

Process Mining: Beyond Business Intelligence



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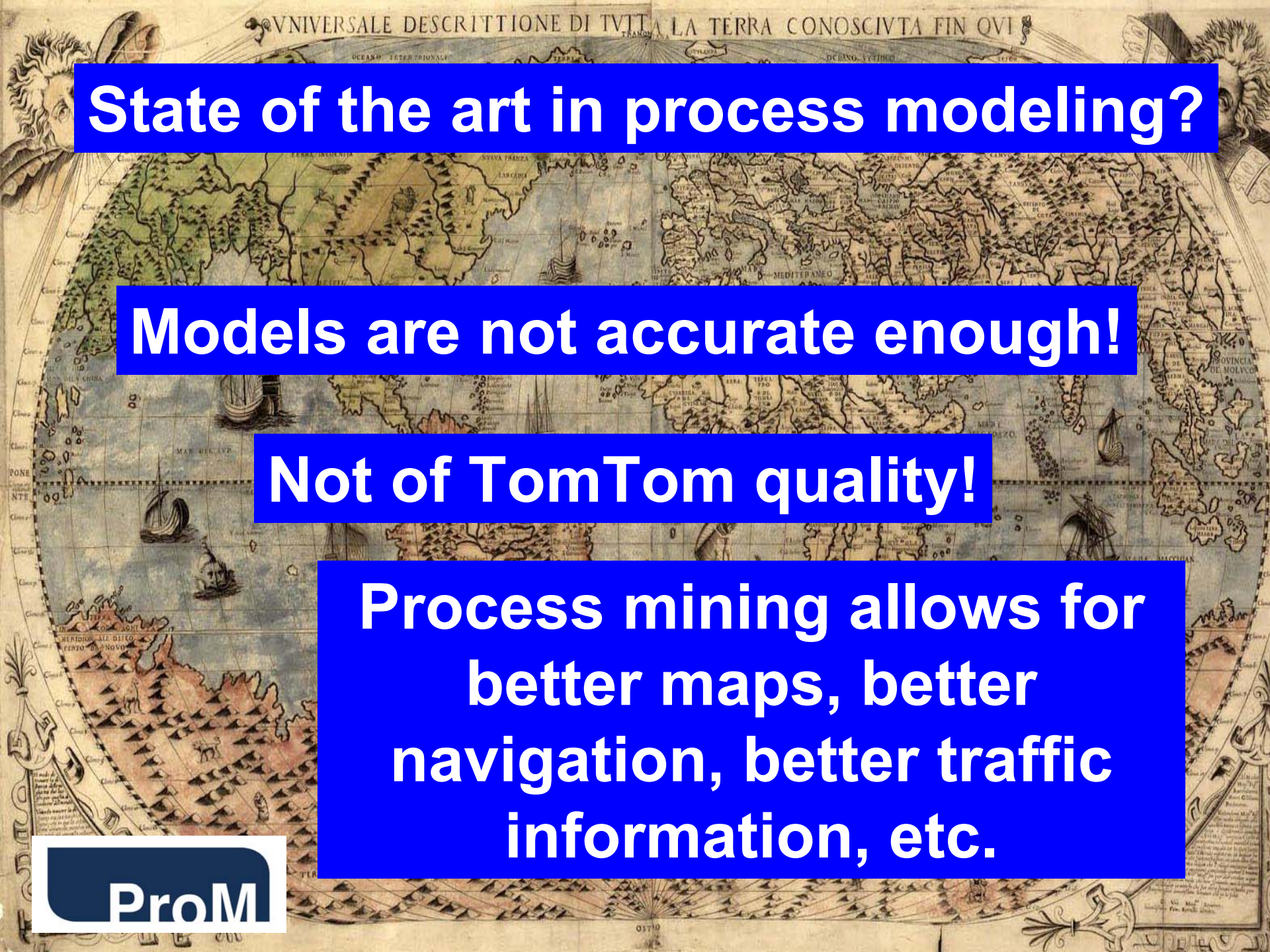
Where innovation starts

Our Benchmark: TomTom

Today's information systems are really crappy compared to a TomTom system!

- Good maps?
- Navigation by PowerPoints?
- Traffic information?
- Where is the next fuel station?
- Who is in charge?
- Seamless zoom?
- Customizable views?
- When will the destination be reached?





State of the art in process modeling?

Models are not accurate enough!

Not of TomTom quality!

**Process mining allows for
better maps, better
navigation, better traffic
information, etc.**

ProM





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Process Mining



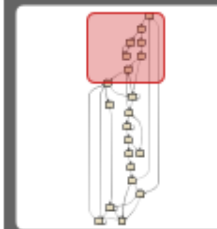
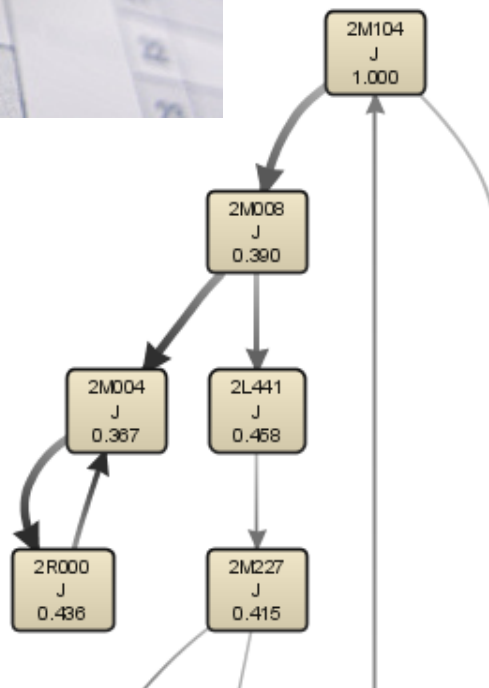
- **Process discovery:** "What is really happening?"
- **Conformance checking:** "Do we do what was agreed upon?"
- **Performance analysis:** "Where are the bottlenecks?"
- **Process prediction:** "Will this case be late?"
- **Process improvement:** "How to redesign this process?"
- **Etc.**



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Animation

ProM



Zoom

► Concurrency filter

► Edge filter

▼ Node filter

Significance cutoff

- Process discovery: "What is the real curriculum?"
- Conformance checking: "Do students meet the prerequisites?"
- Performance analysis: "Where are the bottlenecks?"
- Process prediction: "Will a student complete his studies (in time)?"
- Process improvement: "How to redesign the curriculum?"

Outline of tutorial

- **Part I : Introduction to Process Mining**
- **Part II : Process Discovery – The Alpha Algorithm**
- **Part III : Hands-on with ProM**

Part I

Introduction to Process Mining

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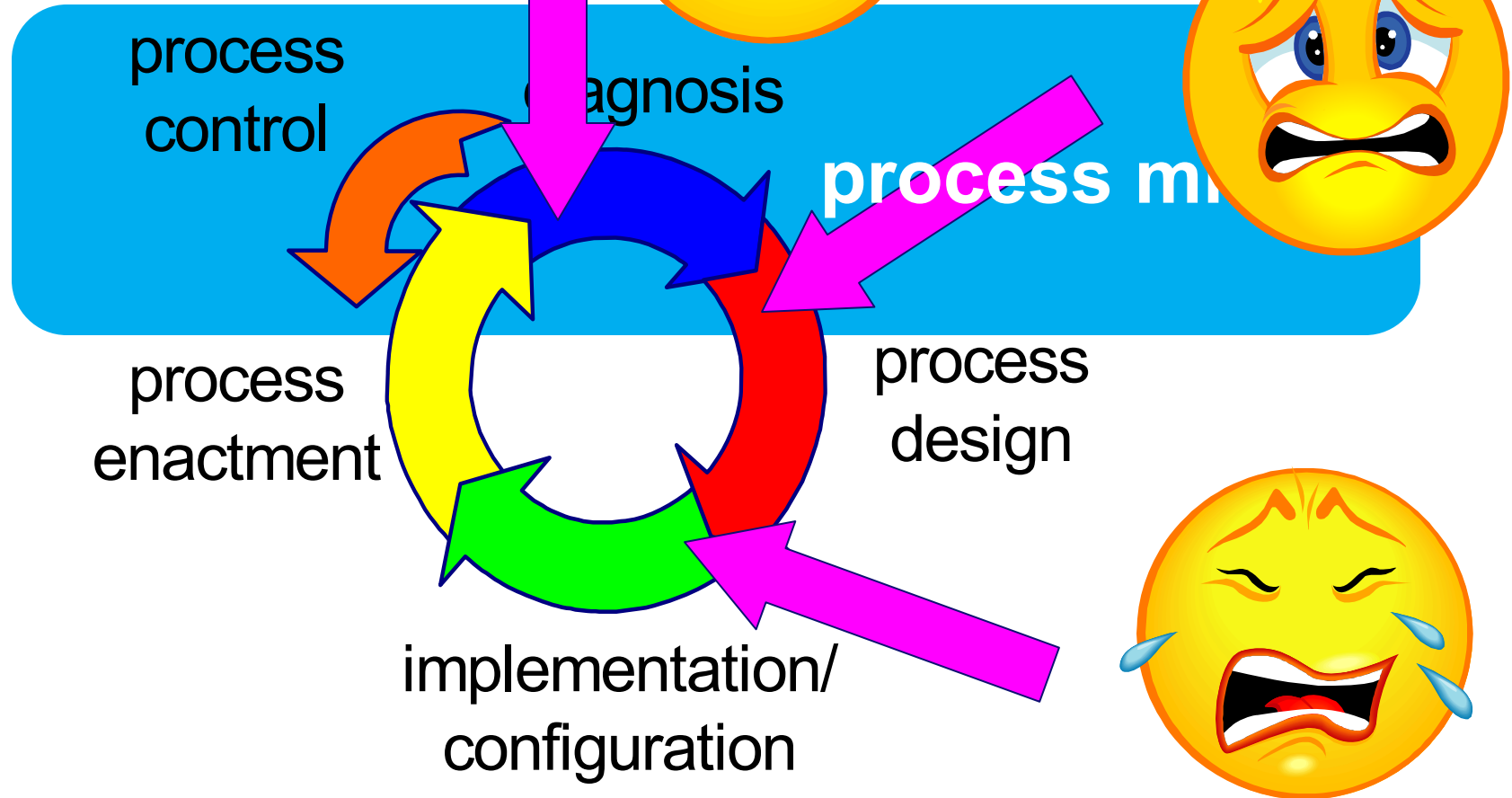


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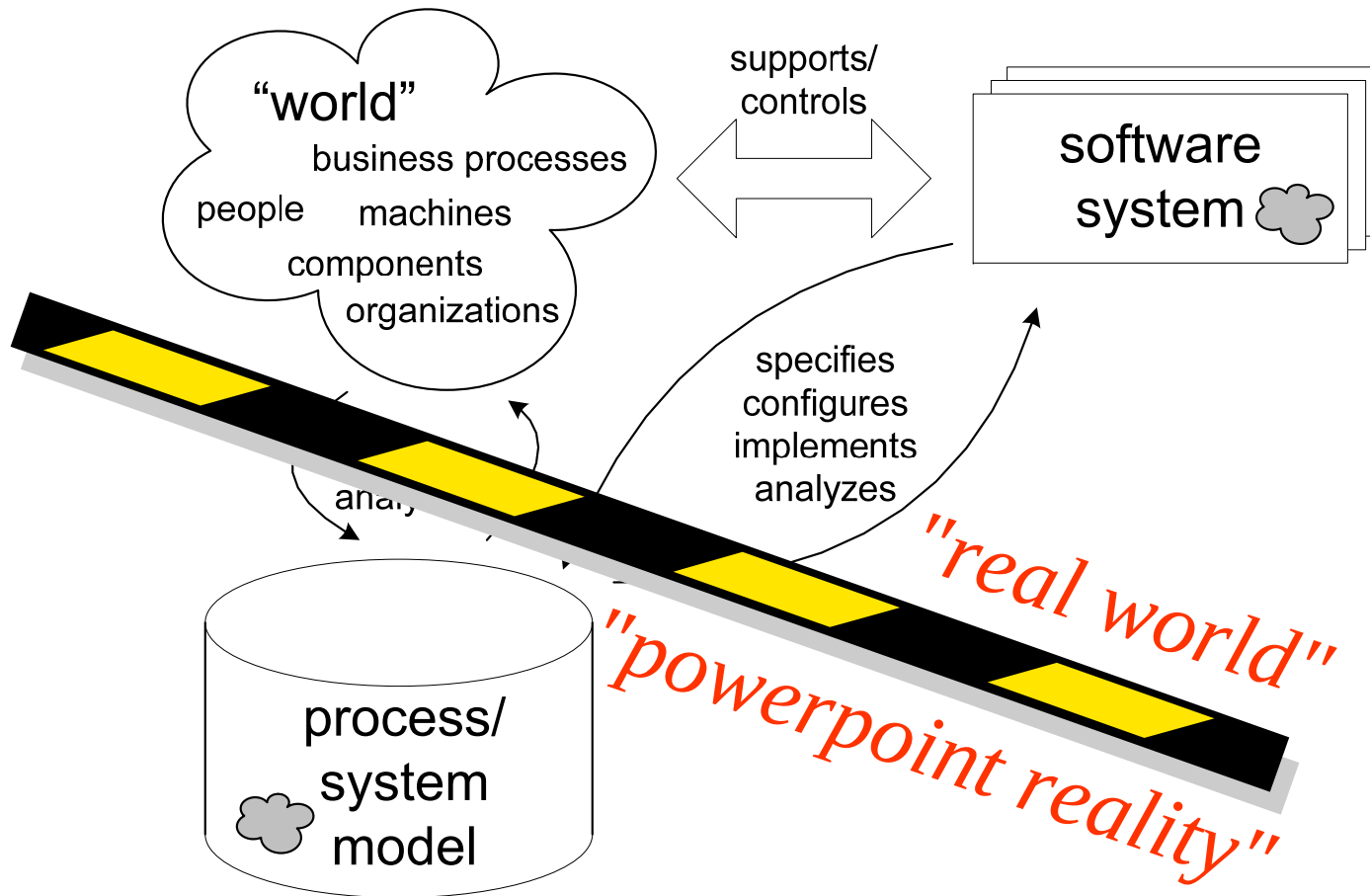
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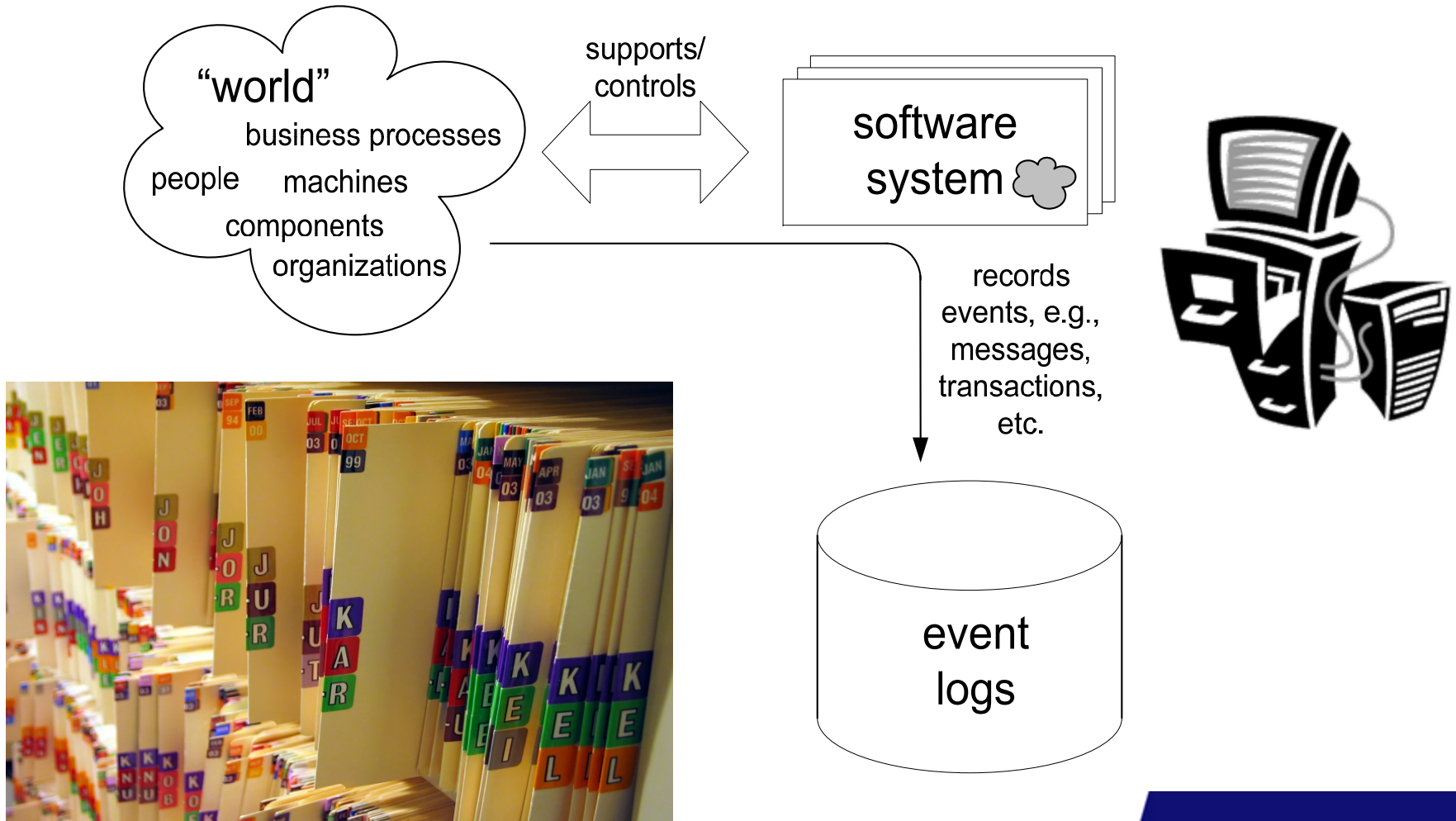
Where to start?



Role of models



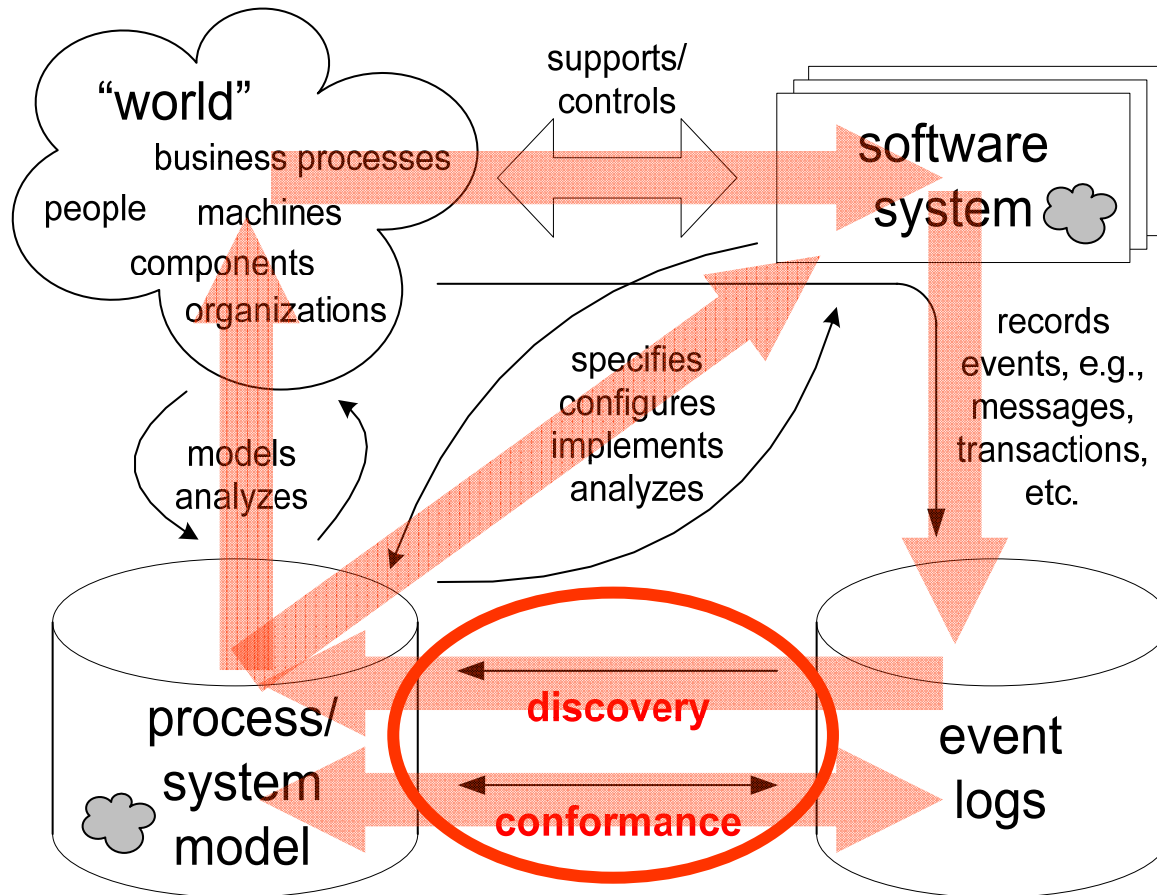
Event logs are a reflection of reality



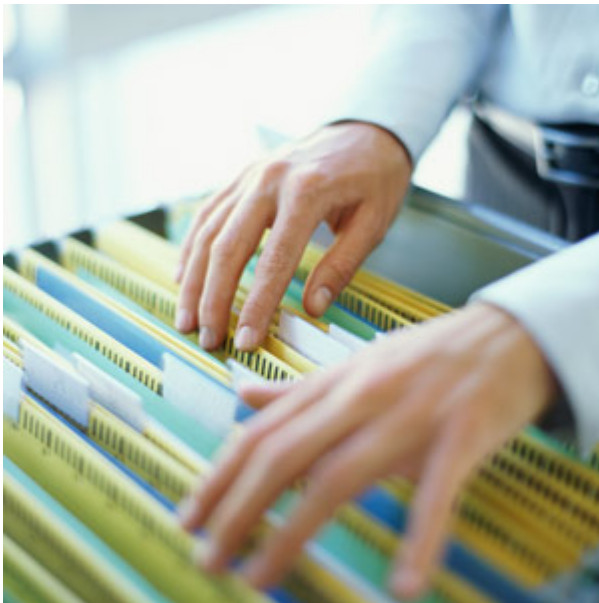
Examples:



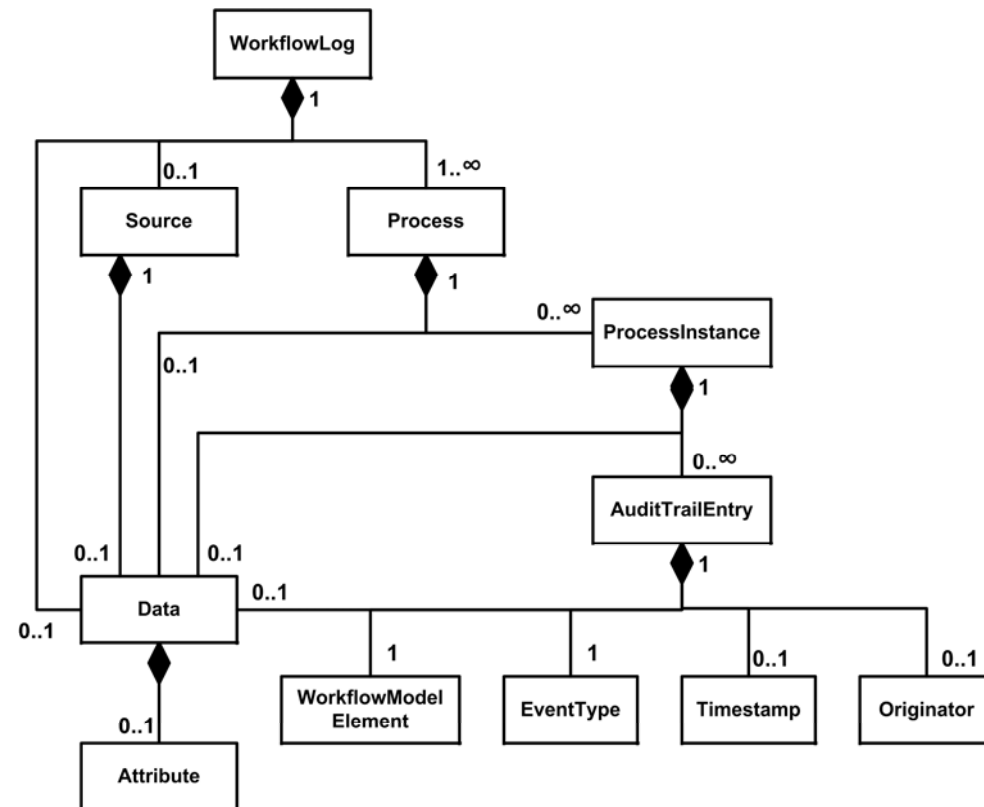
Process mining: Linking events to models



Starting point: event logs

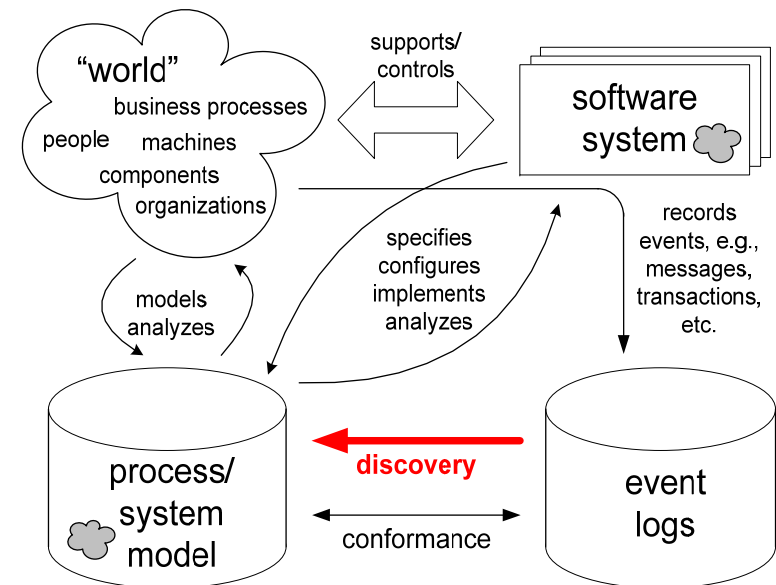


event logs, audit trails, databases, message logs, etc.



unified event log
(MXML)

Discovery



What to discover?

- process models (Petri nets, EPCs, BPMN, etc.),
- organizational models,
- social networks,
- sequence diagrams,
- business rules,
- bottlenecks,
- simulation models,
- etc.

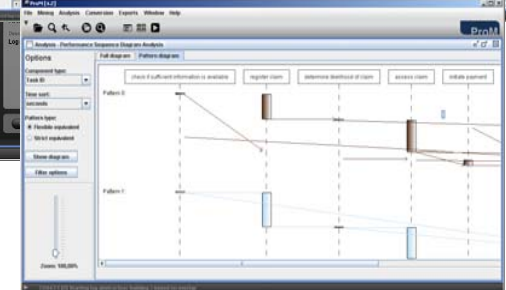
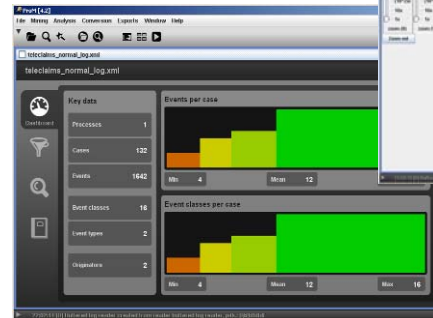
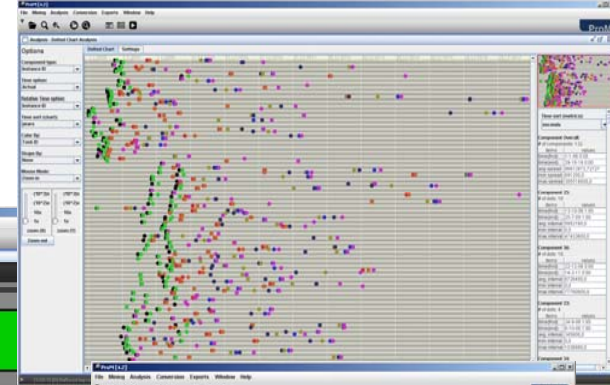
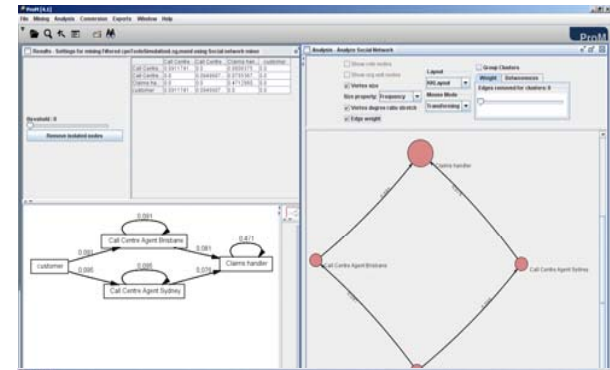
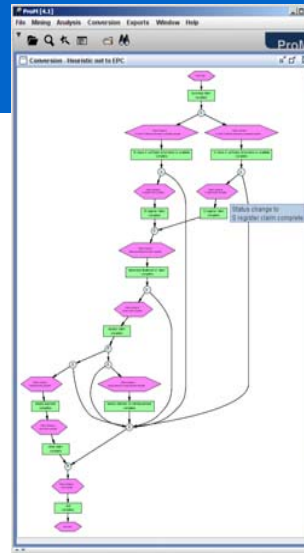
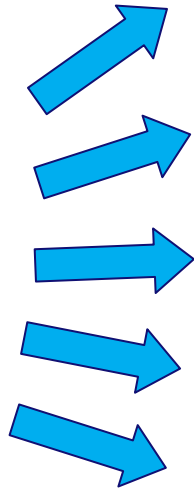
i.e., beyond "slice and dice" and showing KPIs on a dashboard ...



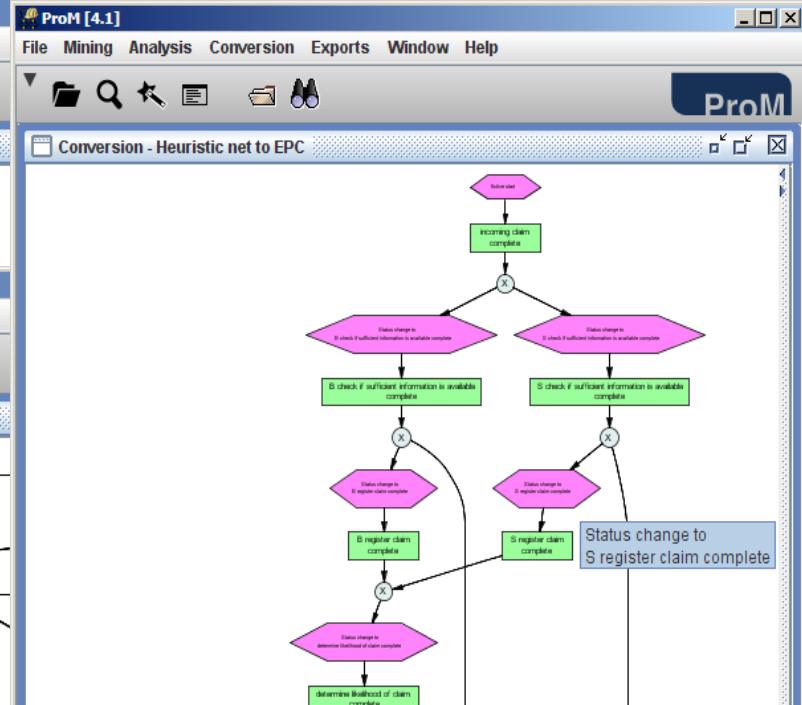
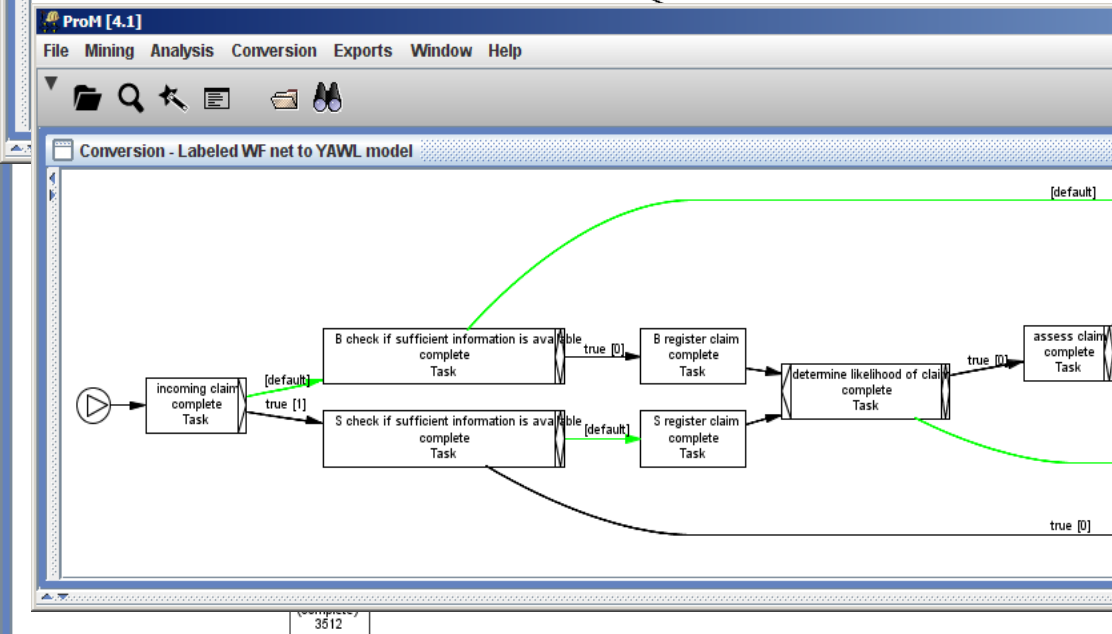
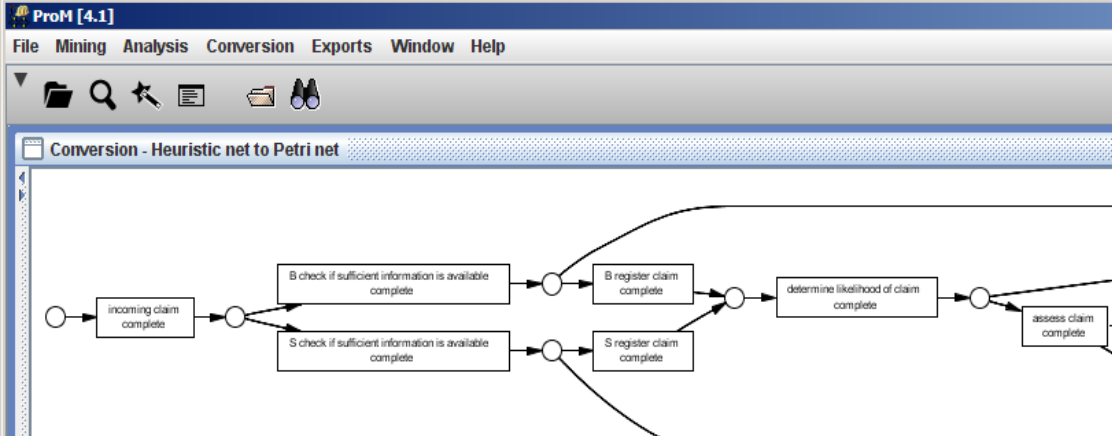
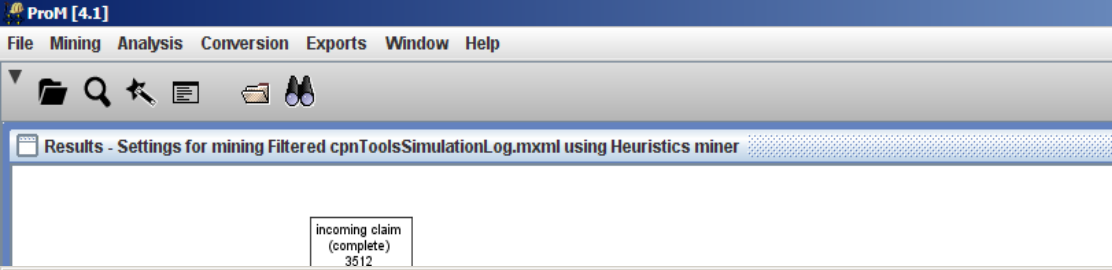
MXML Log

- **instances: 3512**

- **audit trail entries: 46138**



ProM supports +40 types of model discovery!





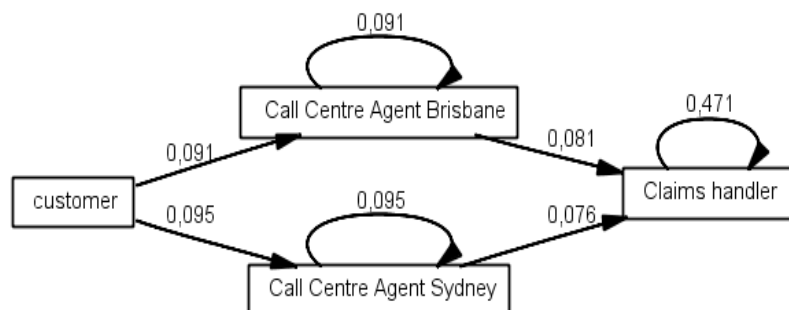
Results - Settings for mining Filtered cpnToolsSimulationLog.mxml using Social network miner

	Call Centre ...	Call Centre ...	Claims han...	customer
Call Centre...	0.0911741...	0.0	0.0808375...	0.0
Call Centre...	0.0	0.0949907...	0.0755367...	0.0
Claims ha...	0.0	0.0	0.4712960...	0.0
customer	0.0911741...	0.0949907...	0.0	0.0

threshold : 0



Remove isolated nodes



Analysis - Analyze Social Network

☐ Show role nodes

☐ Show org unit nodes

☒ Vertex size

Size property: Frequency

☒ Vertex degree ratio stretch

☒ Edge weight

Layout

KKLayout

Mouse Mode

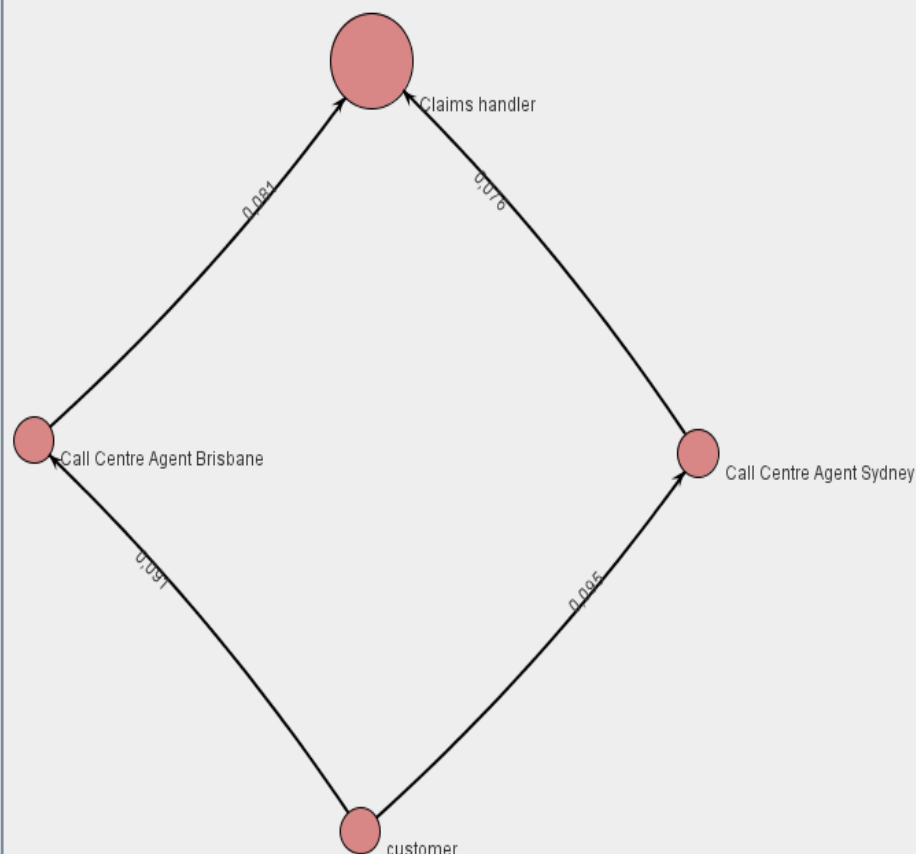
Transforming

☐ Group Clusters

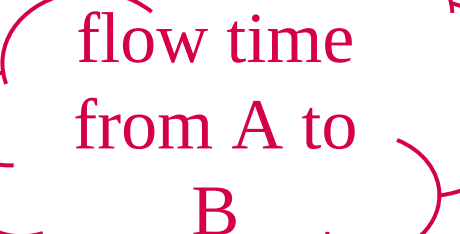
Weight

Betweenness

Edges removed for clusters: 0



Zoom



flow time
from A to
B

throughput
time

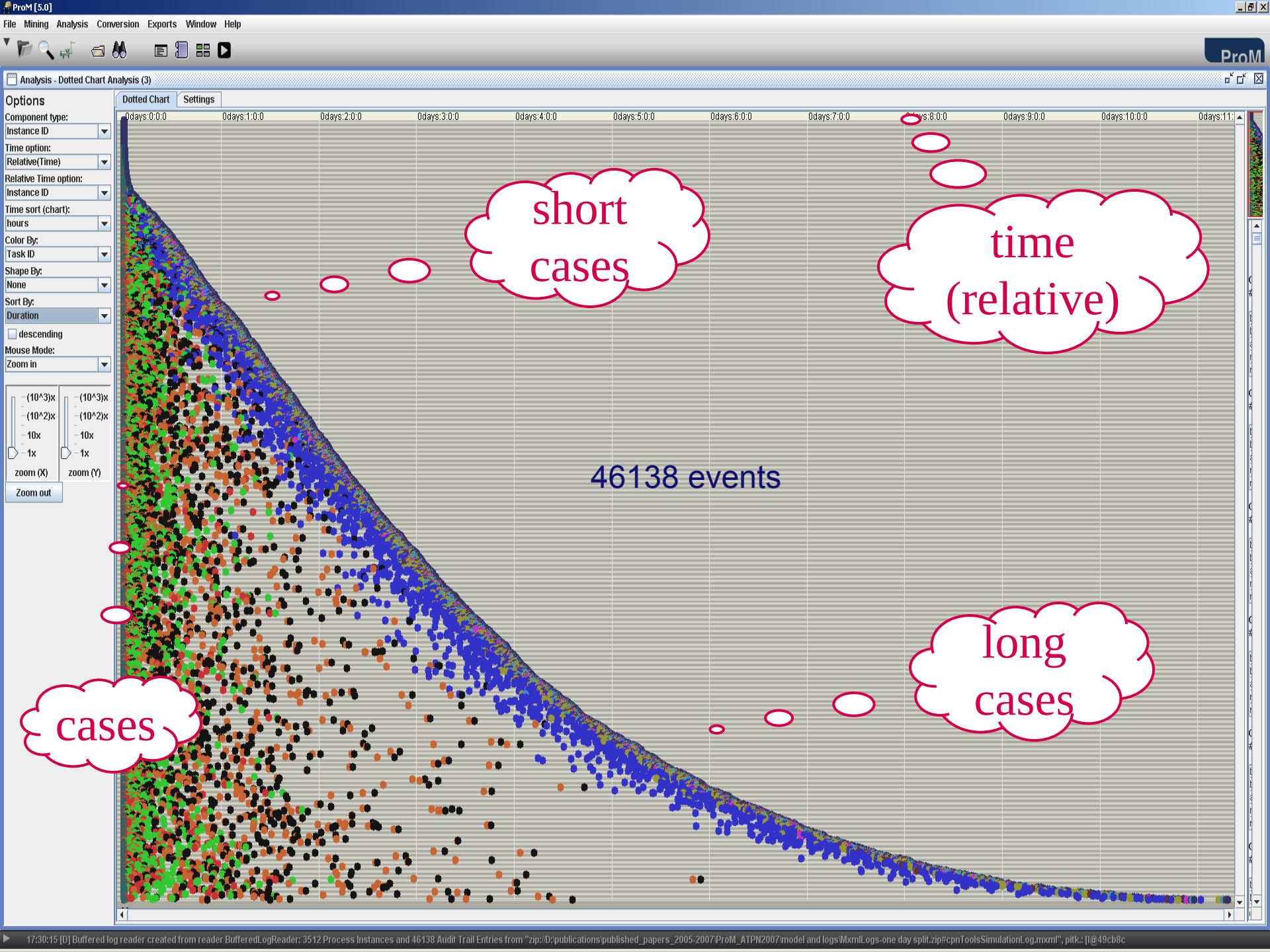
0,12 cases per second

Change Percentages	Export Time-Metrics
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	Time in between (seconds)
avg	12248,87
min	53,0
max	39706,0
stdev	8381,14

Settings

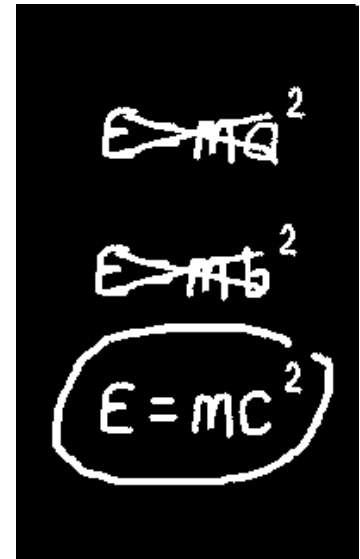
Transition - determine likeliho...



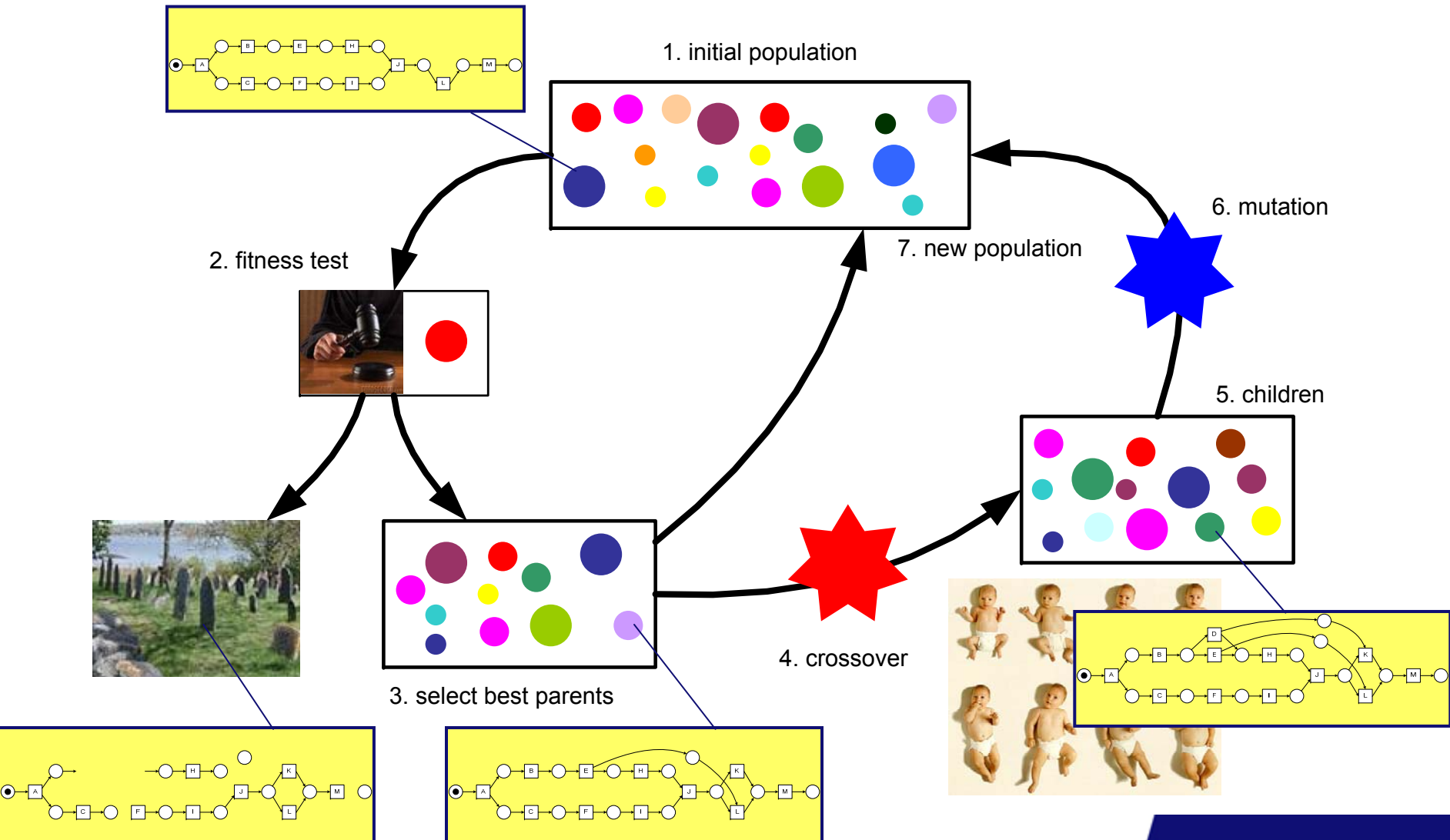
A bit of theory:

Process discovery techniques

- **Algorithmic techniques**
 - Alpha miner
 - Alpha+, Alpha++, Alpha#
 - Heuristic miner
 - Multi phase miner
 - ...
- **Genetic process mining**
- **Region-based process mining**
 - State-based regions
 - Language based regions

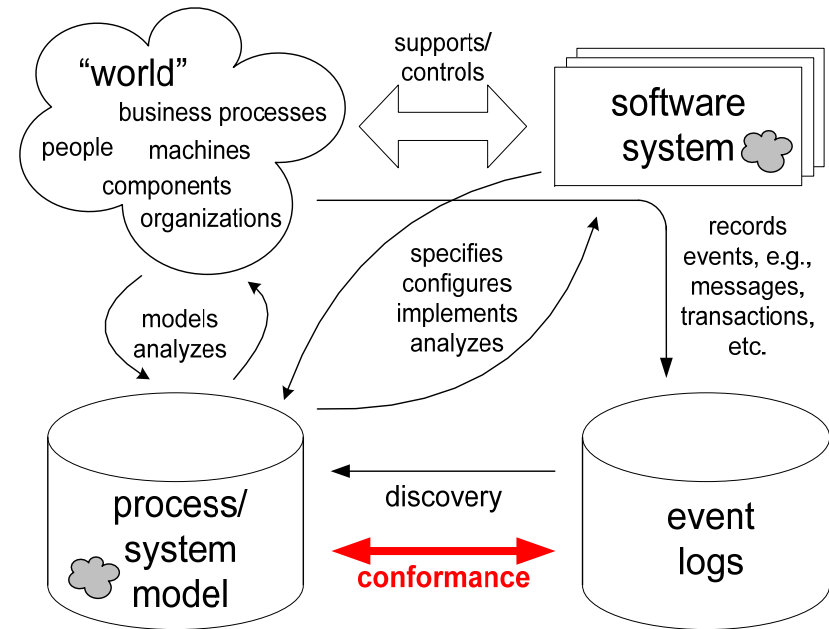


Example: Genetic Mining



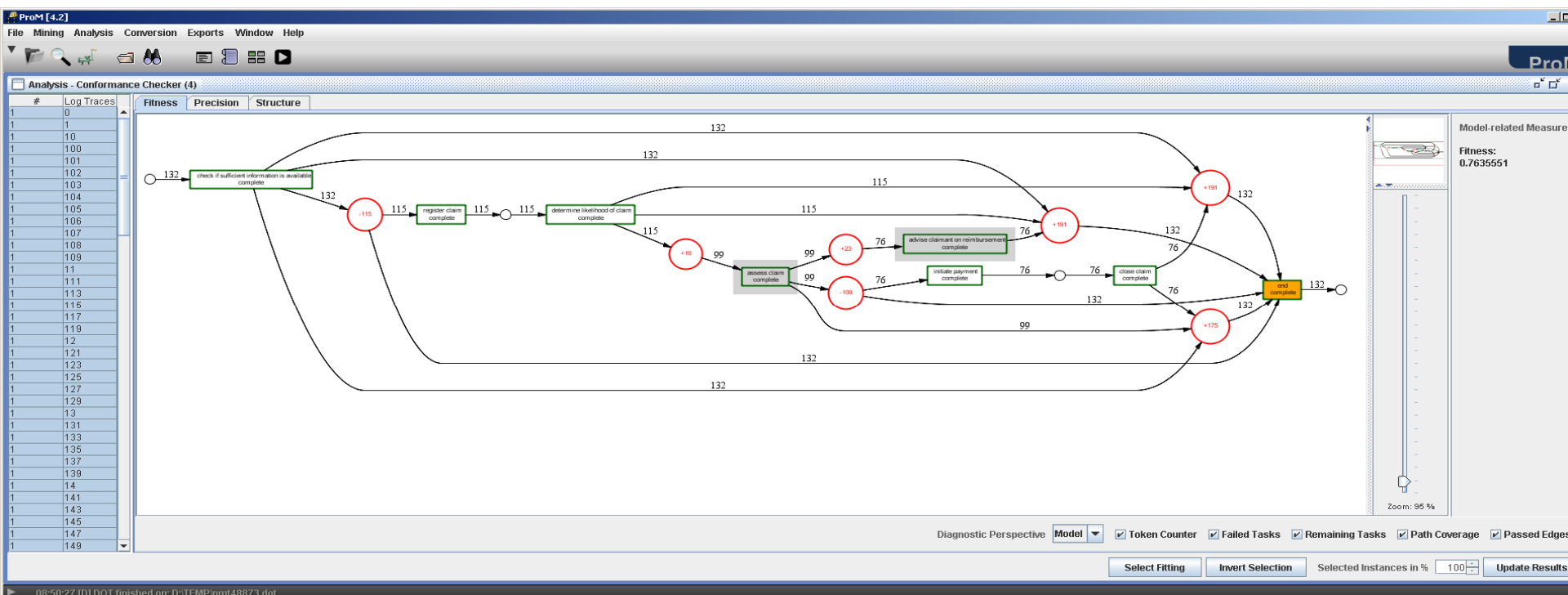
used in e.g. ProM, Futura Reflex, BPM|one

Conformance Checking



Conformance Checking

- Compare process model and event log: highlight deviations and measure conformance.
- Compare constraints/business rules and event logs: check e.g. the 4-eyes principle.



Process mining as a mirror ...

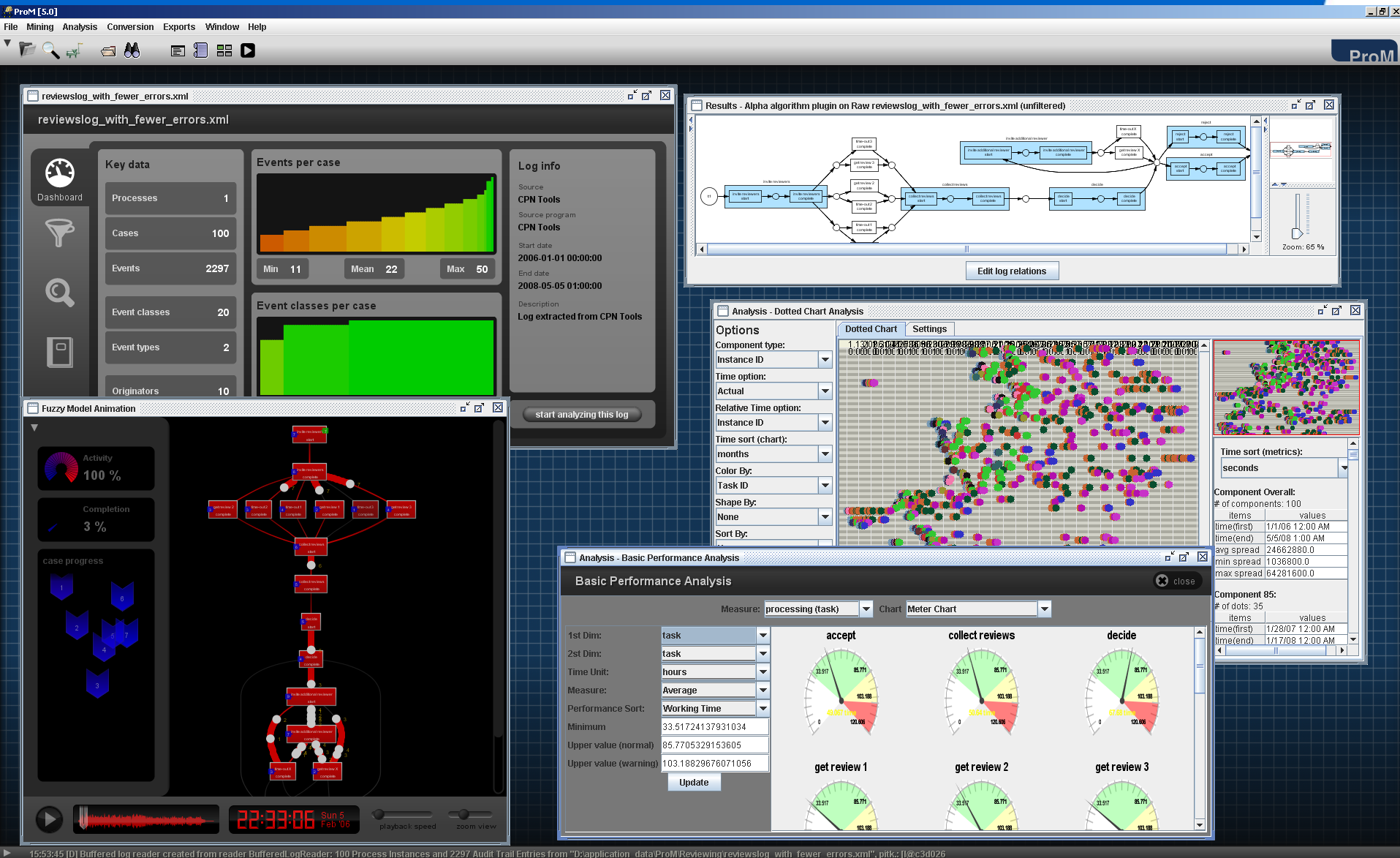


Tool support



- **Open source initiative started in 2003 after several early prototypes.**
- **Common Public License (CPL).**
- **Current version: 5.0 (5.2)**
- **ProMimport: to extract MXML from all kinds of applications**
- **Plug-in architecture.**
- **About 250 plug-ins available:**
 - **mining plug-ins: 38 (all mining algorithms presented and many more)**
 - **analysis plug-ins: 71 (e.g., verification, SNA, LTL, conformance checking, etc.)**
 - **import: 21 (for loading EPCs, Petri nets, YAWL, BPMN, etc.)**
 - **export: 44 (for storing EPCs, Petri nets, YAWL, BPMN, BPEL, etc.)**
 - **conversion: 45 (e.g., translating EPCs or BPMN into Petri nets)**
 - **filter: 24 (e.g., removing infrequent activities)**

Screenshot of ProM 5.0



Business Intelligence Tools?

- **Business Objects (SAP)**
- **Cognos Business Intelligence (IBM)**
- **Oracle Business Intelligence**
- **Hyperion (Oracle)**
- **SAS Business Intelligence**
- **Microsoft Business Intelligence**
- **SAP Business Intelligence (SAP BI)**
- **Jaspersoft (Open Source Business Intelligence)**
- **Pentaho BI Suite (Open Source)**
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- Dashboards, reports, scorecards, ...
- Slicing and dicing, data mining, ...

Process Mining Software



Futura Reflect



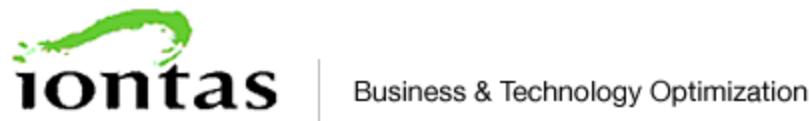
Comprehend



ARIS Process Performance Manager



Interstage Automated Business Process Discovery & Visualization



Process Discovery Focus



Enterprise Visualization Suite

Process Mining: Applications



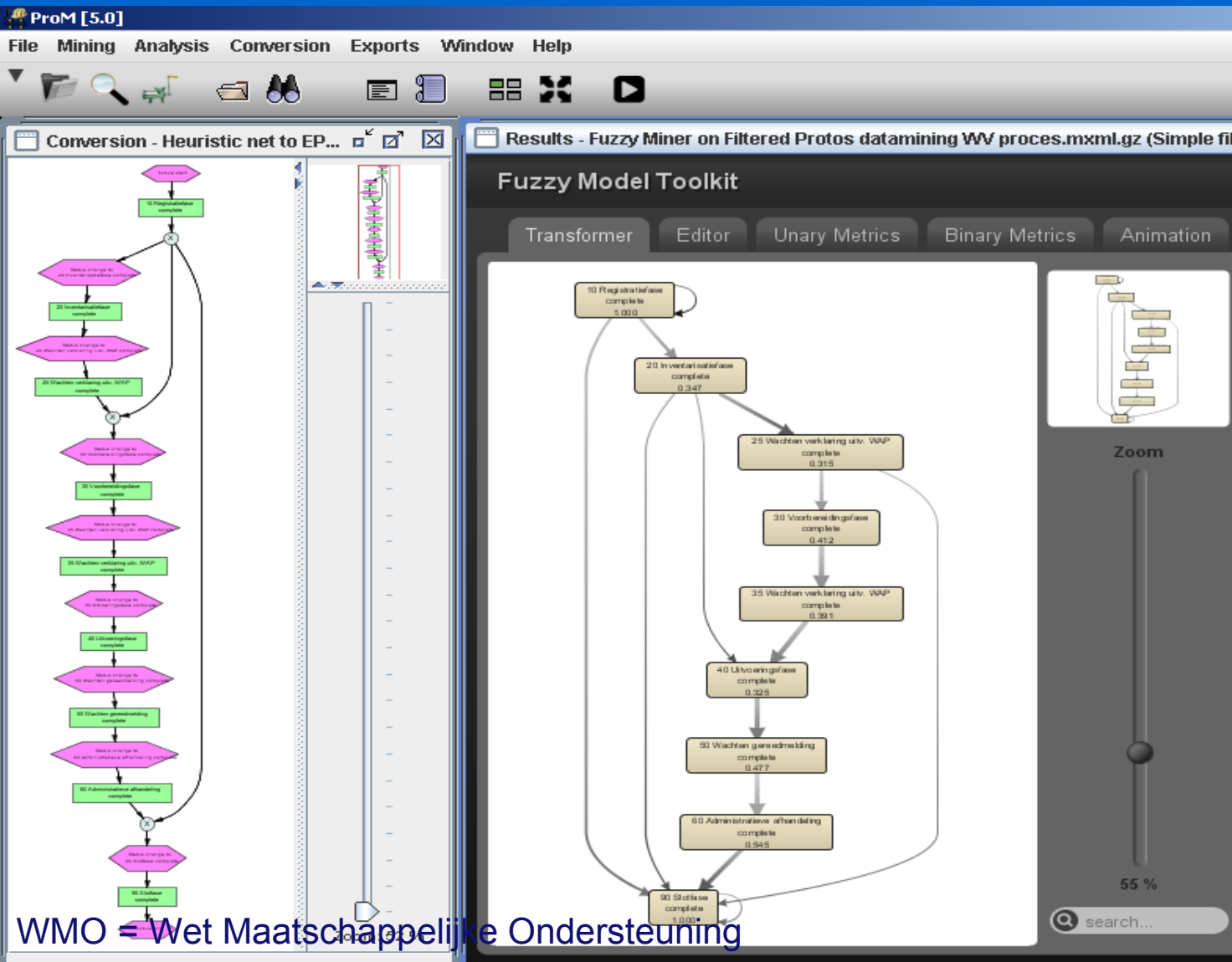
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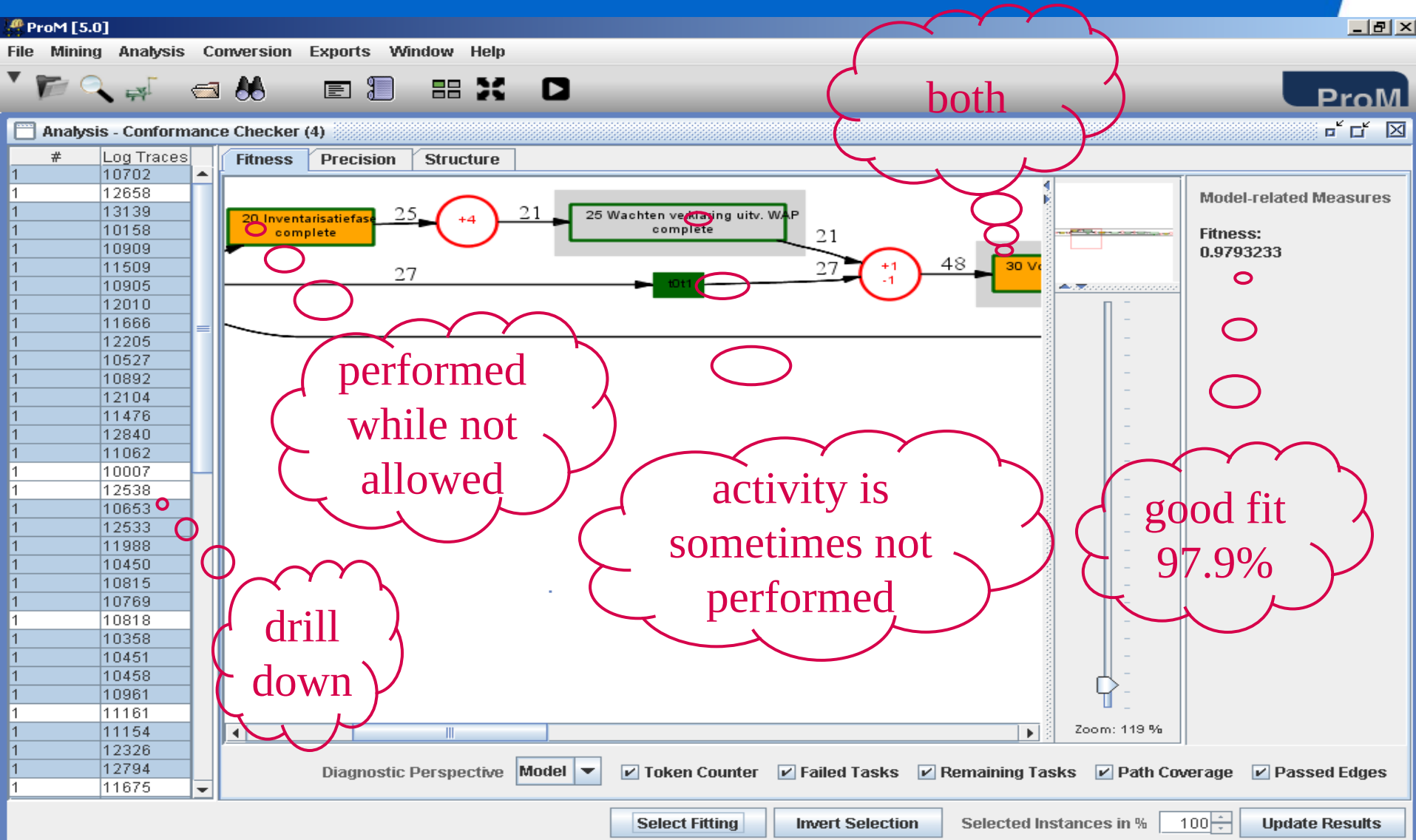
Where did we apply process mining?

- **Municipalities** (e.g., Alkmaar, Heusden, Harderwijk, etc.)
- **Government agencies** (e.g., Rijkswaterstaat, Centraal Justitieel Incasso Bureau, Justice department)
- **Insurance related agencies** (e.g., UWV)
- **Banks** (e.g., ING Bank)
- **Hospitals** (e.g., AMC hospital, Catharina hospital)
- **Multinationals** (e.g., DSM, Deloitte)
- **High-tech system manufacturers and their customers** (e.g., Philips Healthcare, ASML, Thales)
- **Media companies** (e.g. Winkwaves)
- ...

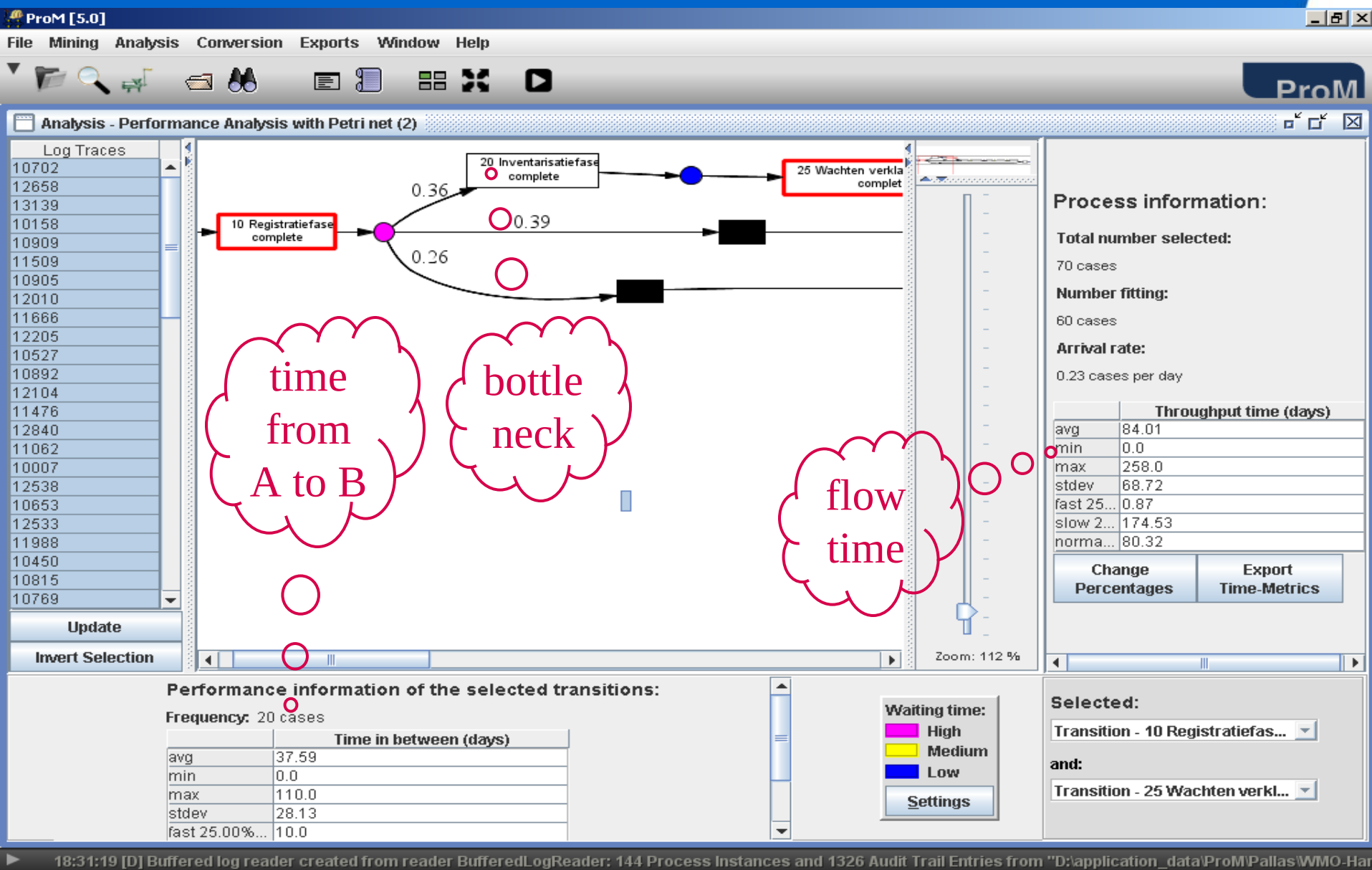
Example: WMO process of a Dutch Municipality



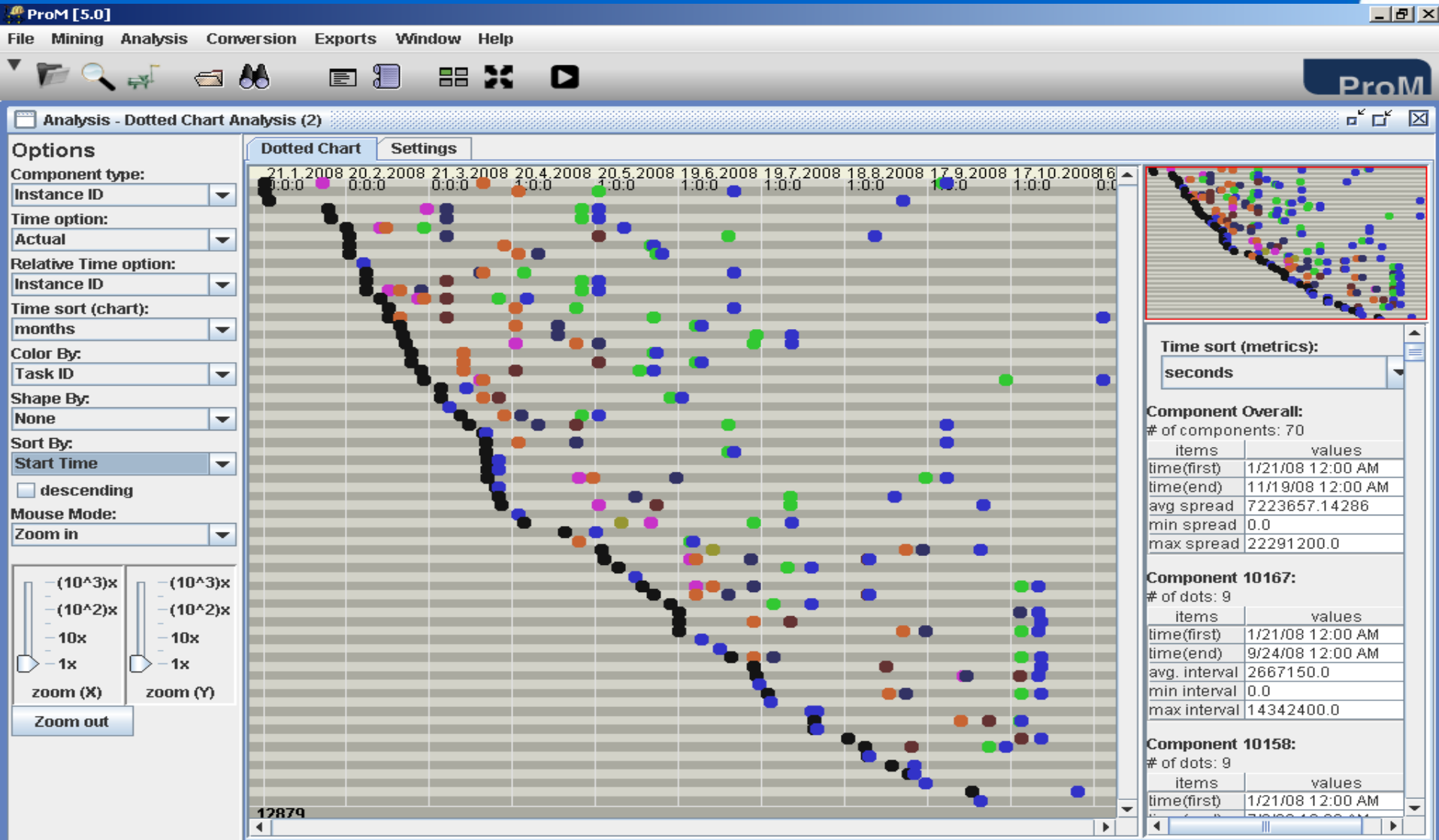
Conformance check of discovered model



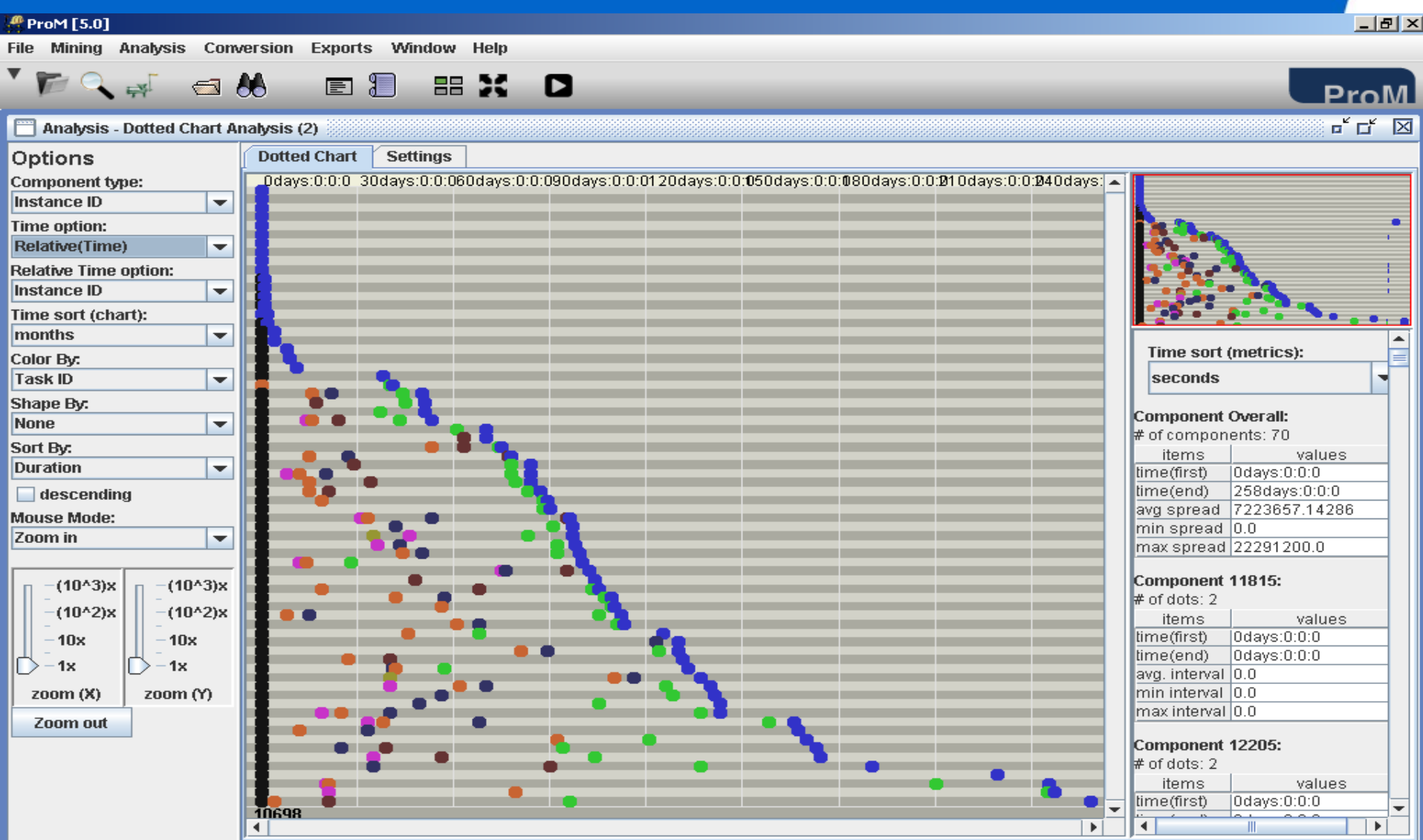
Performance analysis



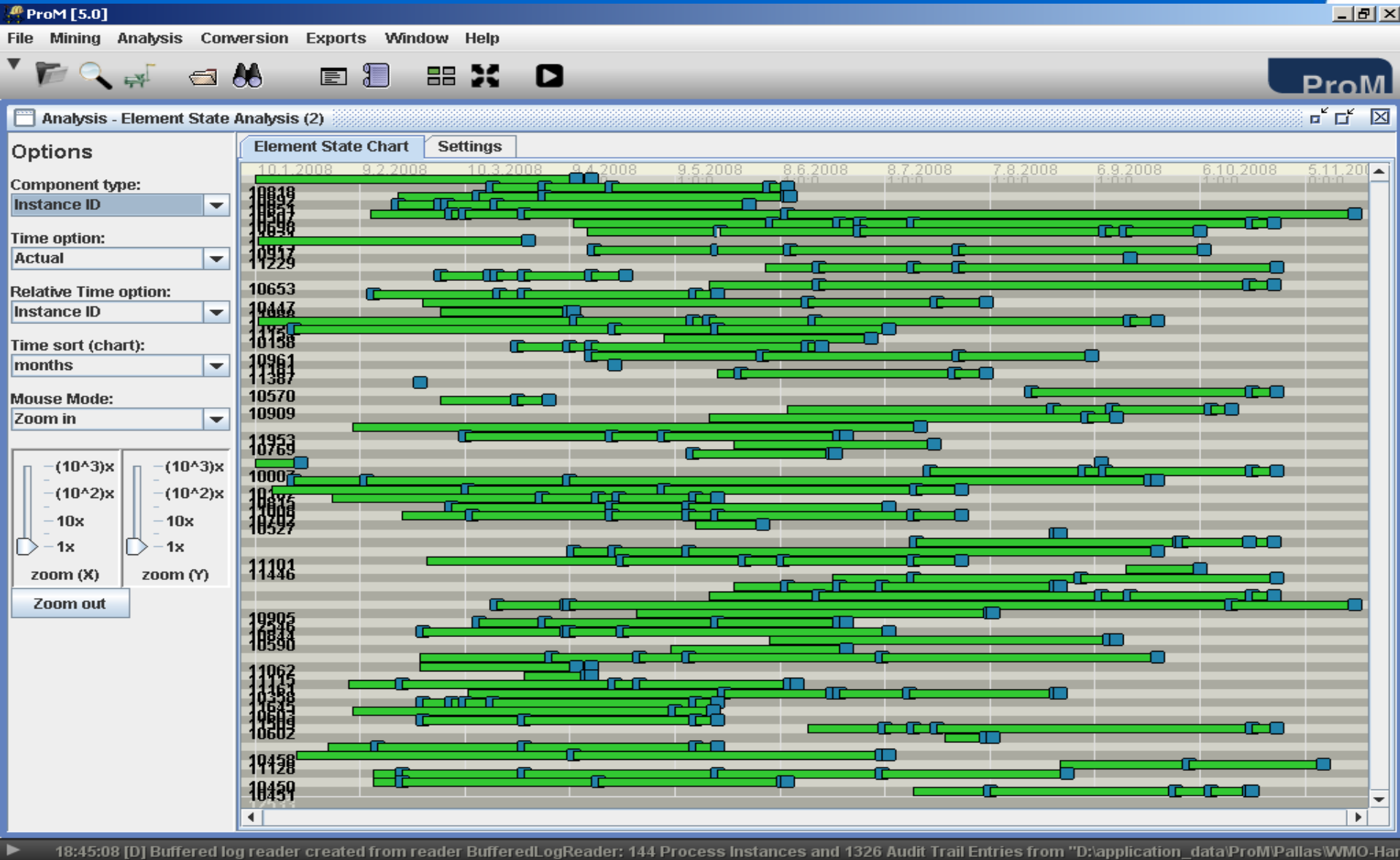
Events sorted by start time of case



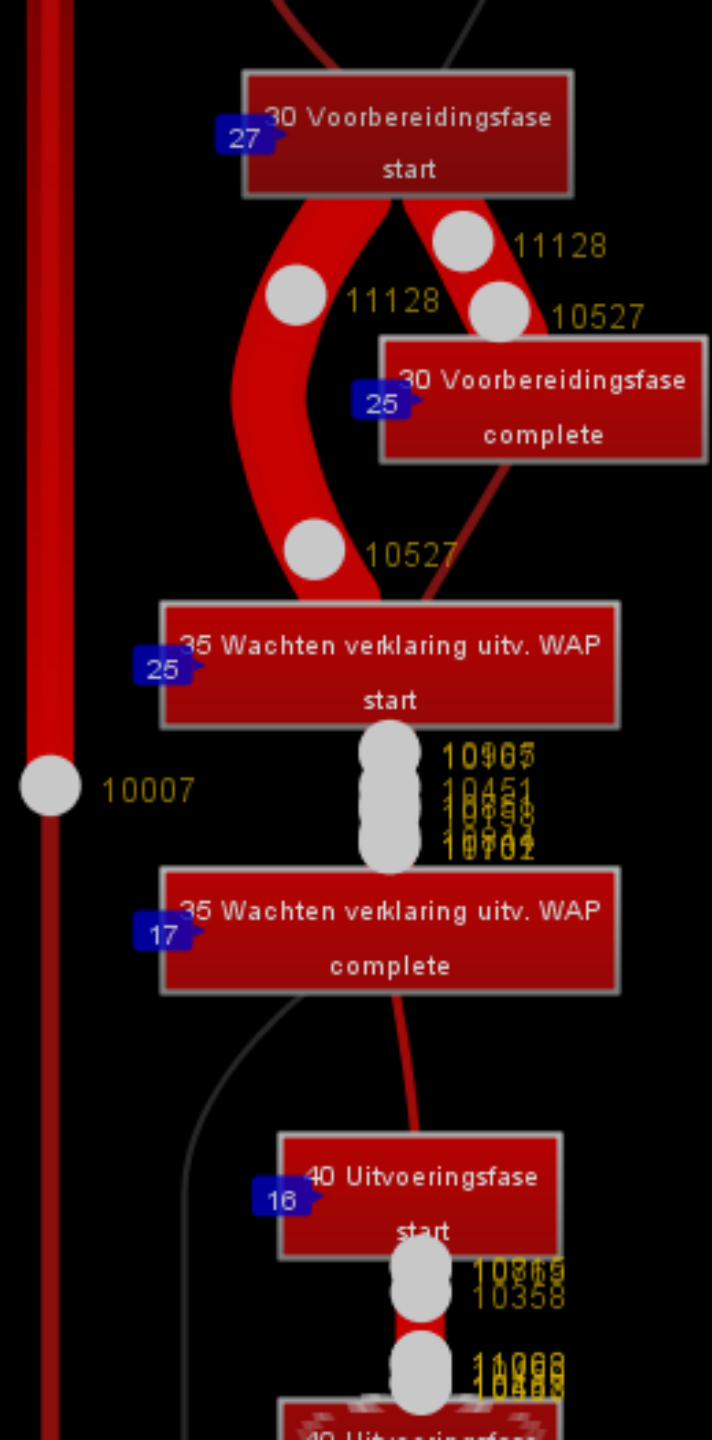
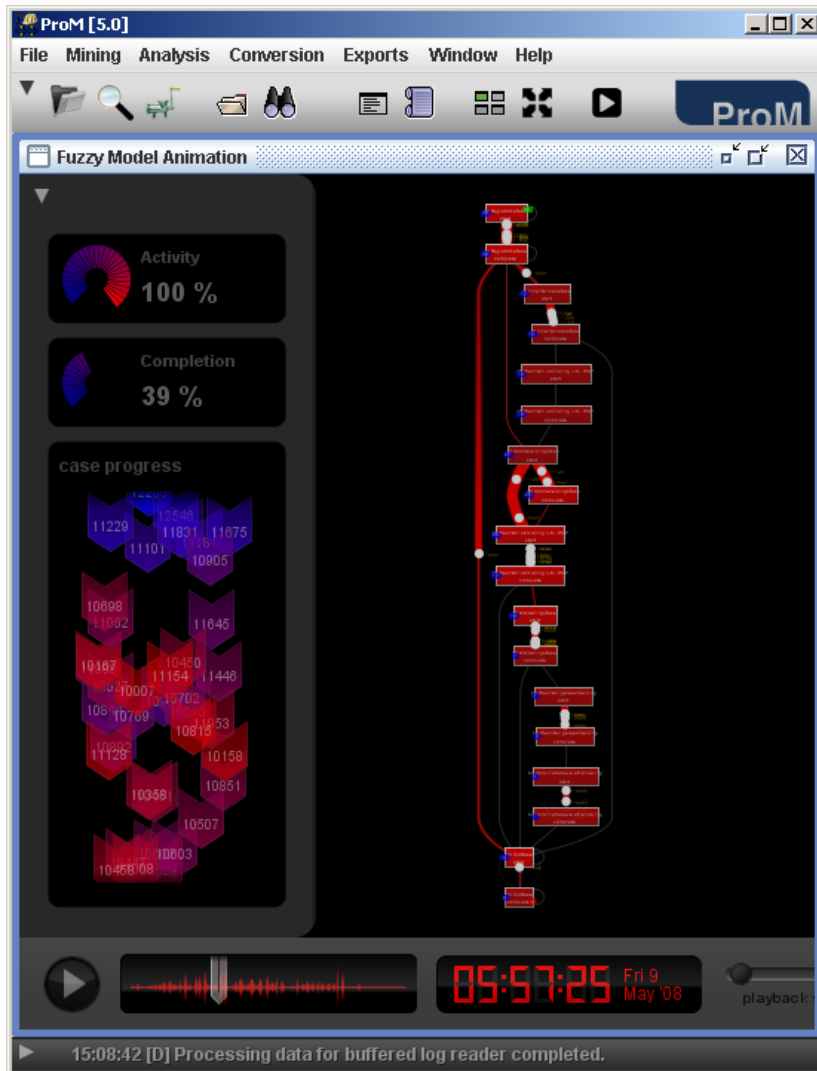
Events sorted by duration



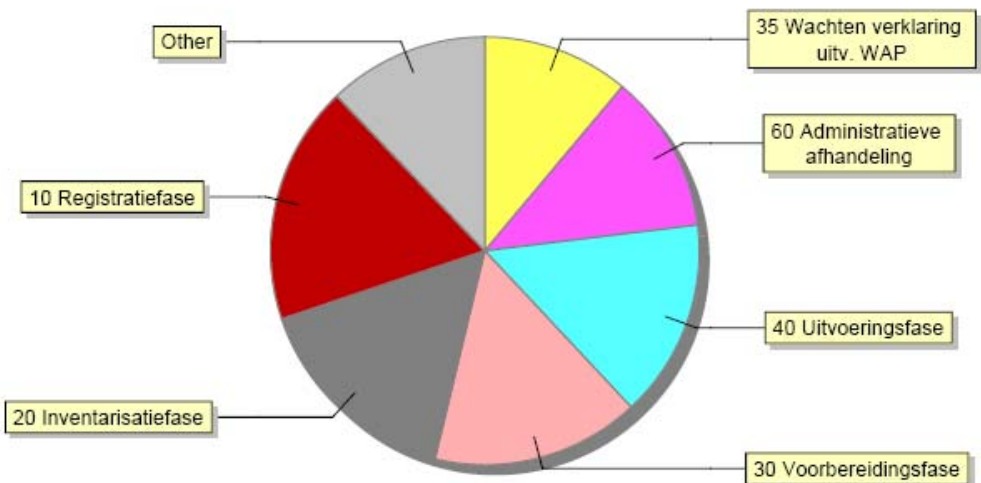
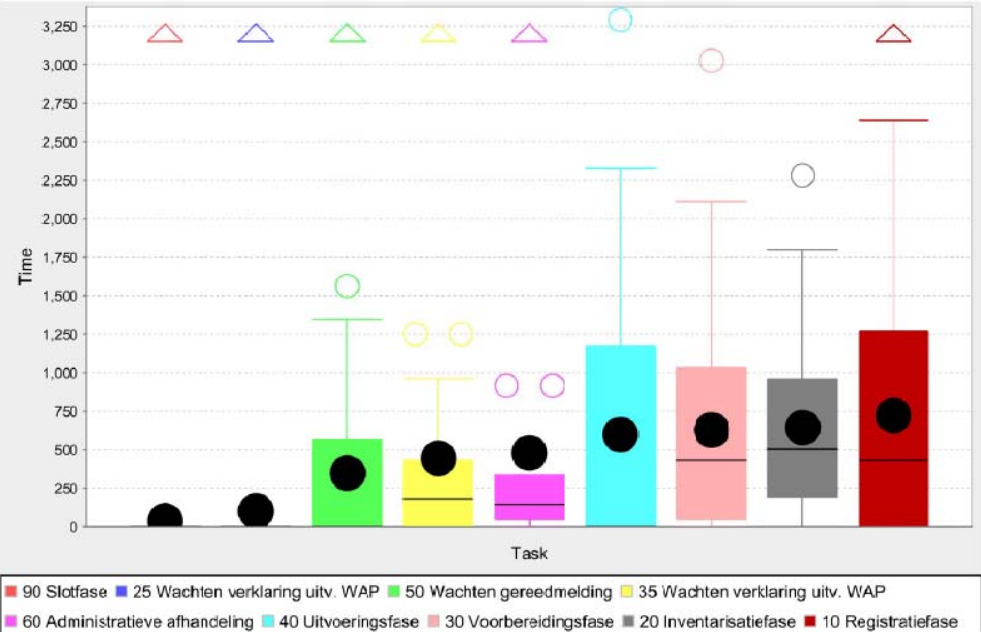
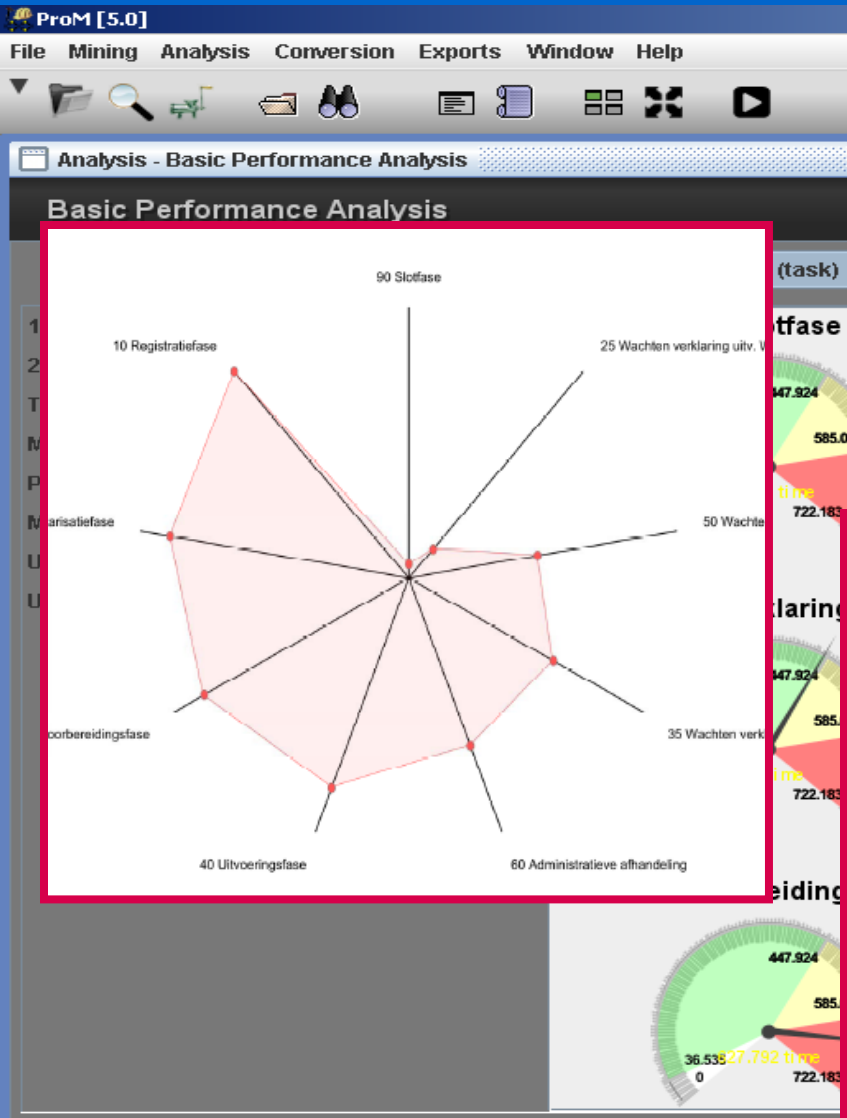
Idle time versus working time



"Real" animation



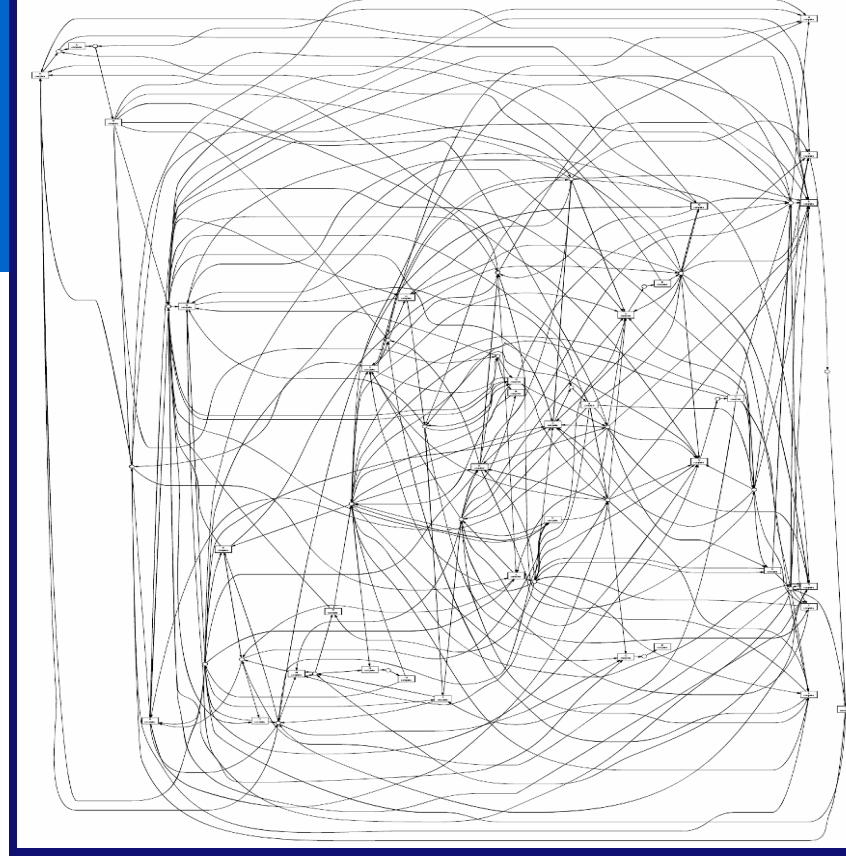
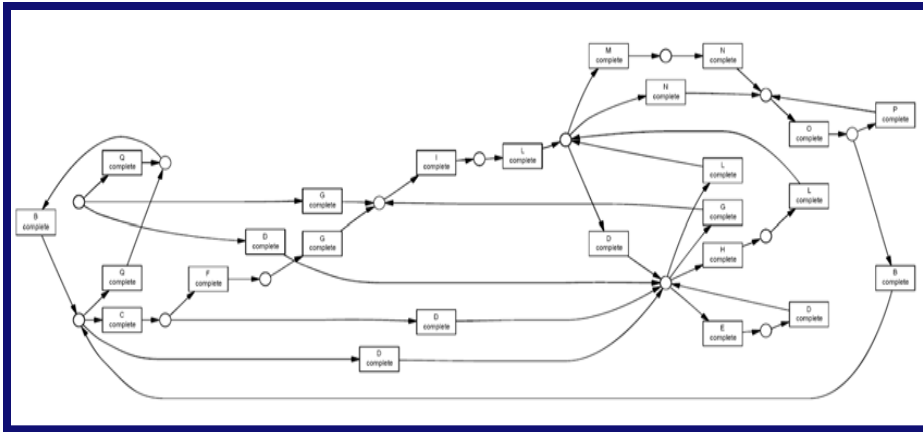
And of course ...



Reality $\neq$ PowerPoint (or Visio)

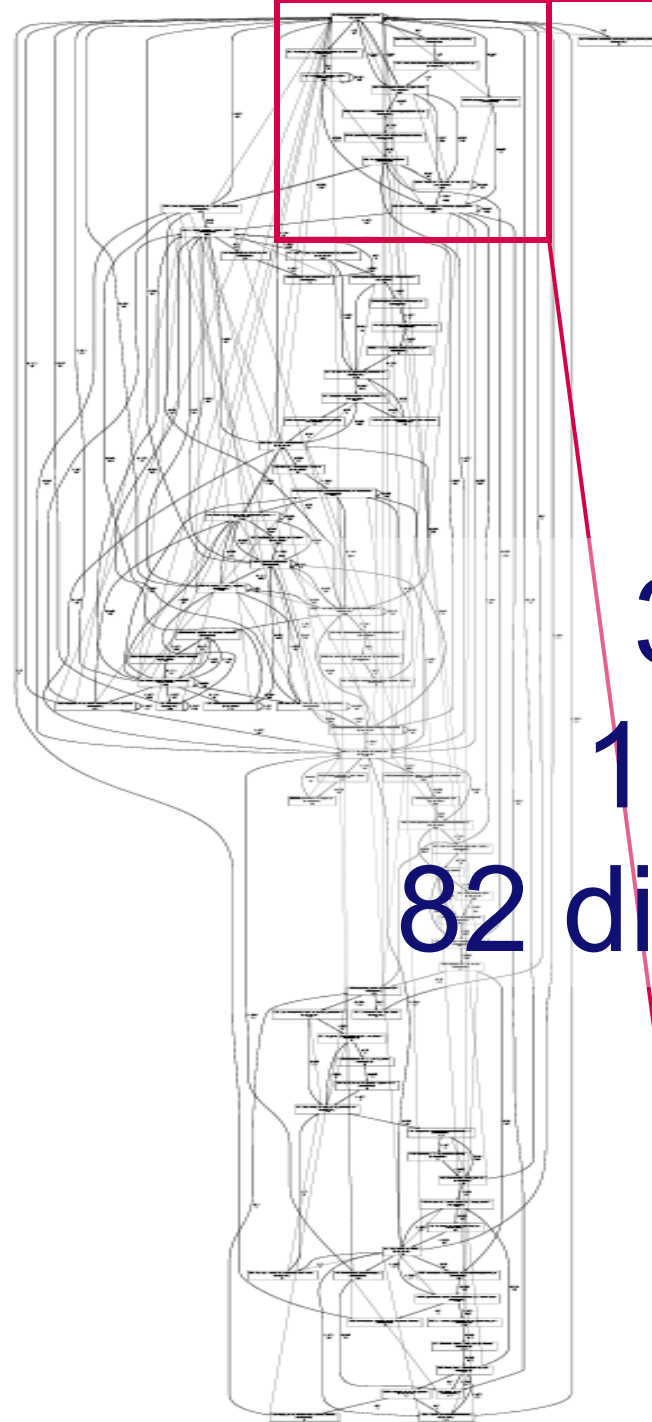


Process spectrum

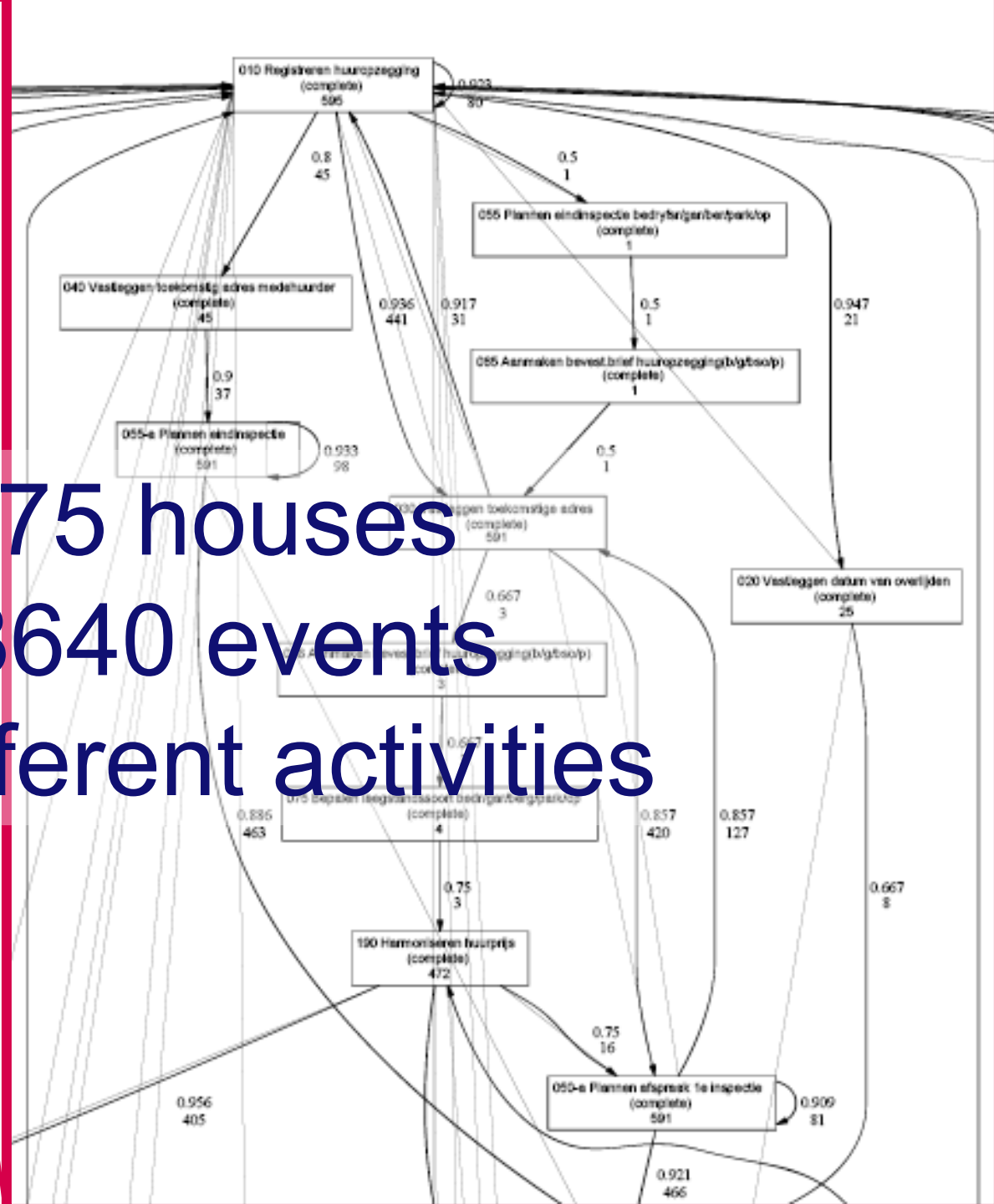


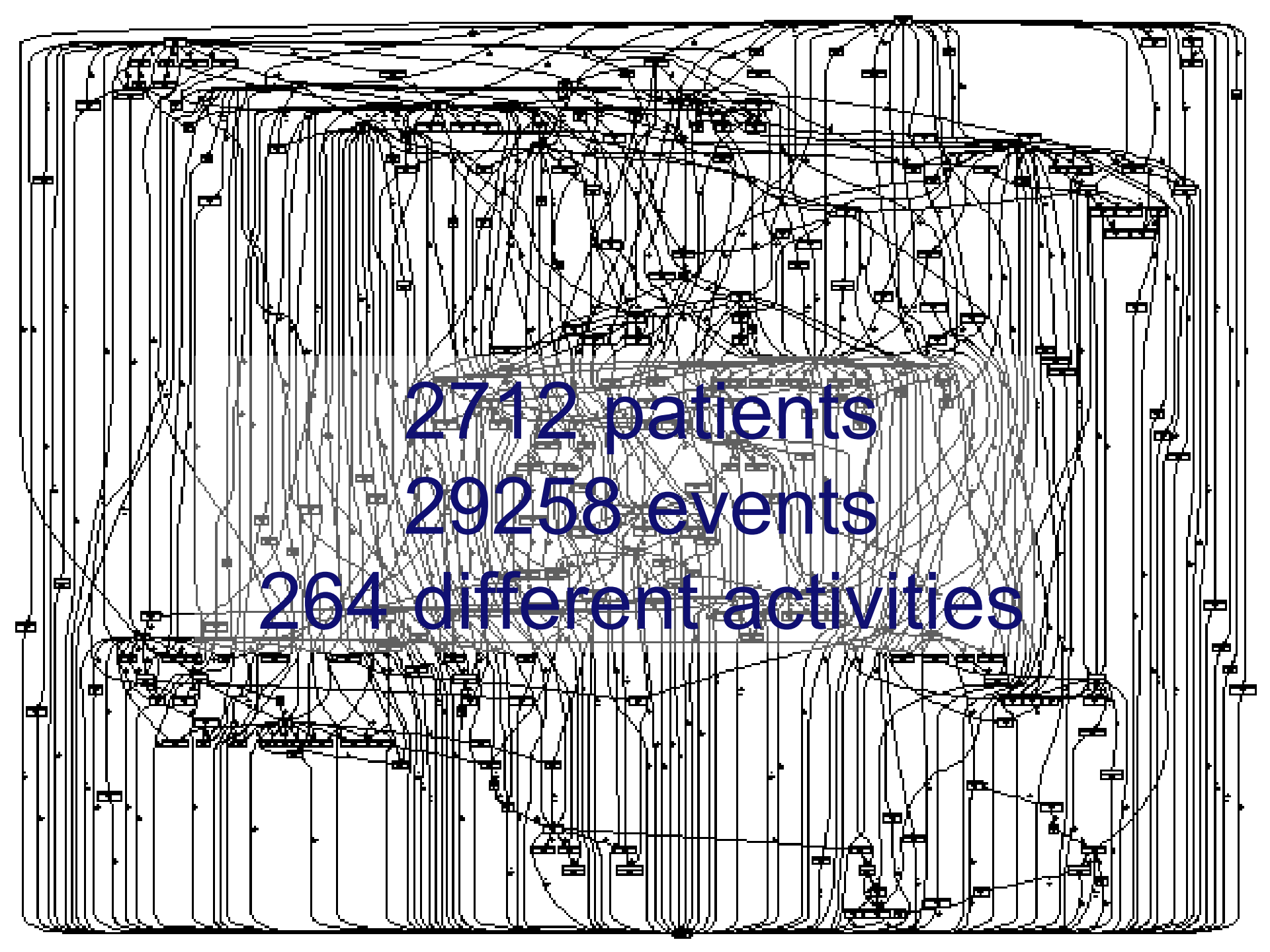
**structured
(Lasagna)**

**unstructured
(Spaghetti)**

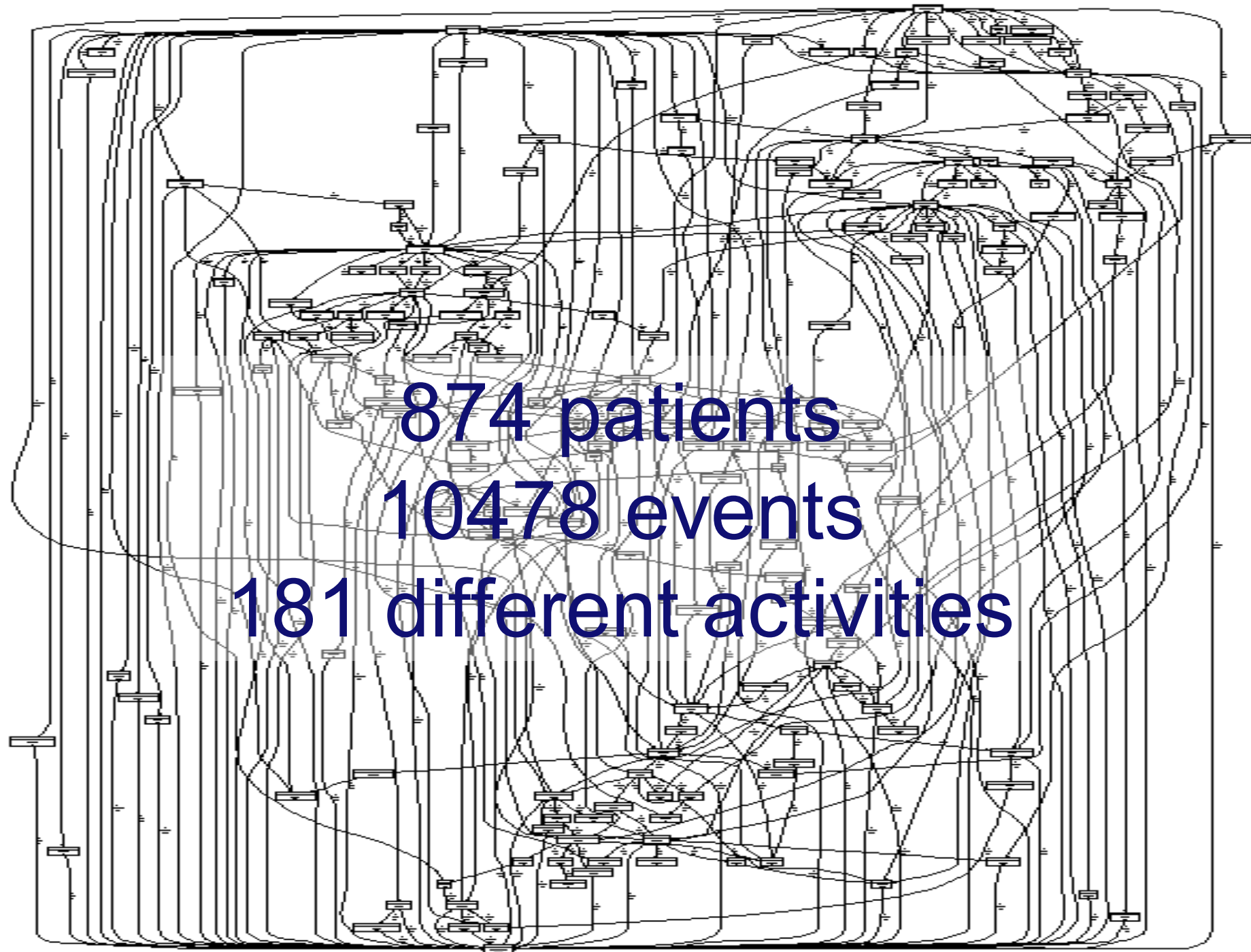


375 houses
18640 events
82 different activities

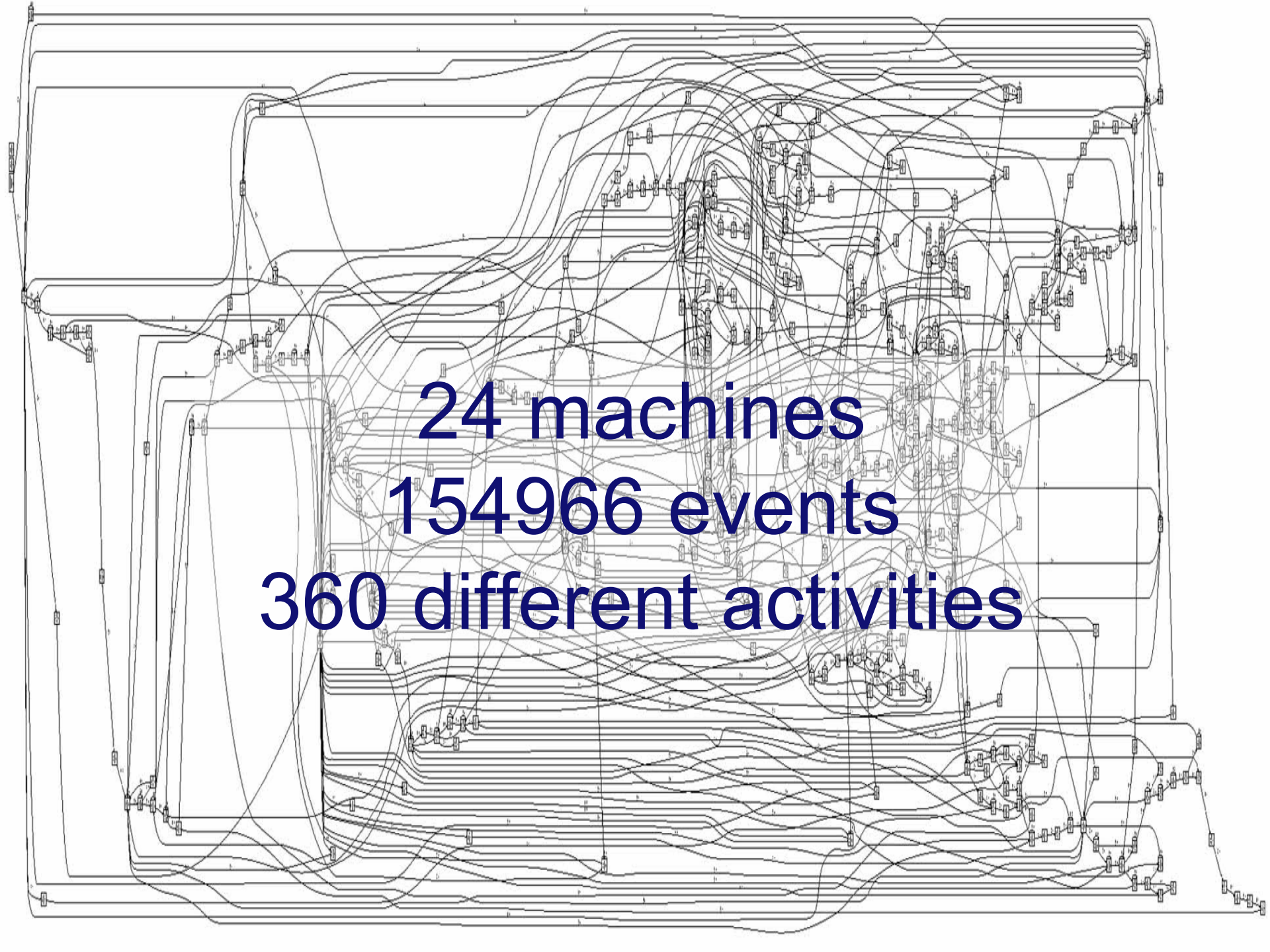




2712 patients
29258 events
264 different activities



874 patients
10478 events
181 different activities

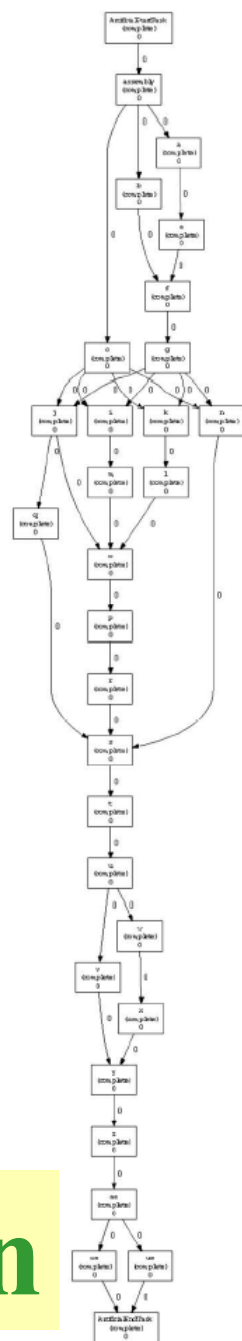
A complex network diagram showing a dense web of connections between 24 machines and 360 different activities. The diagram is a Sankey diagram, where nodes represent machines and activities, and the flows represent events. The nodes are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with machines on the left and activities on the right. The flows are represented by lines of varying thickness, indicating the volume of events between different machines and activities. The overall structure is highly interconnected, with many lines crossing each other, creating a complex and dense visual representation of the data.

24 machines
154966 events
360 different activities

#	Log Traces
1	0431
1	0278
1	0185
1	0466
1	0391
1	1722
1	1694
1	1256
1	1343
1	1981
1	1754
1	1662
1	1453
1	1298
1	1876
1	1656
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1	1794
1	1160

100

a
complete



92

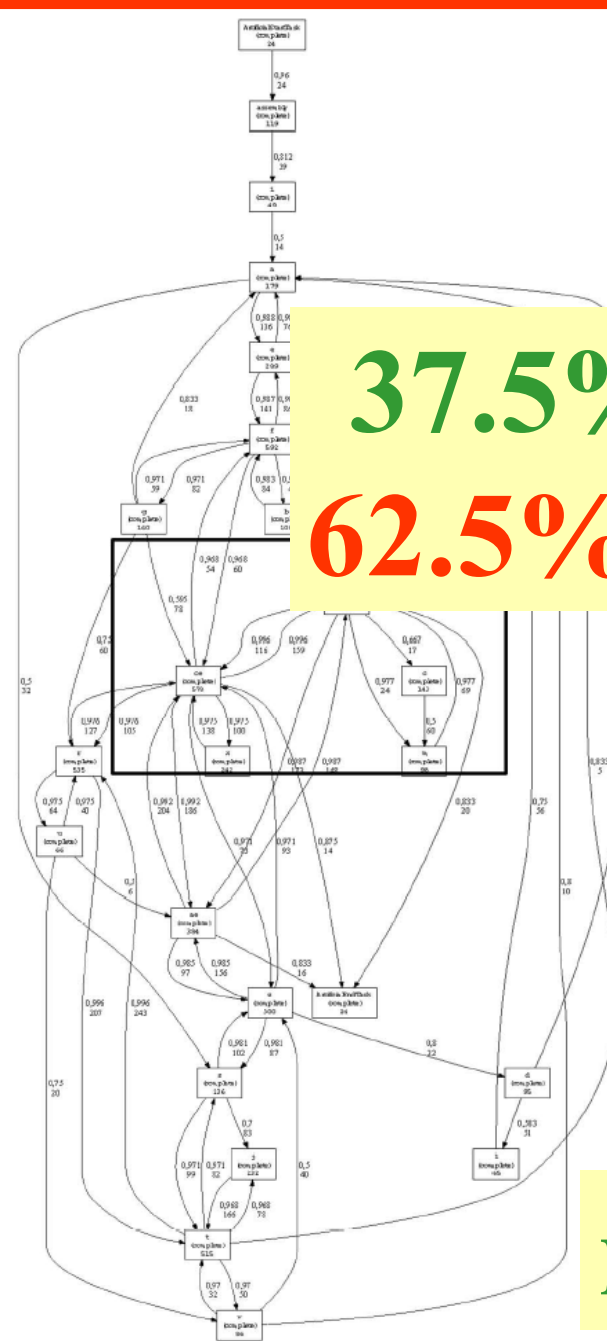
89

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instances

Diagnostic Perspective

design



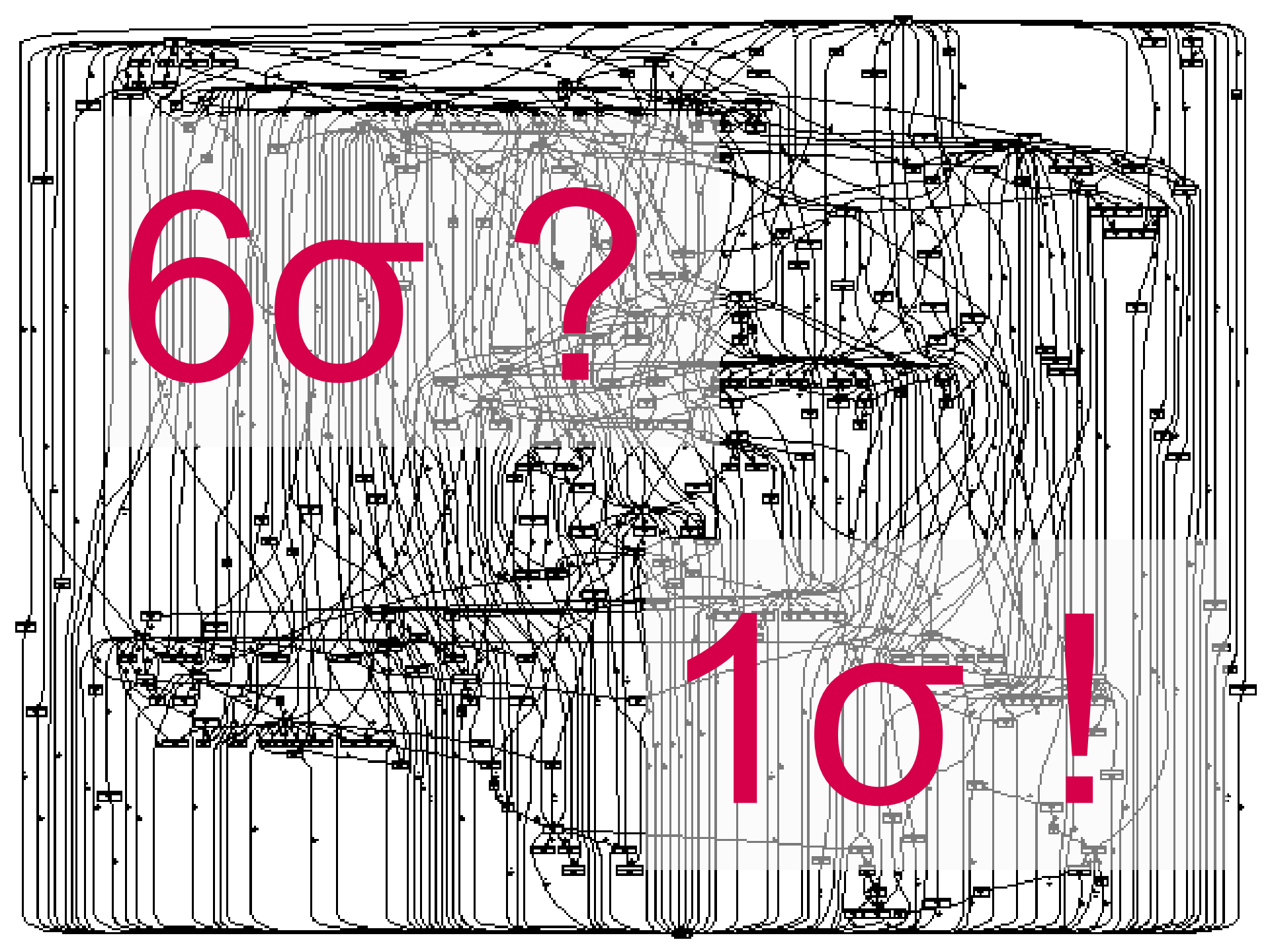
Fitness:
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37.5% OK
62.5% NOK

with Coverage ☒ Passed Edges

% 100 Update Results

reality



6σ ?

1σ !

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ProM [5.0]

File Mining Analysis Conversion Exports Window Help

Results - Fuzzy Miner on Raw MiningBronbestand_Goed_Ontology.mxml (unfiltered)

Fuzzy Model Toolkit

Transformer Editor Unary Metrics Binary Metrics

ProM

Results - Fuzzy Miner on Raw MiningBronbestand_Goed_Ontology.mxml (unfiltered)

Fuzzy Model Toolkit

Transformer Editor Unary Metrics Binary Metrics

Concurrency filter

Edge filter

Node filter

Significance cutoff

Zoom

41 %

search...

0.485

08:49:29 [M] Measured fuzzy conformance is 0.6839424087761667

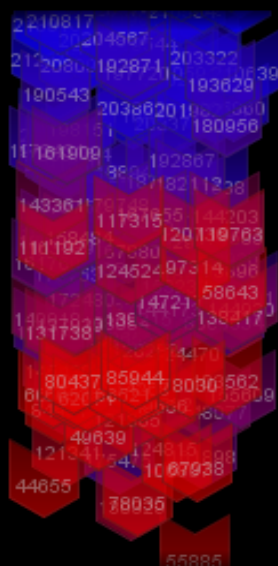


Fuzzy Model Animation (2)

Activity
100 %

Completion
43 %

case progress



ProM

19:40:55 [U] Processing data for buffered log reader completed.

18:36:05 Fri 9 Nov '07

playback speed

When will I be home?



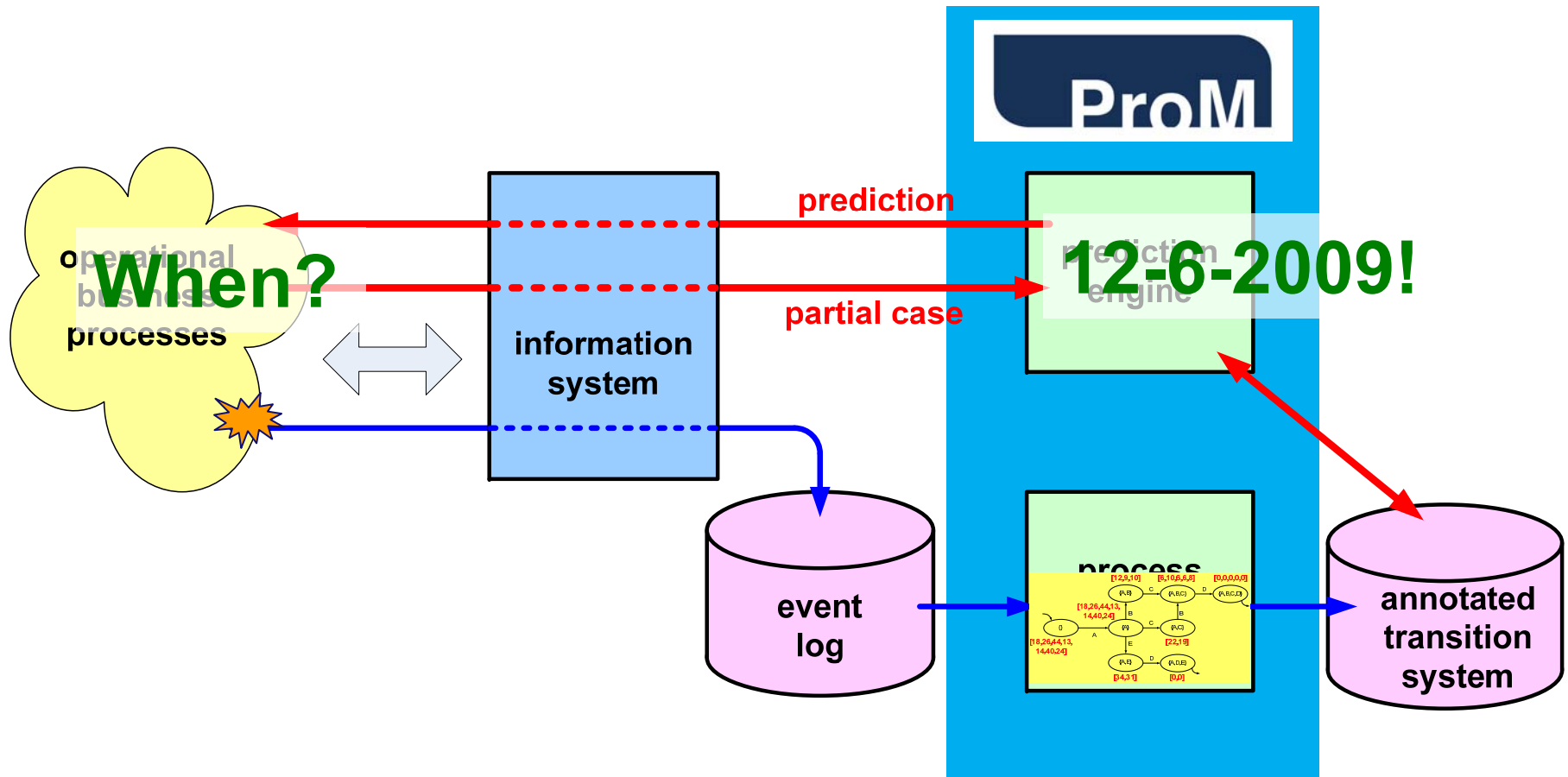
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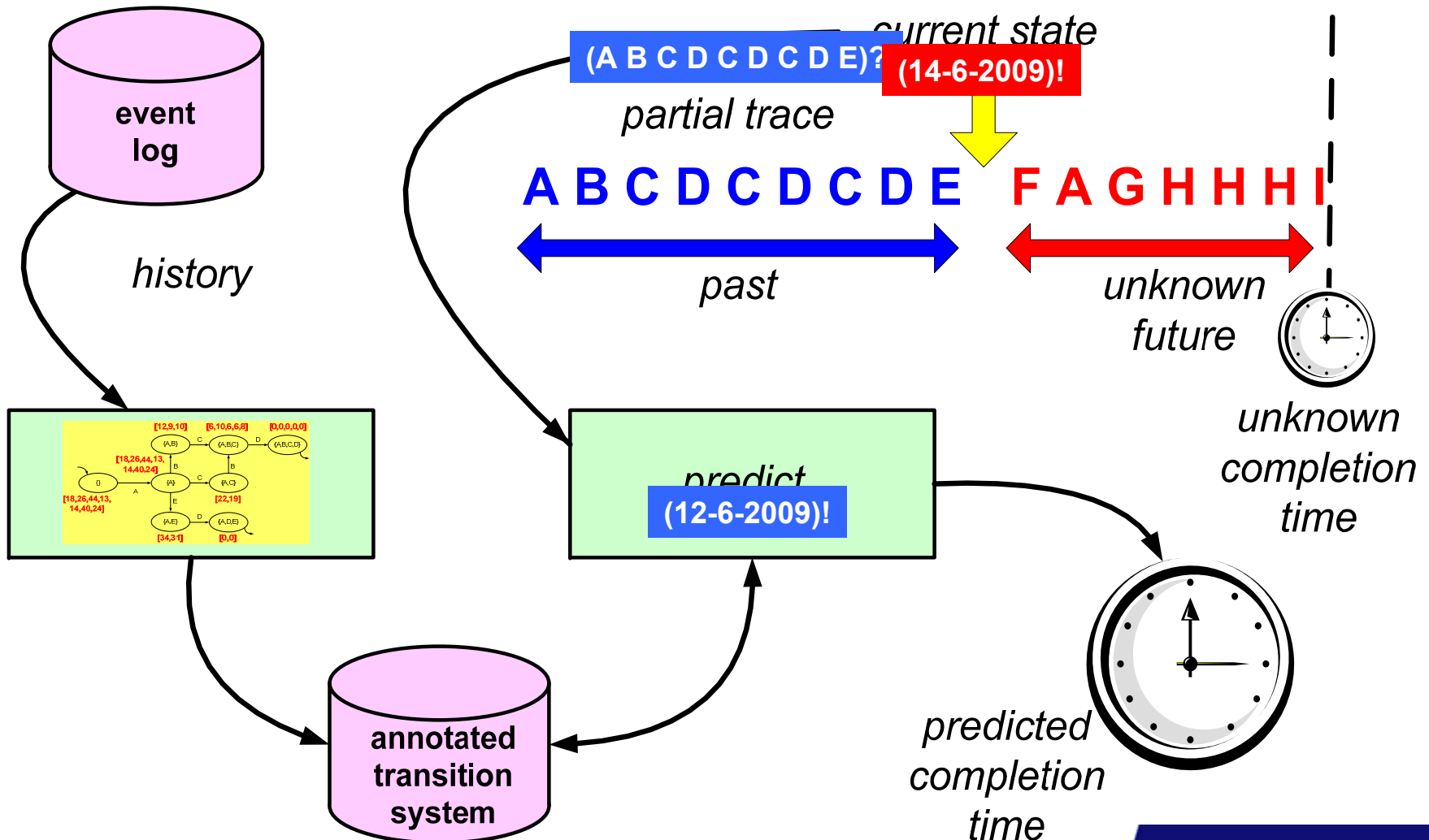
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Approach



Input: partial trace and historic information



Input

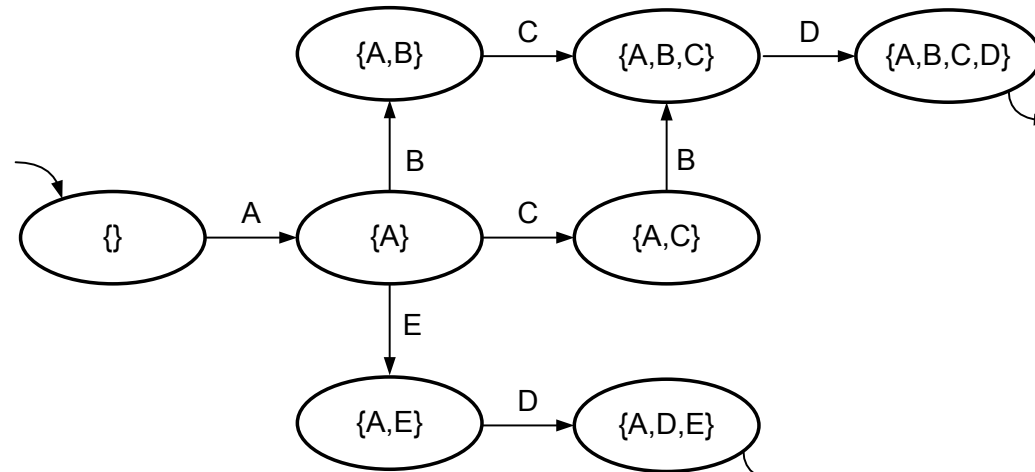
event id	properties				
	timestamp	activity	resource	cost	...
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35654424	30-12-2008:15.21	B	John	400	...
35654425	30-12-2008:15.35	C	John	100	...
35654426	30-12-2008:15.55	D	John	400	...
35655526	29-12-2008:16.15	A	Ann	300	...
35655527	30-12-2008:16.05	C	...	...	...
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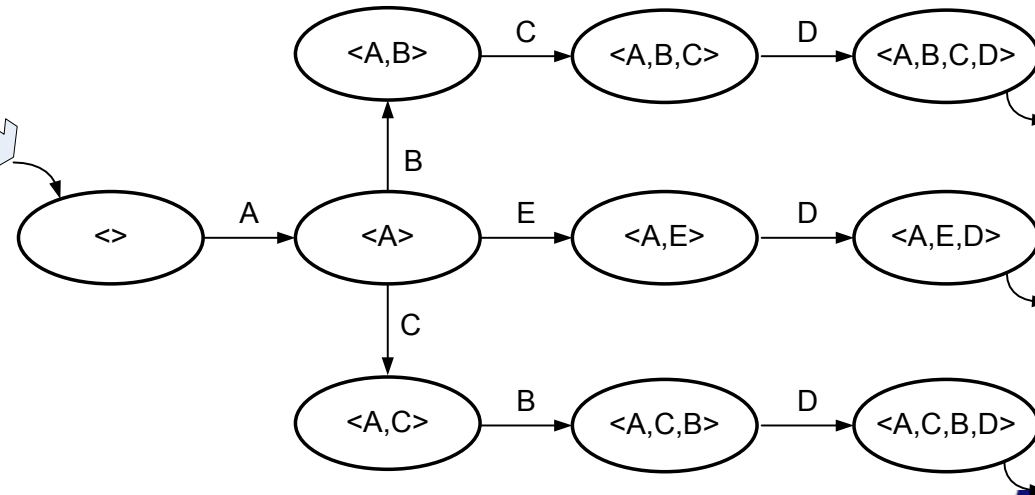
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2	$\langle A^{10}, C^{14}, B^{26}, D^{36} \rangle$
3	$\langle A^{12}, E^{22}, D^{56} \rangle$
4	$\langle A^{15}, B^{19}, C^{22}, D^{28} \rangle$
5	$\langle A^{18}, B^{22}, C^{26}, D^{32} \rangle$
6	$\langle A^{19}, E^{28}, D^{59} \rangle$
7	$\langle A^{20}, C^{25}, B^{36}, D^{44} \rangle$

Building transition systems

ABCD
ACBD
AED
ABCD
ABCD
AED
ACBD
...



(a) transition system based on sets

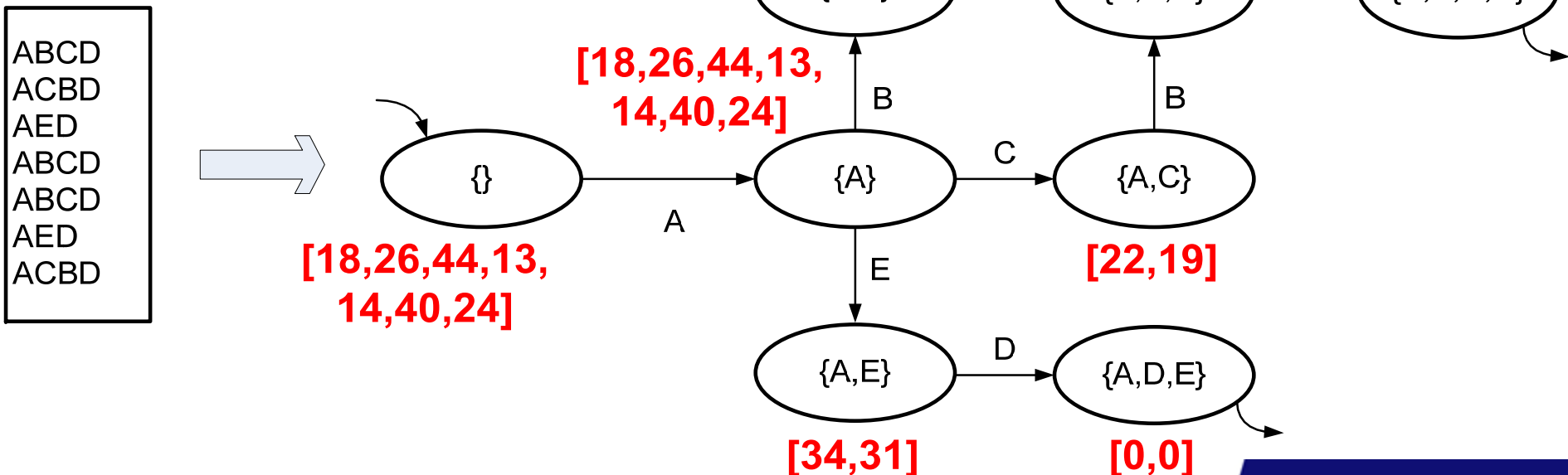


(b) transition system based on sequences

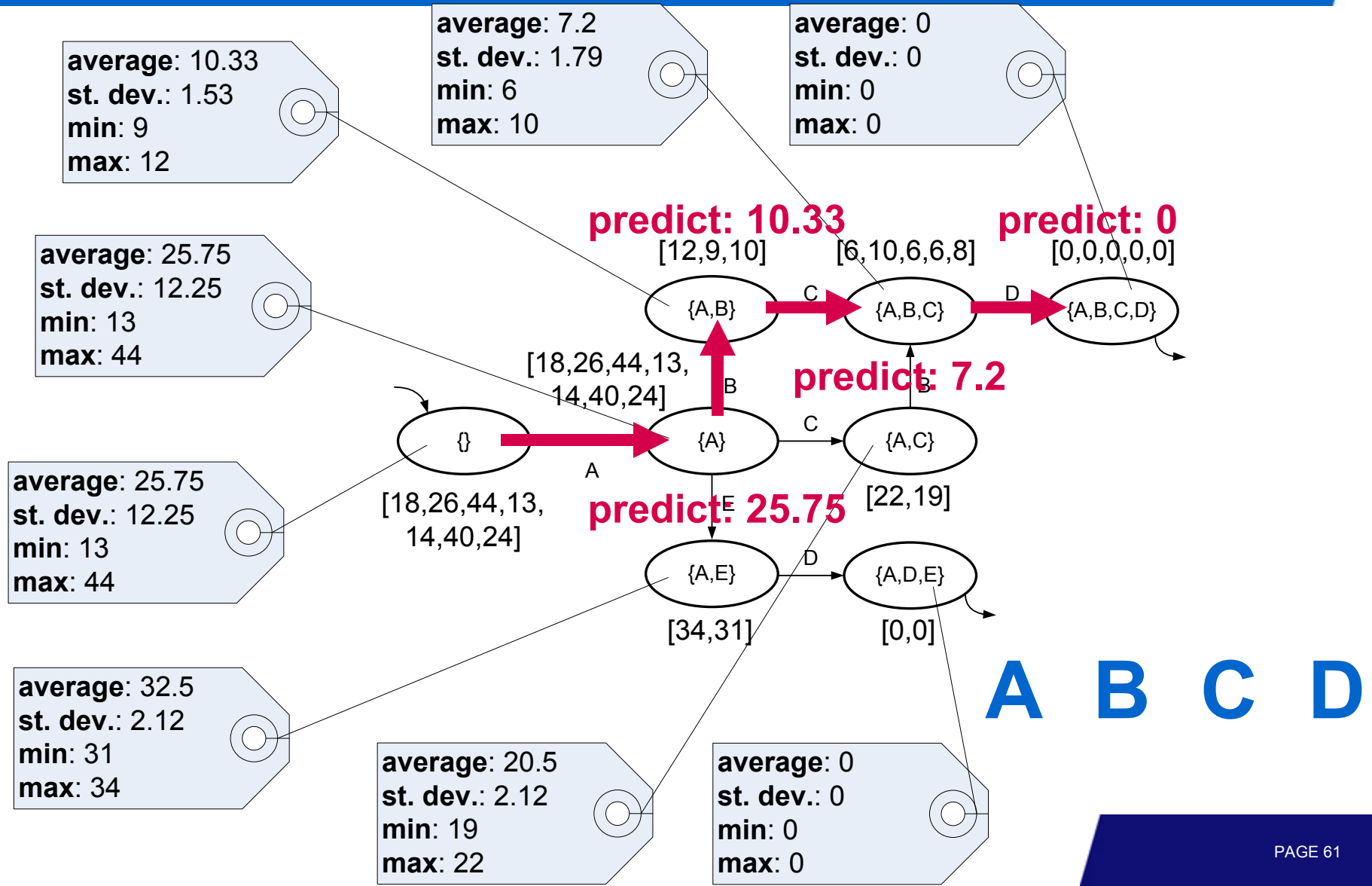
many
abstractions
are possible
and supported
by ProM's
FSM miner

Annotated transition system based on remaining time

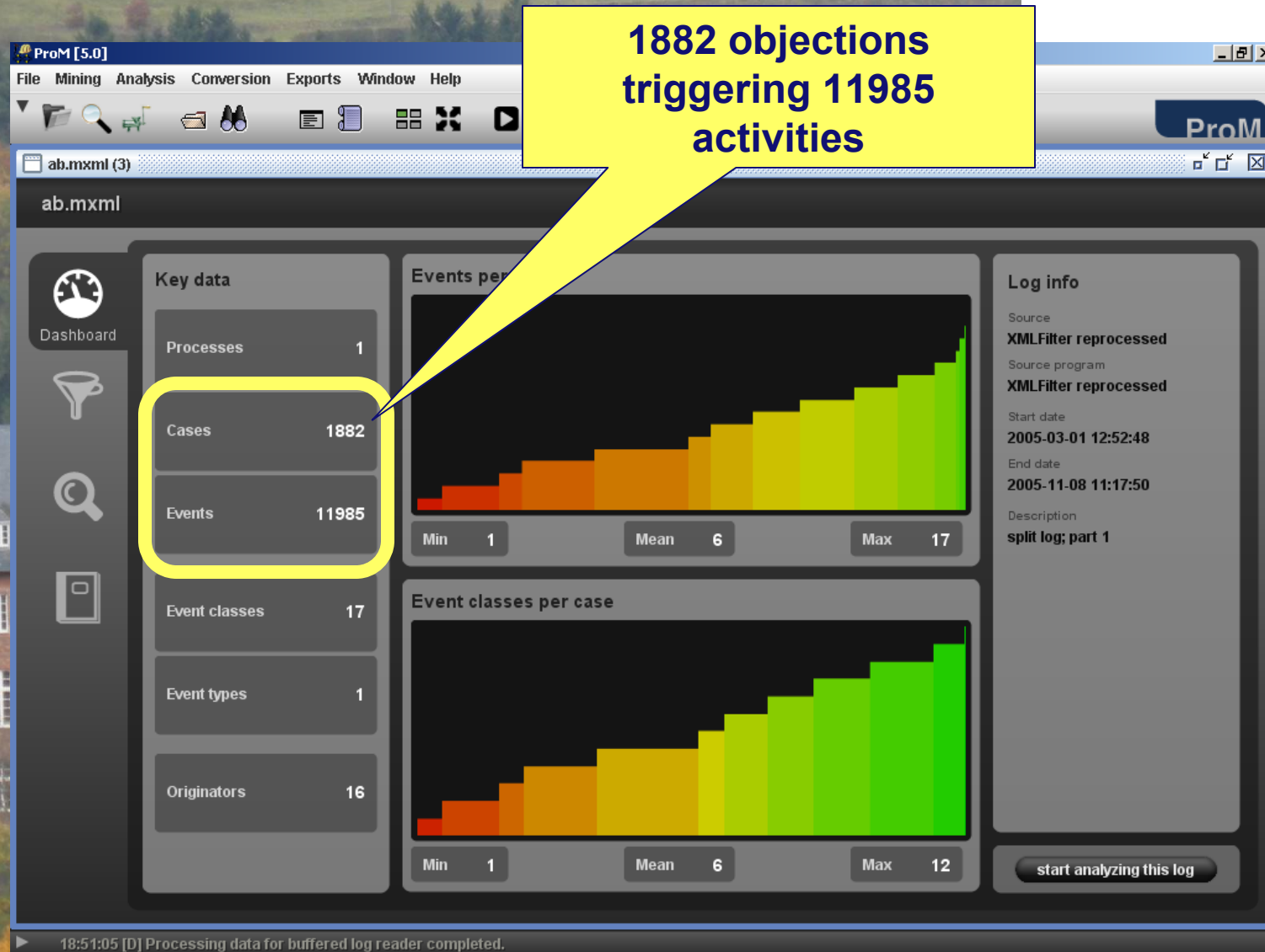
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7	$\langle A^{20}, C^{25}, B^{36}, D^{44} \rangle$



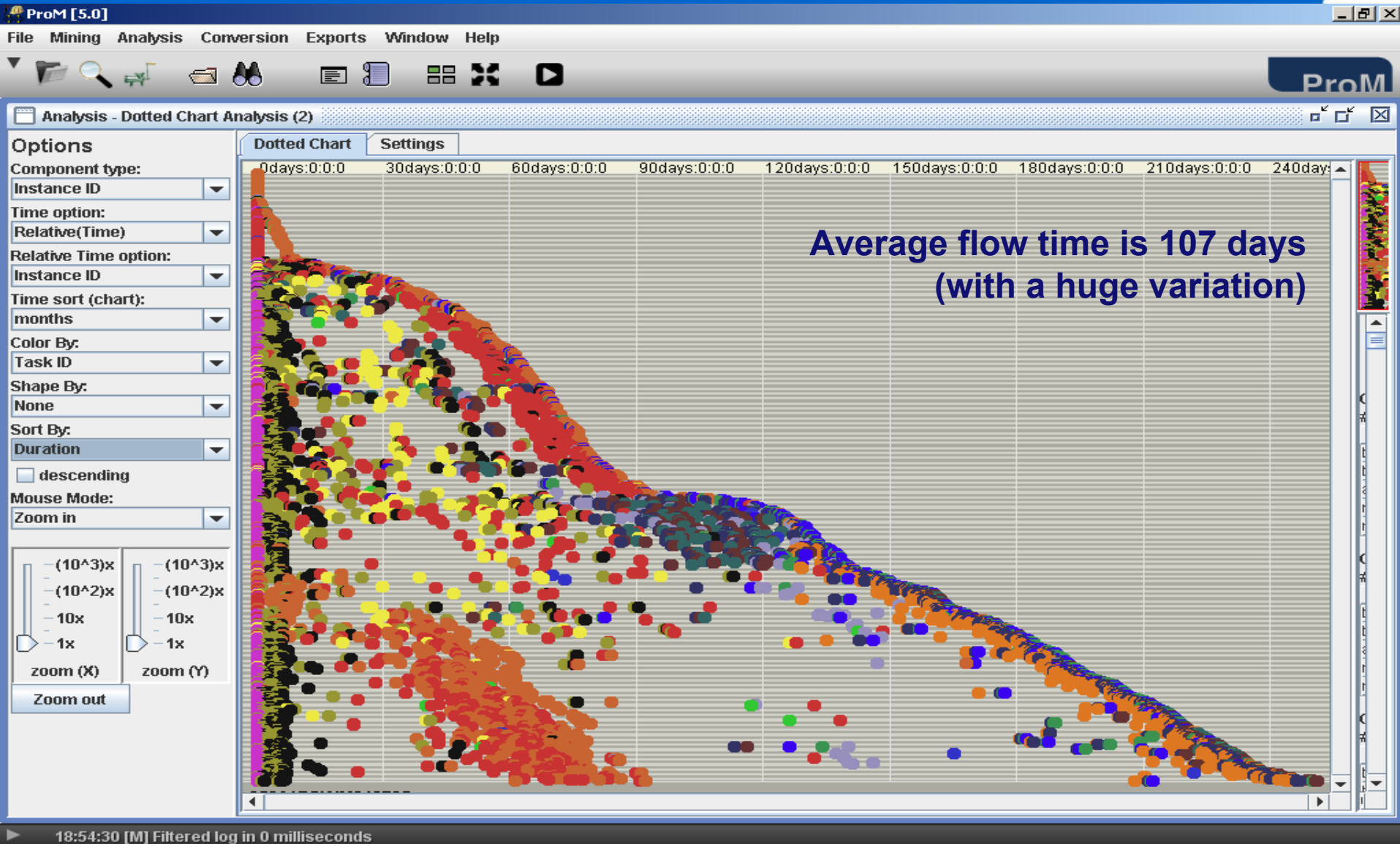
Predictive information



Example: WOZ process in Dutch Municipality



All 11985 events at a glance



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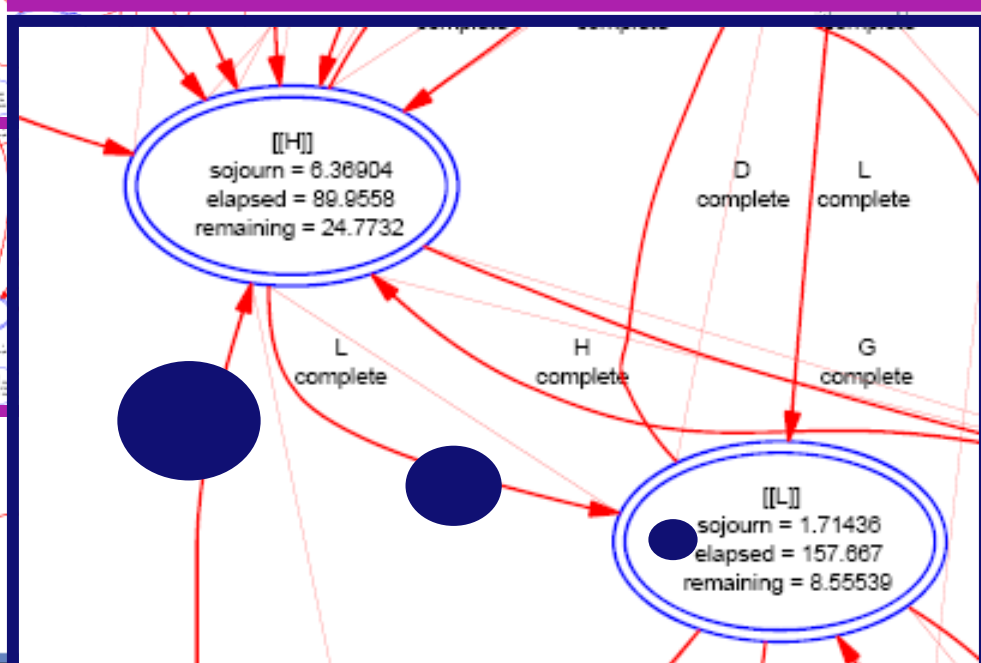
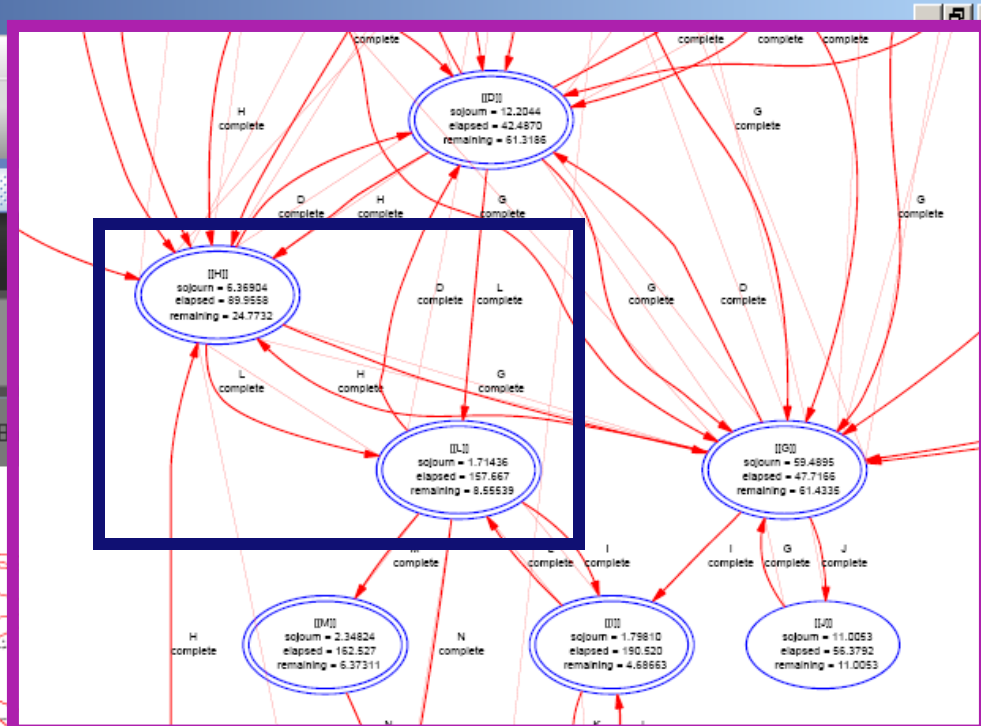
Analysis - FSM analyzer (16)

FSM based Performance Analysis

Event Log :

Time Unit: Measure: Color B

**For partial traces
corresponding to
this state the
estimated time
until completion
is 8.5 days**



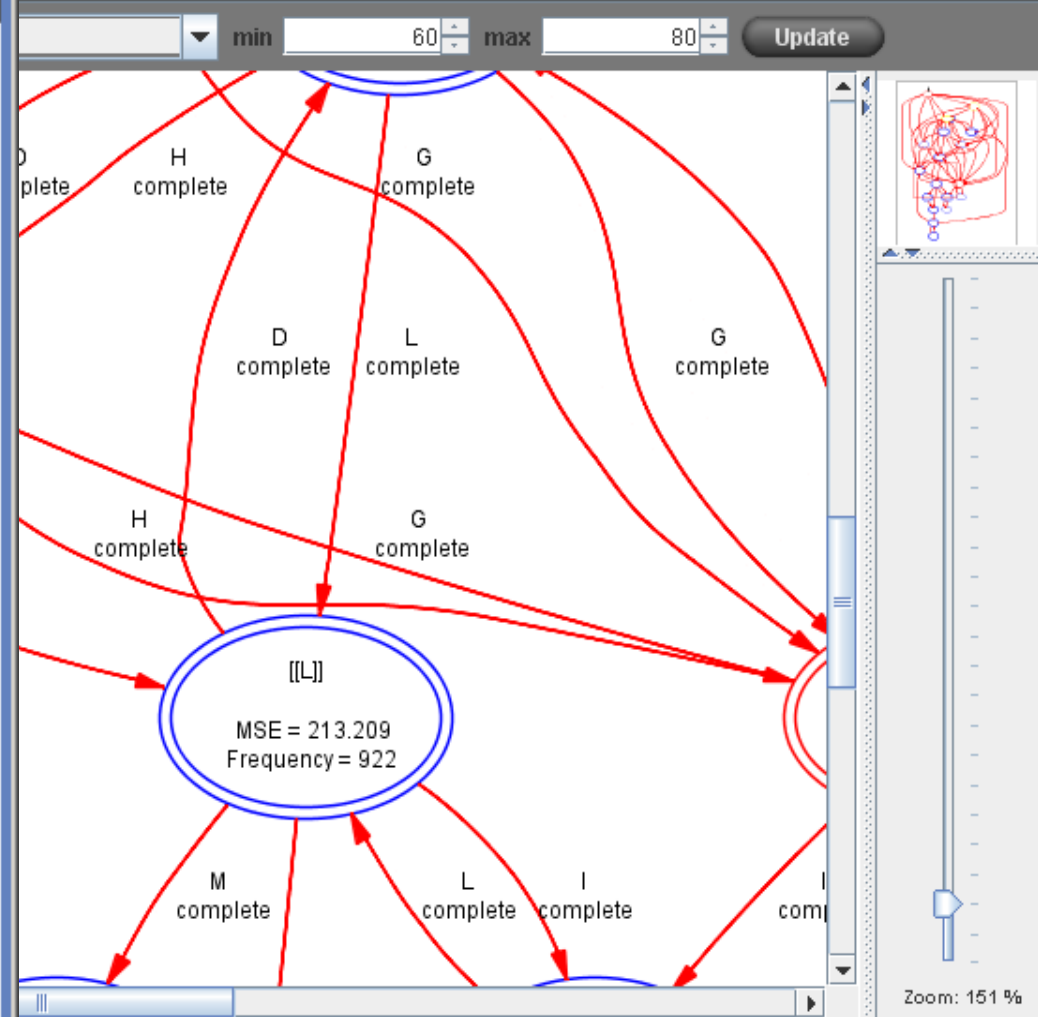
Mean Average Error (MAE)

rooted MSE

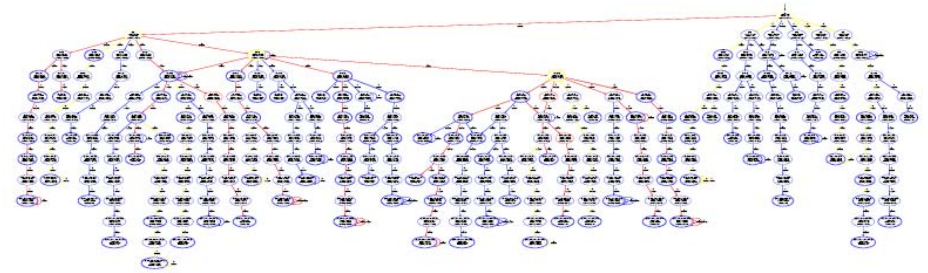
MAPE

	MAE	rooted MSE	MAPE	
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[[C]]	64.8881	72.8452	406.781	896
[[D]]	63.1935	69.4784	51727.3	1240
[[G]]	72.8231	74.6510	24.3339	1546
[[I]]	3.25089	5.59291	103.264	629
[[L]]	9.82483	14.6016	406.304	922
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[[N]]	7.74203	12.2609	1478.89	799
[[O]]	3.17161	9.07740	1351.93	932
[[P]]	2.98513	8.61544	554.336	709
[[F]]	34.0397	44.4393	52294.3	16
[[H]]	16.2393	22.9282	447.301	326
[[E]]	46.4377	55.1125	1232.75	27
[[Q]]	36.6227	47.2489	133.769	238
[[J]]	2.67055	2.67055	25.7842	2
[[K]]	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
overall(mean)	31.3298	37.1198	11359.0	18
overall(aggregated)				

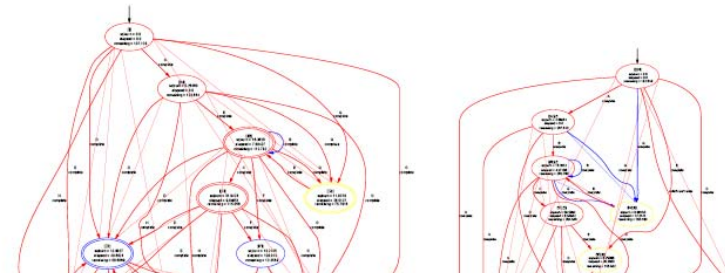
Cross validation: training set and test set



Some results



(a) Set abstraction based on all activities



Abstraction	MAE	RMSE	MAPE
Set abstraction based on all activities (cf. Figure 17(a))	41.648	47.513	1505.07
Set abstraction based on last activity (cf. Figure 17(b))	43.080	49.666	1818.49
Set abstraction based on last activity and additional information related to the occurrence of “I” (cf. Figure 17(c))	17.129	23.550	900.07
Complete abstraction (cf. Figure 17(d))	63.391	74.965	7169.55
Simple heuristic: half of average total flow time (53.57 days)	61.750	75.505	6188.04



Part II

Process Discovery – The Alpha Algorithm

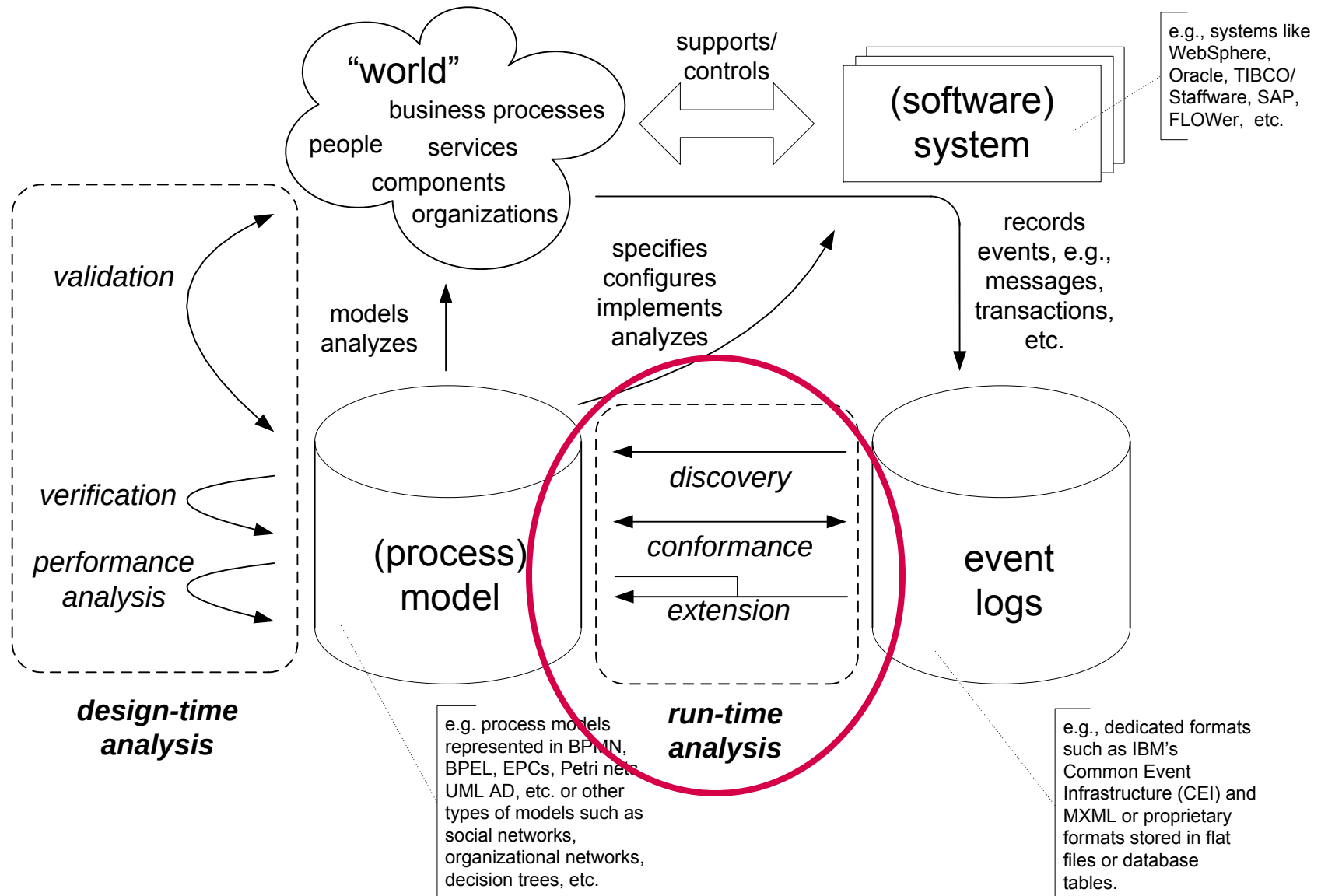
www.processmining.org



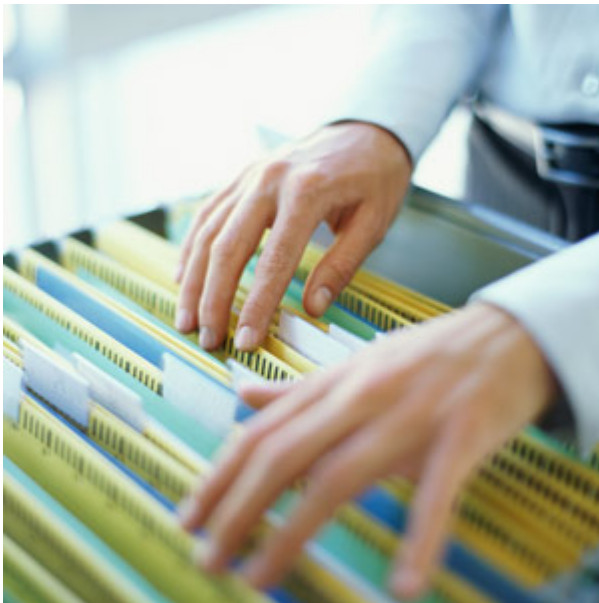
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Where innovation starts

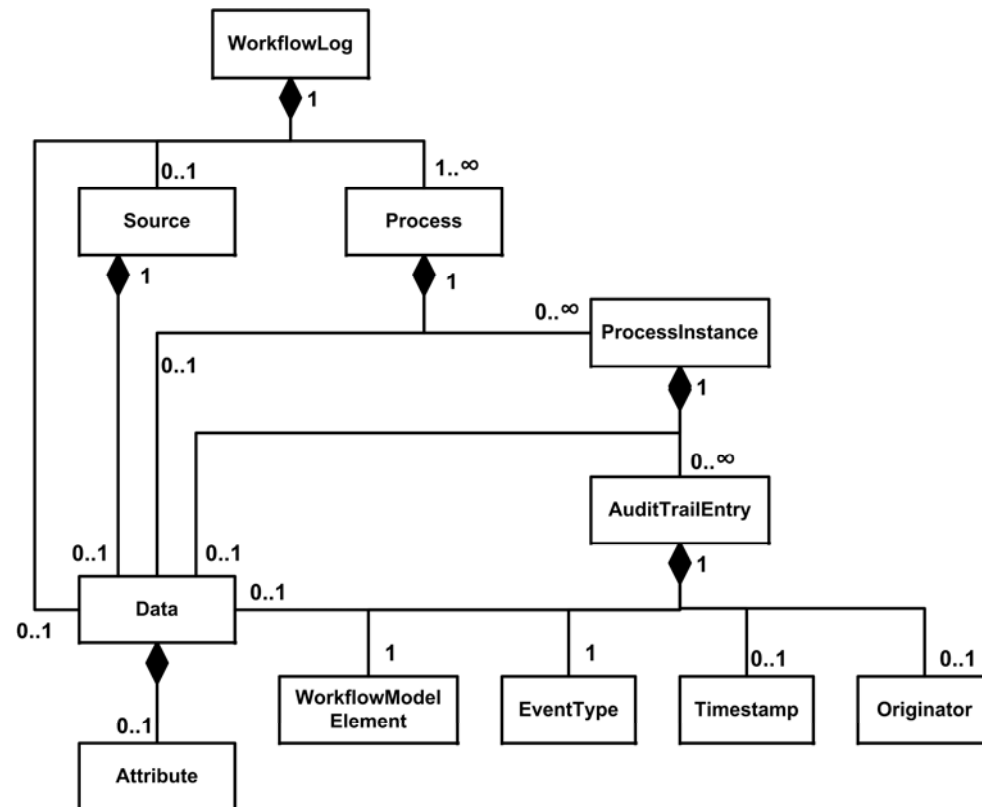
Design-time analysis vs run-time analysis



Starting point: event logs



event logs, audit trails, databases, message logs, etc.



unified event log
(MXML)

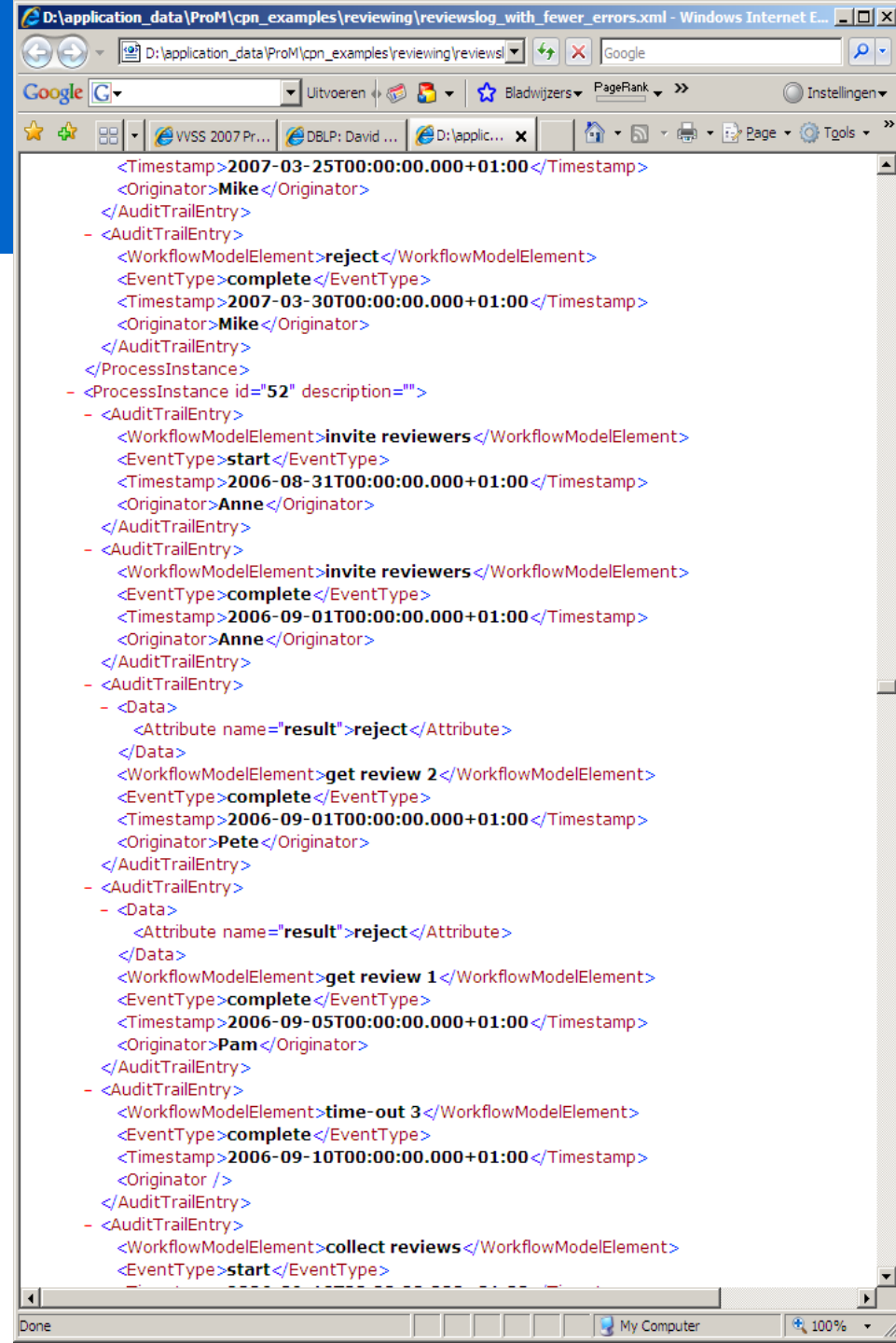
MXML

Event log:

- processes
 - process instances
 - events

Per event:

- activity name
- (event type)
- (originator)
- (timestamp)
- (data)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying a file path: D:\application_data\ProM\cpn_examples\reviewing\reviews\... The browser's address bar contains the text "Google". The main content area displays an XML document with the following structure:

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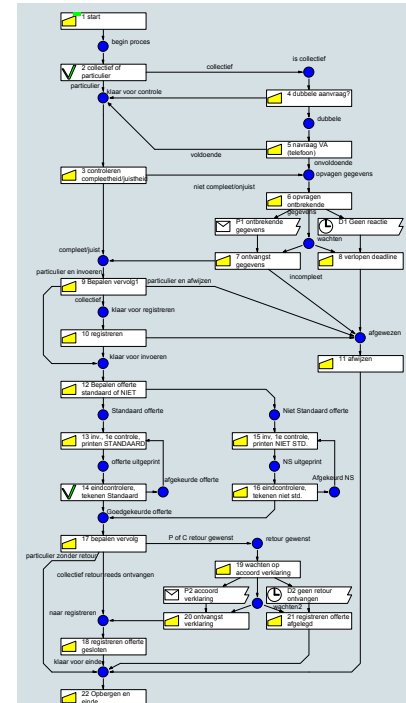
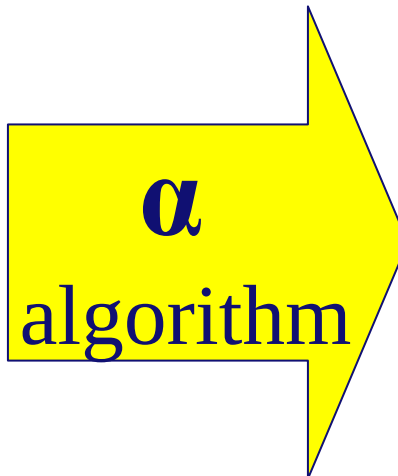
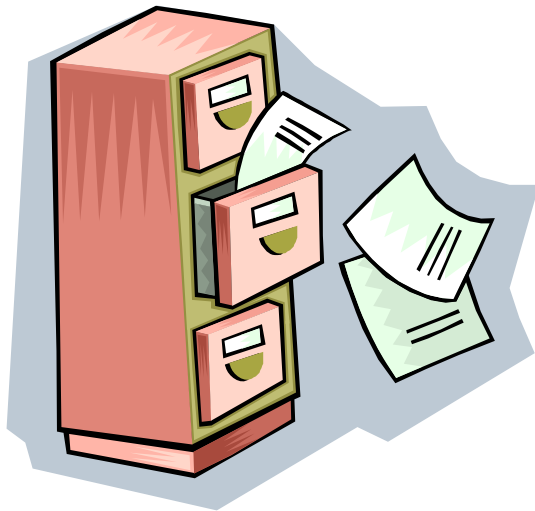
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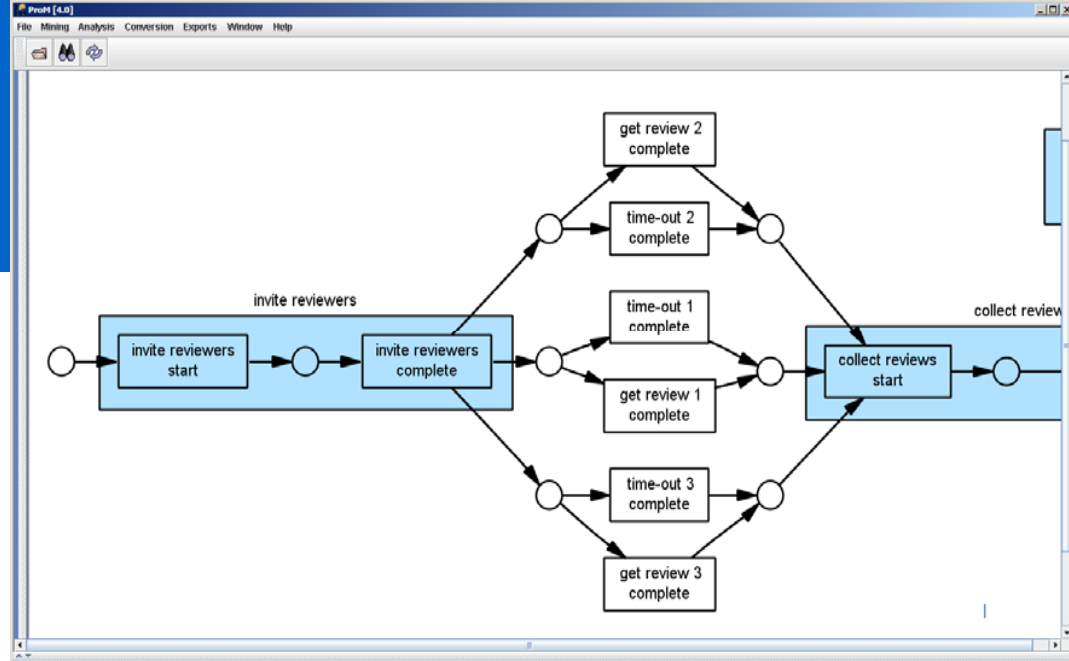
Process Mining: The alpha algorithm



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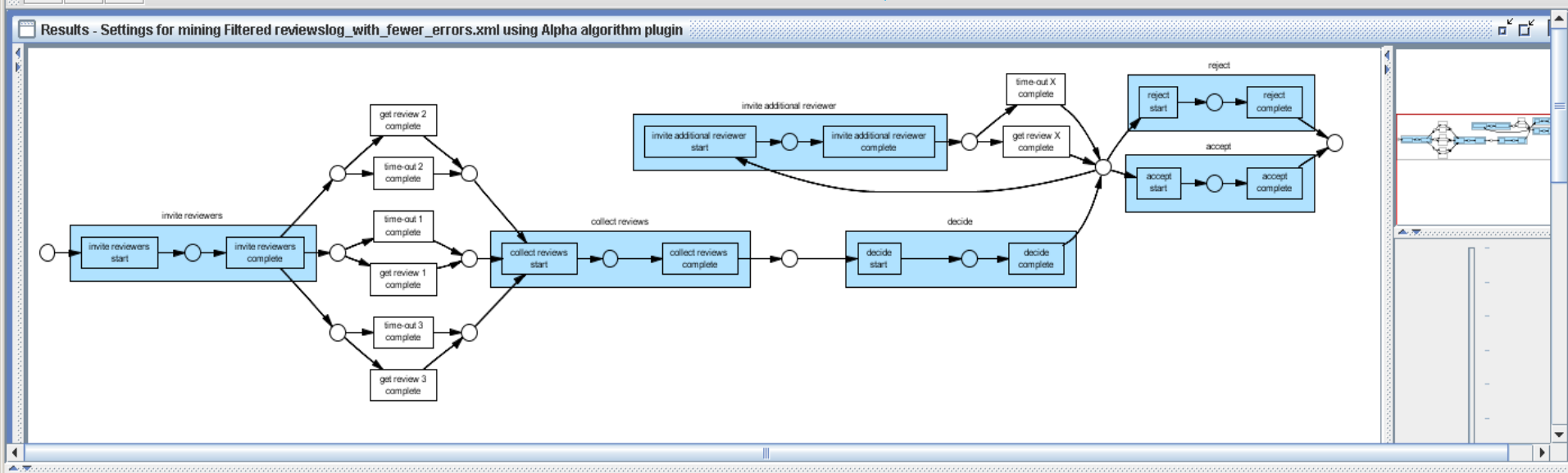
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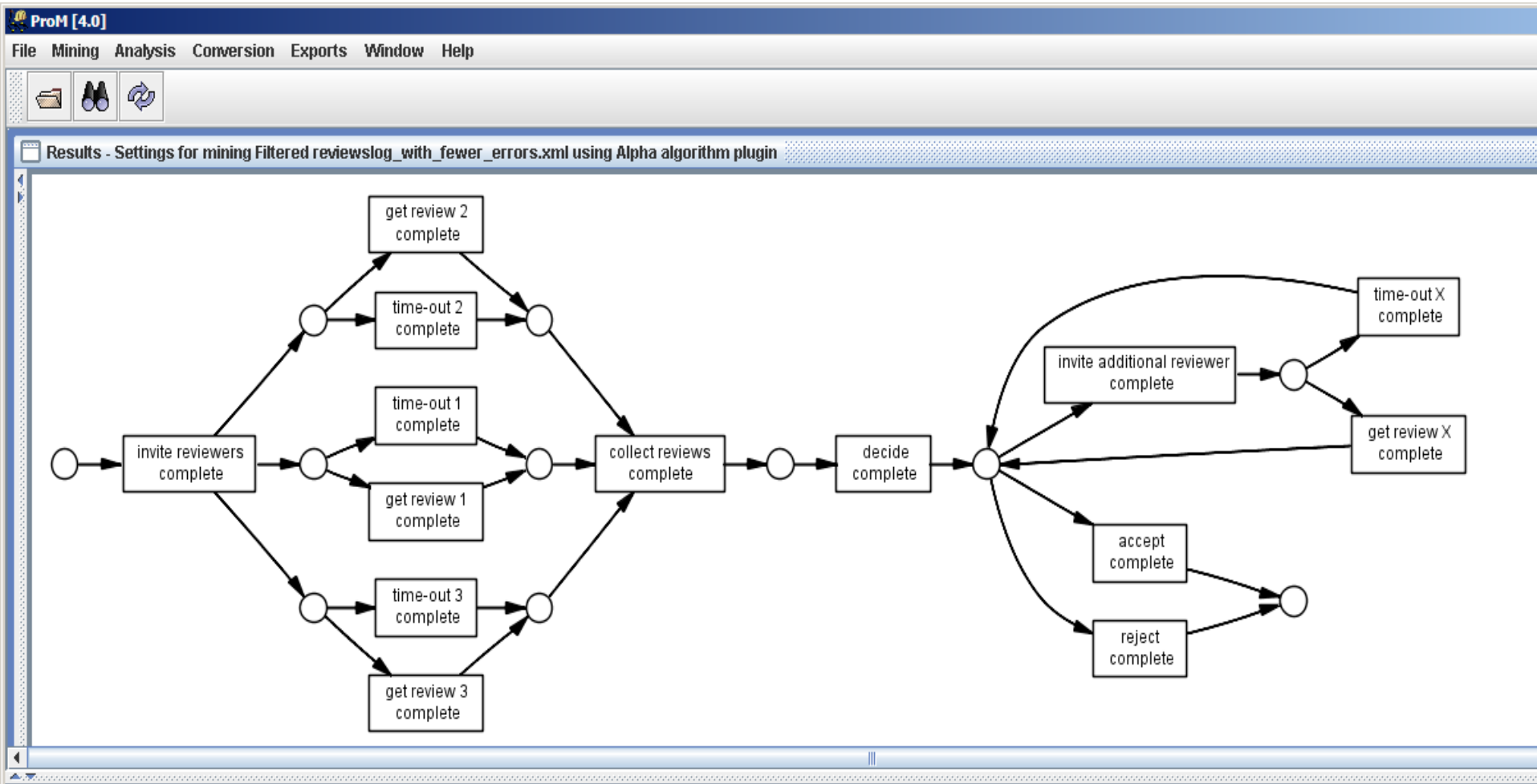
Alpha algorithm

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Results - Settings for mining Filtered reviewslog_with_fewer_errors.xml using Alpha algorithm plugin



Without transactional information (just completes)



Example log

- Minimal information in log: case id's and task id's.
- Additional information: event type, time, resources, and data.
- Sequences:
 - 1: ABCD
 - 2: ACBD
 - 3: ABCD
 - 4: ACBD
 - 5: EF
- So this log there are three possible sequences:
 - ABCD
 - ACBD
 - EF

```
case 1 : task A
case 2 : task A
case 3 : task A
case 3 : task B
case 1 : task B
case 1 : task C
case 2 : task C
case 4 : task A
case 2 : task B
case 2 : task D
case 5 : task E
case 4 : task C
case 1 : task D
case 3 : task C
case 3 : task D
case 4 : task B
case 5 : task F
case 4 : task D
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$>, \rightarrow, ||, \#$ relations

- Direct succession: $x > y$ iff for some case x is directly followed by y .
- Causality: $x \rightarrow y$ iff $x > y$ and not $y > x$.
- Parallel: $x || y$ iff $x > y$ and $y > x$
- Choice: $x \# y$ iff not $x > y$ and not $y > x$.

case 1 : task A
case 2 : task A
case 3 : task A
case 3 : task B
case 1 : task B
case 1 : task C
case 2 : task C
case 4 : task A
case 2 : task B
case 2 : task D
case 5 : task E
case 4 : task C
case 1 : task D
case 3 : task C
case 3 : task D
case 4 : task B
case 5 : task F
case 4 : task D



ABCD
ACBD
EF

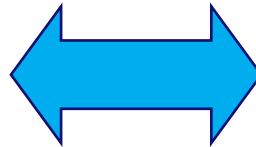
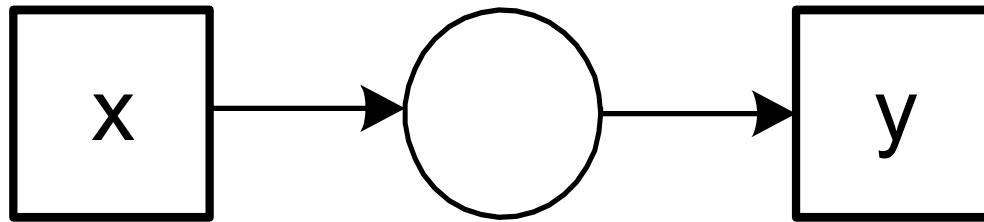


A > B
A > C
B > C
B > D
C > B
C > D
E > F

A → B
A → C
B → D
C → D
E → F

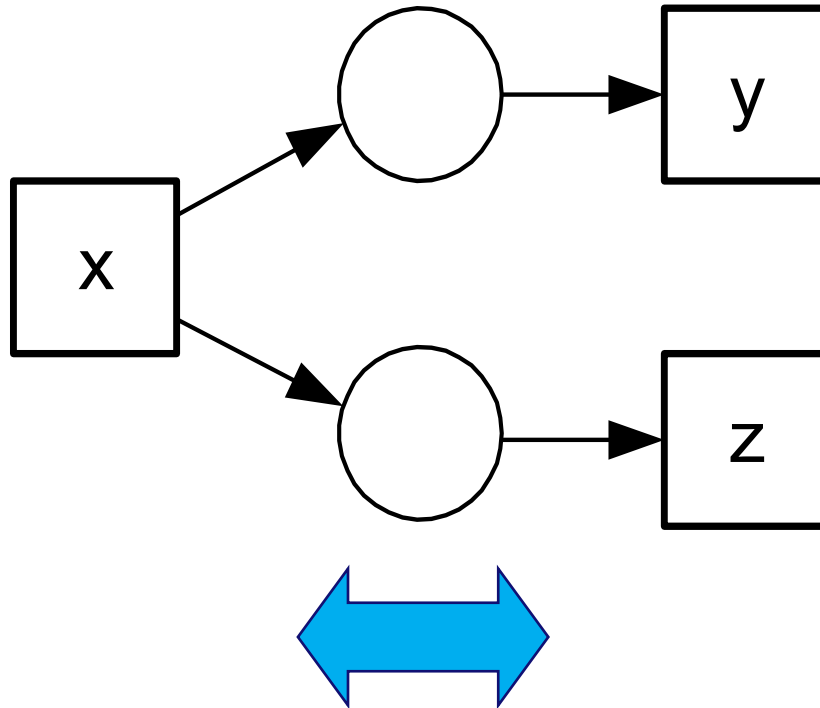
B || C
C || B

Basic idea (1)



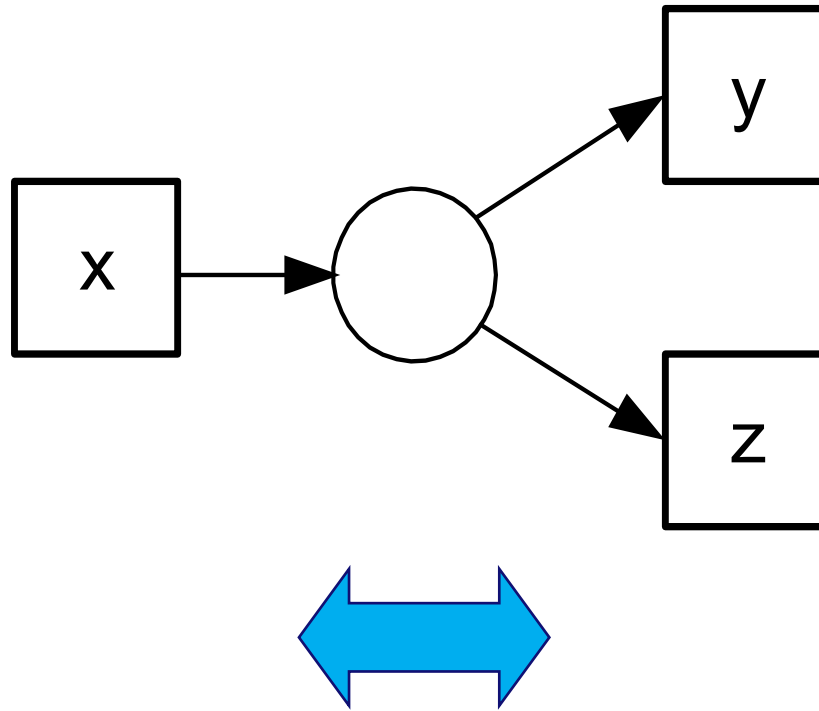
$x \rightarrow y$

Basic idea (2)



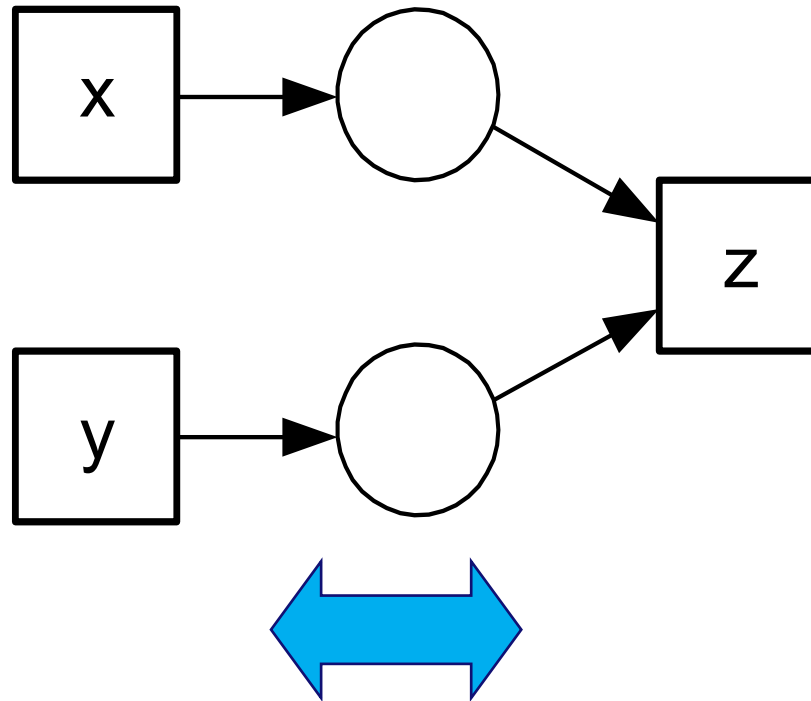
$x \rightarrow y$, $x \rightarrow z$, and $y \parallel z$

Basic idea (3)



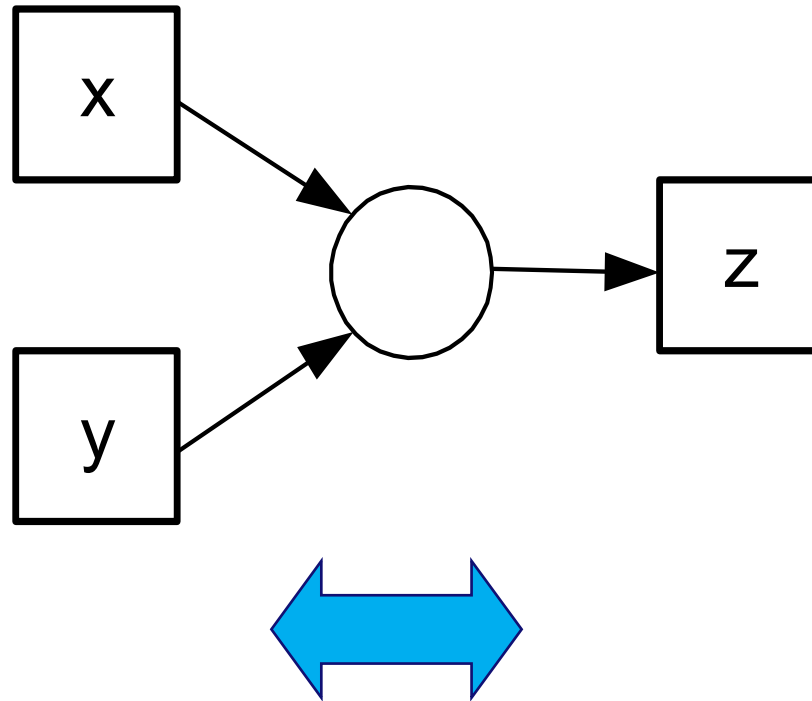
$x \rightarrow y$, $x \rightarrow z$, and $y \# z$

Basic idea (4)



$x \rightarrow z$, $y \rightarrow z$, and $x \parallel y$

Basic idea (5)



$x \rightarrow z$, $y \rightarrow z$, and $x \# y$

It is not that simple!

Basic alpha algorithm

Let W be a workflow log over T . $\alpha(W)$ is defined as follows.

1. $T_W = \{ t \in T \mid \exists_{\sigma \in W} t \in \sigma \},$
2. $T_I = \{ t \in T \mid \exists_{\sigma \in W} t = \text{first}(\sigma) \},$
3. $T_O = \{ t \in T \mid \exists_{\sigma \in W} t = \text{last}(\sigma) \},$
4. $X_W = \{ (A,B) \mid A \subseteq T_W \wedge A \neq \emptyset \wedge B \subseteq T_W \wedge B \neq \emptyset \wedge \forall_{a \in A} \forall_{b \in B} a \rightarrow_W b \wedge \forall_{a_1, a_2 \in A} a_1 \#_W a_2 \wedge \forall_{b_1, b_2 \in B} b_1 \#_W b_2 \},$
5. $Y_W = \{ (A,B) \in X \mid \forall_{(A',B') \in X} A \subseteq A' \wedge B \subseteq B' \Rightarrow (A,B) = (A',B') \},$
6. $P_W = \{ p_{(A,B)} \mid (A,B) \in Y_W \} \cup \{ i_W, o_W \},$
7. $F_W = \{ (a, p_{(A,B)}) \mid (A,B) \in Y_W \wedge a \in A \} \cup \{ (p_{(A,B)}, b) \mid (A,B) \in Y_W \wedge b \in B \} \cup \{ (i_W, t) \mid t \in T_I \} \cup \{ (t, o_W) \mid t \in T_O \},$ and
8. $\alpha(W) = (P_W, T_W, F_W).$

Example revisited

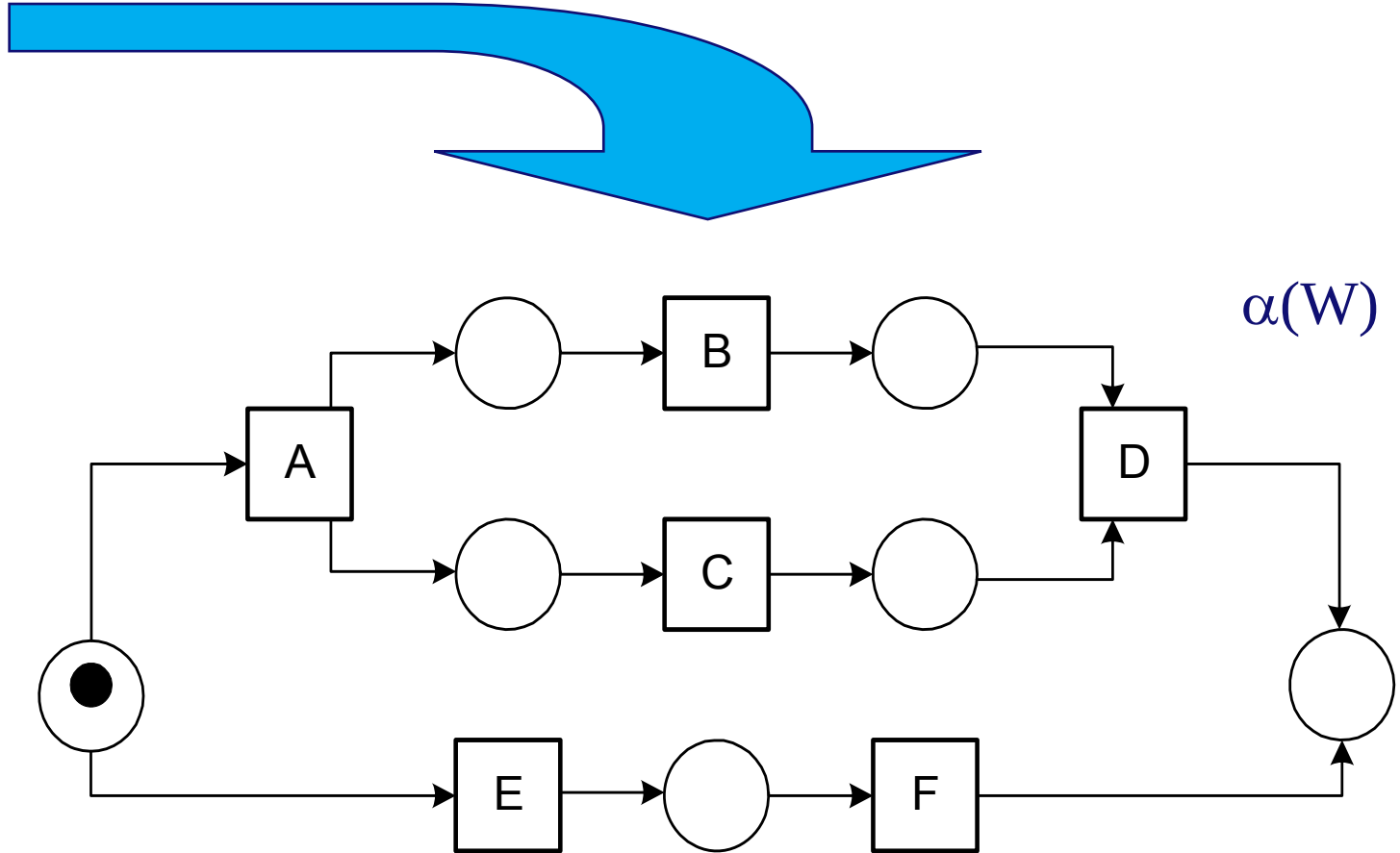
W:

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 case 2 : task A
 case 3 : task A
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 case 1 : task B
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 case 4 : task A
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 case 2 : task D
 case 5 : task E
 case 4 : task C
 case 1 : task D
 case 3 : task C
 case 3 : task D
 case 4 : task B
 case 5 : task F
 case 4 : task D

A>B
 A>C
 B>C
 B>D
 C>B
 C>D
 E>F

A→B
 A→C
 B→D
 C→D
 E→F

B||C
 C||B



Exercise (1)

- What does the alpha algorithm produce for a log consisting only of the following traces?
 - ABCD
 - ACBD
 - AED

•Direct succession: $x > y$ iff for some case x is directly followed by y .
 •Causality: $x \rightarrow y$ iff $x > y$ and not $y > x$.
 •Parallel: $x || y$ iff $x > y$ and $y > x$
 •Choice: $x \# y$ iff not $x > y$ and not $y > x$.

Let W be a workflow log over T . $\alpha(W)$ is defined as follows.

1. $T_W = \{ t \in T \mid \exists \sigma \in W \ t \in \sigma \}$,
2. $T_I = \{ t \in T \mid \exists \sigma \in W \ t = \text{first}(\sigma) \}$,
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4. $X_W = \{ (A, B) \mid A \subseteq T_W \wedge A \neq \emptyset \wedge B \subseteq T_W \wedge B \neq \emptyset \wedge \forall_{a \in A} \forall_{b \in B} a \rightarrow_W b \wedge \forall_{a_1, a_2 \in A} a_1 \#_W a_2 \wedge \forall_{b_1, b_2 \in B} b_1 \#_W b_2 \}$,
5. $Y_W = \{ (A, B) \in X \mid \forall_{(A', B') \in X} A \subseteq A' \wedge B \subseteq B' \Rightarrow (A, B) = (A', B') \}$,
6. $P_W = \{ p_{(A, B)} \mid (A, B) \in Y_W \} \cup \{ i_W, o_W \}$,
7. $F_W = \{ (a, p_{(A, B)}) \mid (A, B) \in Y_W \wedge a \in A \} \cup \{ (p_{(A, B)}, b) \mid (A, B) \in Y_W \wedge b \in B \} \cup \{ (i_W, t) \mid t \in T_I \} \cup \{ (t, o_W) \mid t \in T_O \}$, and
8. $\alpha(W) = (P_W, T_W, F_W)$.

Another example taken step-by-step ...

Definition 3.1 (Workflow trace, Workflow log). Let T be a set of tasks. $\sigma \in T^*$ is a workflow trace and $W \in \mathcal{P}(T^*)$ is a workflow log.²

The workflow trace of case 1 in Table 1 is $ABCD$. The workflow log corresponding to Table 1 is

$\{ABCD, ACBD, AED\}$.

case identifier	task identifier
case 1	task A
case 2	task A
case 3	task A
case 3	task B
case 1	task B
case 1	task C
case 2	task C
case 4	task A
case 2	task B
case 2	task D
case 5	task A
case 4	task C
case 1	task D
case 3	task C
case 3	task D
case 4	task B
case 5	task E
case 5	task D
case 4	task D

Taken from:

Wil M. P. van der Aalst, Ton Weijters, Laura Maruster: Workflow Mining:
Discovering Process Models from Event Logs. IEEE Trans. Knowl. Data Eng.
16(9): 1128-1142 (2004)

Definition 3.2 (Log-based ordering relations). Let W be a workflow log over T , i.e., $W \in \mathcal{P}(T^*)$. Let $a, b \in T$:

- $a >_W b$ iff there is a trace $\sigma = t_1 t_2 t_3 \dots t_{n-1}$ and $i \in \{1, \dots, n-2\}$ such that $\sigma \in W$ and $t_i = a$ and $t_{i+1} = b$,
- $a \rightarrow_W b$ iff $a >_W b$ and $b \not>_W a$,
- $a \#_W b$ iff $a \not>_W b$ and $b \not>_W a$, and
- $a \parallel_W b$ iff $a >_W b$ and $b >_W a$.

Consider the workflow log $W = \{ABCD, ACBD, AED\}$ (i.e., the log shown in Table 1). Relation $>_W$ describes which tasks appeared in sequence (one directly following the other). Clearly, $A >_W B$, $A >_W C$, $A >_W E$, $B >_W C$, $B >_W D$, $C >_W B$, $C >_W D$, and $E >_W D$. Relation $\rightarrow_W$ can be computed from $>_W$ and is referred to as the (direct) causal relation derived from workflow log W . $A \rightarrow_W B$, $A \rightarrow_W C$, $A \rightarrow_W E$, $B \rightarrow_W D$, $C \rightarrow_W D$, and $E \rightarrow_W D$. Note that $B \not\rightarrow_W C$ because $C >_W B$. Relation $\parallel_W$ suggests potential parallelism. For log W , tasks B and C seem to be in parallel, i.e., $B \parallel_W C$ and $C \parallel_W B$. If two tasks can follow each other directly in any order, then all possible interleavings are present and,

$A > B$
 $A > C$
 $A > E$
 $B > C$
 $D > D$
 $C > B$
 $C > D$
 $E > D$

$A \rightarrow B$
 $A \rightarrow C$
 $A \rightarrow E$
 $B \rightarrow D$
 $C \rightarrow D$
 $E \rightarrow D$

$B \parallel C$
 $C \parallel B$

Definition 4.3 (Mining algorithm α). Let W be a workflow log over T . $\alpha(W)$ is defined as follows:

$$W = \{ABCD, ACBD, AED\}$$

- ✓ 1. $T_W = \{t \in T \mid \exists \sigma \in W t \in \sigma\},$
- ✓ 2. $T_I = \{t \in T \mid \exists \sigma \in W t = \text{first}(\sigma)\},$
- ✓ 3. $T_O = \{t \in T \mid \exists \sigma \in W t = \text{last}(\sigma)\},$
- 4.

$$X_W = \{(A, B)$$

$$\wedge \forall a \in A \forall$$

$$\wedge \forall b_1, b_2 \in$$

$$1. \quad T_W = \{A, B, C, D, E\},$$

$$2. \quad T_I = \{A\},$$

$$3. \quad T_O = \{D\},$$

5.

$$Y_W = \{(A, B)$$

$$\wedge B \subseteq B' \Rightarrow (A, B) = (A', B')\},$$

$$6. \quad P_W = \{p_{(A,B)} \mid (A, B) \in Y_W\} \cup \{i_W, o_W\},$$

7.

$$F_W = \{(a, p_{(A,B)}) \mid (A, B) \in Y_W \wedge a \in A\}$$

$$\cup \{(p_{(A,B)}, b) \mid (A, B) \in Y_W \wedge b \in B\}$$

$$\cup \{(i_W, t) \mid t \in T_I\} \cup \{(t, o_W) \mid t \in T_O\},$$

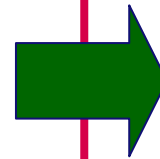
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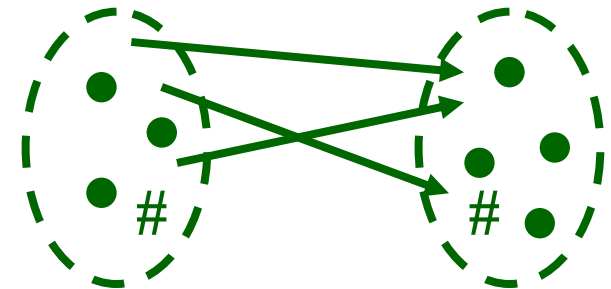
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- ✓ 1. $T_W = \{t \in T \mid \exists \sigma \in W t \in \sigma\},$
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- ✓ 4.

$$X_W = \{(A, B) \mid A \subseteq T_W \wedge B \subseteq T_W \\ \wedge \forall a \in A \forall b \in B a \rightarrow_W b \wedge \forall a_1, a_2 \in A a_1 \#_W a_2 \\ \wedge \forall b_1, b_2 \in B b_1 \#_W b_2\},$$



$$W = \{ABCD, ACBD, AED\}$$



A and B need to be non-empty.

4.

$$X_W = \{(\{A\}, \{B\}), (\{A\}, \{C\}), (\{A\}, \{E\}), \\ (\{B\}, \{D\}), (\{C\}, \{D\}), (\{E\}, \{D\}), \\ (\{A\}, \{B, E\}), (\{A\}, \{C, E\}), (\{B, E\}, \{D\}), \\ (\{C, E\}, \{D\})\},$$

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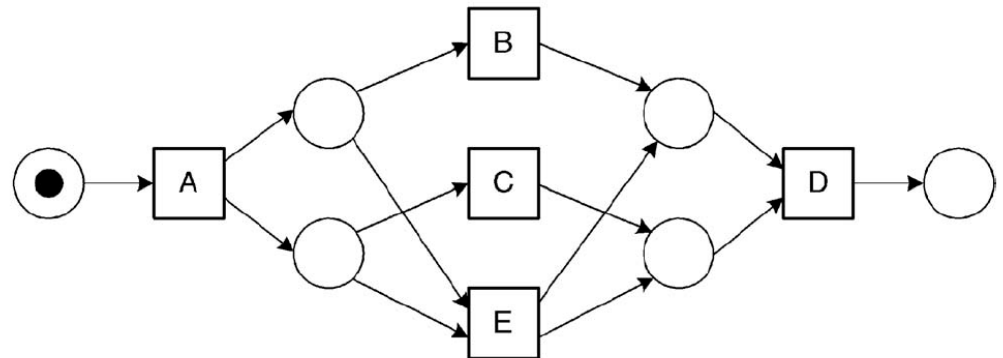
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✓ 6. $P_W = \{p_{(A,B)} \mid (A, B) \in Y_W\} \cup$
 ✓ 7.

$$F_W = \{(i_W, A), (A, p(\{A\}, \{B, E\})), \\ (p(\{A\} \cup \{B, E\}), B) \dots (D, o_W)\}.$$

$$F_W = \{(a, p_{(A,B)}) \mid (A, B) \in Y_W\} \cup \\ \cup \{(p_{(A,B)}, b) \mid (A, B) \in Y_W\} \cup \{(i_W, t) \mid t \in T_I\} \cup \{(t, o_W)\}$$

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Exercise (2)

- What does the alpha algorithm produce for a log consisting only of the following traces?
 - ACD
 - BCE

•Direct succession: $x > y$ iff for some case x is directly followed by y .
 •Causality: $x \rightarrow y$ iff $x > y$ and not $y > x$.
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Exercise (3)

- What does the alpha algorithm produce for a log consisting only of the following traces?

- ACEG
- AECG
- BDFG
- BFDG

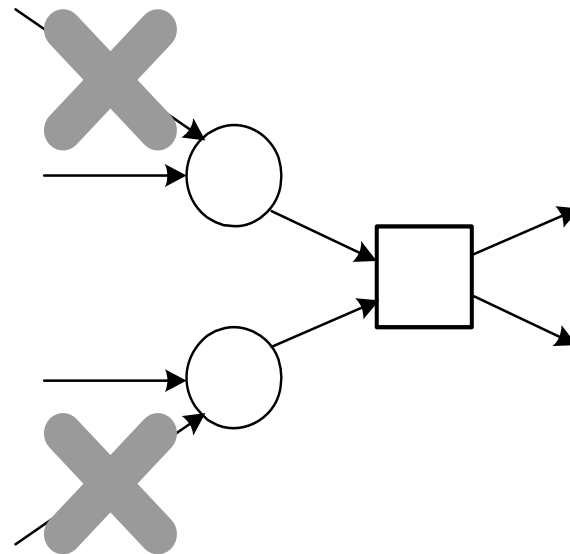
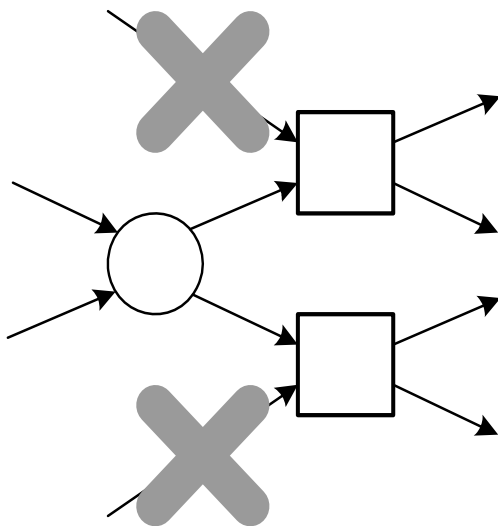
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Properties of the Alpha algorithm

- If log is complete with respect to relation $>$, it can be used to mine any SWF-net!
- *Structured Workflow Nets (SWF-nets)* have no implicit places and the following two constructs cannot be used:



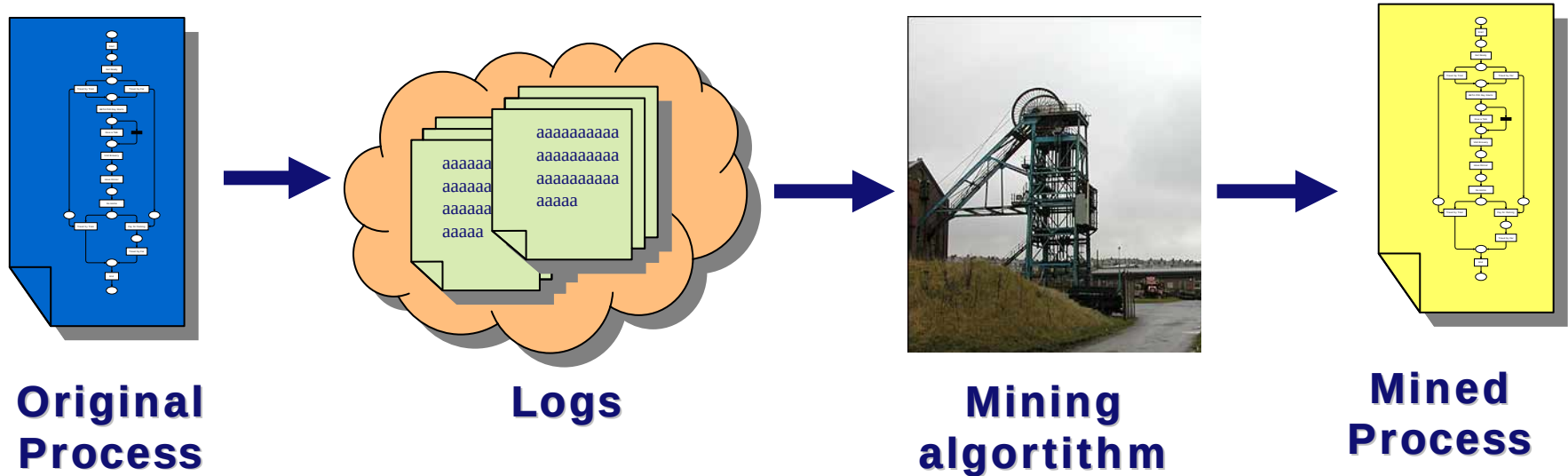
(Short loops require some refinement but not a problem.)

Alpha algorithm

- Mainly of theoretical interest!
- Too simple to be applicable to real-life logs.
- Does not address issues such as noise, etc.
- Should NOT be taken as a benchmark.
- However, the algorithm reveals:
 - basic process mining ideas and concepts in 8 lines,
 - theoretical limits of process mining.



Basic test for any mining algorithm: Rediscovery



Can the mined process generate all the behavior in the log?

How close is the behavior of the mined process to the original one?

Controlled choices cannot be rediscovered (and in many cases this is good!)

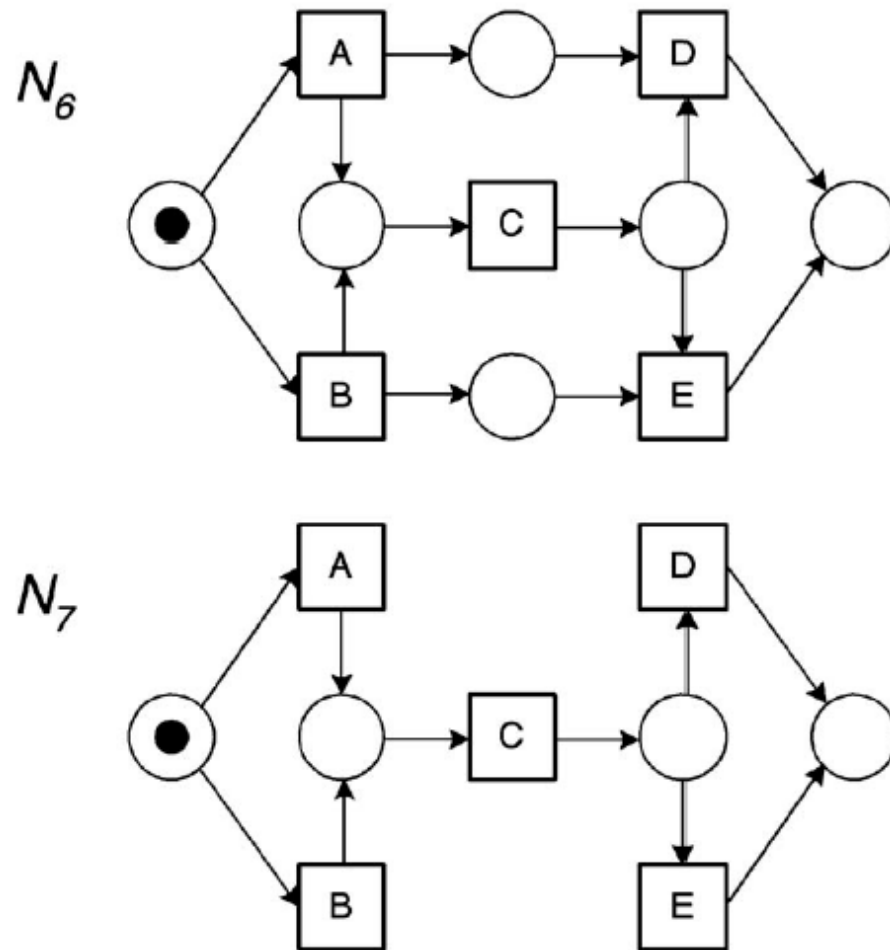


Fig. 7. The nonfree-choice WF-net N_6 cannot be rediscovered by the α algorithm.

Log only contains information about behavior and not structure

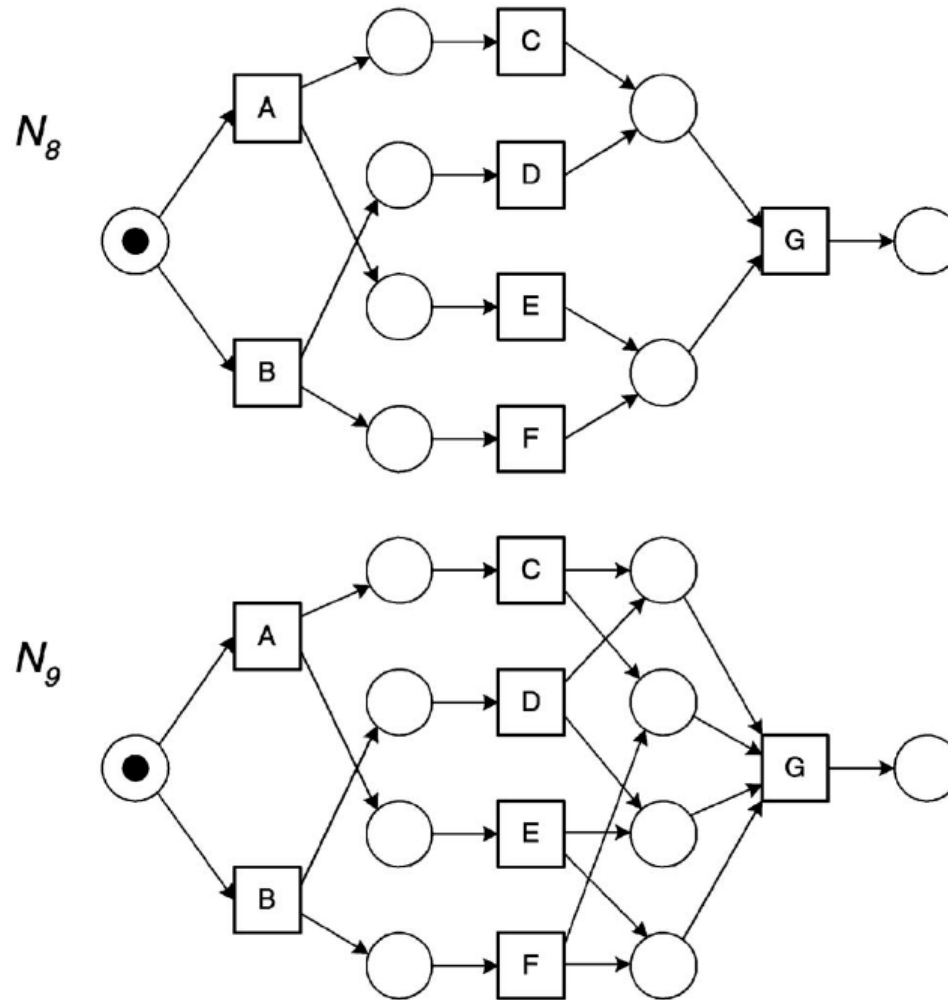


Fig. 8. WF-net N_8 cannot be rediscovered by the α algorithm. Nevertheless, α returns a WF-net which is behavioral equivalent.

Completeness notion may be too crude in some cases

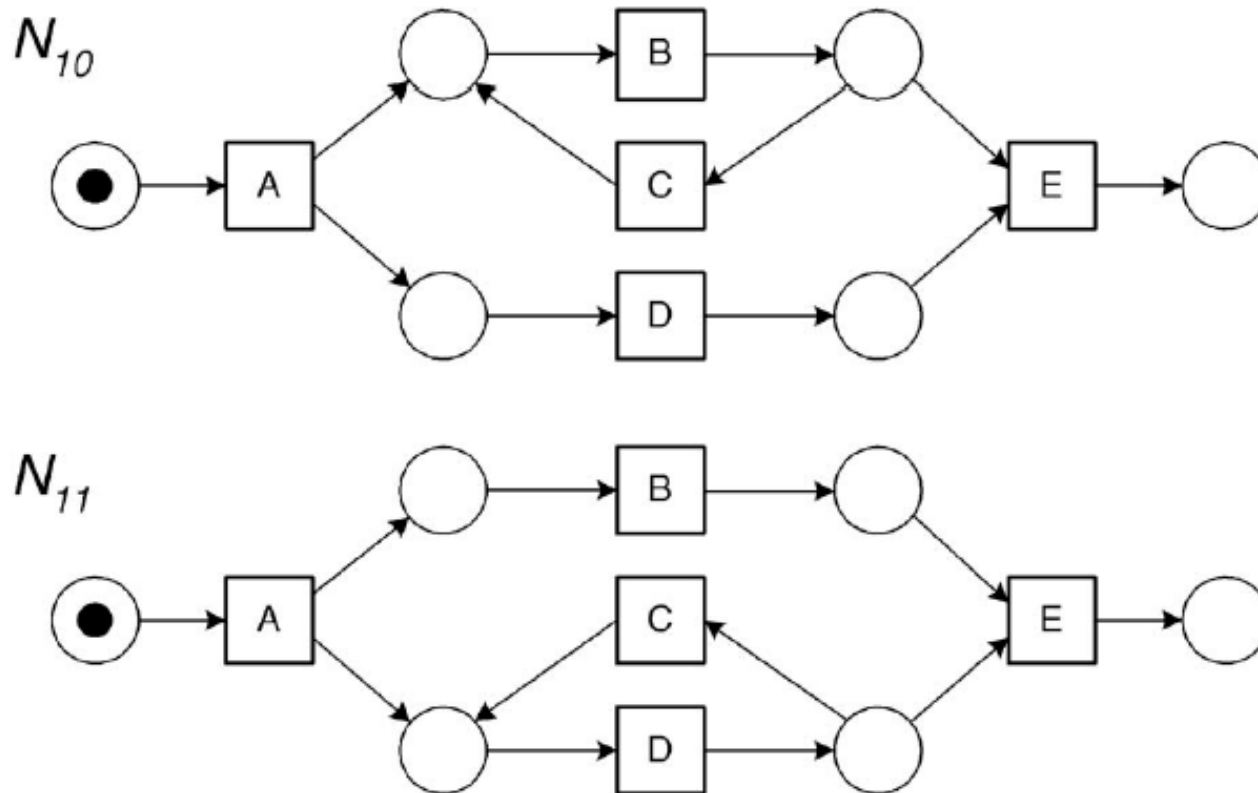


Fig. 9. Although both WF-nets are not behavioral equivalent they are identical with respect to $>$.

Another example of behaviorally equivalent SWF-nets

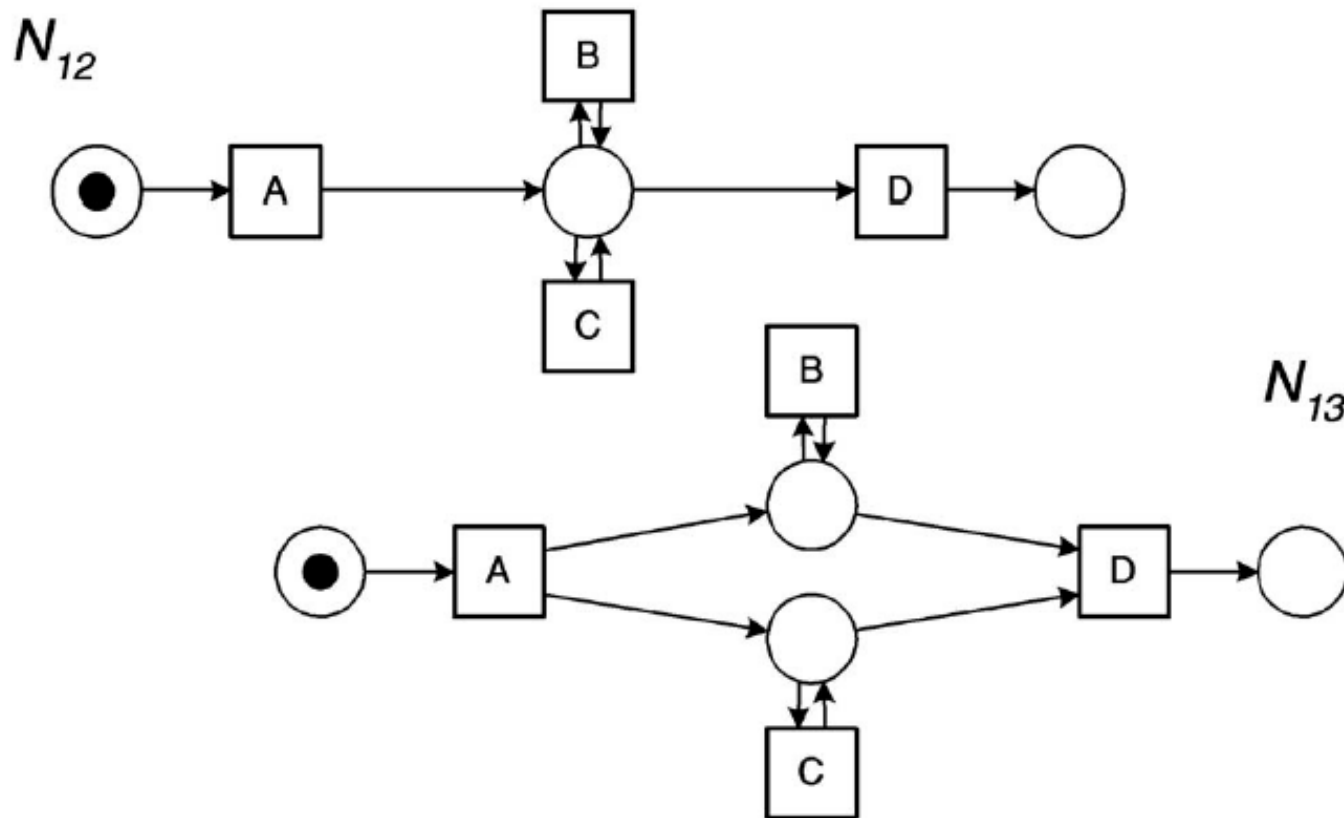
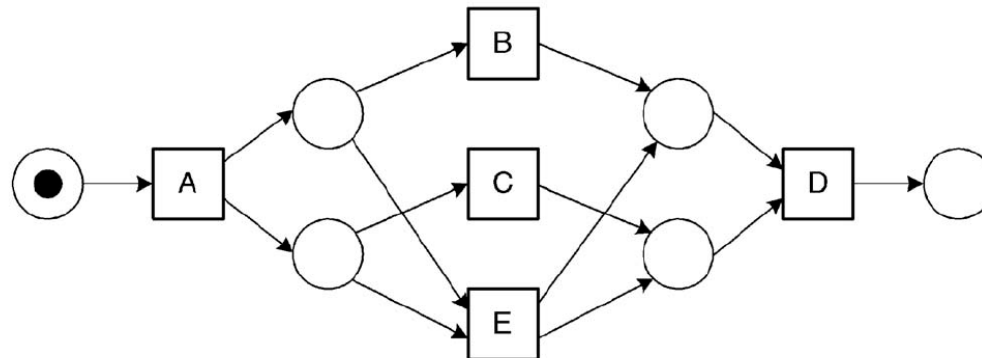
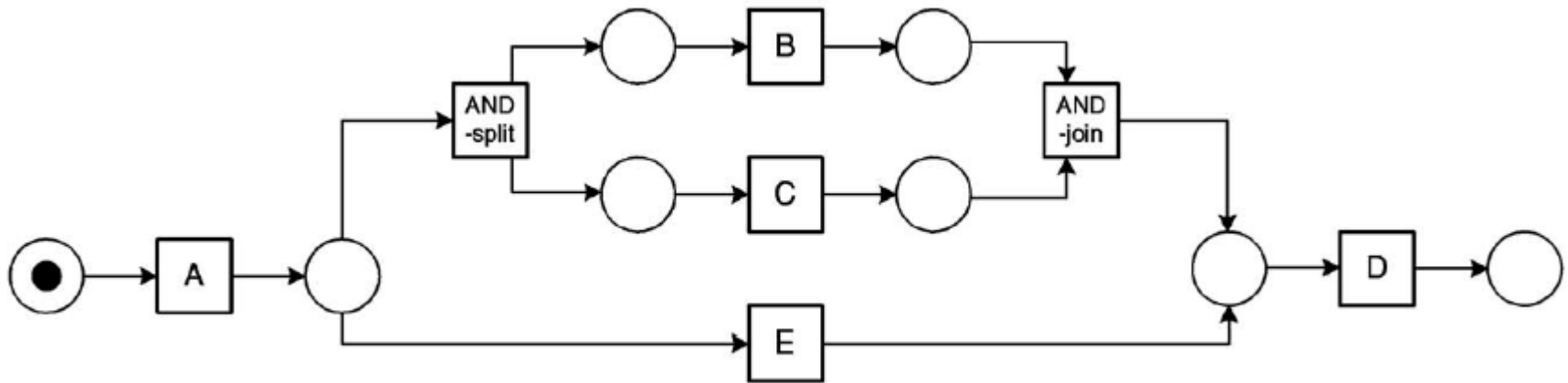
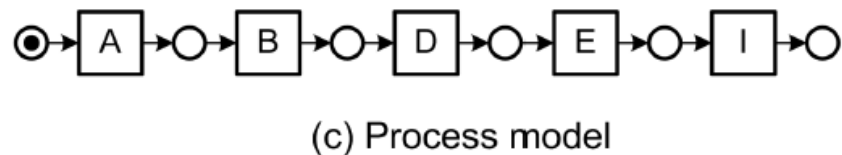
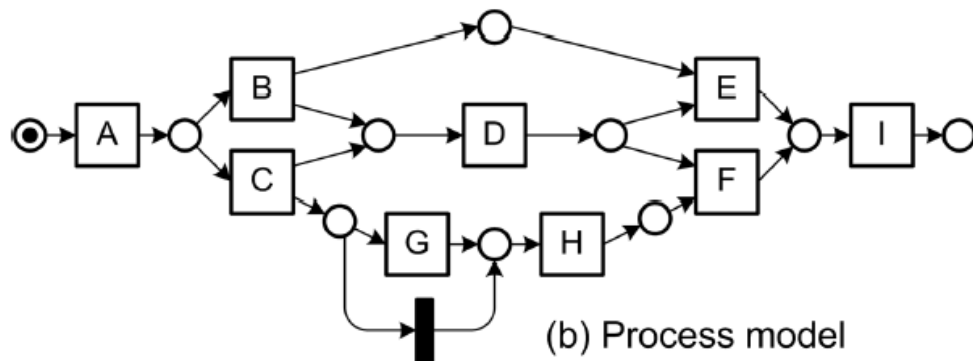


Fig. 10. Both SWF-nets are behavioral equivalent and, therefore, any algorithm will be unable to distinguish N_{12} from N_{13} (assuming a notion of completeness based on $>$).

Silent steps (and duplicate steps) cannot be discovered





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precision +
generalization +
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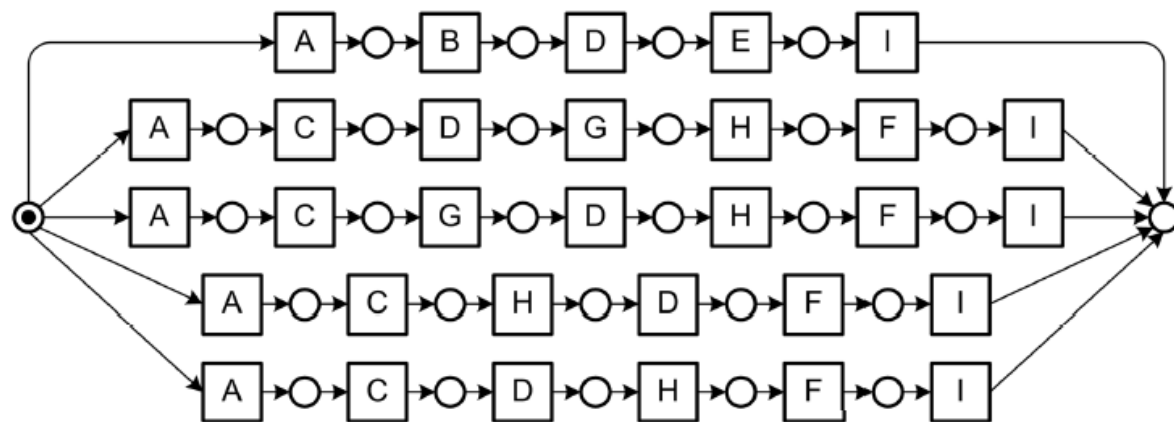
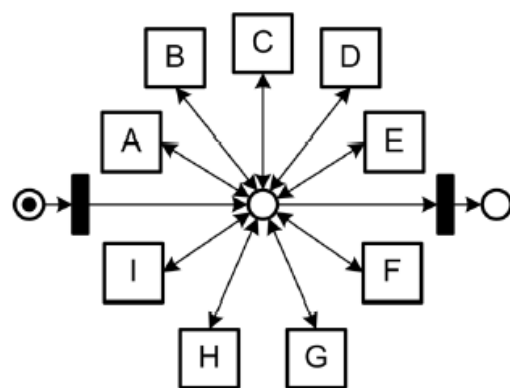
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No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEI
145	ACDGHFI
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23	ACHDFI
28	ACDHFI

(a) Event Log

fitness -
precision +
generalization -
structure +

fitness +
precision +
generalization -
structure -



(e) Process model

Simple process mining algorithms tend to:

- **Have problems with complex control-flow constructs.** For example, many process mining algorithms are unable to deal with non-free-choice constructs and complex nested loops.
- **Not allow for duplicates.** In the event log it is not possible to distinguish between activities that are logged in a similar way, i.e., there are multiple activities that have the same “footprint” in the log. As a result, most algorithms map these different activities onto a simple activity thus making the model incorrect or counter-intuitive.
- **Silent steps.** Things that are not recorded cannot be discovered.
- **Underfit (i.e., overgeneralize) or overfit.** Many algorithms have a tendency to overgeneralize, i.e., the discovered model allows for much more behavior than actually recorded in the log. In some circumstances this may be desirable. However, there seems to be a need to flexibly balance between “overfitting” and “underfitting”.
- **Yield inconsistent models.** For more complicated processes many algorithms have a tendency to produce models that may have deadlocks and/or livelocks. It seems vital that the generated models satisfy some soundness requirements (e.g., the soundness property).

Other Process Discovery Techniques



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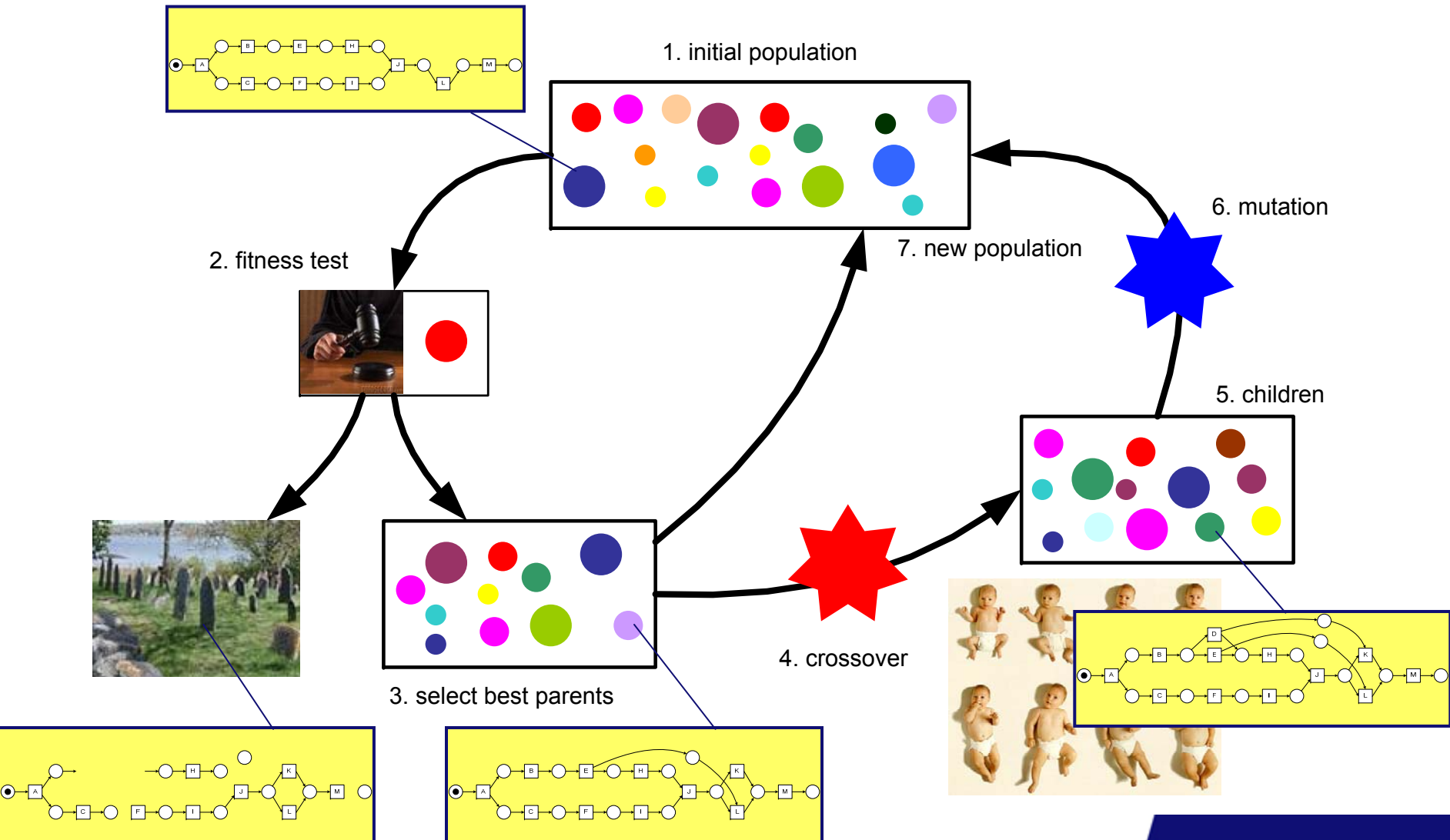
Overview of process discovery techniques

- **Classical techniques (e.g., learning state machines and the theory of regions): cannot handle concurrency and/or do not generalize (i.e., if it did not happen, it cannot happen).**
- **Algorithmic techniques**
 - Alpha miner
 - Alpha+, Alpha++, Alpha#
 - Heuristic miner
 - Multi phase miner
 - ...
- **Genetic process mining**
- **Region-based process mining**
 - State-based regions
 - Language based regions

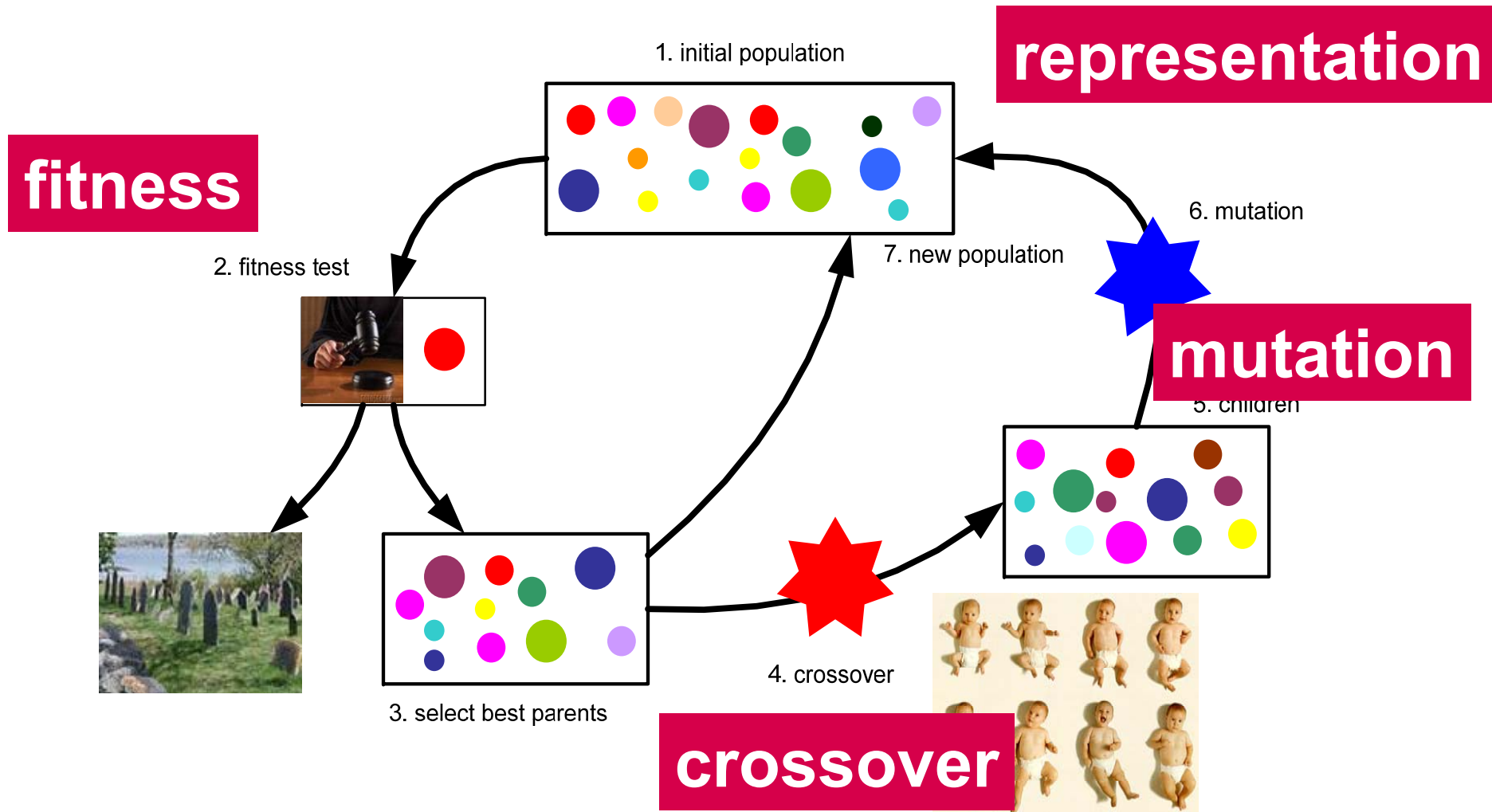


Genetic Mining

(Ana Karla Alves de Medeiros et al.)

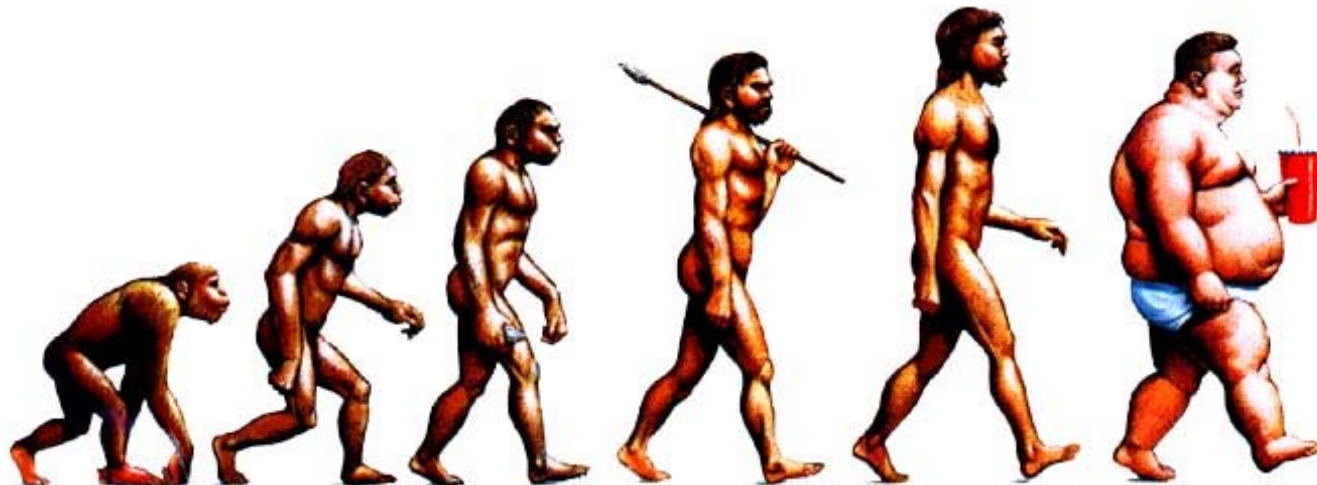


Design choices



Properties of Genetic Mining

- Requires a lot of computing power.
- Can deal with noise, infrequent behavior, duplicate tasks, invisible tasks, etc.
- Allows for incremental improvement and combinations with other approaches (heuristics post-optimization, etc.).



Balancing Between Overfitting and Underfitting

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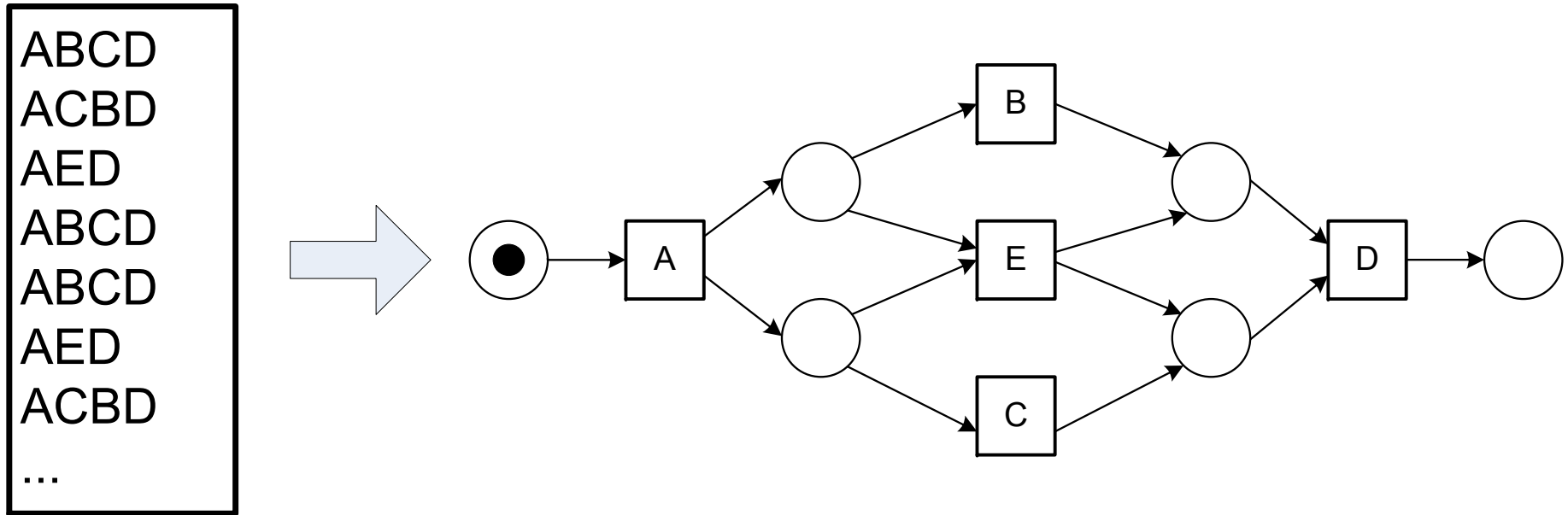
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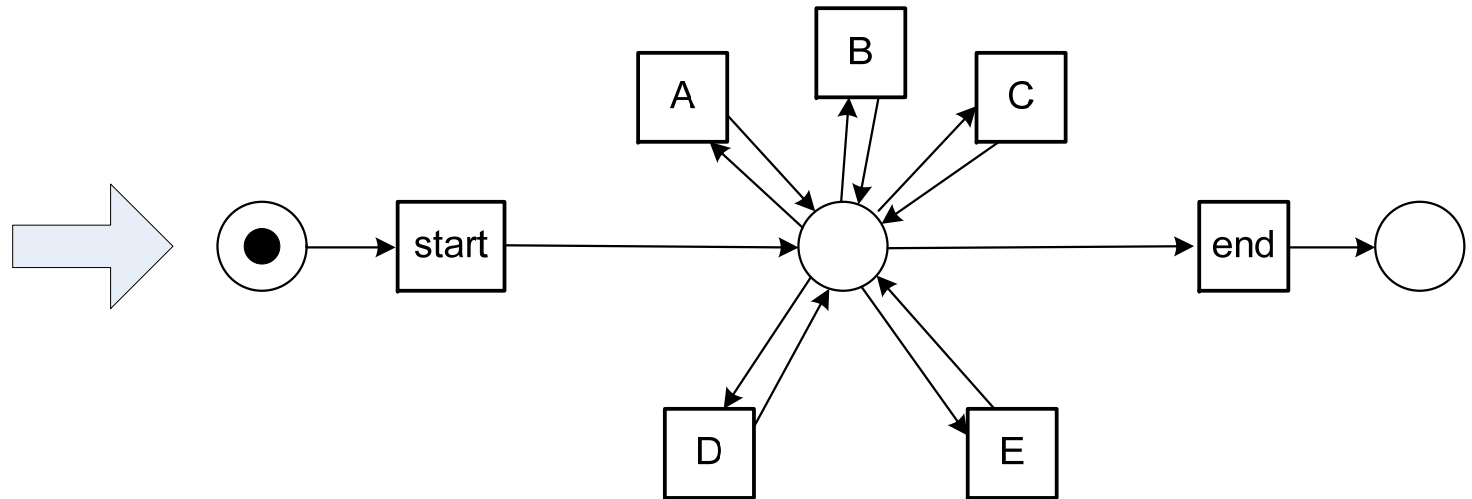
**Challenge: Balancing
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The essence

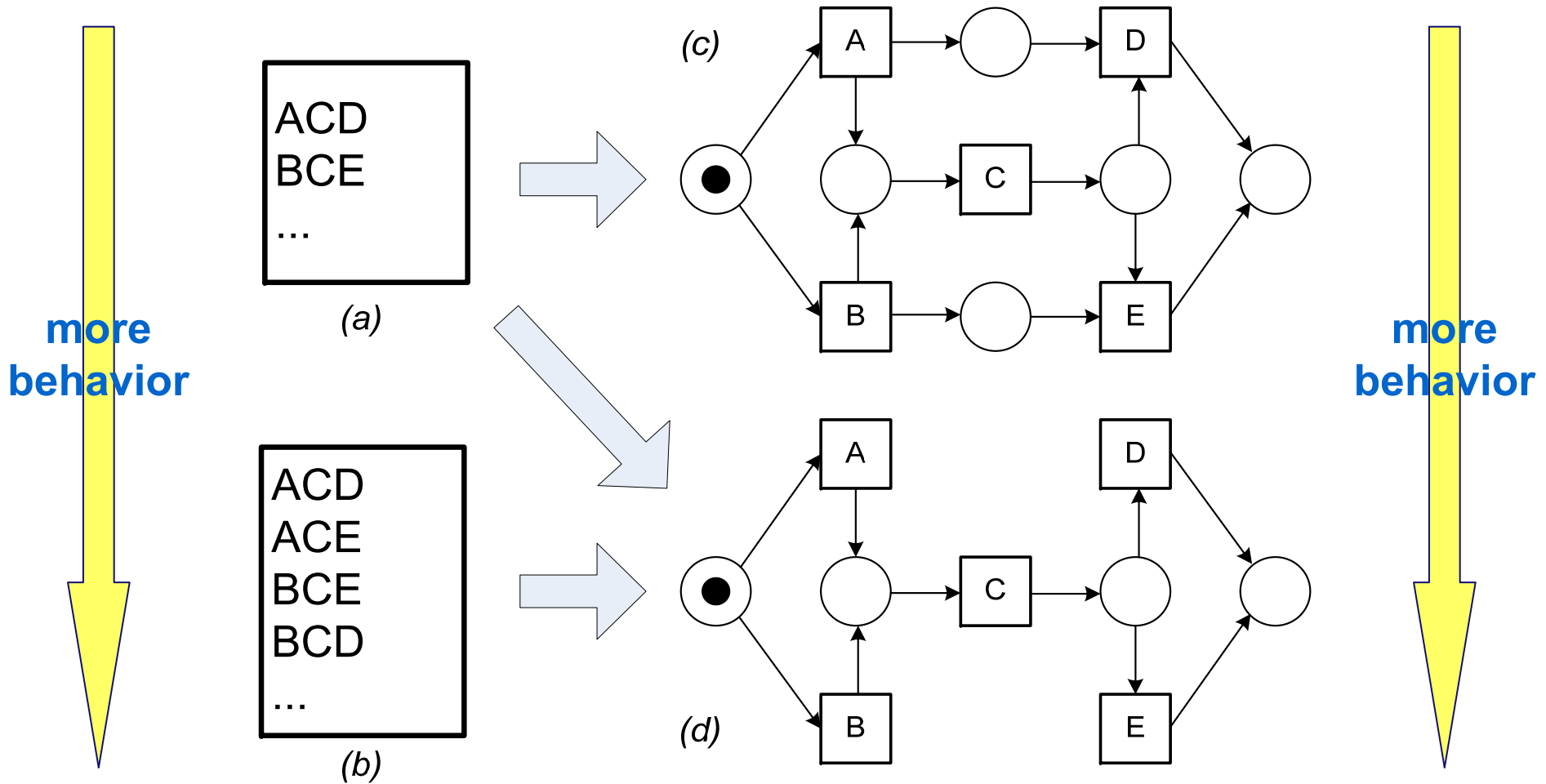


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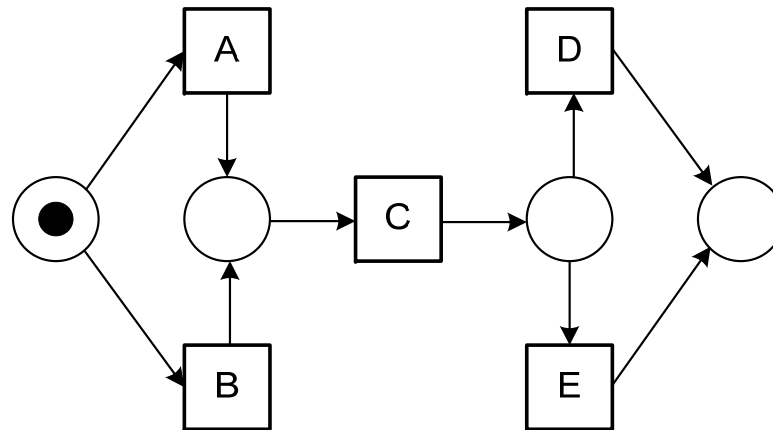
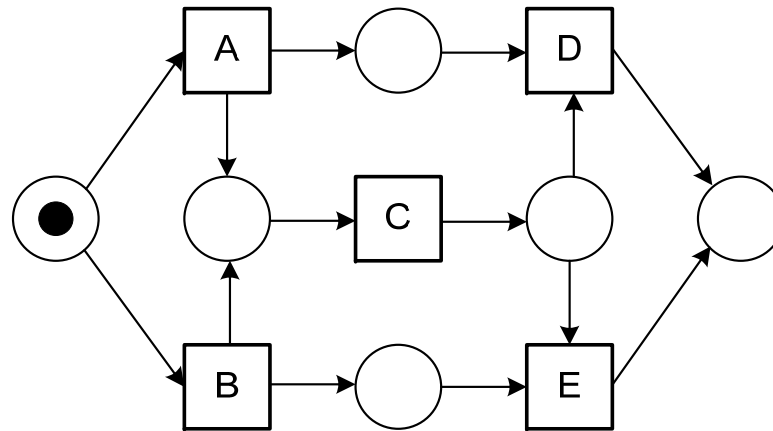
Any log
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activities
A, B, C,
D, and
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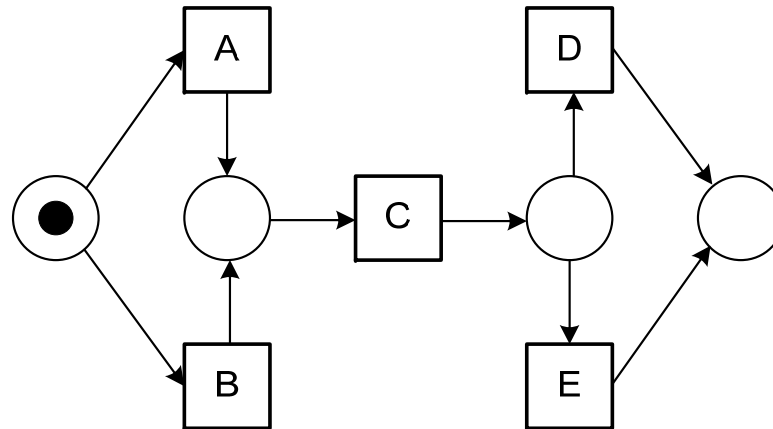
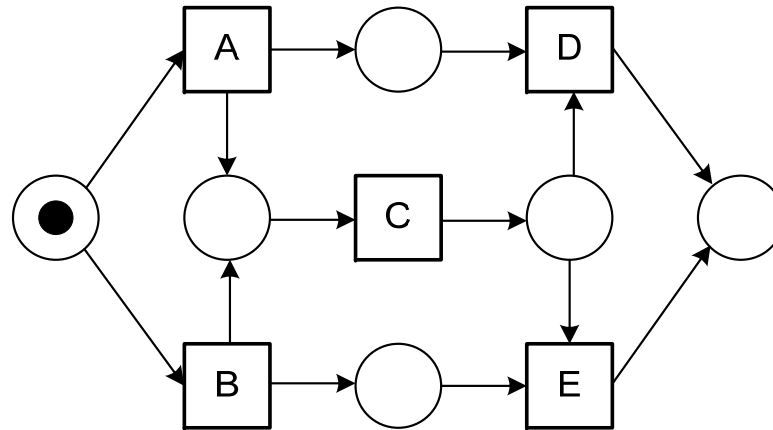
Finding a balance



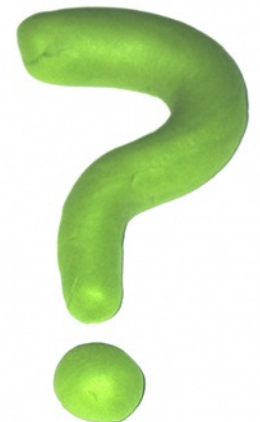
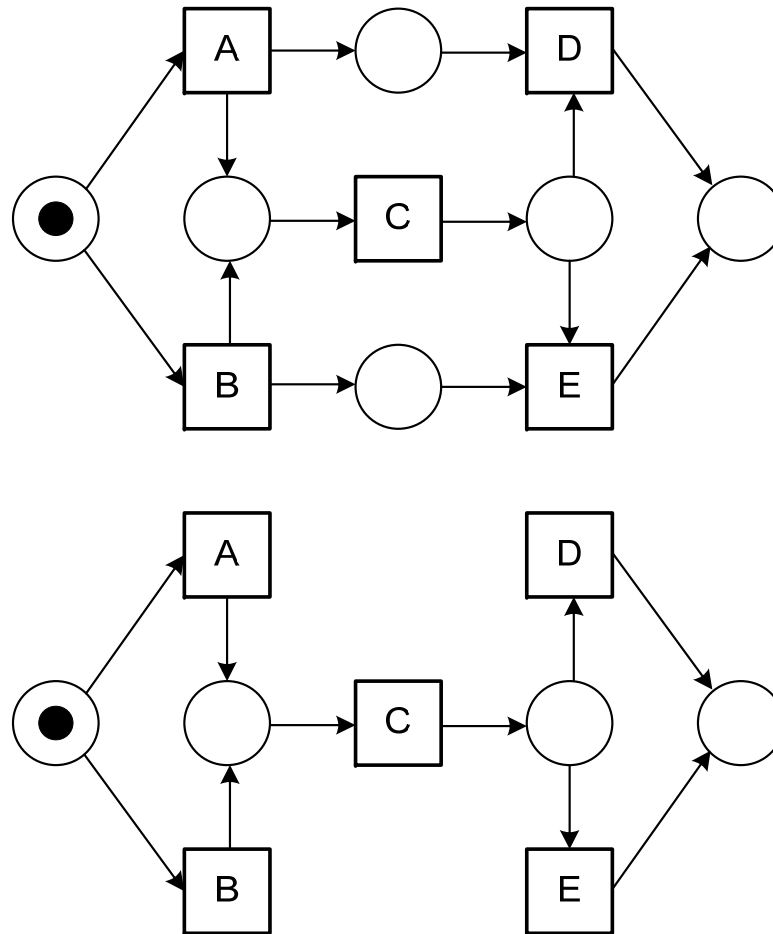
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BCD	0



ACD	99
ACE	88
BCE	85
BCD	78



ACD	99
ACE	2
BCE	85
BCD	3



Important observations

- **Frequencies matter!**
- **Adding a place equals restricting behavior!**
- **"The model" does not exist!**

Relevance



See examples in Part I !!!!!

Discovering Other Perspectives



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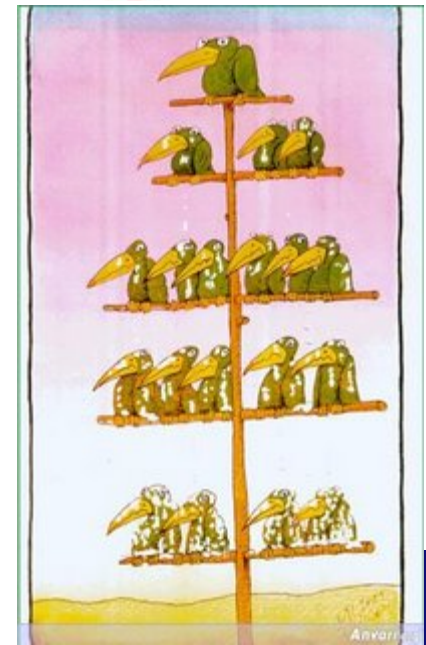
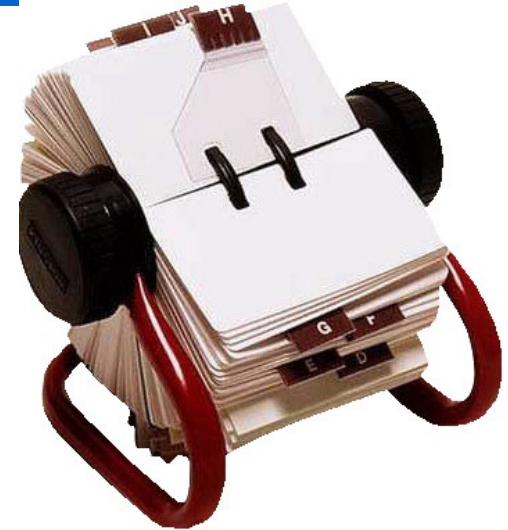
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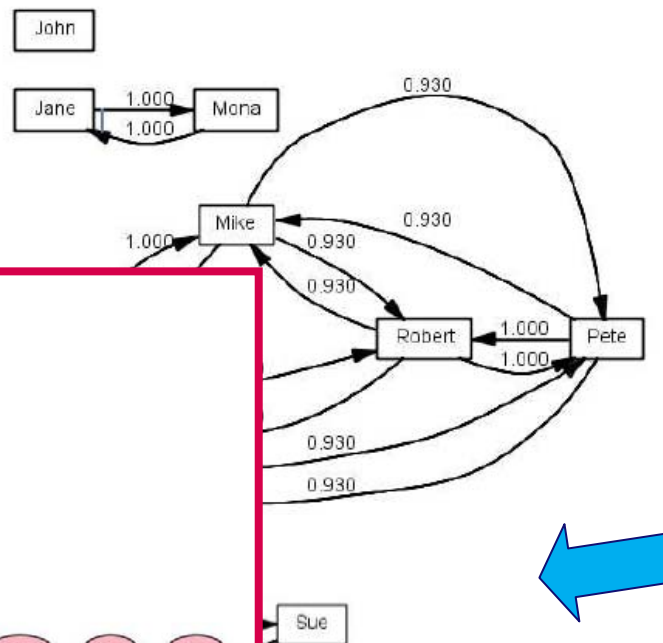
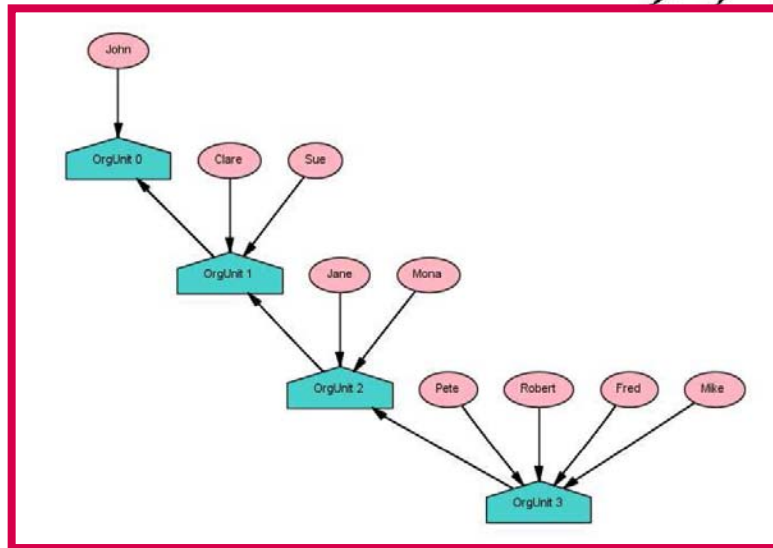
Perspectives

- **Control-flow perspective**
 - As before ...
- **Data perspective**
 - How does data flow from one task to another?
 - What data is influencing decisions?
 - What are the (data-driven) business rules?
- **Organizational perspective**
 - Who is doing what?
 - Who is working with who?
 - What are the (real) roles in an organization?
- ...

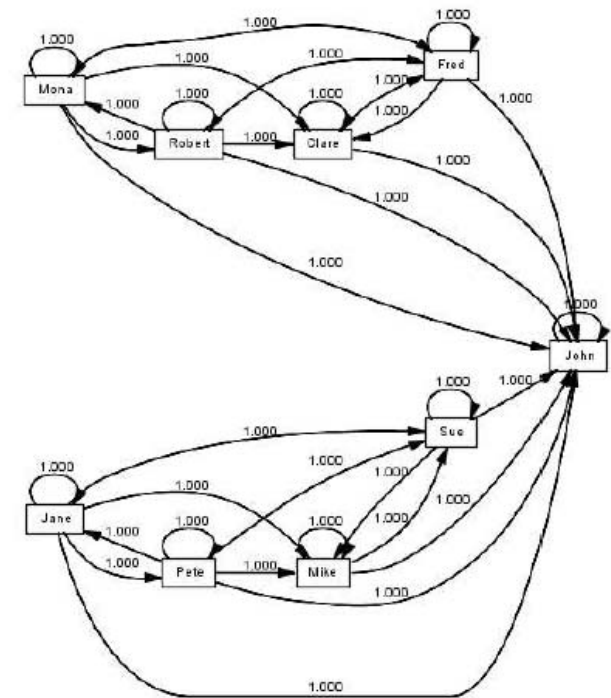


Examples of social network mining

(Minseok Song et al.)

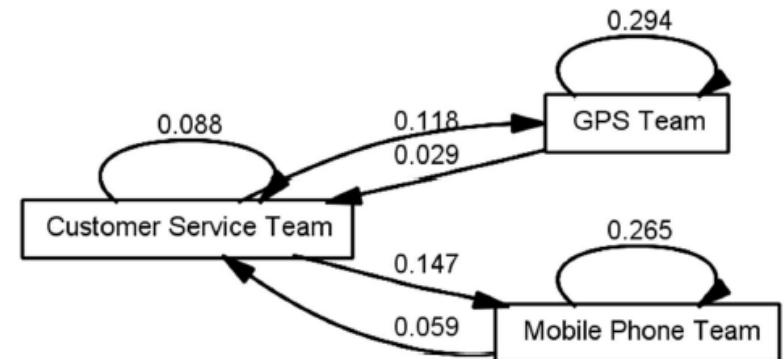
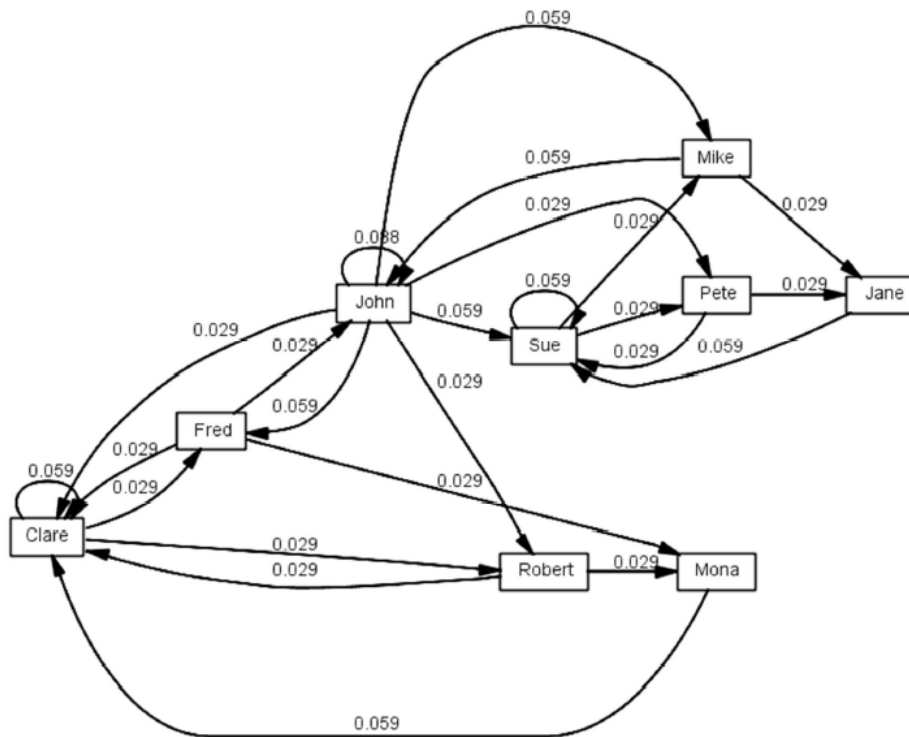


working similar task

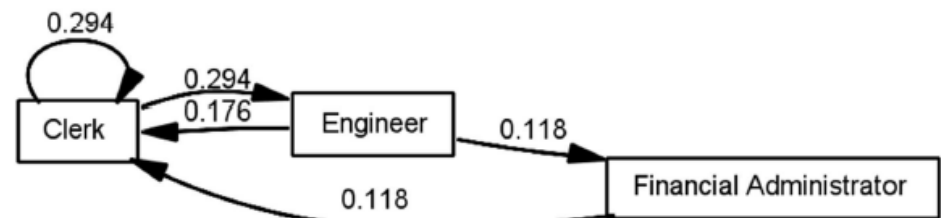


(b) working together

Social networks based on hand-over of work



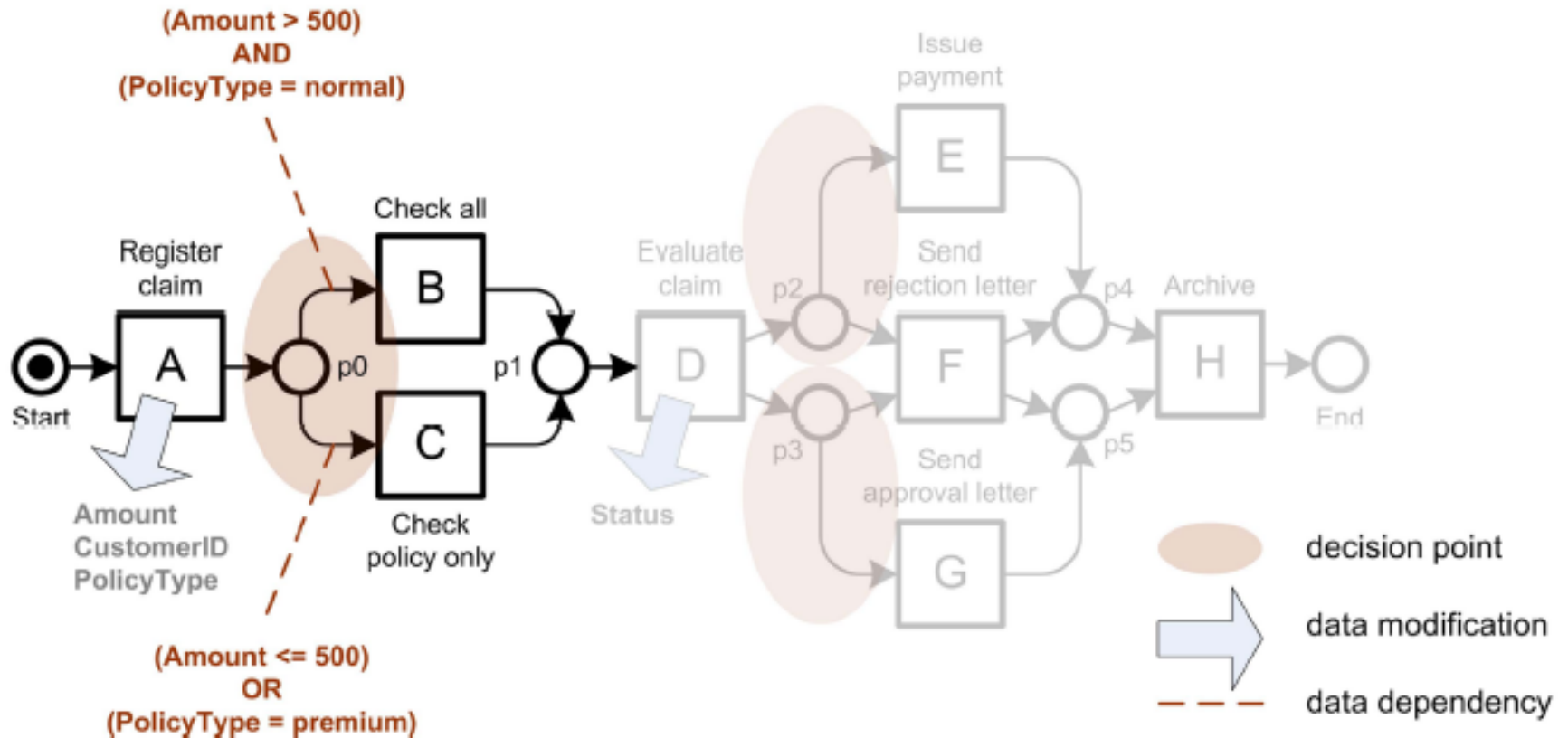
(a) social network for organizational units



(b) social network for roles

Decision mining

(Anne Rozinat et al.)



Conformance Checking and Extension

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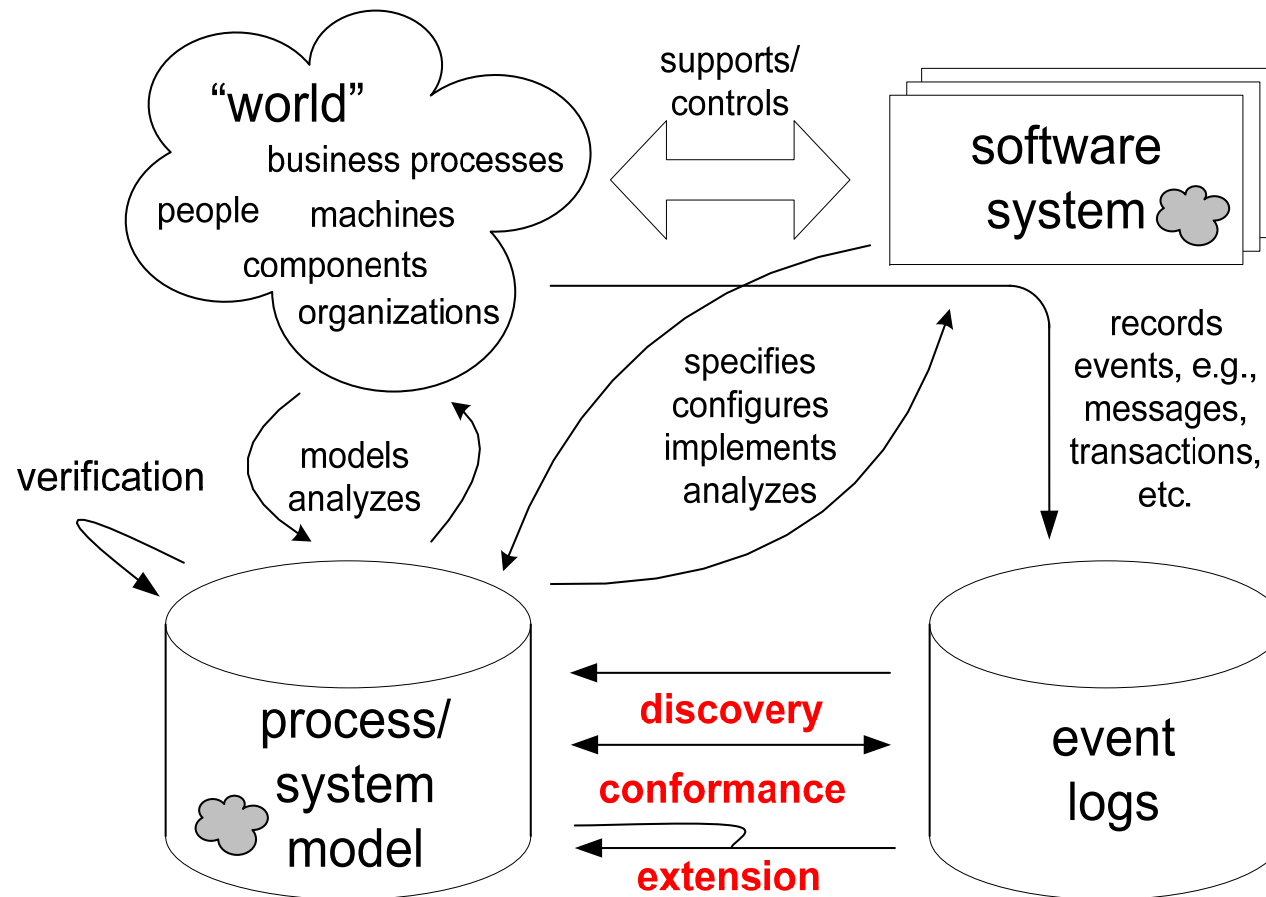
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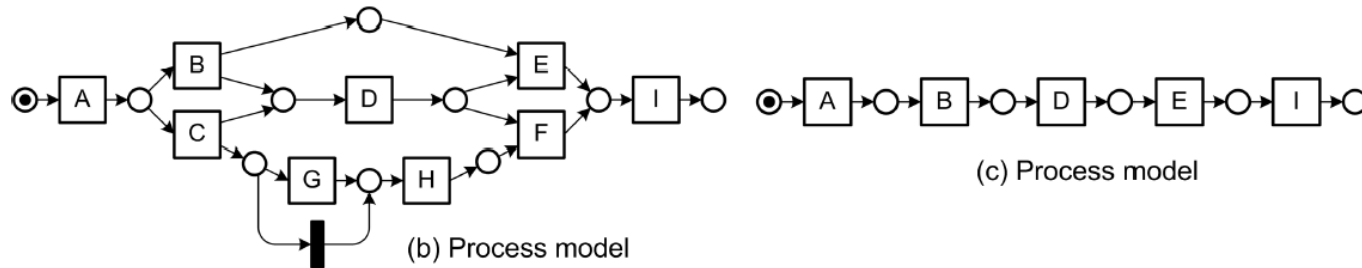
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Conformance and Extension



Conformance checker

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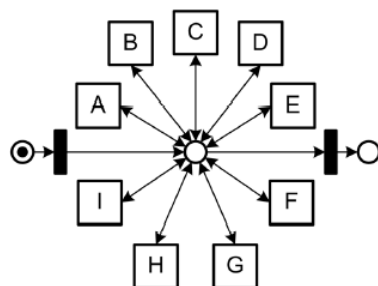
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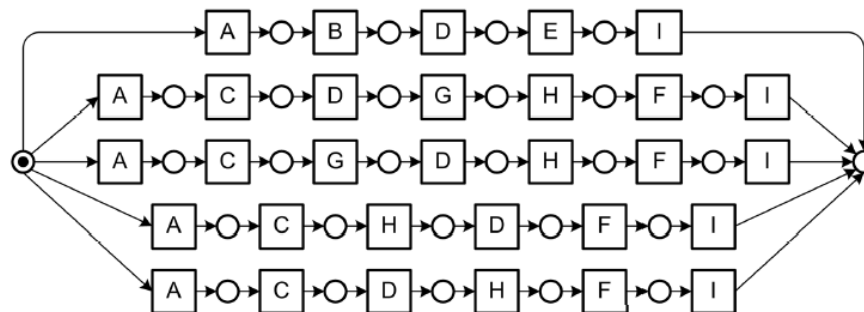
How to quantify this?

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(d) Process model

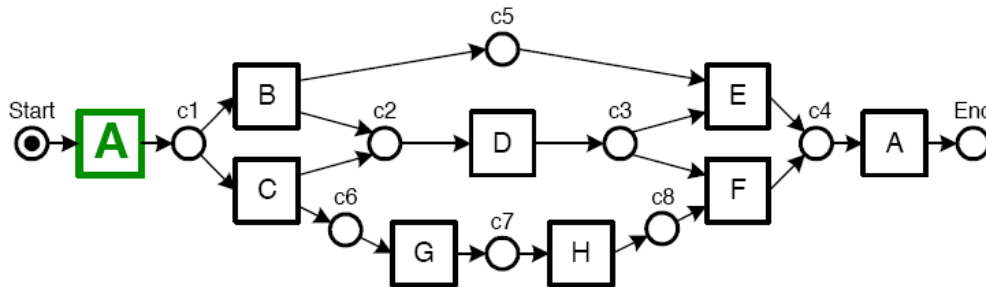
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(e) Process model

Fitness by replay

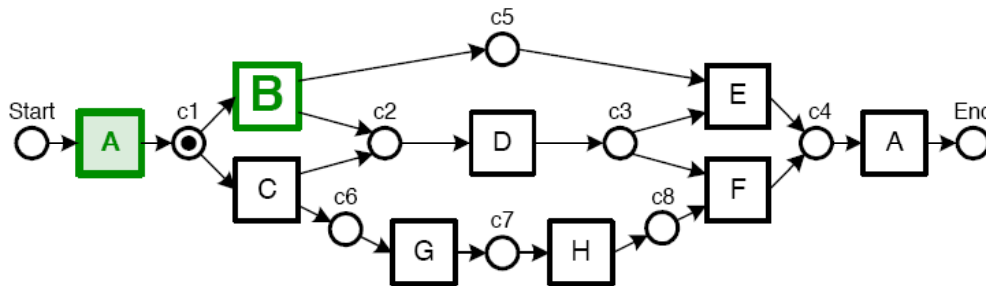
(a)



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r = 0
c = 0
p = 1

No. of Instances	Log Traces
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23	ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

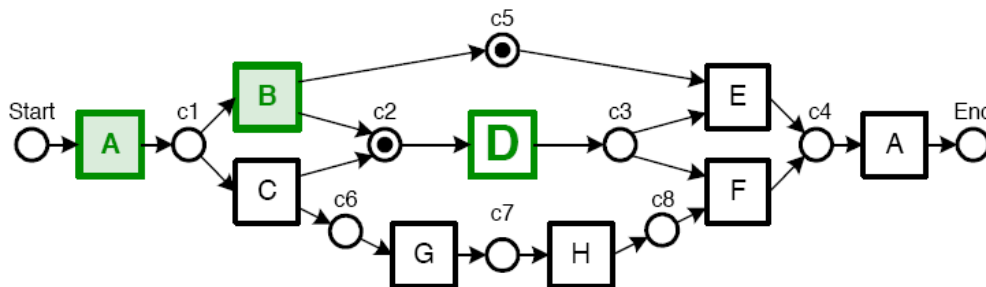
(b)



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(c)



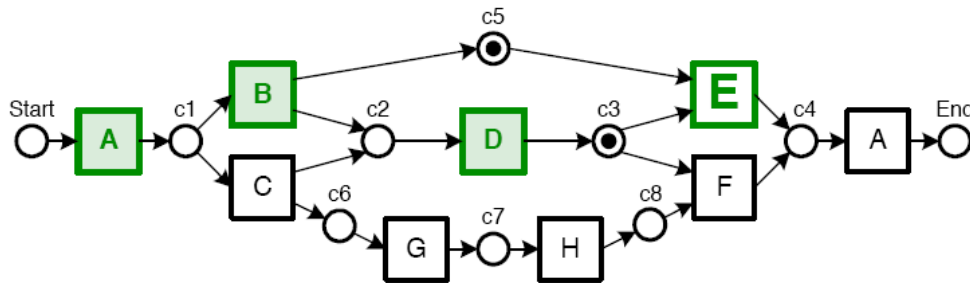
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23	ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

m=missing,r=remaining,c=consumed,p=produced

No problem ($m=0, r=0$)

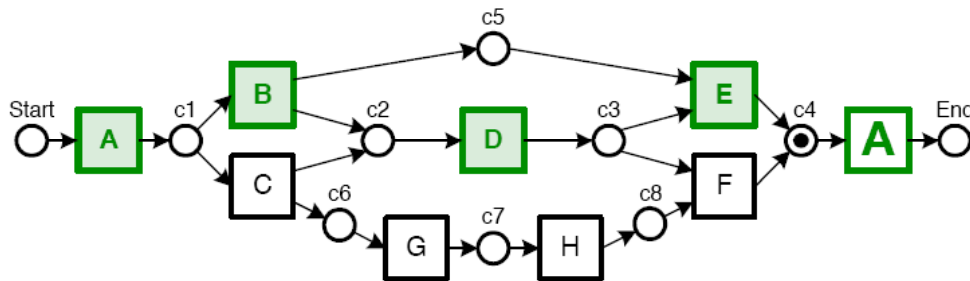
(d)



$m = 0$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 3$
 $p = 5$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	→ ABDE A
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

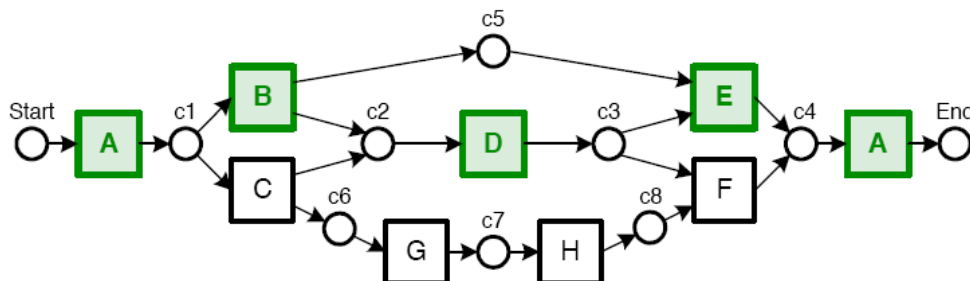
(e)



$m = 0$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 5$
 $p = 6$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	→ ABDE A
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

(f)

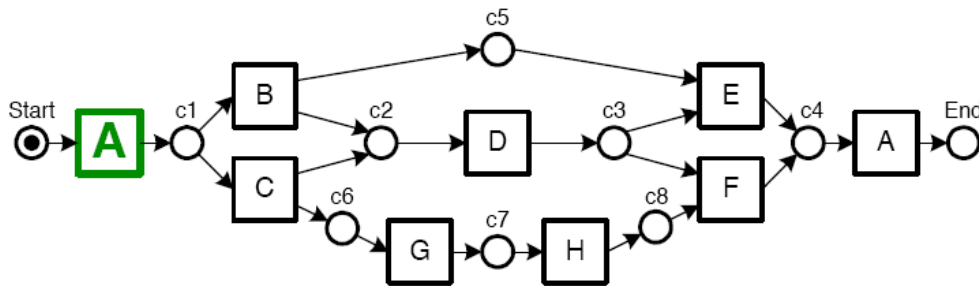


$m = 0$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 7$
 $p = 7$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	→ ABDE A
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

Another (impossible) trace

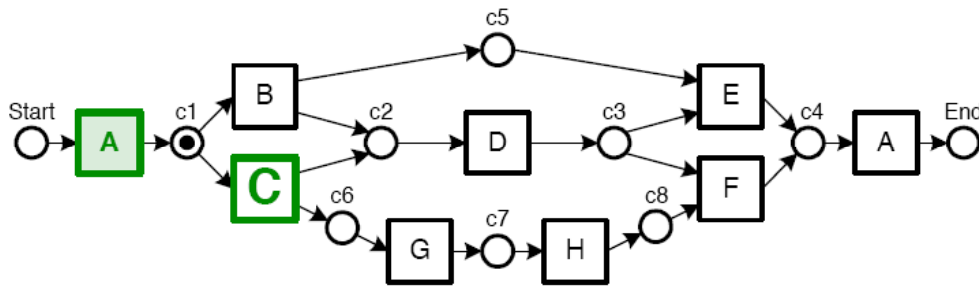
(a)



$m = 0$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 0$
 $p = 1$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEA
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	→ ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

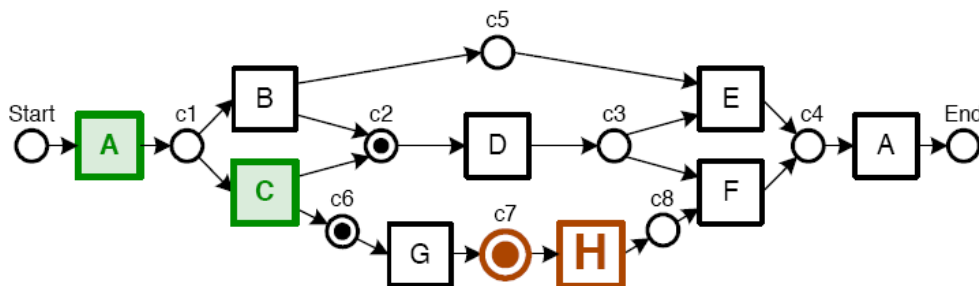
(b)



$m = 0$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 1$
 $p = 2$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEA
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	→ AC ^C HDFA
28	ACDHFA

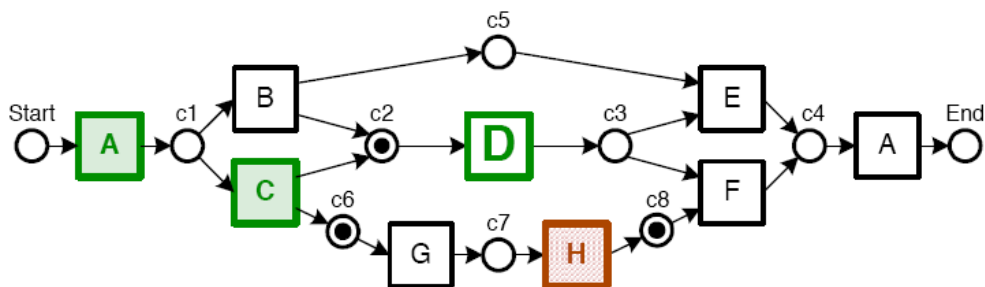
(c)



$m = 1$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 2$
 $p = 4$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEA
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	→ ac ^H DFA
28	ACDHFA

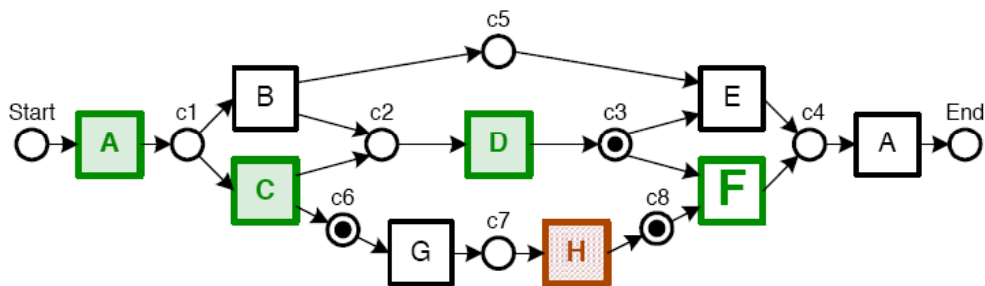
(d)



$m = 1$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 3$
 $p = 5$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEA
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	→ ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

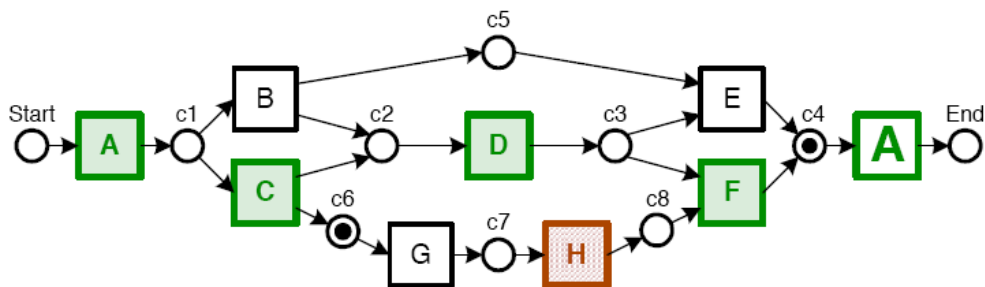
(e)



$m = 1$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 4$
 $p = 6$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEA
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	→ ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

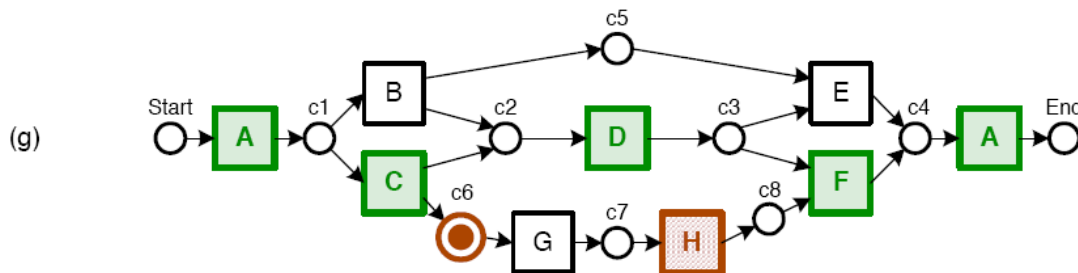
(f)



$m = 1$
 $r = 0$
 $c = 6$
 $p = 7$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEA
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	→ ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

Fitness calculation



$m = 1$
 $r = 1$
 $c = 8$
 $p = 8$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEA
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	→ ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

$$f = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i m_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i c_i} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i r_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i p_i} \right)$$

$$f(M1, L2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{51}{10666} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{51}{10666} \right) \approx 0.995$$

Examples

No. of Instances	Log Traces
4070	ABDEA
245	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA

(a) Event Log L1

$f=1.000$

No. of Instances	Log Traces
1207	ABDEA
145	ACDGHFA
56	ACGDHFA
23	ACHDFA
28	ACDHFA

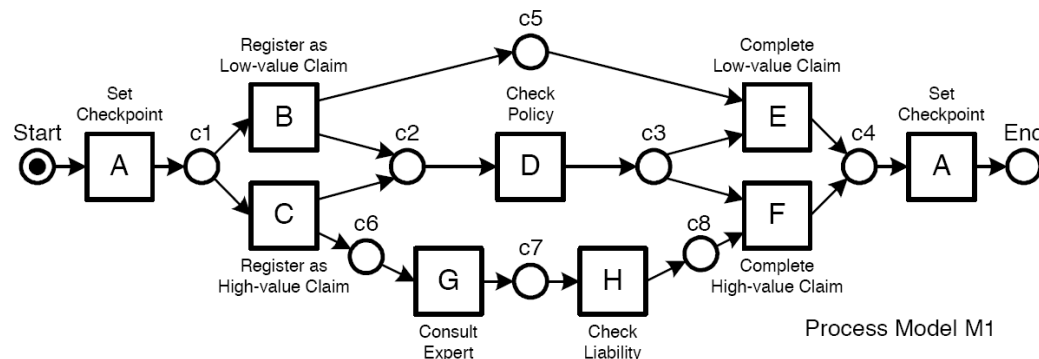
(b) Event Log L2

$f=0.995$

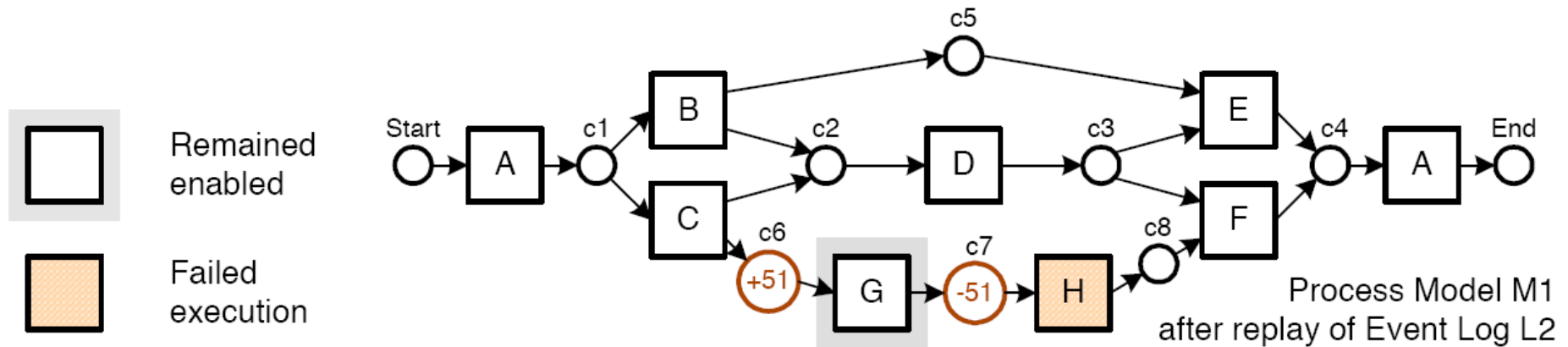
No. of Instances	Log Traces
24	BDE
7	AABHF
15	CHF
6	ADBE
1	ACBGDFAA
8	ABEDA

(c) Event Log L3

$f=0.540$



Diagnostics

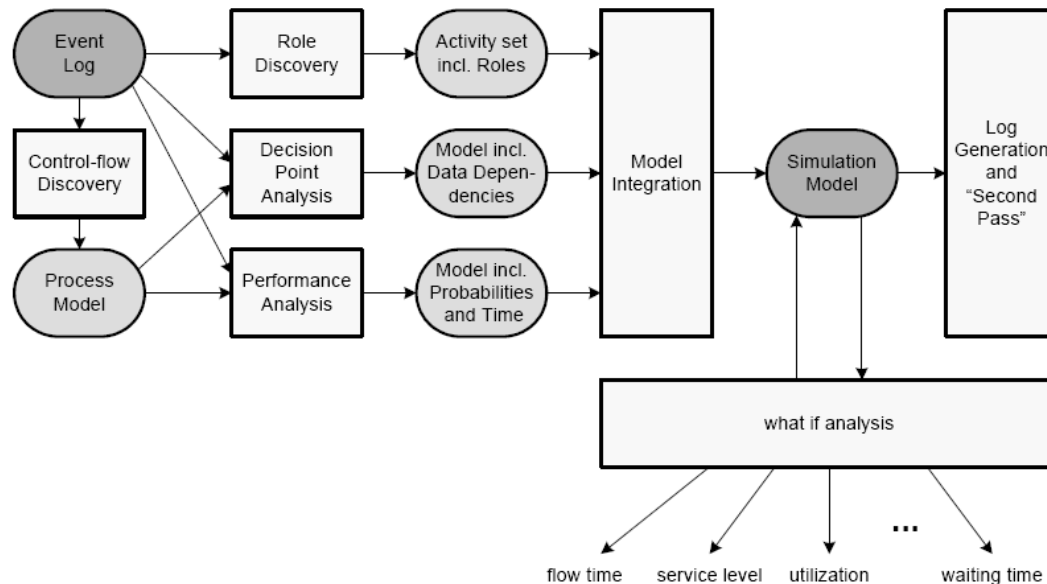


Other Metrics

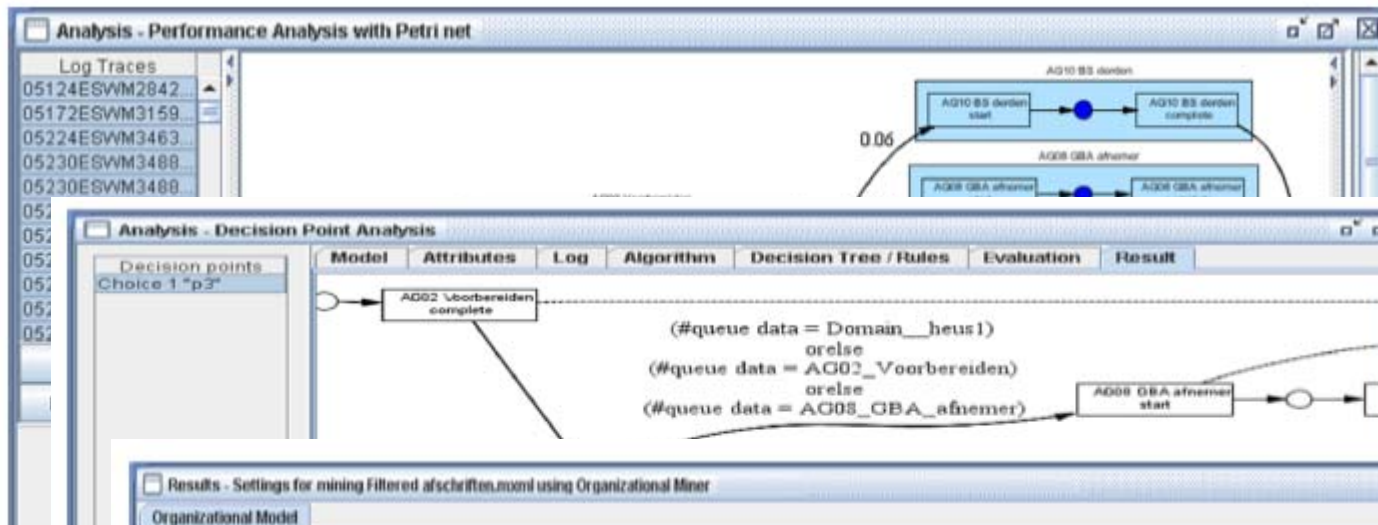
- **Fitness is not sufficient: hence other metrics are needed such as behavioral and structural appropriateness, etc.**
- **These metrics cover aspects such as:**
 - **Punishing for "too much" behavior.**
 - **Punishing for "overly complex" models.**

Extension

- Existing models can be enriched by logs analysis (e.g., indicating bottlenecks, etc.).
- Process mining results can be combined.
- Can be used to create comprehensive simulation models and export them to e.g. CPN Tools:



Example: Log from Dutch municipality

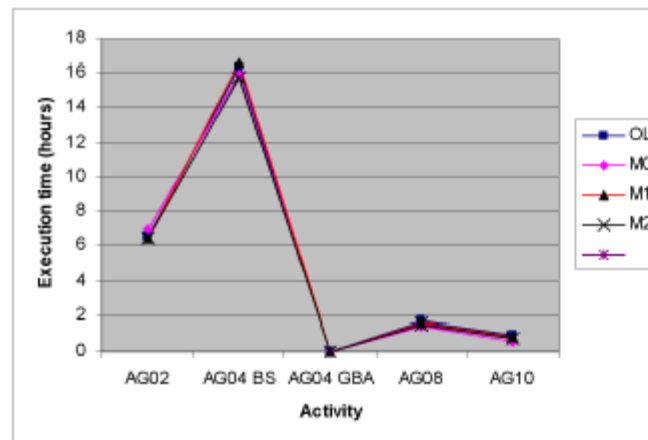


+ time

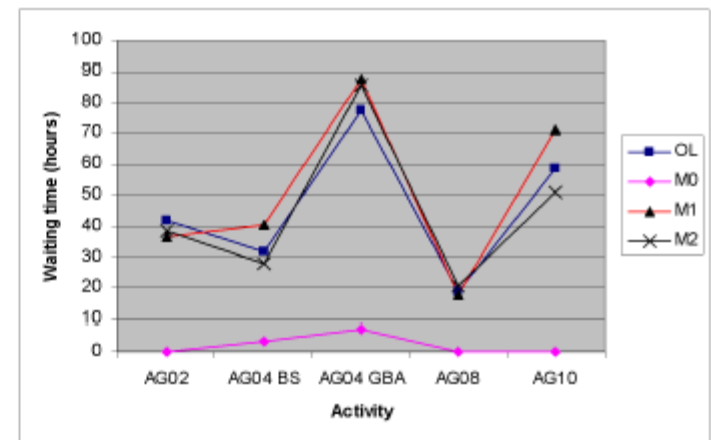
+ data

+ resources

Results of automatically generated CPN Tools simulation models



(a) execution time



(b) waiting time

Part III

Hands-on with ProM

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Download/install ProM 5.2



Exercise (4)

- **Consider the following log:**
 - a b c d f
 - a c b d f
 - a b d c f
 - a c d b f
 - a d e f
 - a e d f
- **Use the Alpha algorithm/ProM to discover the corresponding process model (Filename: exercise4.mxml)**

Exercise (5)

- **Consider the following log:**
 - **a b c d e f b d c e g**
 - **a b d c e g**
 - **a b c d e f b c d e f b d c e g**
- **Use the Alpha algorithm/ProM to discover the corresponding process model (Filename: exercise5.mxml)**

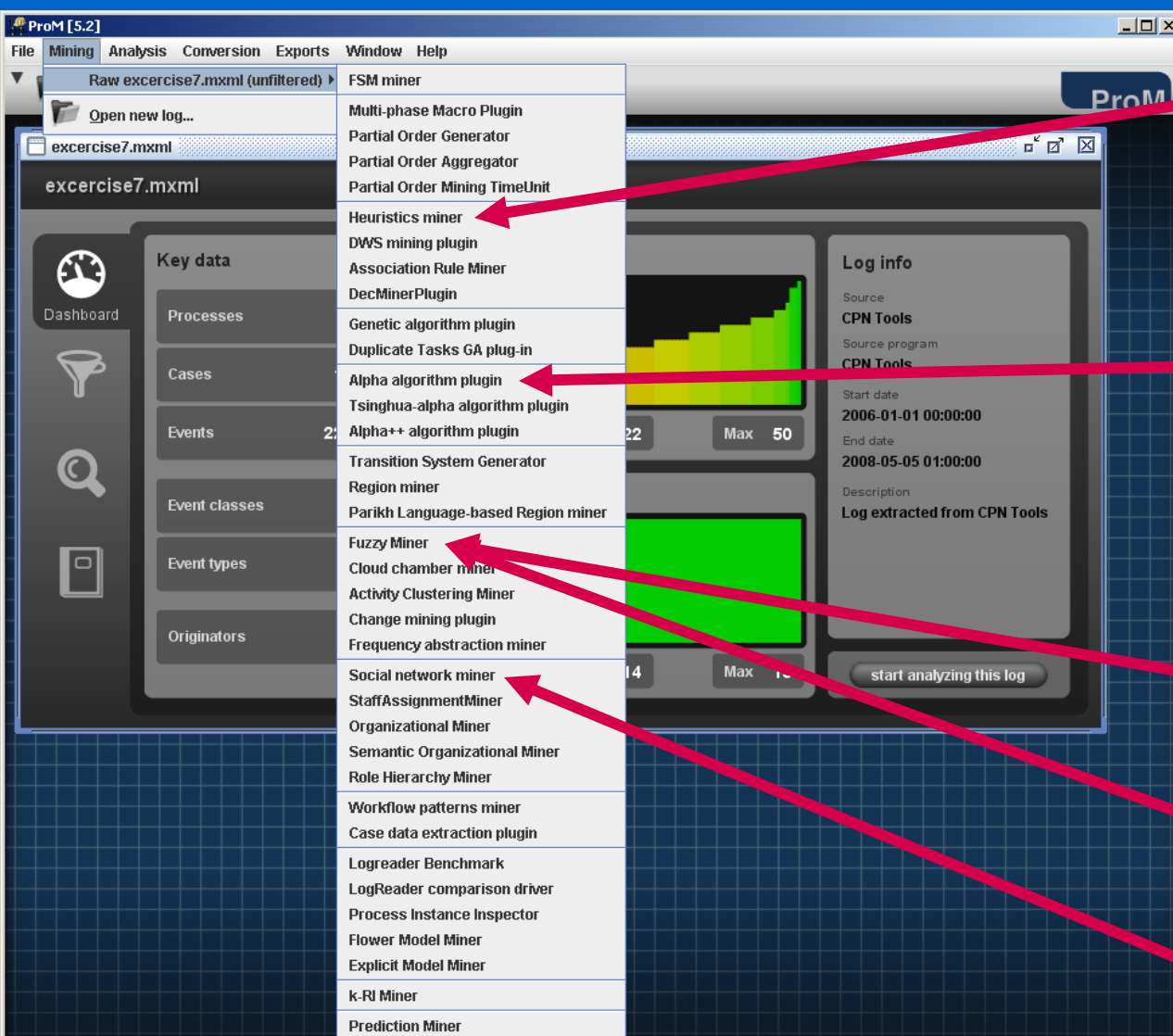
Exercise (6)

- **Consider the following log:**
 - **a b e f**
 - **a b e c d b f**
 - **a b c e d b f**
 - **a b c d e b f**
 - **a e b c d b f**
- **Use the Alpha algorithm/ProM to discover the corresponding process model (Filename: exercise6.mxml)**

Exercise (7)

- **Load exercise7.mxml**
- **Inspect the log (e.g. using the internet explorer)**
- **Use the Alpha algorithm to discover the corresponding process model.**

Explore ProM using exercise7.mxml



[Heuristics miner]
discover process model and
play with settings

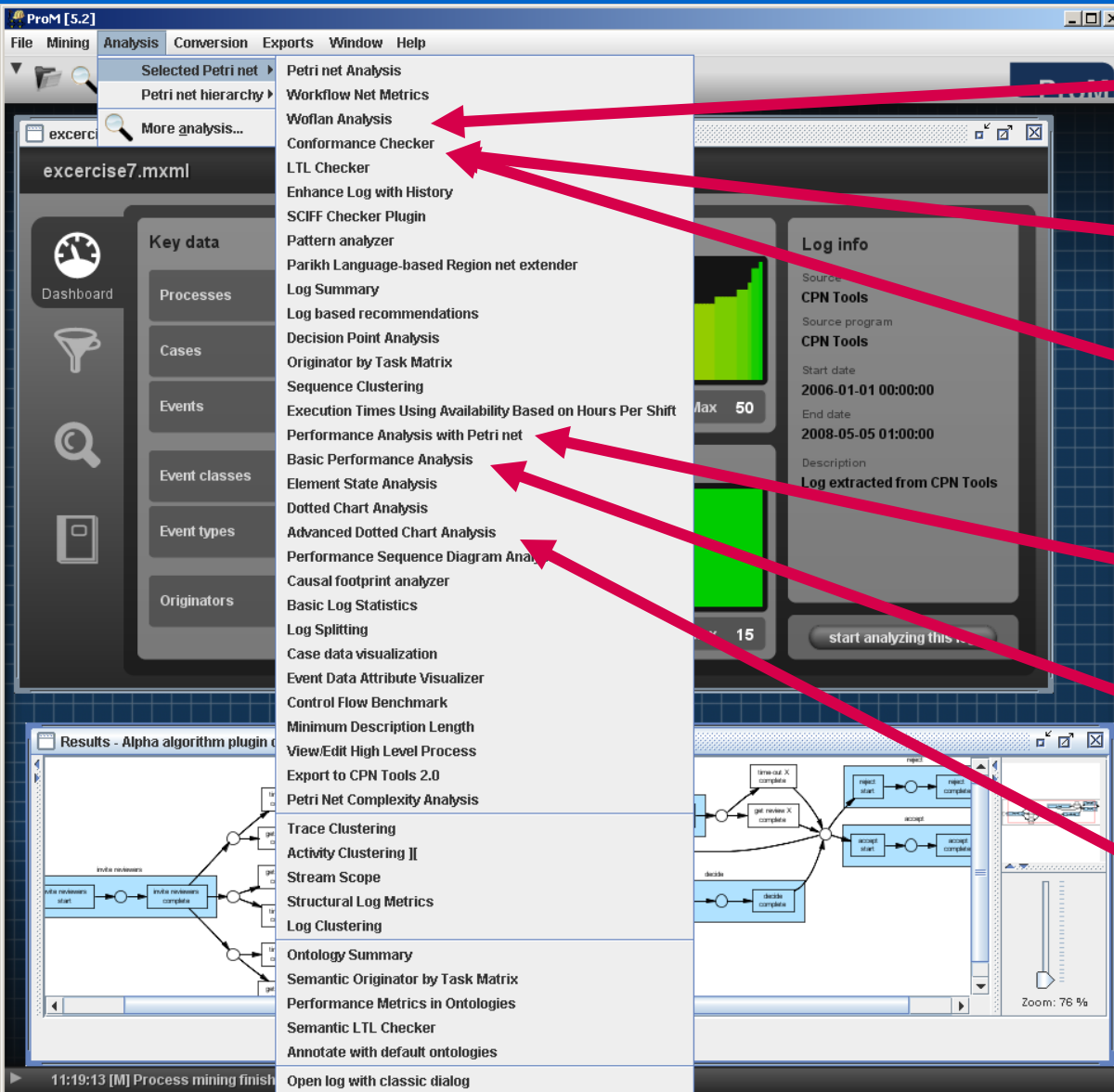
[Alpha algorithm plugin]
discover process model and
play with settings

[Fuzzy Miner]
discover process model and
explore the various views

[Fuzzy Miner]
animate the model

[Social Network Miner]
discover the social network

Explore ProM using exercise7.mxml (2)



[Woflan Analysis]
verify correctness of model

[Conformance Checker] check
the conformance of the mined
model

[Conformance Checker]
modify the log (delete and
insert events) and the check
the conformance

**[Performance Analysis with
Petri net]**
analyze the performance
(where are the bottlenecks)

[Basic Performance Analysis]
analyze the performance
(explore all options)

**[(Advanced) Dotted Chart
Analysis]**
construct dotted charts and
explore all options

Explore ProM using exercise7.mxml (3)

The screenshot displays the ProM 5.2 software interface. The 'Conversion' menu is open, showing options for converting the discovered Petri net into various models. The 'Results' window at the bottom shows the Alpha algorithm plugin results for the 'exercise7.mxml' log, displaying a Petri net diagram with events like 'initiate reviewers', 'collect reviews', and 'decide'.

Conversion Menu Options:

- Post process model from an XMI MXML log
- Extract Causal Footprint
- Labeled WF net to EPC
- Labeled WF net to YAWL model
- Petri net to Heuristic net
- Petri net to labeled WF net
- Petri net to oWF net
- Petri net reduction
- Transitive Reduction
- BPEL 1.1
- Petri net to Fuzzy Model
- Yasper

Key data:

Category	Count
Processes	1
Cases	100
Events	2297
Event classes	20
Event types	2
Originators	10

Event classes per case:

Min	Mean	Max
11	14	15

Log info:

- Source: CPN Tools
- Source program: CPN Tools
- Start date: 2006-01-01 00:00:00
- End date: 2008-05-05 01:00:00
- Description: Log extracted from CPN Tools

Results - Alpha algorithm plugin on Raw exercise7.mxml (unfiltered) (3)

The results window shows a Petri net diagram with events like 'initiate reviewers', 'collect reviews', and 'decide'. The diagram is a flowchart showing the sequence of events in the process. The 'initiate reviewers' event leads to 'collect reviews', which leads to 'decide'. The 'decide' event leads to 'accept' or 'reject', which leads to 'accept complete' or 'reject complete'.

convert discovered Petri net into EPC model

convert discovered Petri net into YAWL model

convert discovered Petri net into heuristic net

If time is left,

- Repeat the process using exercise8.mxml
- Repeat the process using repairexample.zip and repairexamplesample2.zip
- Use the above two files to follow the steps described in the ProM Framework Tutorial

Conclusion



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Conclusion

- The abundance of event data enables a wide variety of **process mining** techniques ranging from process discovery to conformance checking.
- A **reality check** for people that are involved in process modeling.
- Great application possibilities!
- Good research/PhD topic!
- **TomTom functionality** is already possible today!
- Check out **ProM** with its 250+ plug-ins

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Relevant WWW sites



- <http://www.processmining.org>
- [http:// promimport.sourceforge.net](http://promimport.sourceforge.net)
- <http://prom.sourceforge.net>
- <http://www.workflowpatterns.com>
- <http://www.workflowcourse.com>
- <http://www.vdaalst.com>



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