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**programming language, environment to  
work with data and code, and a social movement**

**novelty**

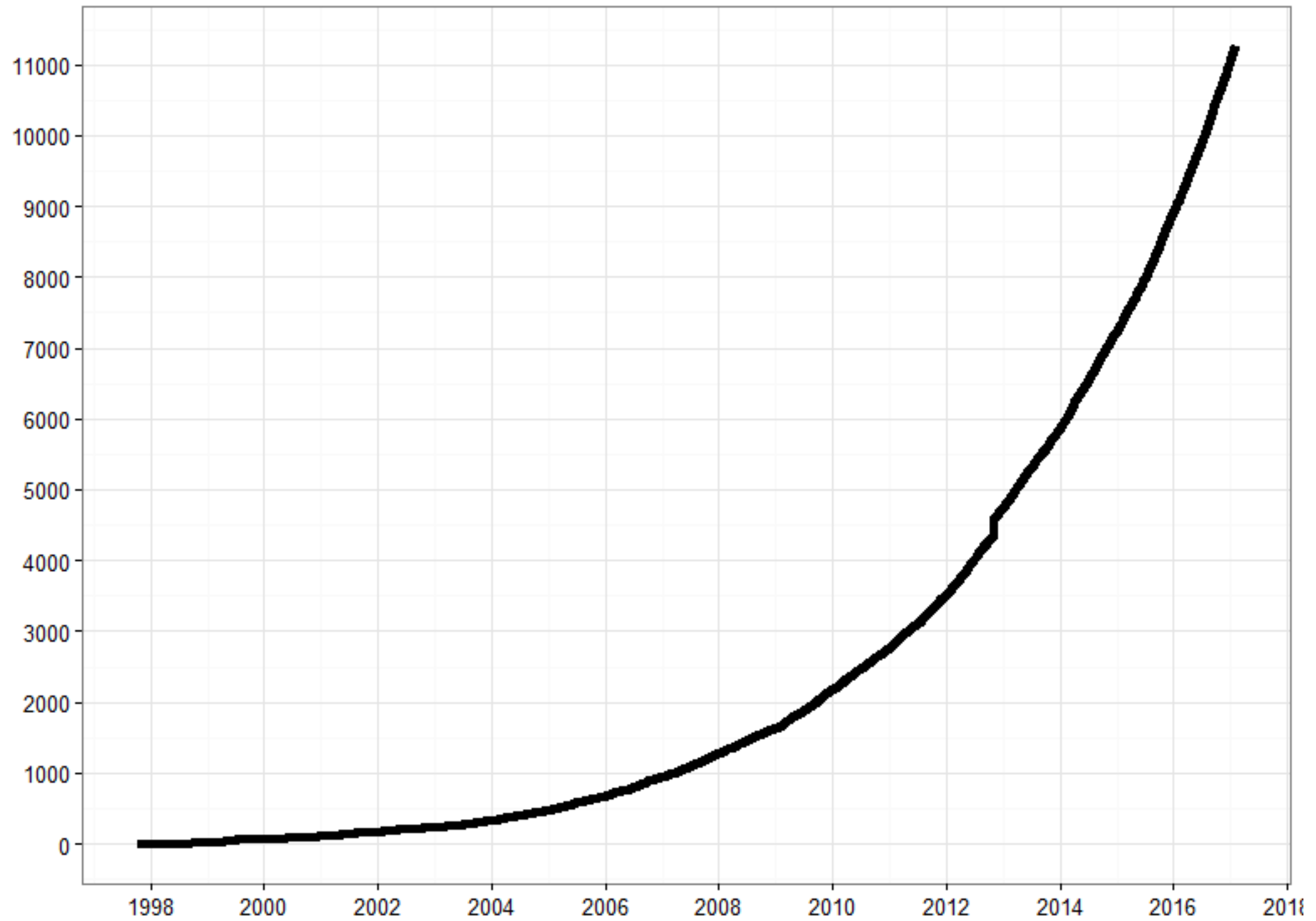
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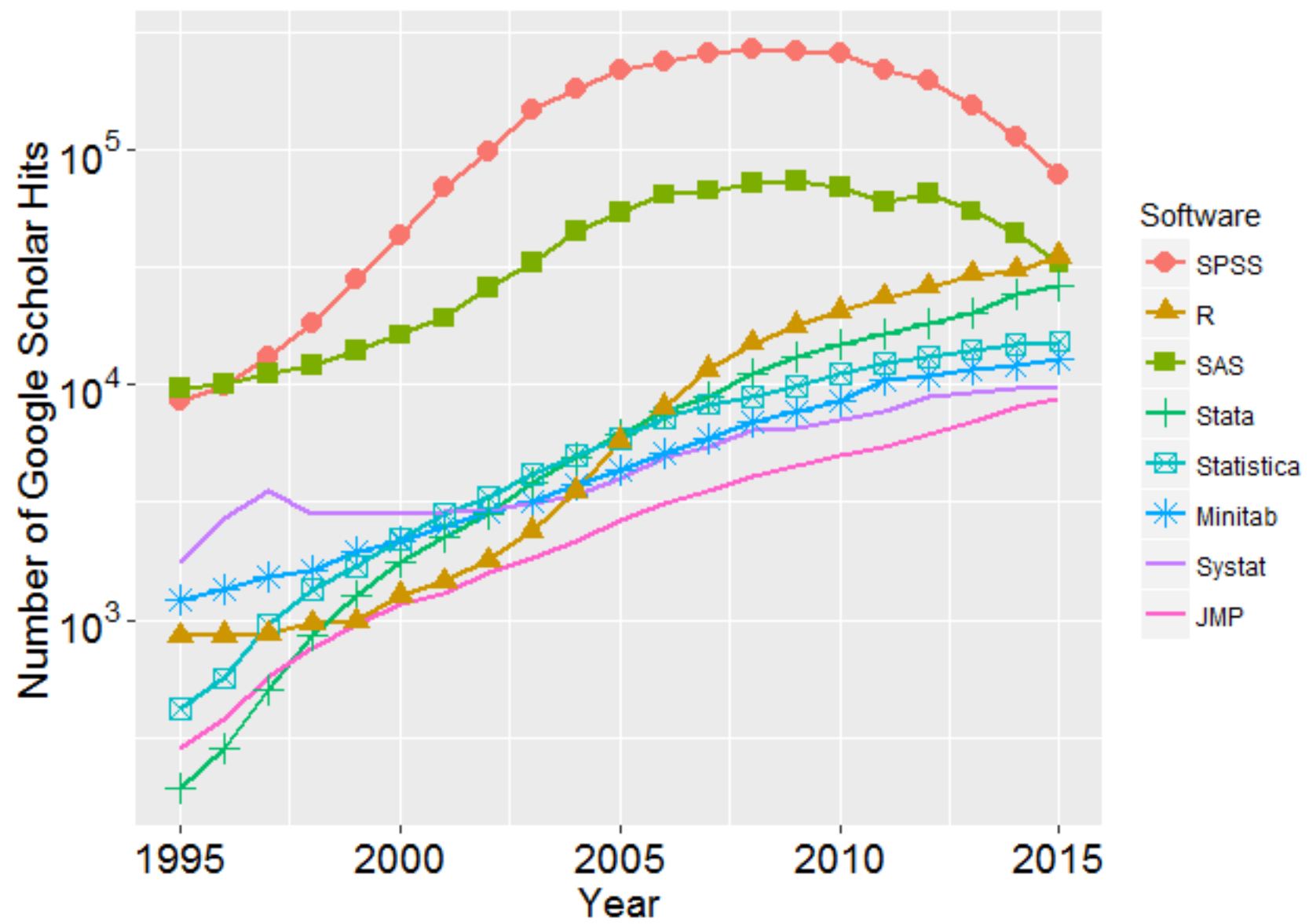
free

needs-based development

open science and developed by anyone/everyone

Number of R packages ever published on CRAN



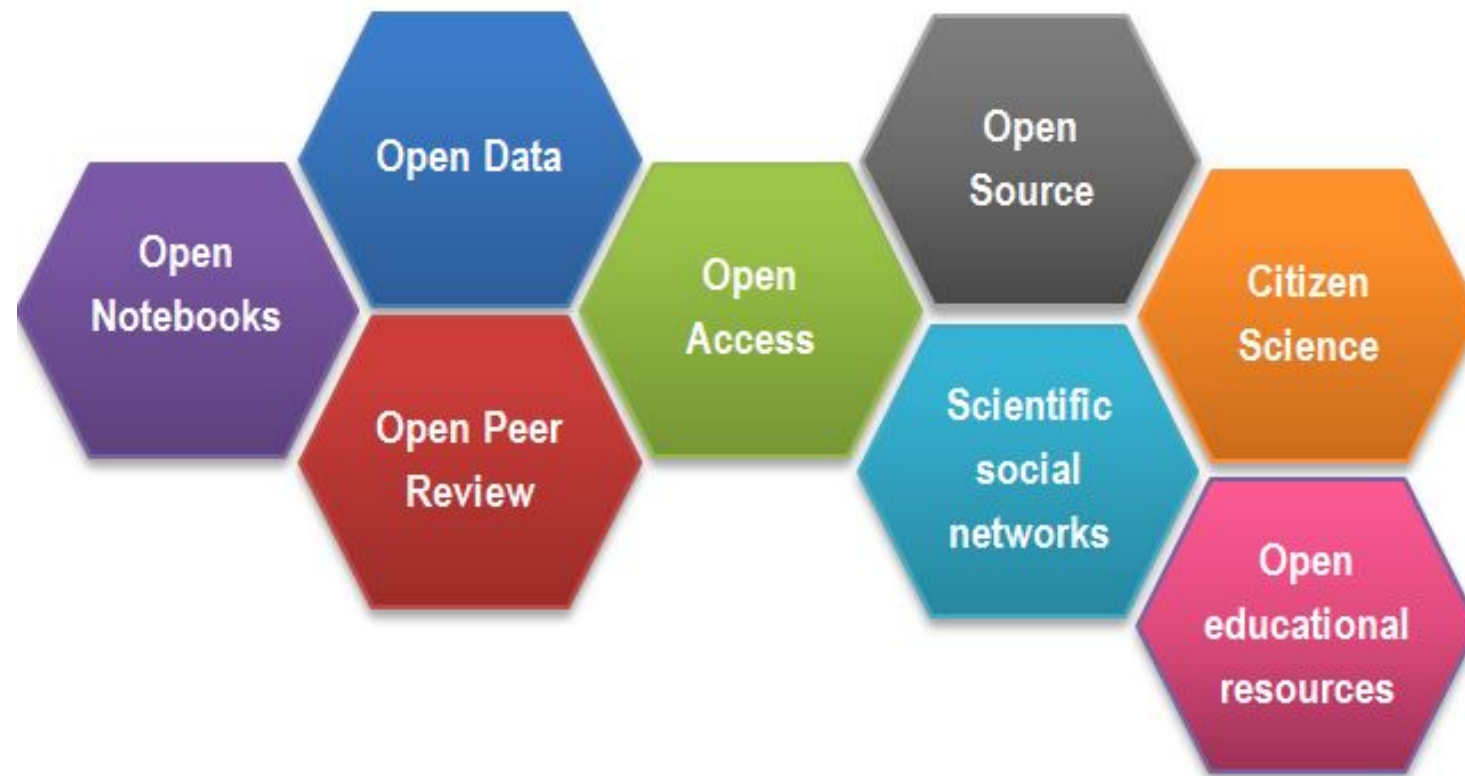


# challenge



literacy

coding is the only mechanism to  
develop reproducible,  
global models



open science is a movement to promote transparency and accessibility in all domains of the scientific process



R is an ideal mechanism to enable openness  
and to best promote **process**  
and not just product in science and models



## **trickle effects of R**

include reproducibility, critical thinking,  
many models not one,  
dynamic and not static thinking

## **EASY TO DO**

Simple disciplines made consistently over time

- Responsibility/Discipline
- Value Driven

What's uncomfortable early becomes comfortable later

**PHILOSOPHY → ATTITUDE – ACTIONS – RESULTS – LIFESTYLE**

What's comfortable early becomes uncomfortable later

- Blame/Neglect
- Entitled

## **EASY NOT TO DO**

Simple errors in judgement made over time

**5% SUCCESS**  
Progressive realization of a worthy idea



FINANCES

HEALTH

BUSINESS

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

RELATIONSHIPS

**95% FAILURE**  
Lasts a lifetime

the do-over benefits are immense

**the best reverse-engineered reproducible solutions  
should not get lost in the weeds**

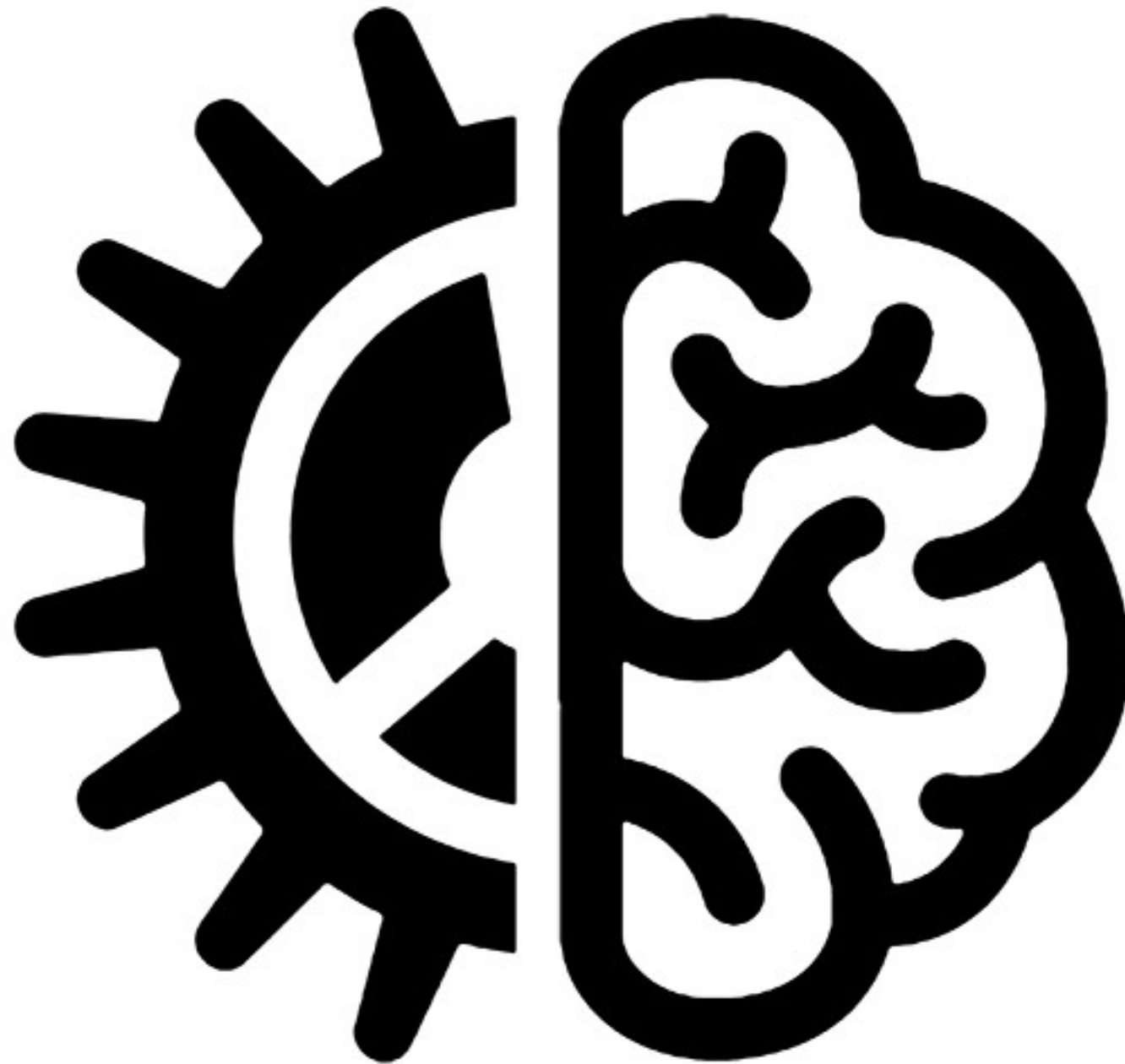
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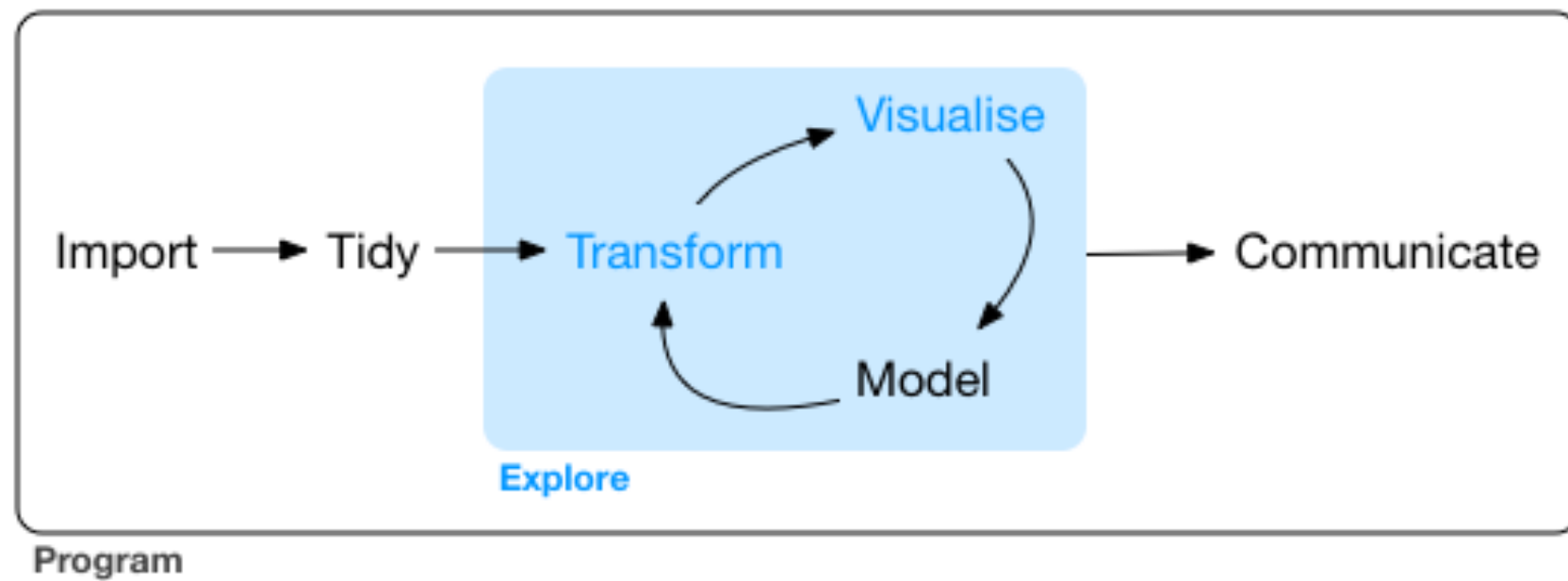
# R for Data Science

VISUALIZE, MODEL, TRANSFORM, TIDY, AND IMPORT DATA

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Garrett Grolemund



we **ALWAYS** map mental models onto evidence  
or observation and  
coding is a tool  
that enables us to capture that process





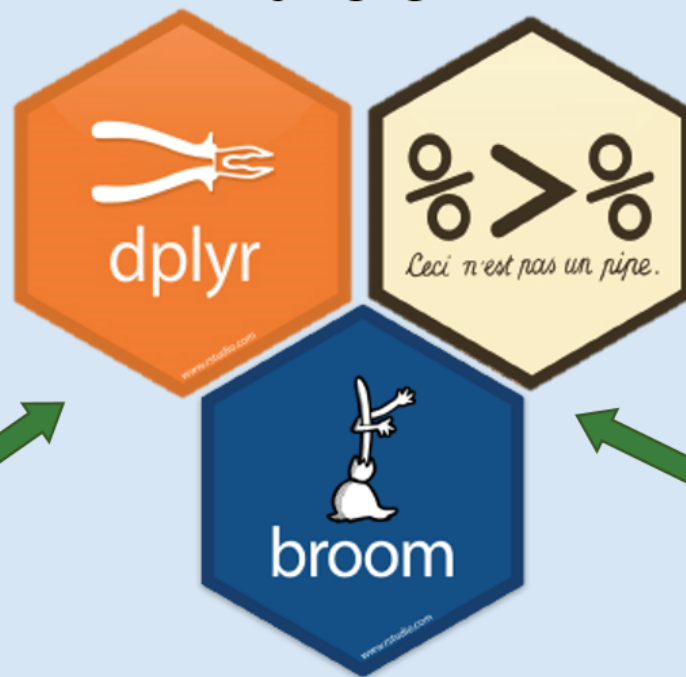
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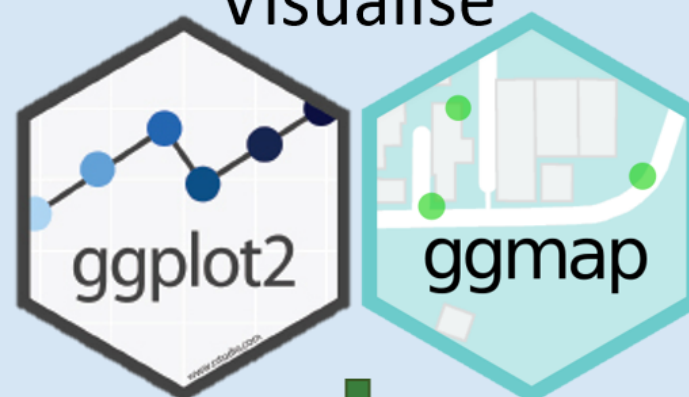
Tidy



Transform



Visualise



Model

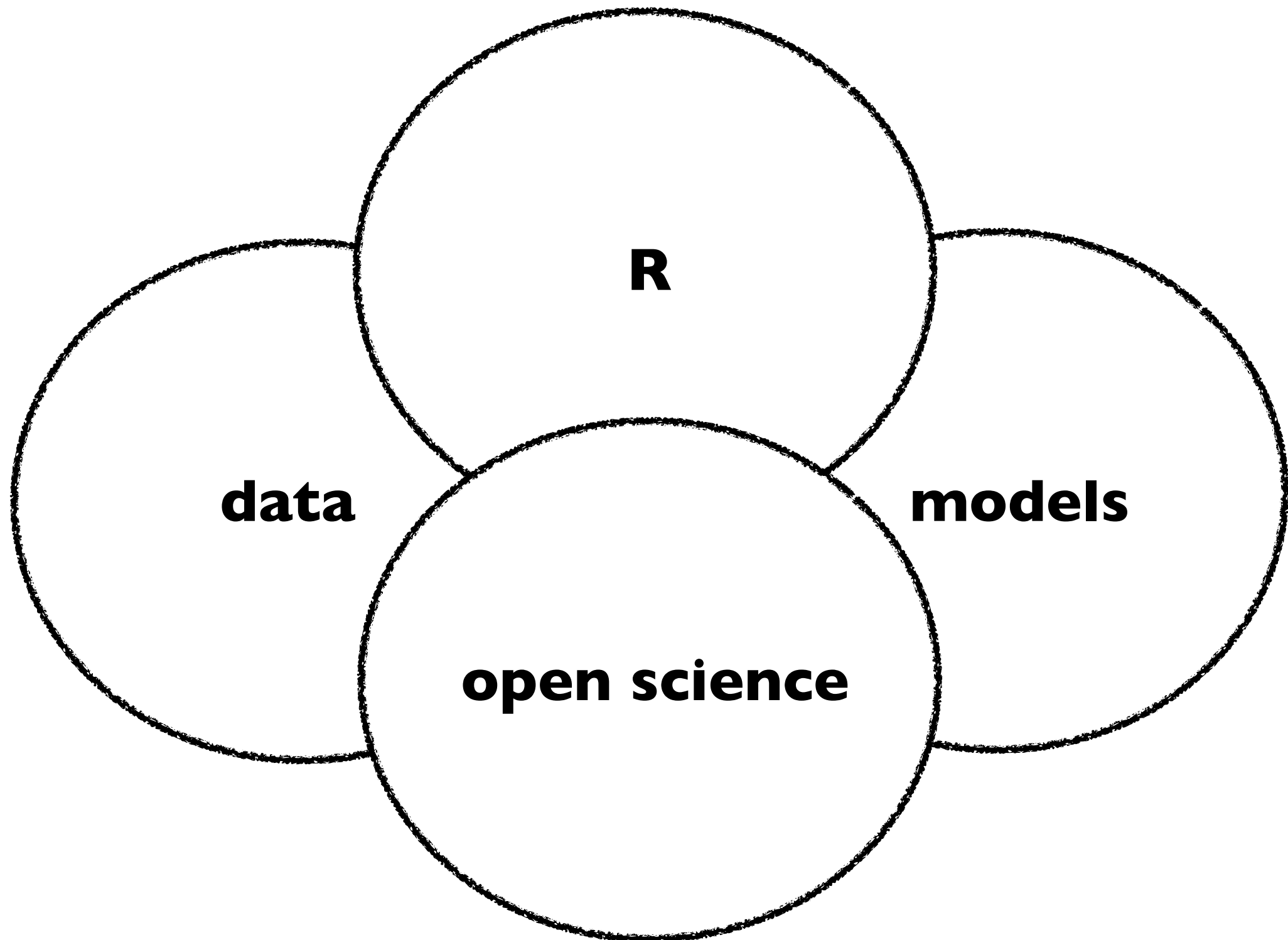


Communicate





Split. Build. Think. Test. Know.



# **bio4enviro connection**

evidence > mental models > code > quantitative models

critical to understand environmental change and  
coding in R  
or any open programming languages  
support discourse and transparency

# implications

need to know  
the  
language  
to build the  
models

