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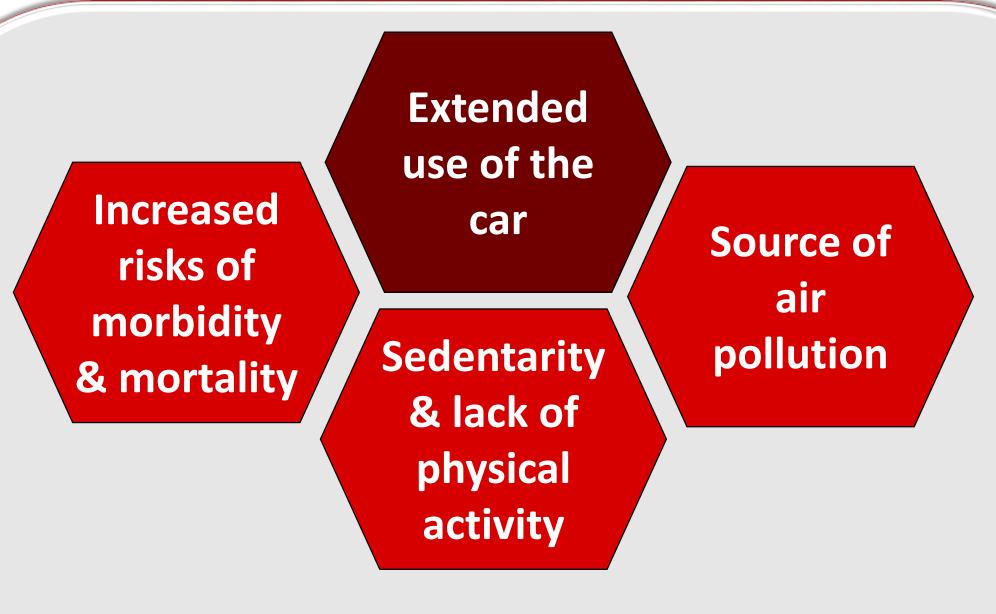
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Is the impact of transport modes on health an individual determinant of transport mode choice?

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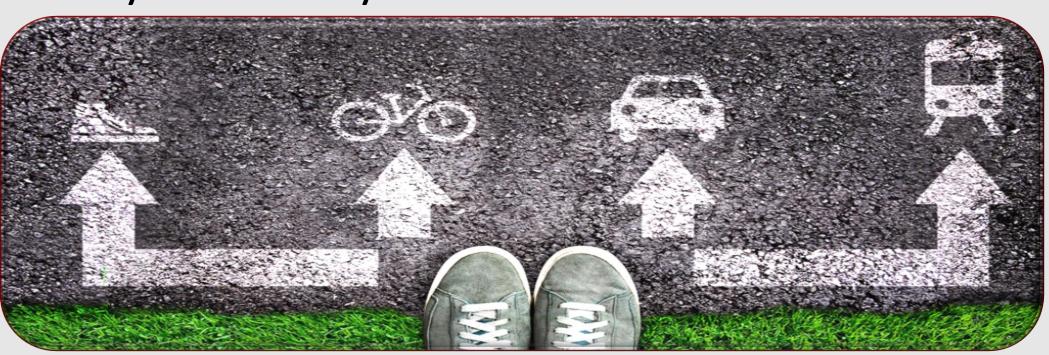
Introduction



- → Modal choice generates individual and public health issues.
- → Modal shift to active and less polluting modes is a valid strategy to reduce:
- Individual health risk related to (a lack of) physical activity (Tainio et al., 2016).
- Public health risk related to air pollution (Bouscasse et al., 2022).

Objectives

- Assess the way introducing these two health dimensions in the individual choice process could influence modal shift intentions
- Account for the perception of health risks in the study of mobility behavior



Method

• Original data: Online Discrete Choice Experiment (June to September 2019).

792 residents of Grenoble Métropolitan Area (France).

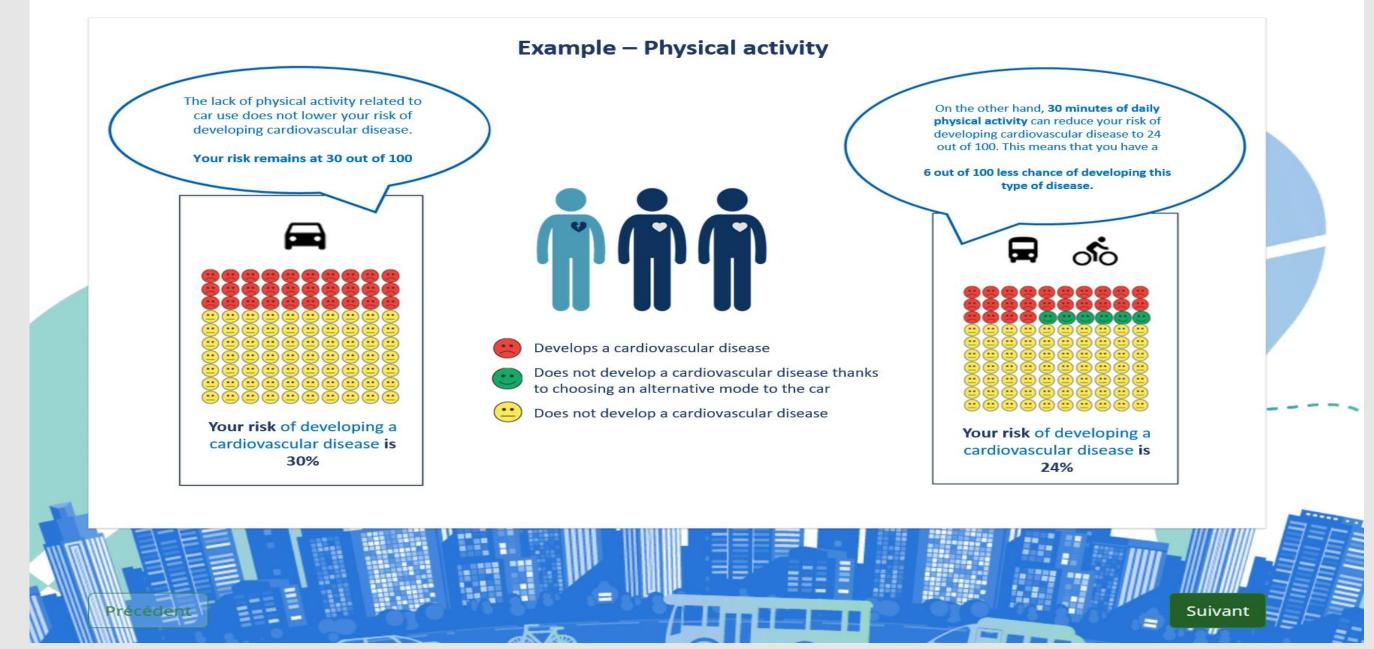
• 3 modes of transport: car, public transport and bicycle.

• 4 Attributes: Travel time, Cost, Individual (through physical activity) and Public (Through air pollution) health risk with framing (50%, 75%, 90% shares of the population).

Mode of transport	₽	=	್
Travel time	41 min	33 min	43 min
Travel cost	0,5€	2,5€	0€
Physical activity Using this mode daily, your risk of developing a cardiovascular disease is	24%	30%	20%
Air pollution If 75% of the population adopt this mode of transport, the average risk of developing a cardiovascular disease for a person in this agglomeration is	29%	30%	26%
Your choice?	0	0	0

• Illustrating the health risk of developping a cardiovascular disease

→ Use of smileys (Green = health gain risk).



Discrete Choice Modelling accounting for the perception of risk reduction probabilities using a power transformation (Bouscasse and de Lapparent, 2020, Yaari, 1987).

Results

- Individual risk reduction: More significant effect in encouraging modal shift compared to public risk when there is a relatively small share of the population (50%) already using alternatives.
- **Public risk reduction:** Has a larger impact on the mobility preferences than the individual risk reduction with larger shares of the population (75% or 90%).
- Both types of information: the risk reduction is generally under-estimated by the participants.

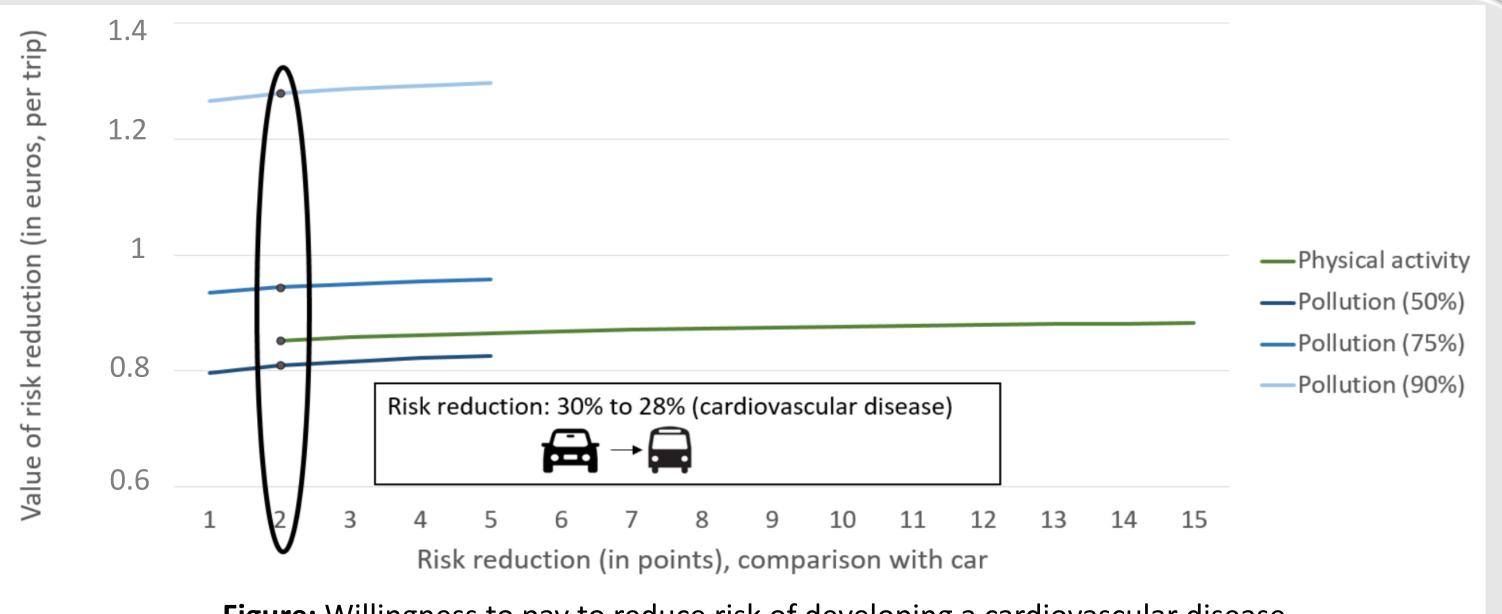


Figure: Willingness to pay to reduce risk of developing a cardiovascular disease

Conclusion

- Our findings confirm that information on health risks related to air pollution or lack of physical activity both have a significant effect on the preferences of the participants in regards to modal choice.
- Today, in Grenoble, the modal share of people using an alternative mode to the car is rather around 50% or lower, our results indicate that decision makers could play on both the individual and public health impact of modal choices to incent citizens to reduce car usage.

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