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oncomsm-package      *The oncomsm package*

## Description

This package implements methods to dynamically predict response and progression of individuals in early oncology trials using parametric multi-state models and Bayesian inference. This allows the dynamic computation of Probability of Success for a wide range of endpoints. The inference is implemented using 'rstan'.

## References

Stan Development Team (2021). "RStan: the R interface to Stan". R package version 2.21.3.  
<https://mc-stan.org>

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compute\_pfs*Compute progression-free-survival rate given sample*

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## Description

`compute_pfs()` computes the progression-free-survival rate at specified times given a parameter sample.

## Usage

```
compute_pfs(
  model,
  t,
  parameter_sample = NULL,
  warmup = 500L,
  nsim = 1000L,
  seed = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>model</code>	an object of class <code>srpmodel</code> containing prior information
<code>t</code>	a vector of time-points at which the PFS rate should be computed
<code>parameter_sample</code>	a stanfit object with samples from the respective model.
<code>warmup</code>	integer, number of warm-up samples for the MCMC sampler before retaining samples; see <code>warmup</code> parameter in <code>rstan::stan()</code> .
<code>nsim</code>	integer, number of samples to draw
<code>seed</code>	integer, fixed random seed; <code>NULL</code> for no fixed seed
...	further arguments passed to method implementations

## Value

a data frame with samples of PFS rates at each of the time points in the vector `t`.

## Examples

```
mdl <- create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior())
smpl <- sample_prior(mdl, nsim = 500, seed = 34L)
dplyr::filter(
  compute_pfs(mdl, t = seq(0, 12), parameter_sample = smpl),
  iter == 1
)
```

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<code>impute</code>	<i>Sample visits from predictive distribution</i>
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## Description

`impute()` samples visits for individuals in data and potentially missing individuals up to a maximum of `n_per_group` from the posterior predictive distribution of the given model.

`sample_predictive()` draws samples from the predictive distribution of a model given a parameter sample.

## Usage

```
impute(
  model,
  data,
  nsim,
  n_per_group = NULL,
  sample = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  shape = NULL,
  scale = NULL,
  now = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  nsim_parameters = 1000L,
  warmup_parameters = 250L,
  nuts_control = list(),
  as_mstate = FALSE,
  ...
)

sample_predictive(
  model,
  nsim,
  n_per_group,
  sample = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  shape = NULL,
  scale = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  nsim_parameters = 1000L,
  warmup_parameters = 250,
  nuts_control = list(),
  as_mstate = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>model</code>	an object of class <a href="#">srpmodel</a> containing prior information
<code>data</code>	a data frame with variables <code>subject_id&lt;chr&gt;</code> (subject identifier), <code>group_id&lt;chr&gt;</code> (group identifier), <code>t&lt;dbl&gt;</code> (time of visit, relative to first visit in study), <code>state&lt;chr&gt;</code> (state recorded at visit). Allowed states are "stable", "response", "progression" (or death), and "EOF" (end of follow-up). The EOF state marks the end of an individual's follow-up before the absorbing state "progression".
<code>nsim</code>	integer, number of samples to draw
<code>n_per_group</code>	integer vector with number of individuals per group.
<code>sample</code>	a stanfit object with samples from the respective model.
<code>p</code>	numeric, vector of optional fixed response probabilities to use for sampling
<code>shape</code>	numeric, matrix of optional fixed Weibull shape parameters to use for sampling must be a matrix of dim <code>c(n_groups, 3)</code> where the second dimension corresponds to the transitions between <code>s-&gt;r</code> , <code>s-&gt;p</code> , <code>r-&gt;p</code>
<code>scale</code>	numeric, matrix of optional fixed Weibull scale parameters to use for sampling must be a matrix of dim <code>c(n_groups, 3)</code> where the second dimension corresponds to the transitions between <code>s-&gt;r</code> , <code>s-&gt;p</code> , <code>r-&gt;p</code>
<code>now</code>	numeric, time since first visit in data if not last recorded visit time
<code>seed</code>	integer, fixed random seed; <code>NULL</code> for no fixed seed
<code>nsim_parameters</code>	integer, number of parameter samples
<code>warmup_parameters</code>	integer, number of warmup samples for the rstan sampler before retaining samples of the parameters.
<code>nuts_control</code>	list, parameters for NUTS algorithm see <code>control</code> argument in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a>
<code>as_mstate</code>	logical, return data in mstate format?
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to method implementations

## Value

a data frame with variables `subject_id<chr>` (subject identifier), `group_id<chr>` (group identifier), `t<dbl>` (time of visit, relative to first visit in study), `state<chr>` (state recorded at visit) `iter<int>` (re-sample indicator). Allowed states are "stable", "response", "progression" (or death), and "EOF" (end of follow-up). The EOF state marks the end of an individual's follow-up before the absorbing state "progression".

## See Also

[sample\\_prior\(\)](#) [sample\\_posterior\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
mdl <- create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior())
tbl <- tibble::tibble(
  subject_id = c("A1", "A1"),
  group_id = c("A", "A"),
  t = c(0, 1.5),
  state = c("stable", "stable")
)
impute(mdl, tbl, 1L, seed = 38L)

sample_predictive(mdl, 1L, 20L, seed = 38L)
```

## *parameter\_sample\_to\_tibble*

*Convert parameter sample to data table*

## Description

`parameter_sample_to_tibble()` takes a `rstan::stanfit` parameter sample of a model, extracts the parameters values and returns them in a data frame.

## Usage

```
parameter_sample_to_tibble(model, sample, ...)
```

## Arguments

- `model` an object of class `srpmodel` containing prior information
- `sample` a stanfit object with samples from the respective model.
- `...` further arguments passed to method implementations

## Value

a tibble with the sampled parameters, in long format

## See Also

[sample\\_prior\(\)](#) [sample\\_posterior\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
mdl <- create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior())
smpl <- sample_prior(mdl, seed = 3647L)
parameter_sample_to_tibble(mdl, smpl)
```

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<code>plot.srpmodel</code>	<i>Summary plot of model prior</i>
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## Description

Summary plot of model prior

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'srpmodel'
plot(
  x,
  parameter_sample = NULL,
  seed = 42L,
  nsim = 500L,
  warmup = 250,
  nuts_control = list(),
  dt_interval = NULL,
  dt_n_grid = 25,
  dt_expand = 1.1,
  dt_grid = NULL,
  confidence = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	the model to plot
<code>parameter_sample</code>	a stanfit object with samples from the respective model.
<code>seed</code>	integer, fixed random seed; <code>NULL</code> for no fixed seed
<code>nsim</code>	integer, number of samples to draw
<code>warmup</code>	integer, number of warm-up samples for the MCMC sampler before retaining samples; see <code>warmup</code> parameter in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a> .
<code>nuts_control</code>	list, parameters for NUTS algorithm see <code>control</code> argument in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a>
<code>dt_interval</code>	numeric vector of length two with minimal and maximal time (relative to individual first visit) to use for plotting
<code>dt_n_grid</code>	number of grid points to use when automatically choosing plotting interval
<code>dt_expand</code>	expansion factor for upper plotting limit when using automatic interval detection
<code>dt_grid</code>	numeric vector of time points to use for plotting
<code>confidence</code>	numeric in (0, 1) confidence level for point-wise confidence bands around mean; <code>none</code> plotted if <code>NULL</code> .
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to method implementations

**Value**

A patchwork object, see [patchwork::patchwork](#)

**See Also**

[plot\\_pfs\(\)](#) [plot\\_transition\\_times\(\)](#) [plot\\_response\\_probability\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
mdl <- create_srpmode(A = define_srp_prior())
plot(mdl)
```

**plot\_mstate**

*Swimmer plot of multi-state data*

**Description**

`plot_mstate()` plots data in 'multi-state-format' as swimmer plot.

**Usage**

```
plot_mstate(
  data,
  model,
  now = max(tbl_mstate$t_max),
  relative_to_sot = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	a data frame with multi-state data; variables are <code>subject_id&lt;chr&gt;</code> , <code>group_id&lt;chr&gt;</code> , <code>subject_id&lt;chr&gt;</code> , <code>from&lt;chr&gt;</code> , <code>to&lt;chr&gt;</code> , <code>t_min&lt;dbl&gt;</code> , <code>t_max&lt;dbl&gt;</code> , <code>t_sot&lt;dbl&gt;</code> , where <code>to</code> and <code>from</code> indicate the state from which and into which the transitions occurs (stable, response, progression), <code>t_max</code> and <code>t_min</code> specify the interval in which the transition occurred relative to <code>t_sot</code> (start of treatment).
<code>model</code>	an object of class <code>srpmode</code> containing prior information
<code>now</code>	the current time relative to the start of the trial
<code>relative_to_sot</code>	logical, should the timeline be relative to the start of trial or the start of treatment for each individual
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to method implementations

**Value**

a `ggplot2::ggplot` object

**See Also**

[visits\\_to\\_mstate\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
mdl <- create_srpremodel(A = define_srp_prior())
tbl_visits <- sample_predictive(mdl, n_per_group = 5L, nsim = 1, seed = 468L)
tbl_mstate <- visits_to_mstate(tbl_visits, mdl)
plot_mstate(tbl_mstate, mdl)
```

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plot\_pfs

*Plot progression-free-survival function*

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**Description**

`plot_pfs()` plots the progression-free-survival function of a model.

**Usage**

```
plot_pfs(
  model,
  parameter_sample = NULL,
  seed = 42L,
  nsim = 500L,
  warmup = 250,
  nuts_control = list(),
  dt_interval = NULL,
  dt_n_grid = 25,
  dt_expand = 1.1,
  dt_grid = NULL,
  confidence = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>model</code>	an object of class <a href="#">srpremodel</a> containing prior information
<code>parameter_sample</code>	a stanfit object with samples from the respective model.
<code>seed</code>	integer, fixed random seed; <code>NULL</code> for no fixed seed
<code>nsim</code>	integer, number of samples to draw
<code>warmup</code>	integer, number of warm-up samples for the MCMC sampler before retaining samples; see <code>warmup</code> parameter in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a> .
<code>nuts_control</code>	list, parameters for NUTS algorithm see <code>control</code> argument in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a>

<code>dt_interval</code>	numeric vector of length two with minimal and maximal time (relative to individual first visit) to use for plotting
<code>dt_n_grid</code>	number of grid points to use when automatically choosing plotting interval
<code>dt_expand</code>	expansion factor for upper plotting limit when using automatic interval detection
<code>dt_grid</code>	numeric vector of time points to use for plotting
<code>confidence</code>	numeric in (0, 1) confidence level for point-wise confidence bands around mean; none plotted if <code>NULL</code> .
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to method implementations

**Value**

a `ggplot2::ggplot` object

**See Also**

`plot_transition_times()` `plot_response_probability()`

**Examples**

```
mdl <- create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior())
plot_pfs(mdl)
```

**plot\_response\_probability**

*Plot the response probability distributions*

**Description**

`plot_response_probability()` plots the distribution over the response probability parameter in the specified model.

**Usage**

```
plot_response_probability(
  model,
  parameter_sample = NULL,
  seed = 42L,
  nsim = 500L,
  warmup = 250,
  nuts_control = list(),
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

model	an object of class <a href="#">srpmodel</a> containing prior information
parameter_sample	a stanfit object with samples from the respective model.
seed	integer, fixed random seed; NULL for no fixed seed
nsim	integer, number of samples to draw
warmup	integer, number of warm-up samples for the MCMC sampler before retaining samples; see <code>warmup</code> parameter in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a> .
nuts_control	list, parameters for NUTS algorithm see <code>control</code> argument in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a>
...	further arguments passed to method implementations

## Value

a [ggplot2::ggplot](#) object

## See Also

[plot\\_transition\\_times\(\)](#) [plot\\_pfs\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
mdl <- create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior())
plot_response_probability(mdl)
```

`plot_transition_times` *Plot the transition times of a model*

## Description

`plot_transition_times()` plots the survival functions for the transition times in a multi-state model.

## Usage

```
plot_transition_times(
  model,
  parameter_sample = NULL,
  seed = 42L,
  nsim = 500L,
  warmup = 250,
  nuts_control = list(),
  dt_interval = NULL,
  dt_n_grid = 25,
  dt_expand = 1.1,
  dt_grid = NULL,
```

```
confidence = NULL,
...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>model</code>	an object of class <a href="#">srpmodel</a> containing prior information
<code>parameter_sample</code>	a stanfit object with samples from the respective model.
<code>seed</code>	integer, fixed random seed; <code>NULL</code> for no fixed seed
<code>nsim</code>	integer, number of samples to draw
<code>warmup</code>	integer, number of warm-up samples for the MCMC sampler before retaining samples; see <code>warmup</code> parameter in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a> .
<code>nuts_control</code>	list, parameters for NUTS algorithm see <code>control</code> argument in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a>
<code>dt_interval</code>	numeric vector of length two with minimal and maximal time (relative to individual first visit) to use for plotting
<code>dt_n_grid</code>	number of grid points to use when automatically choosing plotting interval
<code>dt_expand</code>	expansion factor for upper plotting limit when using automatic interval detection
<code>dt_grid</code>	numeric vector of time points to use for plotting
<code>confidence</code>	numeric in (0, 1) confidence level for point-wise confidence bands around mean; none plotted if <code>NULL</code> .
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to method implementations

## Value

a [ggplot2::ggplot](#) object

## See Also

[plot\\_pfs\(\)](#) [plot\\_response\\_probability\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
mdl <- create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior())
plot_transition_times(mdl)
```

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print.srpmodel	<i>Print an srpmodel</i>
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## Description

Print an srpmodel

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'srpmodel'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'srpmodel'  
format(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	model to print
...	further arguments passed to method implementations

## Value

format() returns a character string representation of the object, print() prints to the console and returns the object itself invisibly.

## Examples

```
print(create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior()))  
format(create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior()))
```

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sample_posterior	<i>Sample parameters from a model</i>
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## Description

sample\_posterior() draws samples from the posterior distribution of the specified model given a data set with visit data.

sample\_prior() draws samples from the prior distribution of the specified model object.

## Usage

```
sample_posterior(
  model,
  data,
  now = NULL,
  nsim = 2000L,
  seed = NULL,
  warmup = 500L,
  nuts_control = list(),
  acceptable_divergent_transition_fraction = 0.1,
  ...
)

sample_prior(
  model,
  nsim = 2000L,
  seed = NULL,
  warmup = 500L,
  nuts_control = list(),
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>model</code>	an object of class <a href="#">srpmodel</a> containing prior information
<code>data</code>	a data frame with variables <code>subject_id&lt;chr&gt;</code> (subject identifier), <code>group_id&lt;chr&gt;</code> (group identifier), <code>t&lt;dbl&gt;</code> (time of visit, relative to first visit in study), <code>state&lt;chr&gt;</code> (state recorded at visit). Allowed states are "stable", "response", "progression" (or death), and "EOF" (end of follow-up). The EOF state marks the end of an individual's follow-up before the absorbing state "progression".
<code>now</code>	numeric, time from first visit in data if different from last recorded visit
<code>nsim</code>	integer, number of samples to draw
<code>seed</code>	integer, fixed random seed; <code>NULL</code> for no fixed seed
<code>warmup</code>	integer, number of warm-up samples for the MCMC sampler before retaining samples; see <code>warmup</code> parameter in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a> .
<code>nuts_control</code>	list, parameters for NUTS algorithm see <code>control</code> argument in <a href="#">rstan::stan()</a>
<code>acceptable_divergent_transition_fraction</code> ,	numeric between 0 and 1 giving the acceptable fraction of divergent transitions before throwing an error
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to method implementations

## Value

A [rstan::stanfit](#) object with posterior samples.

**See Also**

[rstan::stan\(\)](#) [parameter\\_sample\\_to\\_tibble\(\)](#) [sample\\_predictive\(\)](#) [impute\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
mdl <- create_srppmodel(A = define_srp_prior())
tbl <- tibble::tibble(
  subject_id = c("A1", "A1"),
  group_id = c("A", "A"),
  t = c(0, 1.5),
  state = c("stable", "response")
)
sample_posterior(mdl, tbl, seed = 42L)

sample_prior(mdl, seed = 42L)
```

**simulate\_decision\_rule**

*Simulate results under a custom decision rule*

**Description**

`simulate_decision_rule()` simulates from the prior or posterior predictive distribution of a model and applies a custom decision rule to each simulated data set.

**Usage**

```
simulate_decision_rule(
  model,
  n_per_group,
  decision_rule,
  data = NULL,
  parameter_sample = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  nsim = 1L
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>model</code>	model to use for sampling
<code>n_per_group</code>	group size
<code>decision_rule</code>	a function with signature <code>rule(mdl, data, ...)</code> returning a data frame with results from applying the decision rule to data set <code>data</code> , typically contains a column <code>group_id</code> and a one column per decision/result.
<code>data</code>	a data frame with visit data to condition on

```

parameter_sample
    an optional parameter sample to reuse
seed
    optional fixed seed
nsim
    the number of resamples to draw from the predictive distribution

```

## Details

The sampling is implementing using `furrr::future_map()` and thus supports parallel execution when specifying a `future::plan()`.

## Value

A data frame with columns `iter` (the resample index) and any columns returned by `decision_rule` applied to each of the `nsim` datasets sampled from the predictive distribution.

## Examples

```

mdl <- create_srpmodel(A = define_srp_prior())
rule <- function(model, data) {
  tibble::tibble(decision = sample(c(0,1), 1))
}
simulate_decision_rule(mdl, 5, rule, nsim = 3)

```

**srpmodel**

*A stable-response-progression model*

## Description

`create_model()` takes one or more prior-specifications for an SRP multi-state model and combines them into a single model object. Groups are still treated as independent.

## Usage

```

define_srp_prior(
  p_mean = 0.5,
  p_n = 3,
  p_eta = 0,
  p_min = 0,
  p_max = 1,
  median_t_q05 = c(1, 1, 1),
  median_t_q95 = c(36, 26, 36),
  shape_q05 = rep(0.9, 3),
  shape_q95 = rep(2.5, 3),
  visit_spacing = 1,
  recruitment_rate = 1
)
create_srpmodel(..., maximal_time = 10 * 12)

```

## Arguments

p_mean	numeric, mean of the beta prior for the response probability
p_n	numeric, beta prior equivalent sample size ( $a + b$ )
p_eta	numeric, robustification parameter for beta prior; actual prior is $(1 - \eta)$ beta + $\eta$ ; i.e., $\eta$ is the non-informative weight.
p_min	numeric, minimal response probability
p_max	numeric, maximal response probability
median_t_q05	numeric of length three, 5% quantiles of the log-normal distributions for the median time-to-next-event for the three transitions s->r, s->p, r->p.
median_t_q95	numeric of length three, 95% quantiles of the log-normal distributions for the median time-to-next-event for the three transitions s->r, s->p, r->p.
shape_q05	numeric of length three, 5% quantiles of the log-normal distributions for the shapes of the time-to-next-event distributions for the three transitions s->r, s->p, r->p.
shape_q95	numeric of length three, 95% quantiles of the log-normal distributions for the shapes of the time-to-next-event distributions for the three transitions s->r, s->p, r->p.
visit_spacing	numeric, fixed duration between visits
recruitment_rate	numeric, constant recruitment rate
...	named srp_prior objects; the argument names serve as group labels
maximal_time	the maximal overall runtime of the trial as measured from the first visit of any group. No visits past this point are sampled.

## Details

define\_srp\_prior() specifies a prior distribution for a three state model (stable, response, progression) for a single group.

## Value

define\_srp\_prior() returns an object of class srp\_prior, all inputs are accessible via \$x where x is the name of the input argument in the function call except for the two parameters visit\_spacing and recruitment\_rate. These two parameters are saved as attributes and can be retrieved directly using attr(mdl, "visit\_spacing") and attr(mdl, "recruitment\_rate").

create\_srpmodel() returns an object of class c("srpmodel", "list") that holds information about potentially multiple groups in a compact format and can be accessed using the list operator \$.name. group\_id is a character vector with the group names, maximal\_time is the maximal follow-up time since the first visit in the study, visit\_spacing is the vector of per-group difference between visits (only relevant for forward sampling), recruitment\_rate is the vector of per-group recruitment rates, stan\_model is the pre-compiled 'stan' model used for inference, states is the vector of state names in the multi-state model, and prior is a list of hyperparameters for the model prior with elements p, vector, for the response probability per group, median\_t is an c(n\_groups, 3, 2) dimensional array where median\_t[i, j, 1] holds the 5% quantile of the the lognormal prior

on median transition time for group i and transition j and `median_t[i, j, 2]` the corresponding upper 95% quantile. The shape hyperparameter has the same format and specified the corresponding quantiles for the Weibull shape parameter.

## Examples

```
# a model with prior 25% response rate and variance equivalent to
# 10 data points (i.e. a Beta(2.5, 7.5) distribution).
grp <- define_srp_prior(p_mean = 0.25, p_n = 10)
attr(grp, "recruitment_rate")

# a model with two groups and different priors on the respective response
# probabilities
mdl <- create_srpmodel(
  A = define_srp_prior(),
  B = define_srp_prior(p_mean = 0.33, p_n = 10)
)
mdl$median_t
```

`visits_to_mstate`      *Convert cross-sectional visit data to multi-state format*

## Description

`visits_to_mstate()` converts visits to interval-censored multi-state data where each row corresponds to a transition between states. The conversion assumes that visit spacing is tight enough to not miss any transitions.

## Usage

```
visits_to_mstate(
  tbl_visits,
  model,
  now = max(tbl_visits$t),
  eof_indicator = "EOF"
)
```

## Arguments

<code>tbl_visits</code>	data frame, visit data in long format
<code>model</code>	an object of class <code>srpmodel</code> containing prior information
<code>now</code>	time point since start of trial (might be later than last recorded visit)
<code>eof_indicator</code>	state name indicating (exactly observed) end of follow up.

**Value**

A data frame with multi-state data; variables are `subject_id<chr>`, `group_id<chr>`, `subject_id<chr>`, `from<chr>`, `to<chr>`, `t_min<dbl>`, `t_max<dbl>`, `t_sot<dbl>`, where `to` and `from` indicate the state from which and into which the transitions occurs (stable, response, progression), `t_max` and `t_min` specify the interval in which the transition occurred relative to `t_sot` (start of treatment).

**Examples**

```
mdl <- create_srppmodel(A = define_srpprior())
tbl_visits <- sample_predictive(mdl, n_per_group = 5L, nsim = 1, seed = 468L)
visits_to_mstate(tbl_visits, mdl)
```

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