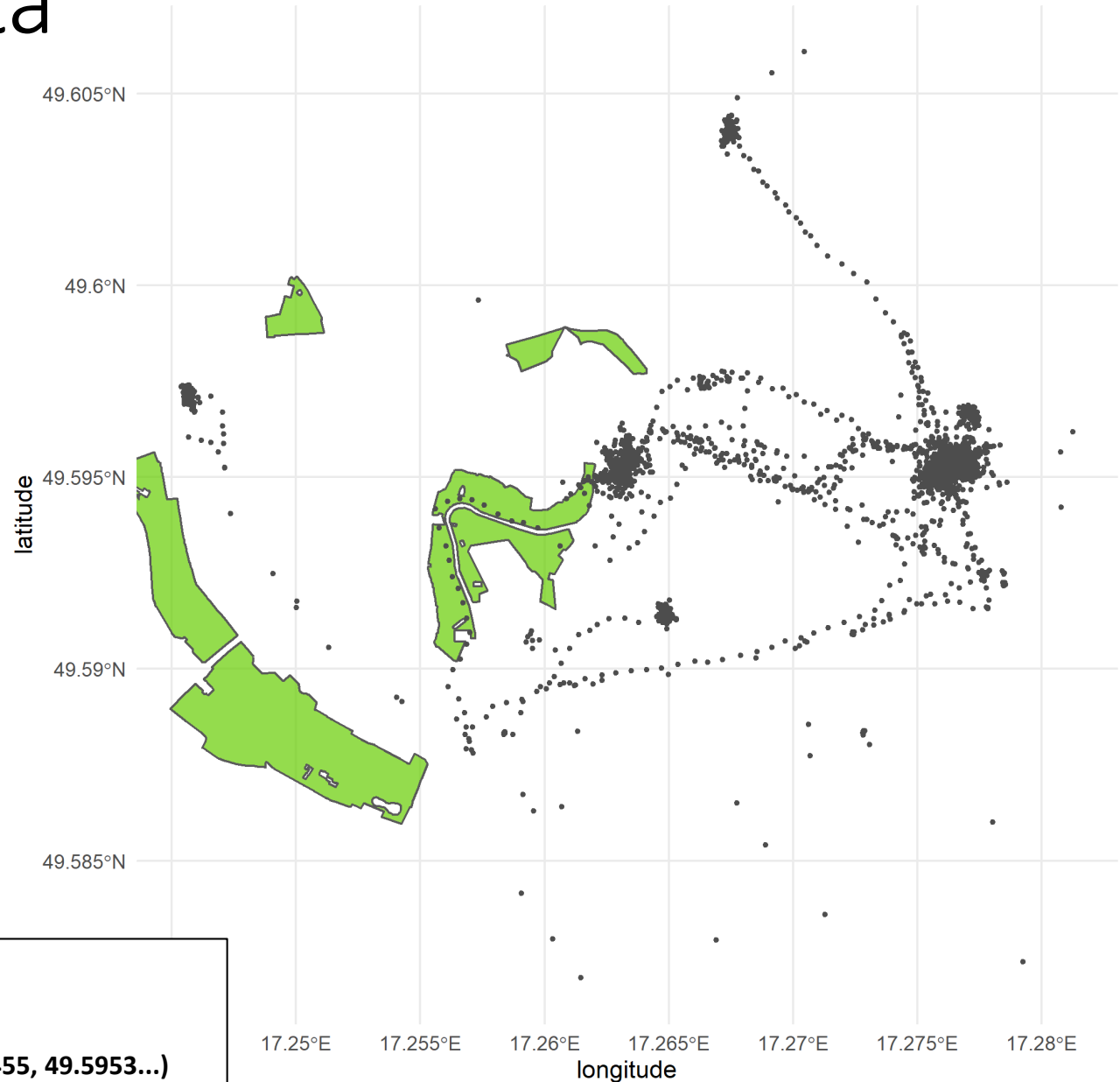
<POINT [°]>

2014-05-26 11:51:00

(17.29771, 49.57077)

Spatial data

- Macro-level

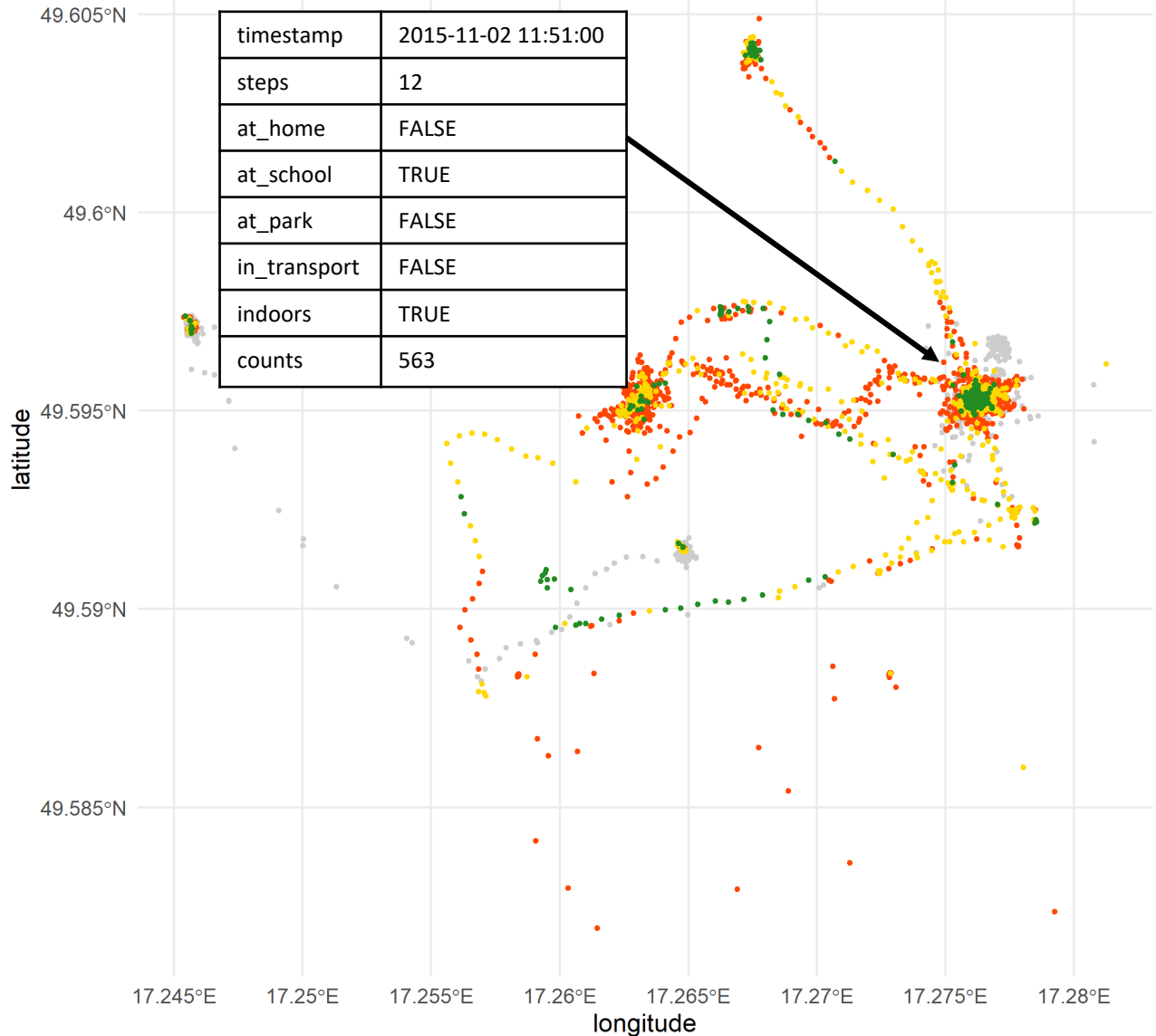


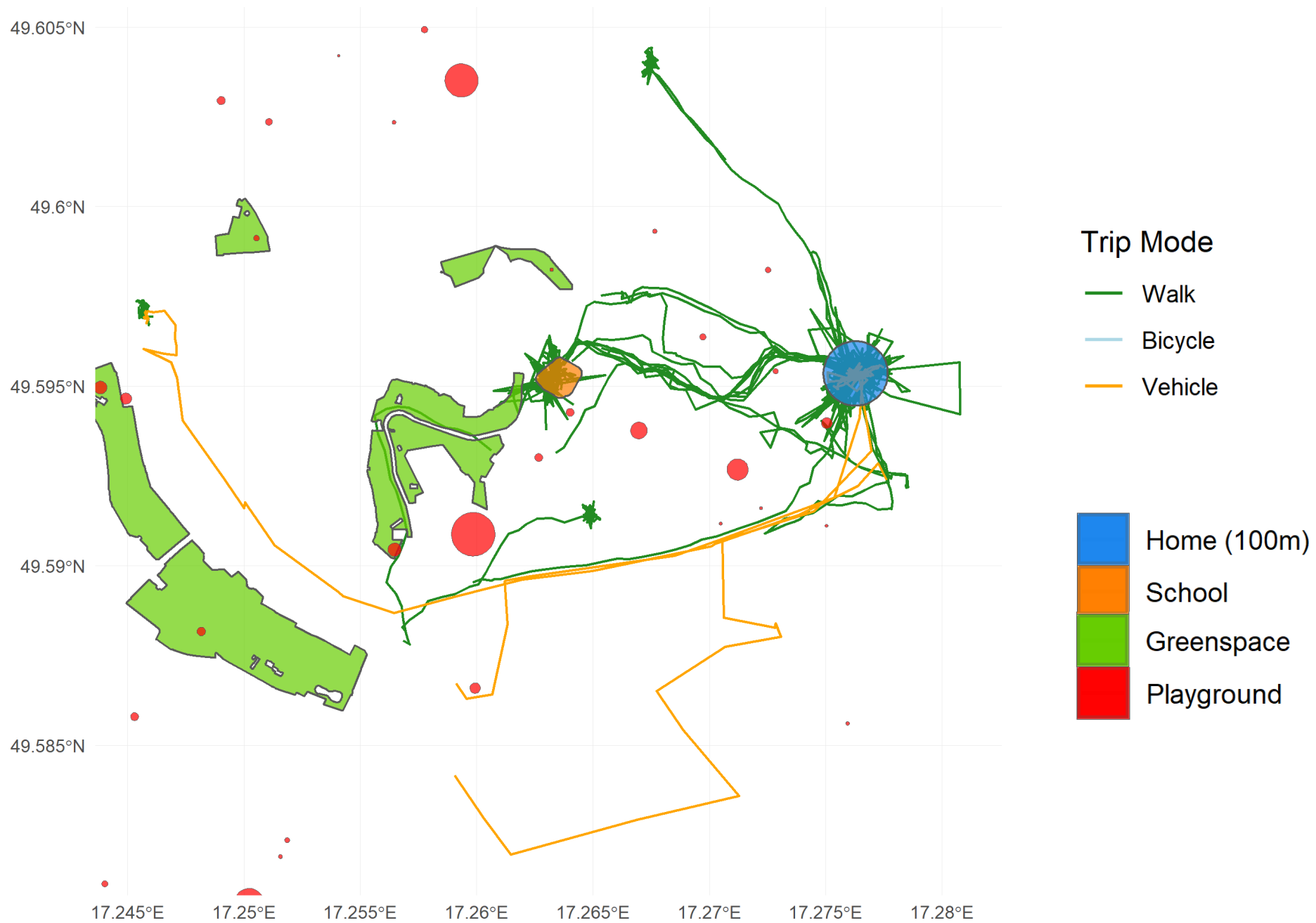
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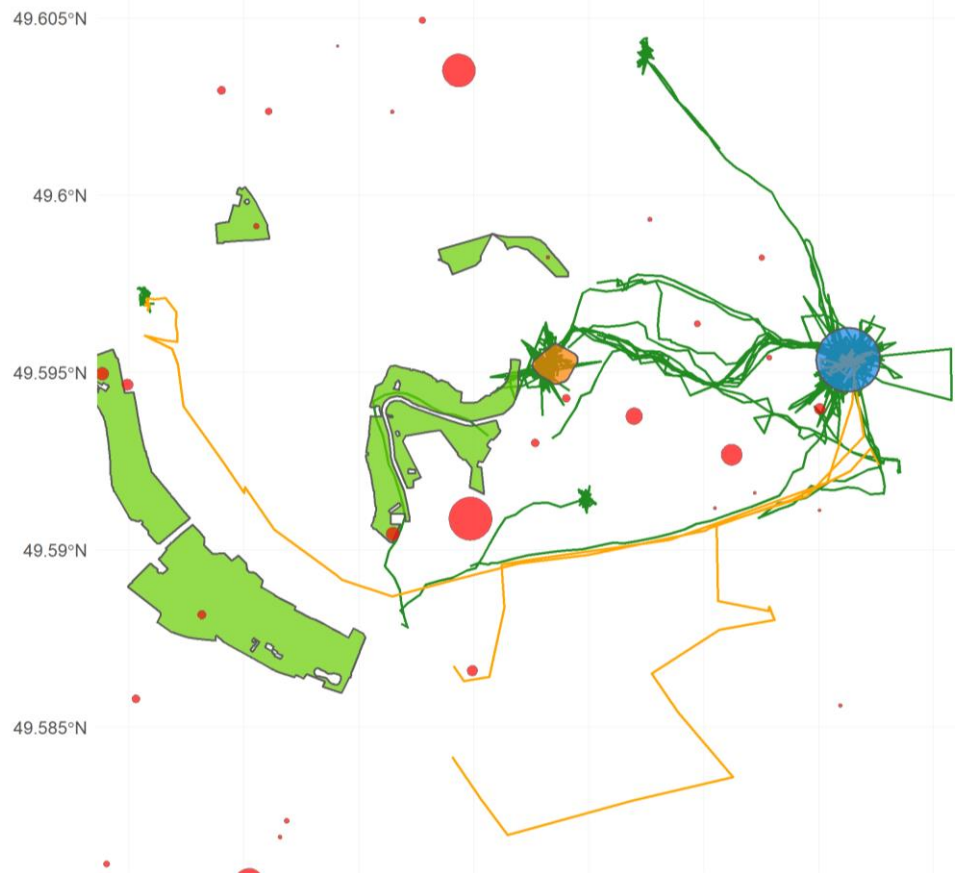
ID	geometry
<dbl>	<MULTIPOLYGON [°]>
1	(17.24452, 49.59539; 17.24455, 49.5953...)

Spatial data (+ accelerometer)

Intensity

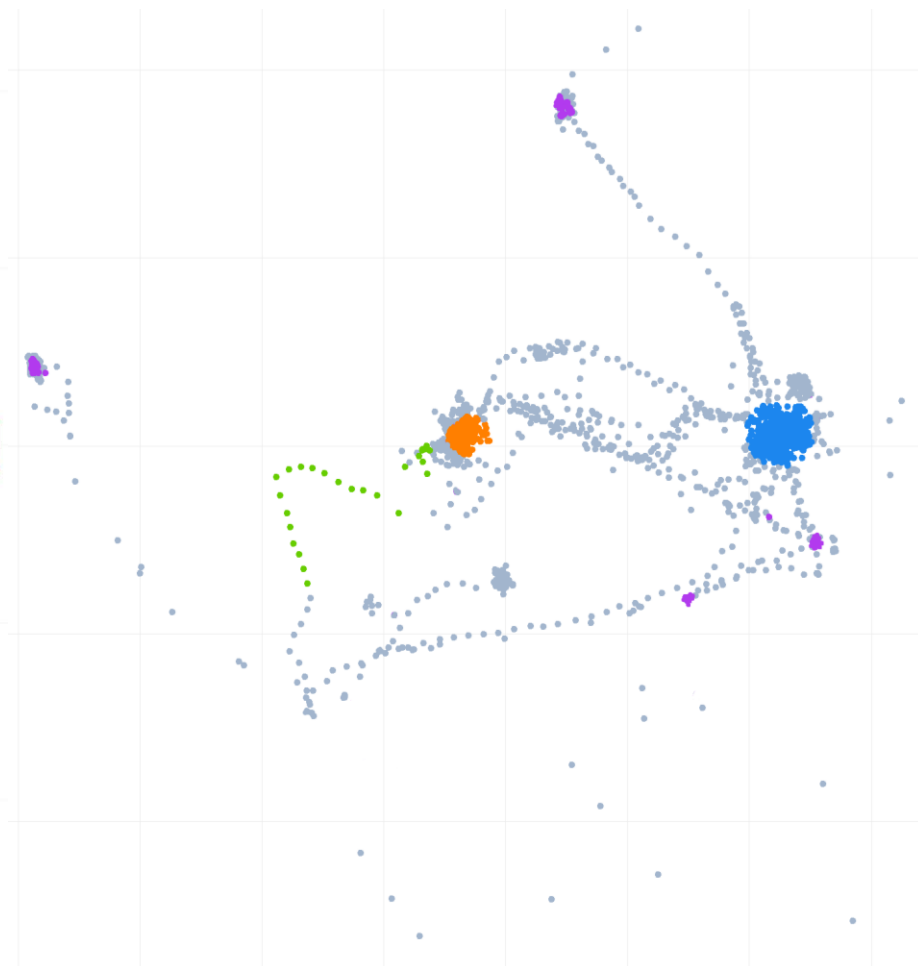
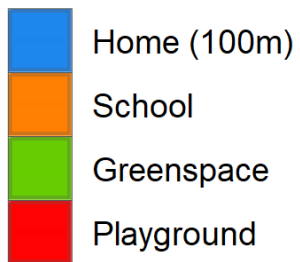






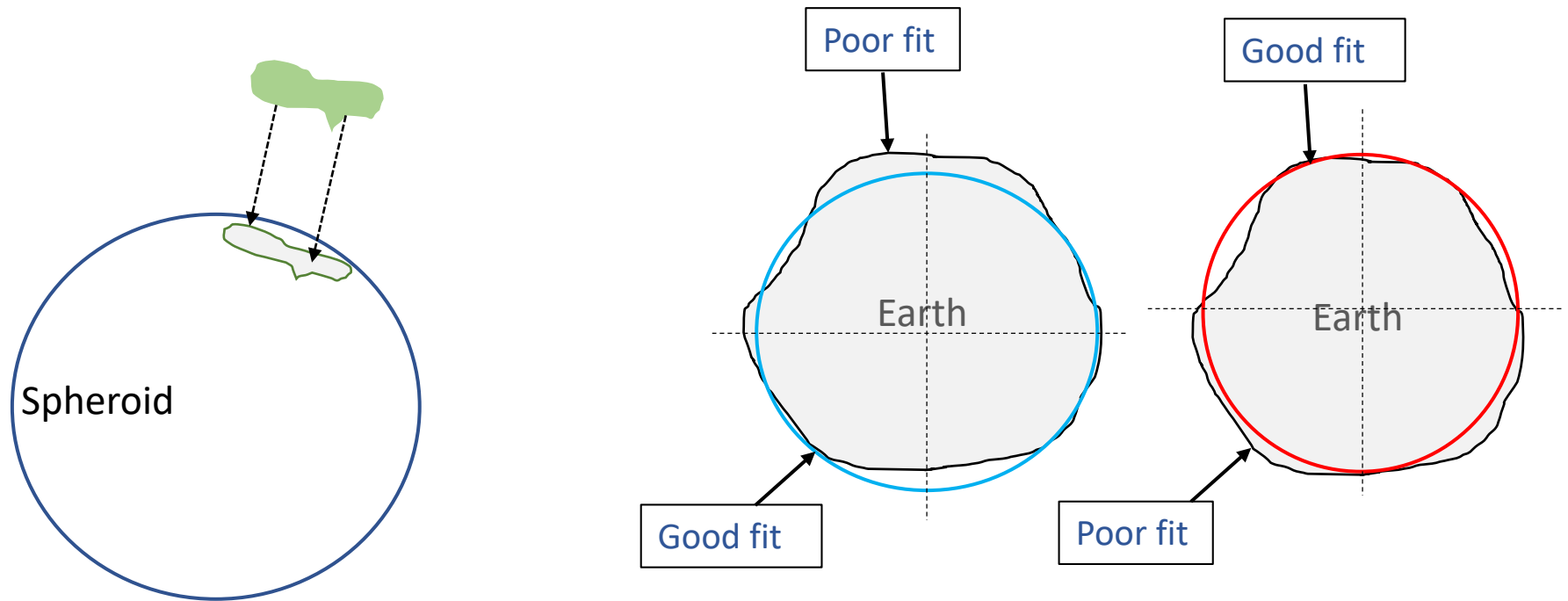
Trip Mode

- Walk
- Bicycle
- Vehicle



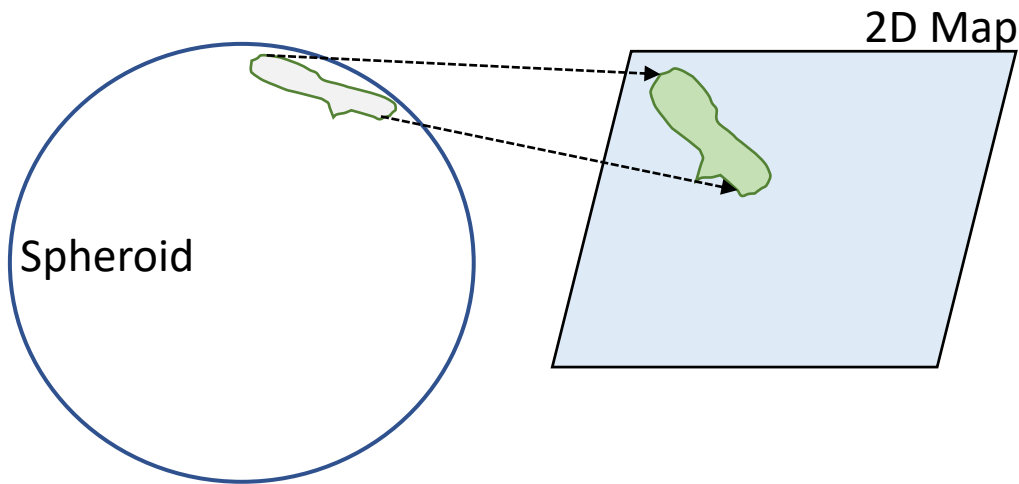
- Transport
- Home
- School
- Greenspace
- Leisure

Geographic Coordinate Systems



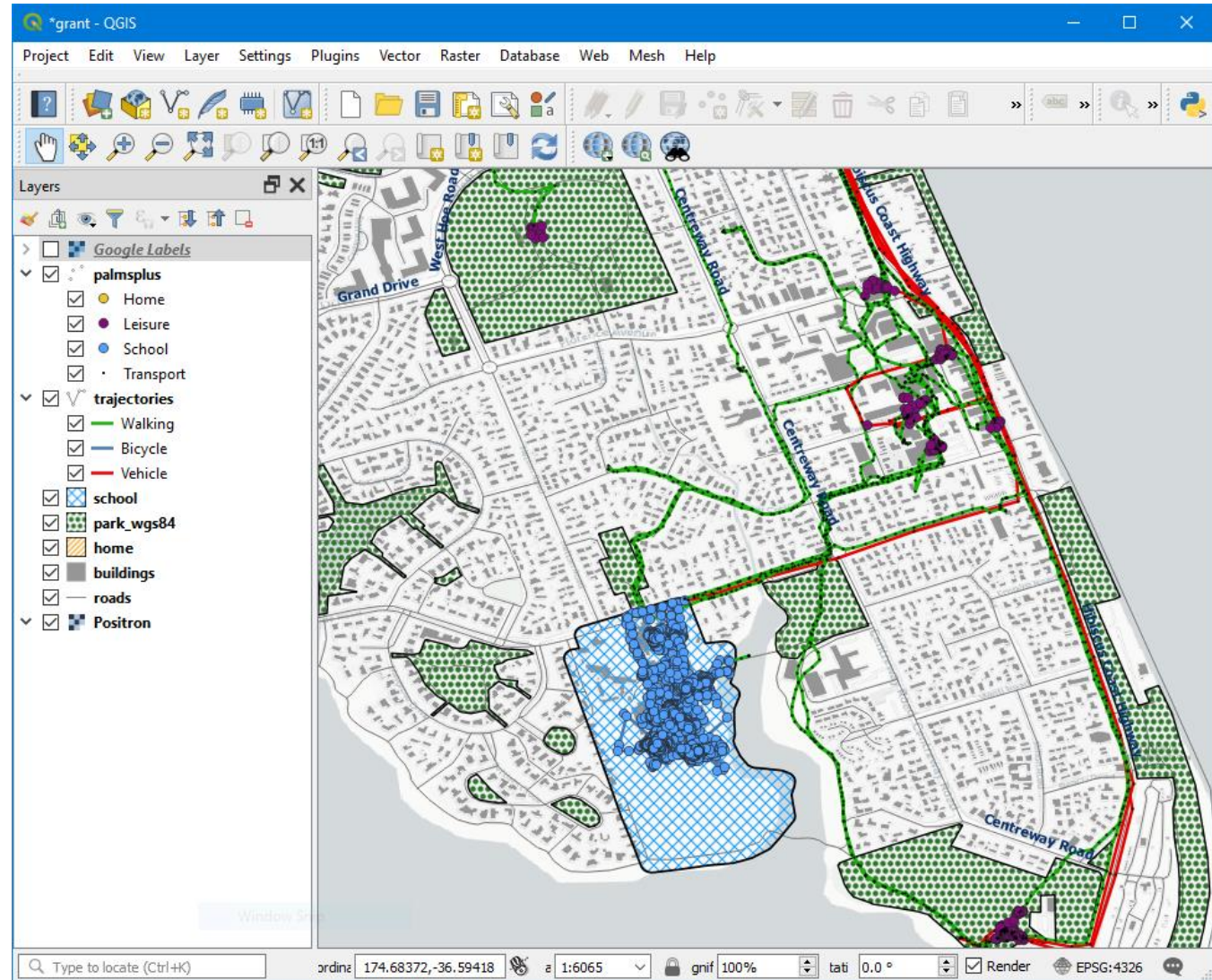
The Global Positioning System
WGS 84 (EPSG:4326)

Projected Coordinate Systems



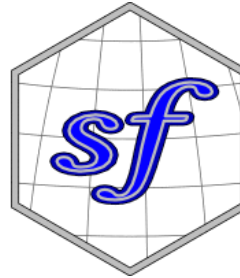
New Zealand
NZGD2000 (ESPG:2193)

Software



R packages for spatial data

- sp
- sf (<https://github.com/r-spatial/sf>)



- Mapview



- RQGIS

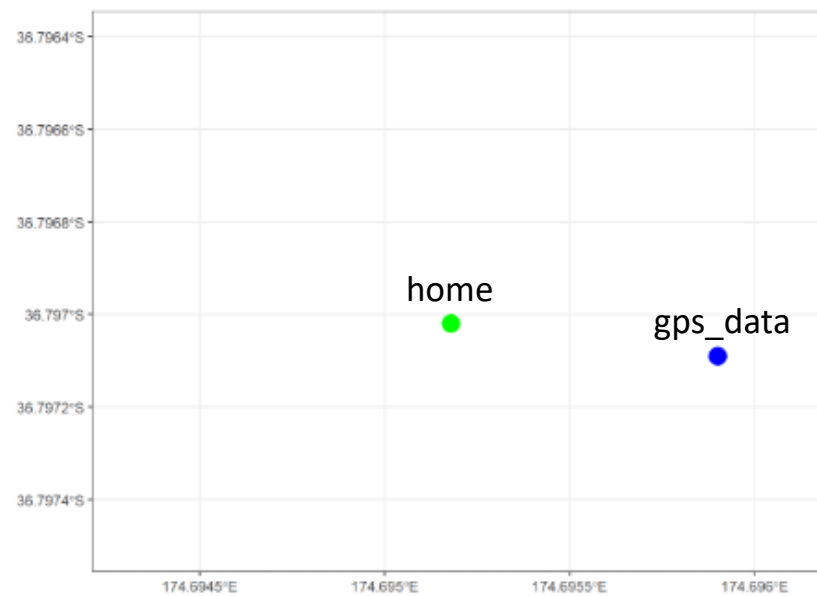


- rpostgis



```
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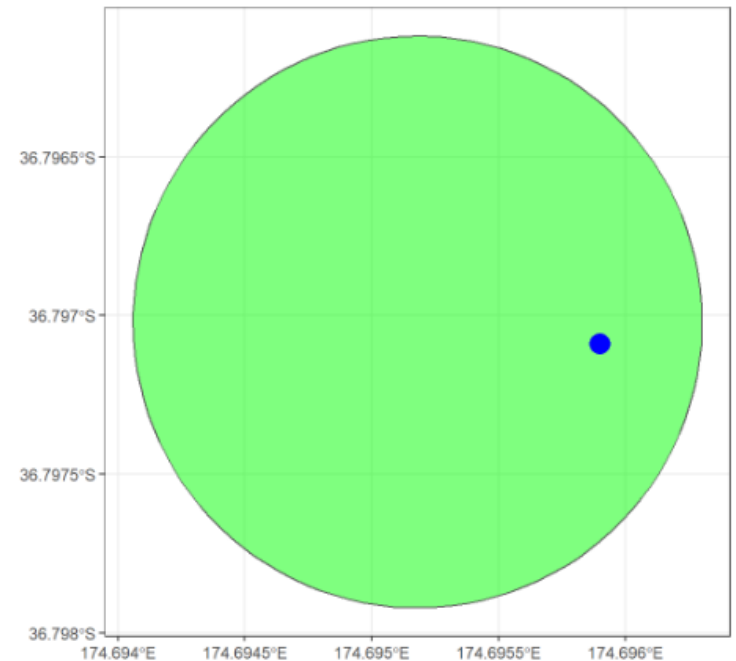
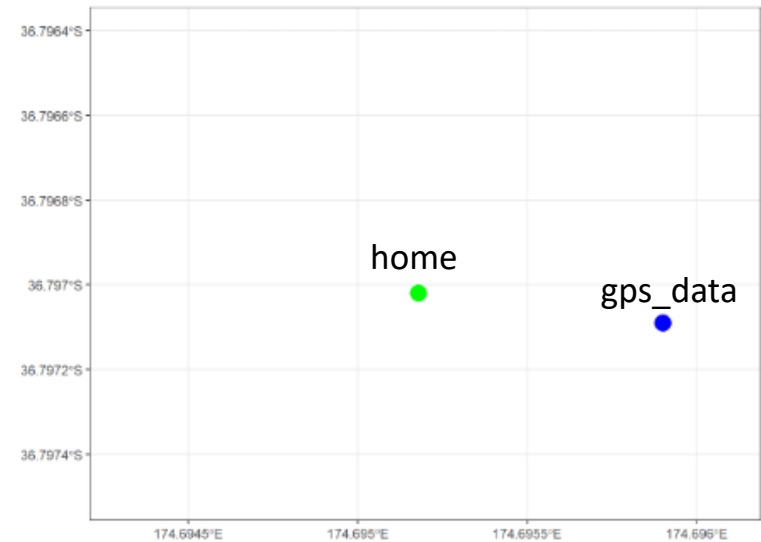
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# Read in a shapefile (single point)
home <- read_sf('home.shp')
```

```
# Buffer the point by 100 m
home %<>%
  st_transform(2193) %>%
  st_buffer(100) %>%
  st_transform(4326)
```

```
ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = home, fill = alpha('green', 0.5)) +
  geom_sf(data = gps_data, color = 'blue', size = 5) +
  theme_bw()
```

```
# Check if point is inside polygon
st_contains(home, gps_data)
```

```
> [1] TRUE
```



The future

- Physical activity type (not just count-based intensity)
 - Spatial patterns of behaviour (e.g. before / after)
 - Physical activity with others
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- Software to make all of this happen!

Getting started with palmsplusr

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This `palms` object contains 13 columns. Notice how the `lon` and `lat` columns that were present in the csv have been replaced by a `geometry` column. This is POINT geometry, as each row in `palms` represents a point. You can plot this data to look at the distribution of points in space. Here two columns are plotted:

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tripnumber



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Other useful links

- <https://github.com/r-spatial>
- <https://geocompr.robinlovelace.net/>