Process Mining and other BPM Challenges for the Graph Transformation Community

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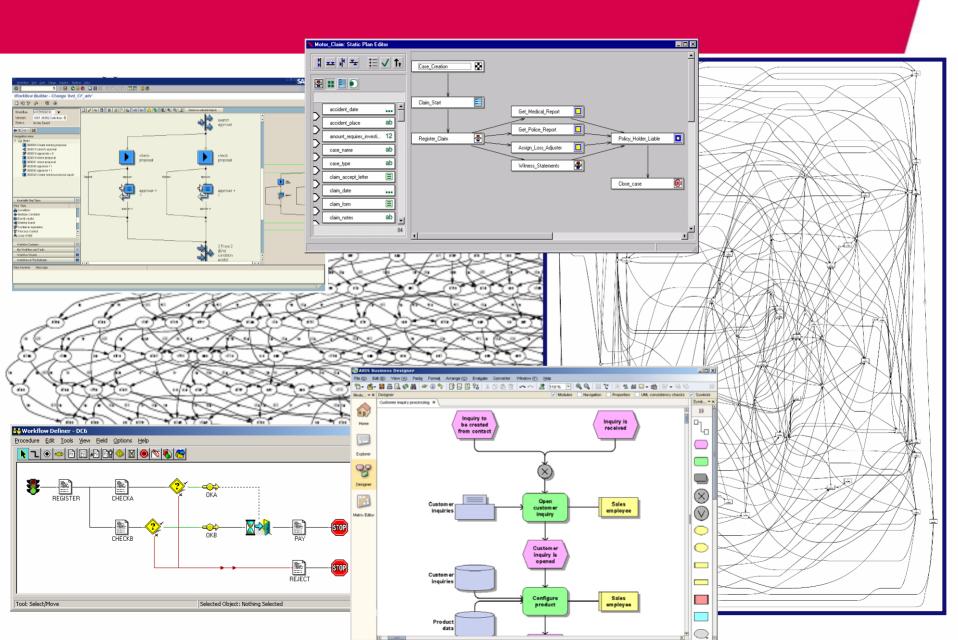
There is no such thing as a "little mistake" for an engineer!

Business information systems are among the most complex artifacts made by mankind!

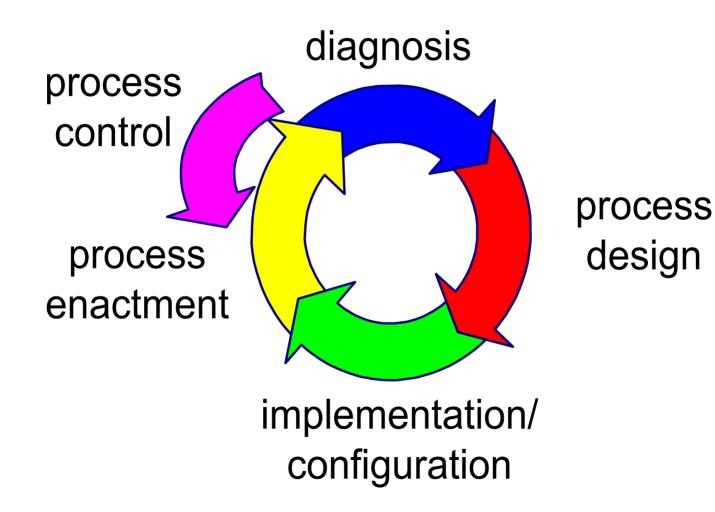
It is not (just) about about the "system"!

It is all about processes!

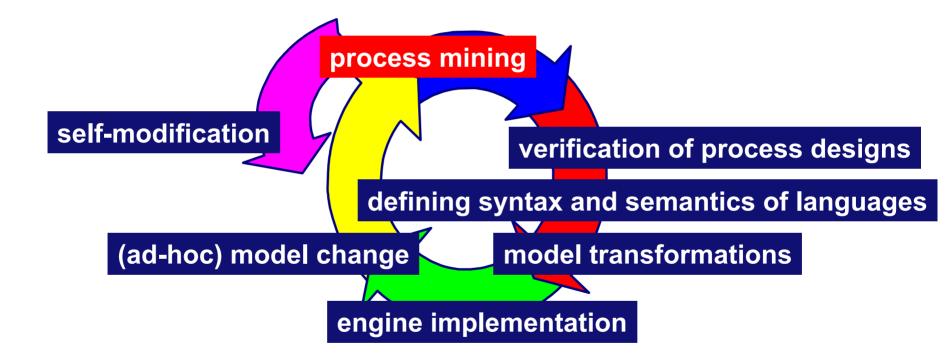
Graphs in Business Process Management



Business Process Management (BPM) lifecycle



Challenges for the Graph Transformation Community



Some personal observations

- 1. Disconnect between models and systems (unless models are directly used for enactment).
- **2.** Models \neq reality.
- **3.** Simulation results ≠ real performance.
- 4. Too much focus on design time (cf. conformance, etc.).
- 5. Large scale verification is possible but people do not care (most of the time).

Overview of Process Mining



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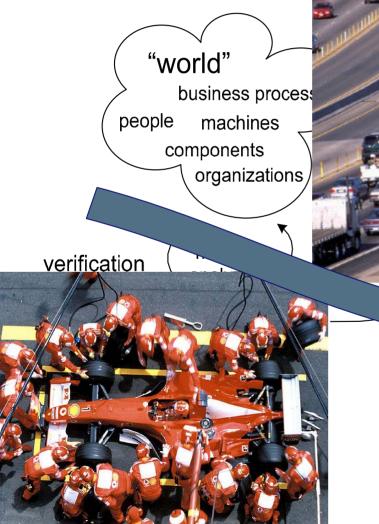
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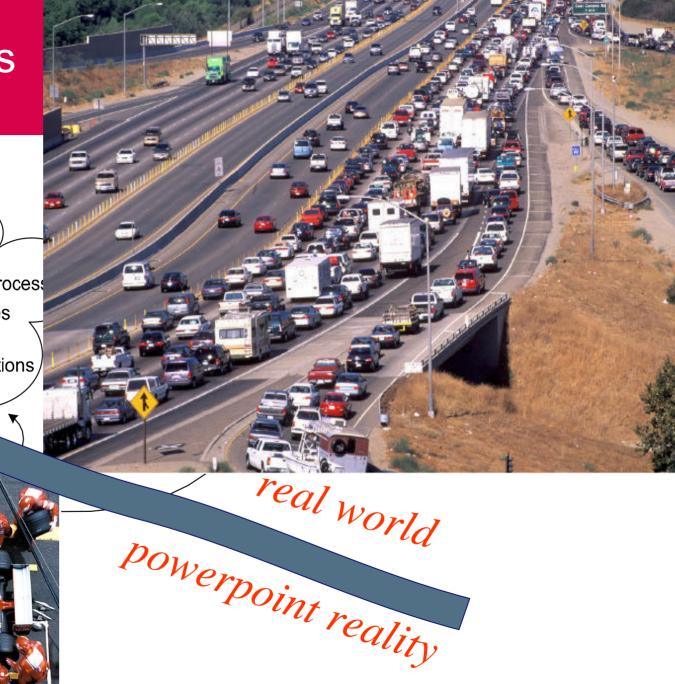
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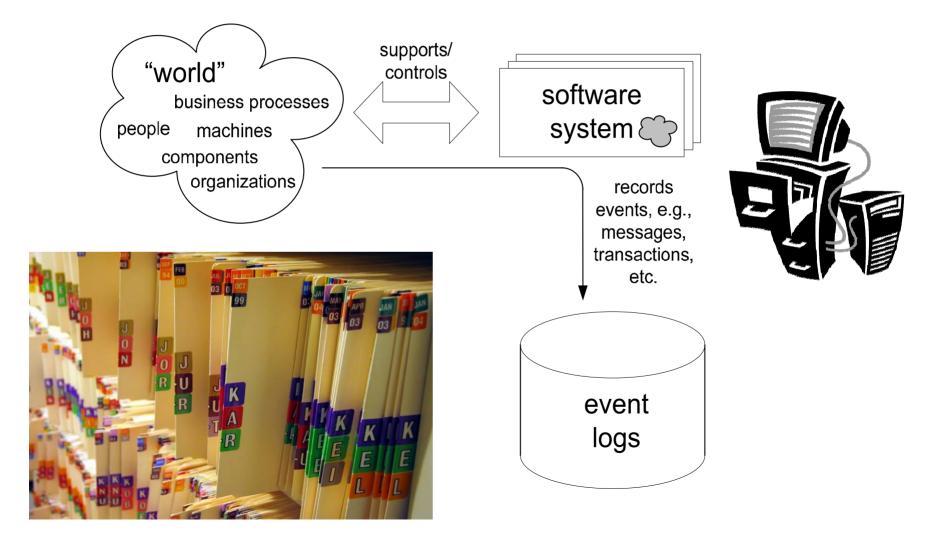
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Role of models





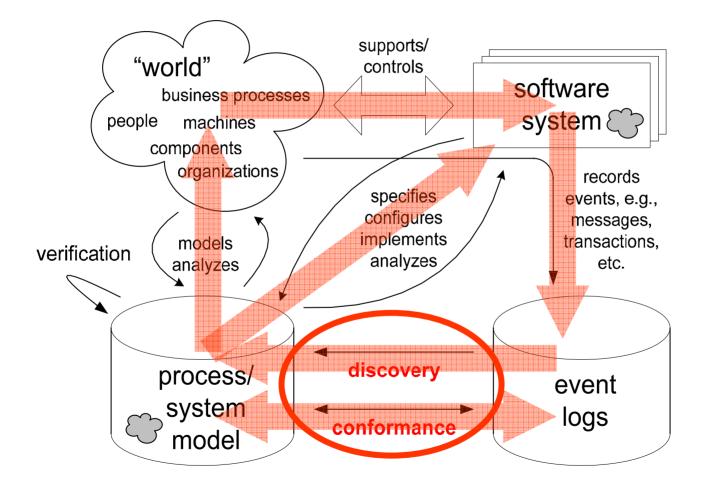
Event logs are a reflection of reality

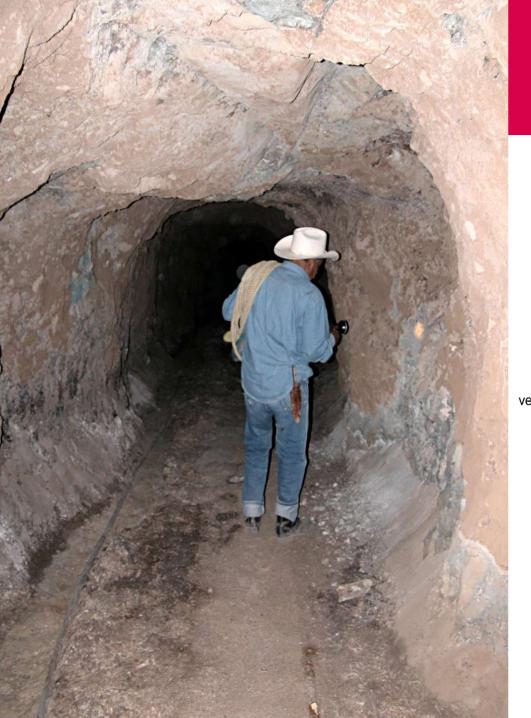


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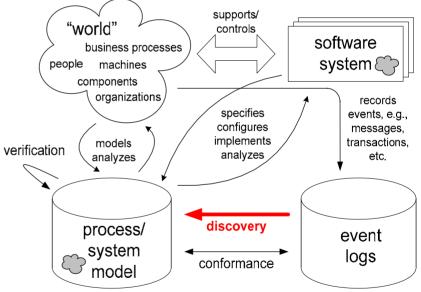


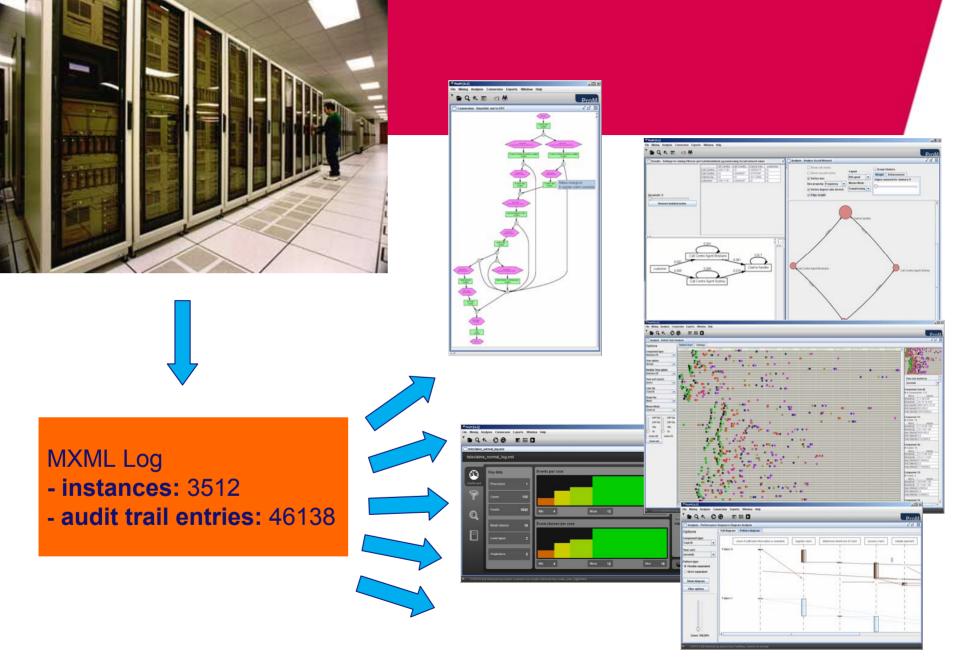
Process mining: Linking events to models





Discovery





ProM supports +40 types of model discovery!

👭 ProM [4.2]

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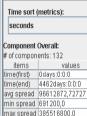
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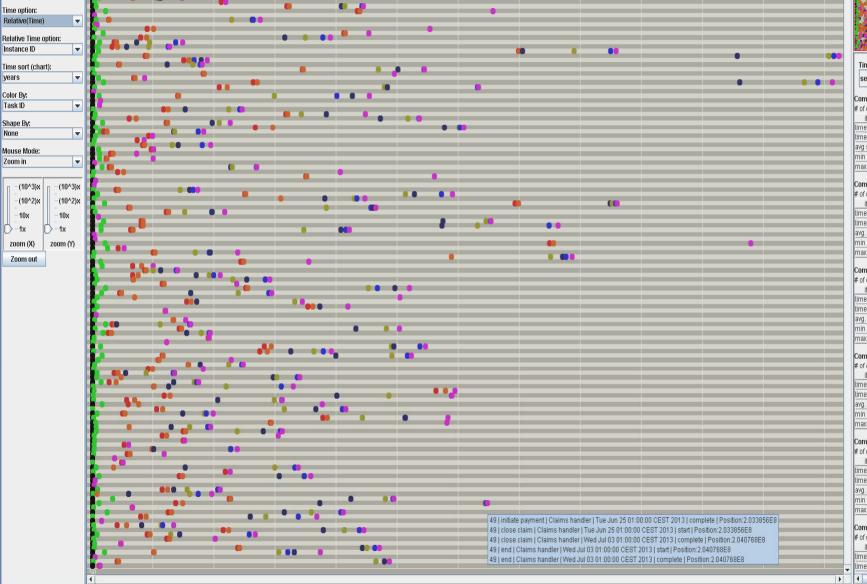
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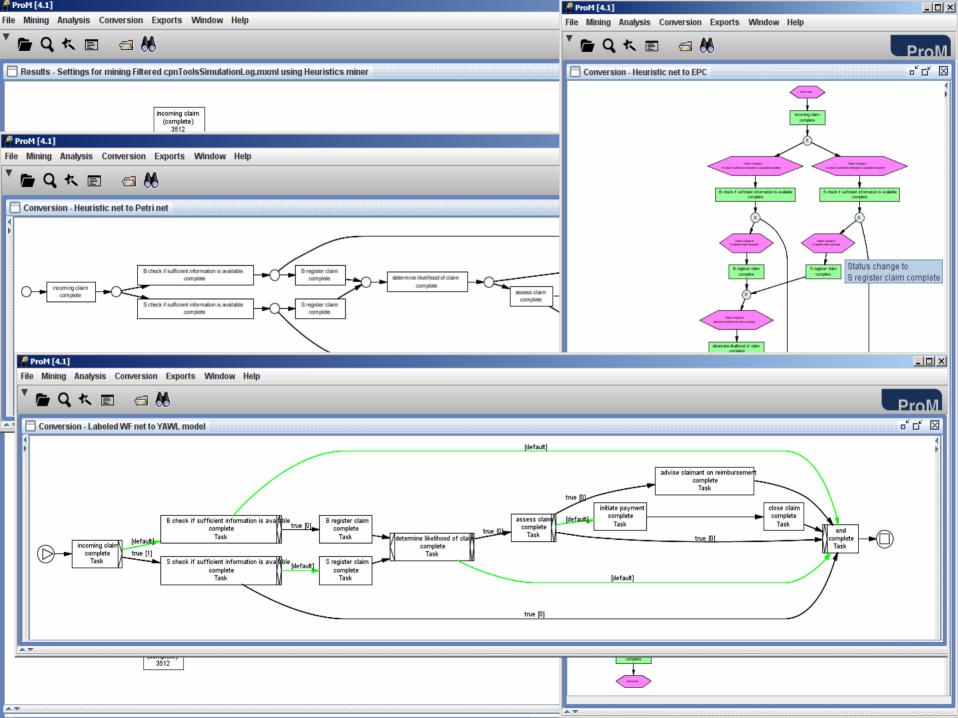
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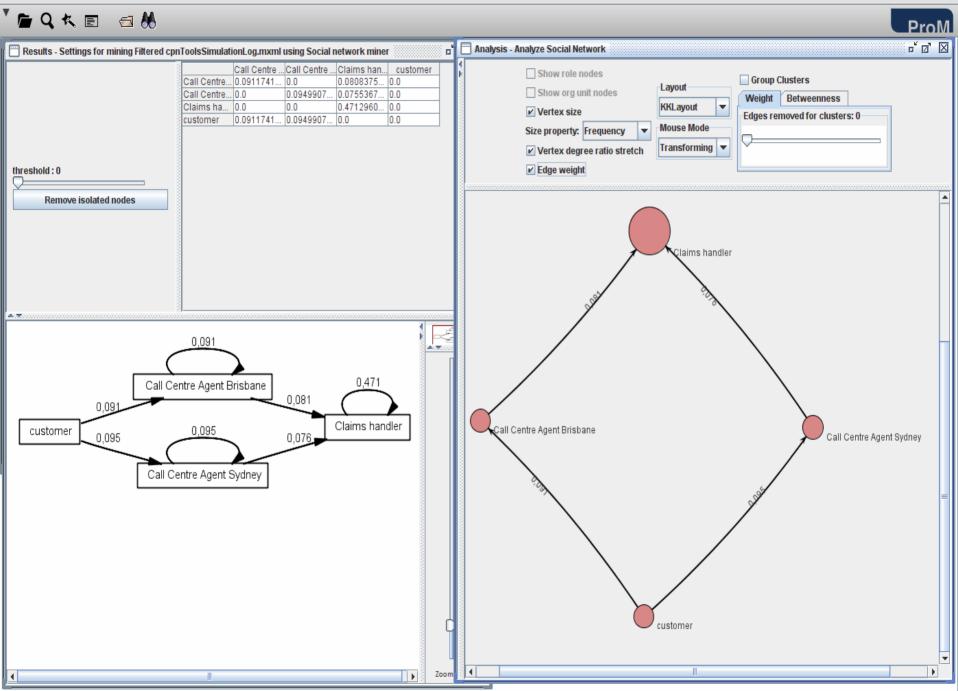
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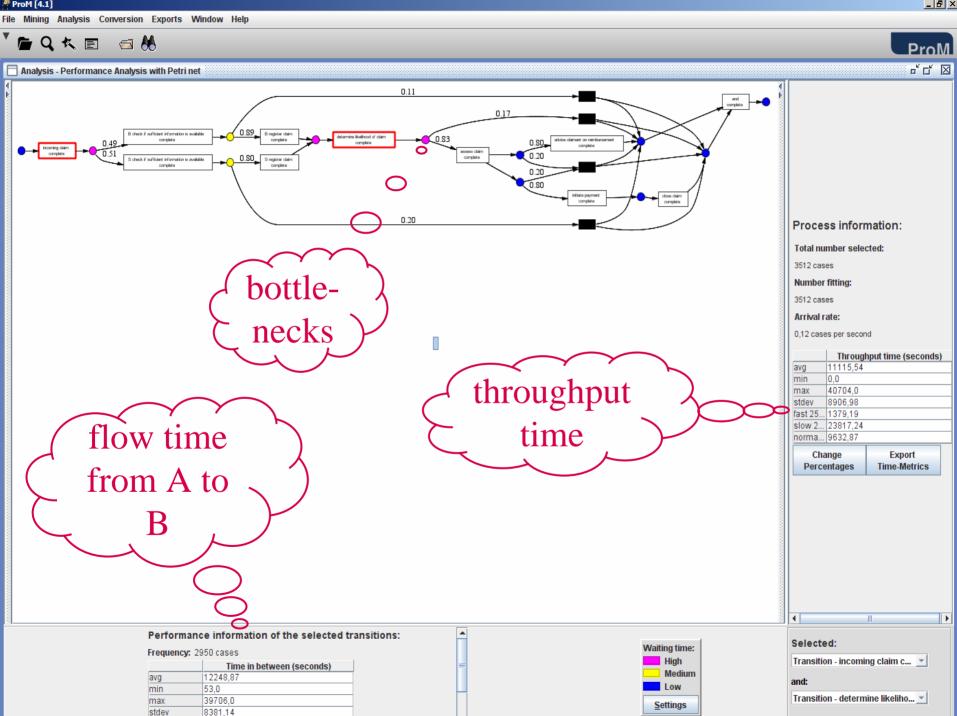


ProM [4.1]

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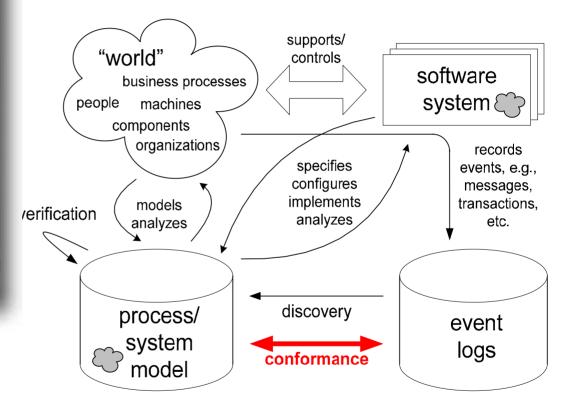


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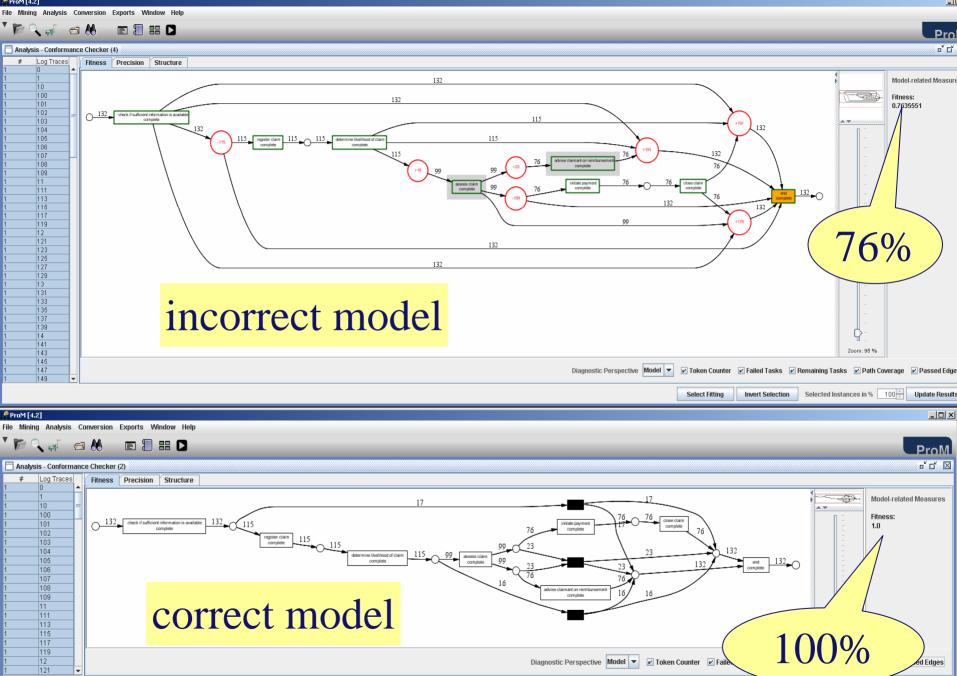




Conformance Checking



ProM [4.2]



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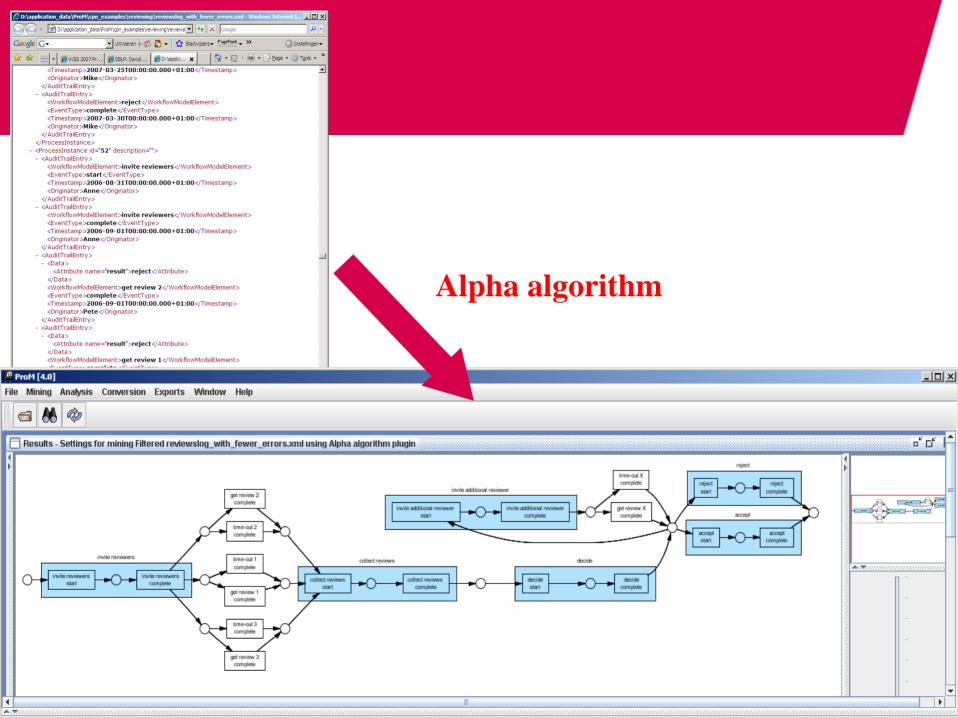
Process Discovery: The Basics



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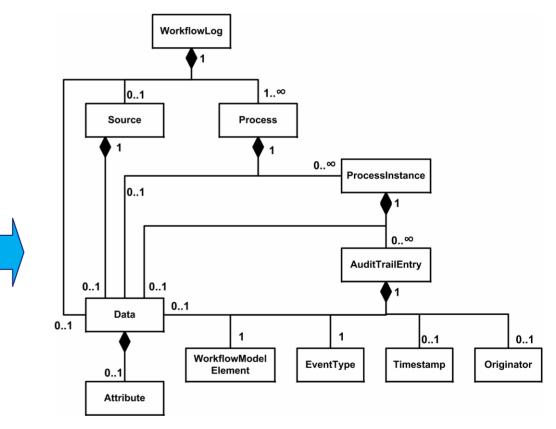
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Starting point: An event log





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

unified event log (MXML)

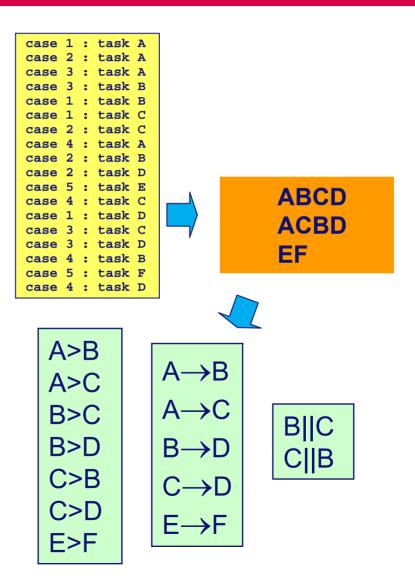
Example log

- 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

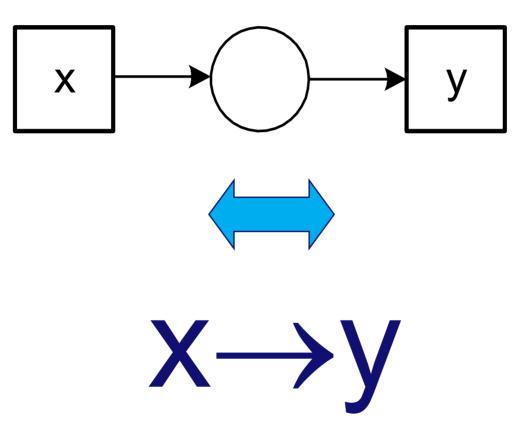
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	case	3	:	task	Α
	case	3	:	task	В
	case	1	:	task	В
	case	1	:	task	C
	case	2	:	task	C
	case	4	:	task	Α
	case	2	:	task	В
	case	2	:	task	D
	case	5	:	task	Е
	case	4	:	task	C
	case	1	:	task	D
	case	3	:	task	C
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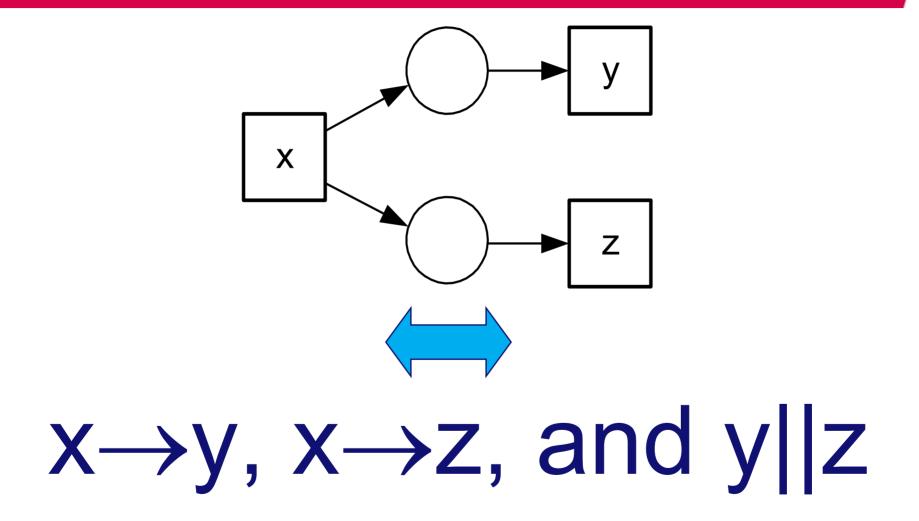
- Direct succession: x>y iff for some case x is directly followed by y.
- Causality: x→y iff x>y and not y>x.
- Parallel: x||y iff x>y and y>x
- Choice: x#y iff not x>y and not y>x.



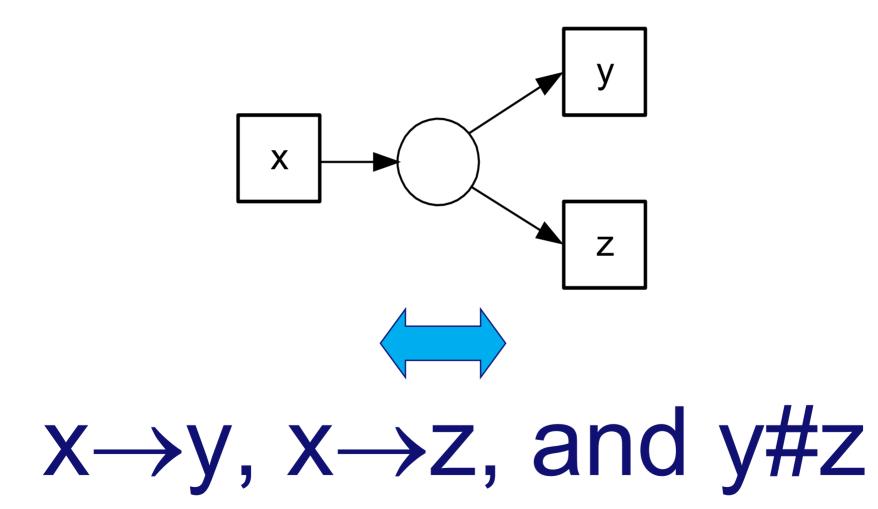
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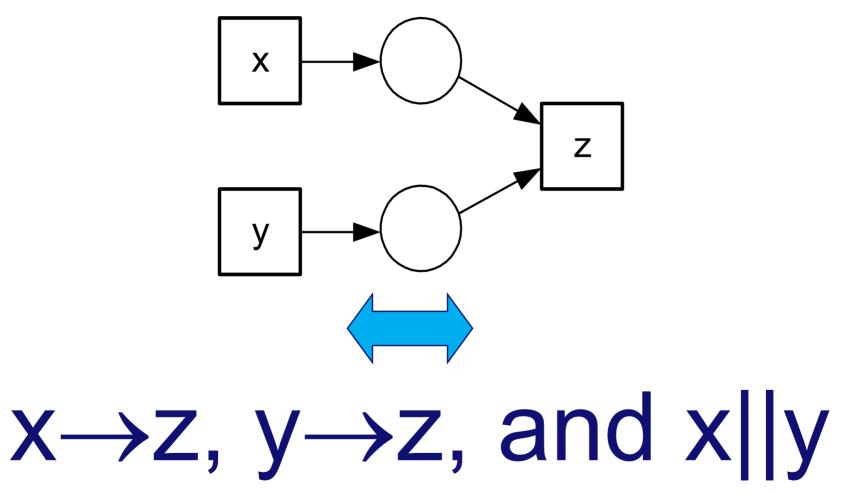
Basic idea (2)



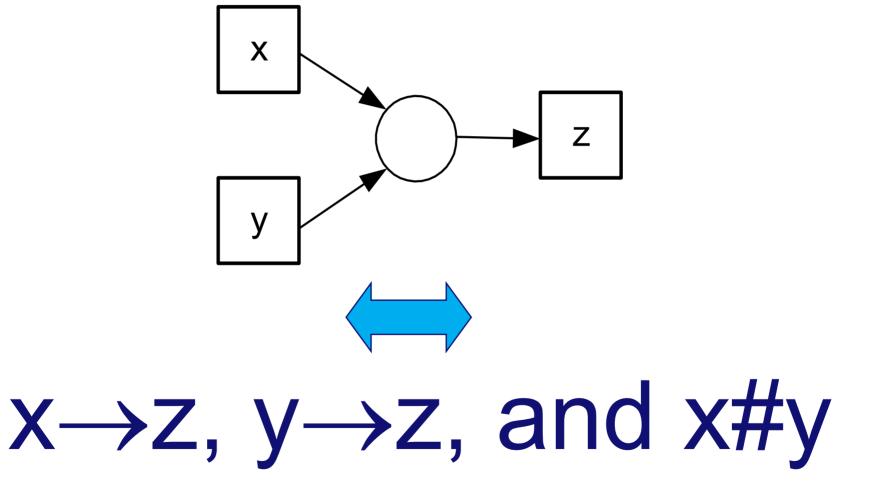
Basic idea (3)



Basic idea (4)



Basic idea (5)



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. $T_1 = \{ t \in T \mid \exists_{\sigma \in W} t = first(\sigma) \},$ 3. $T_{O} = \{ t \in T \mid \exists_{\sigma \in W} t = last(\sigma) \},\$ 4. $X_{W} = \{ (A,B) \mid A \subseteq T_{W} \land A \neq \emptyset \land B \subseteq T_{W} \land B \neq \emptyset \land \}$ $\forall_{a \in A} \forall_{b \in B} a \rightarrow_{W} b \land \forall_{a_{1,a_{2}} \in A} a_{1} \#_{W} a_{2} \land \forall_{b_{1,b_{2}} \in B} b_{1} \#_{W} b_{2} \},$ 5. $Y_W = \{ (A,B) \in X \mid \forall_{(A',B') \in X} A \subseteq A' \land 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. $F_W = \{ (a, p_{(A,B)}) \mid (A,B) \in Y_W \land a \in A \} \cup \{ (p_{(A,B)},b) \mid (A,B) \in A \} \}$ $Y_W \land b \in B \} \cup \{ (i_W, t) \mid t \in T_I \} \cup \{ (t, o_W) \mid t \in T_O \}, and$ 8. $\alpha(W) = (P_{W}, T_{W}, F_{W}).$

Example revisited

W:				
case	1	:	task	Α
case	2	:	task	Α
case	3	:	task	Α
case	3	:	task	В
case	1	:	task	в
case	1	:	task	С
case	2	:	task	С
case	4	:	task	Α
case	2	:	task	В
case	2	:	task	D
case	5	:	task	E
case	4	:	task	С
case	1	:	task	D
case	3	:	task	С
case	3	:	task	D
case	4	:	task	в
case	5	:	task	F
case	4	:	task	D

 $A \rightarrow B$

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

C→D

E→F

B||C C||B

A>B

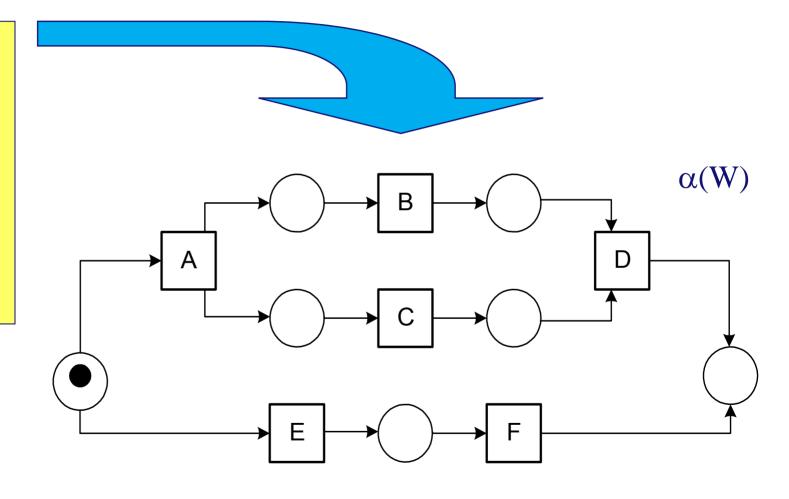
A>C

B>C

B>D

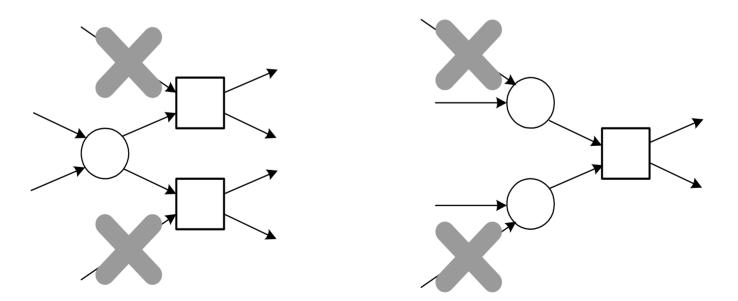
C>B

C>D E>F



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.)

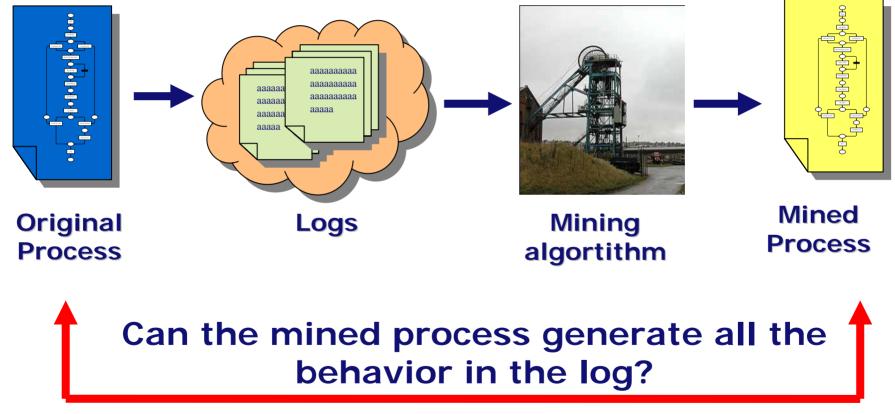
Alpha algorithm

- 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



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

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

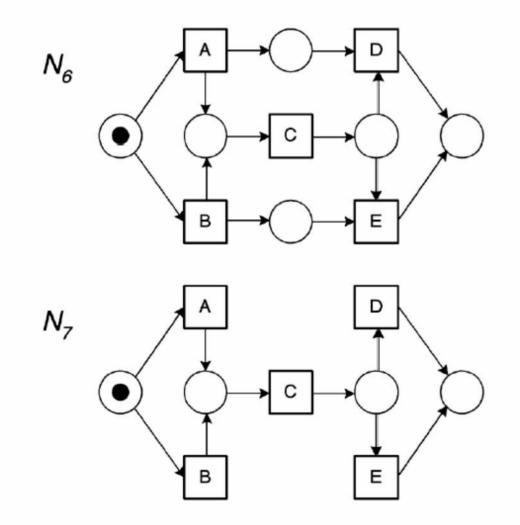


Fig. 7. The nonfree-choice WF-net N_6 cannot be rediscovered by the α algorithm.

Log only contains information about behavior and not structure

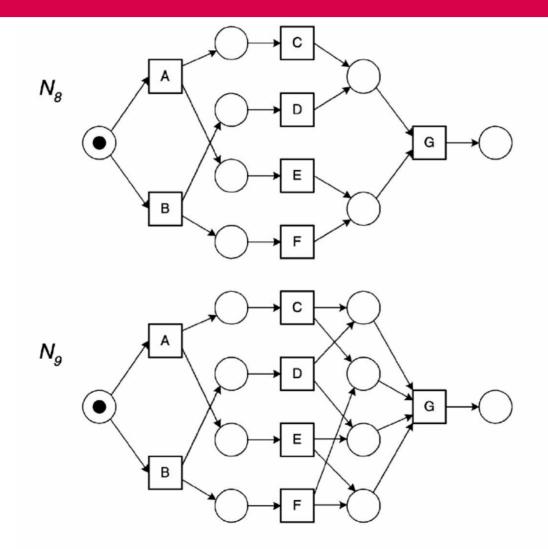


Fig. 8. WF-net N_8 cannot be rediscovered by the α algorithm. Nevertheless, α returns a WF-net which is behavioral equivalent.

Completeness notion may be too crude in some cases

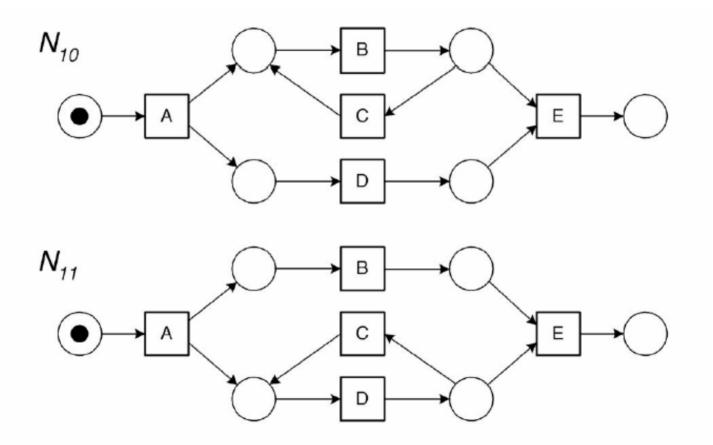


Fig. 9. Although both WF-nets are not behavioral equivalent they are identical with respect to > .

Another example of behaviorally equivalent SWF-nets

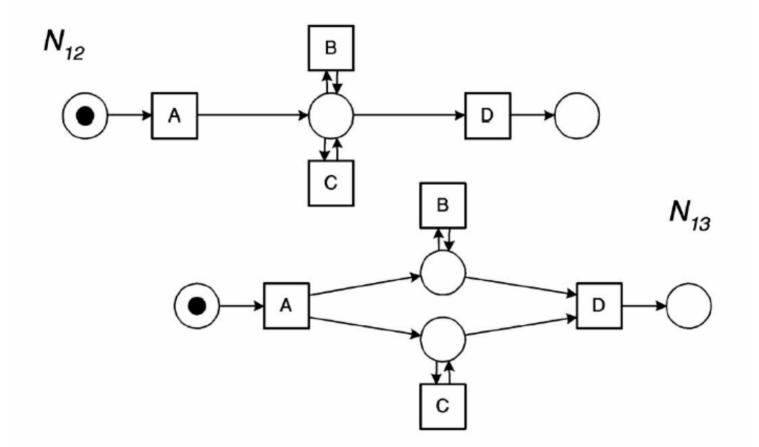
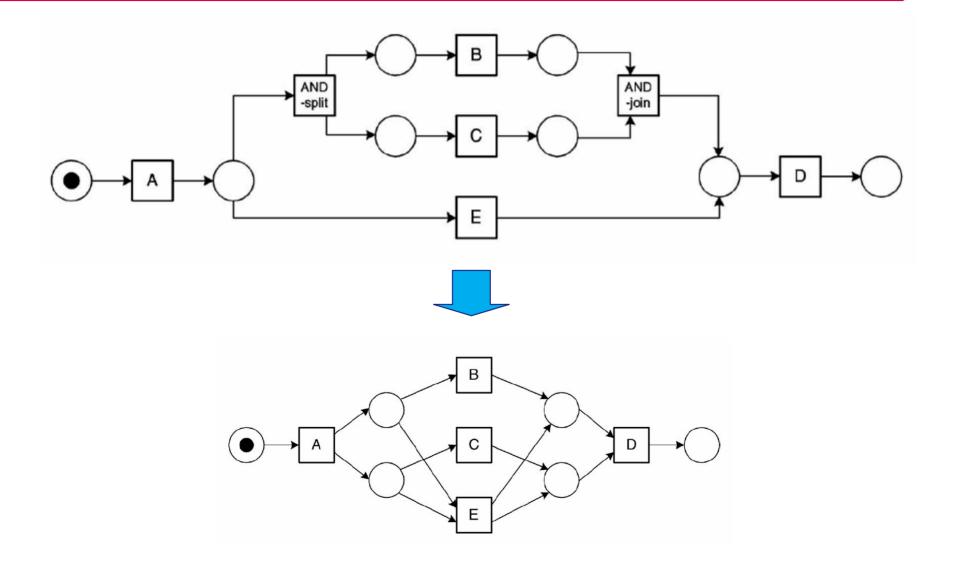


Fig. 10. Both SWF-nets are behavioral equivalent and, therefore, any algorithm will be unable to distinguish N_{12} from N_{13} (assuming a notion of completeness based on >).

Silent steps (and duplicate steps) cannot be discovered



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
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- Genetic process mining
- Region-based process mining
 - State-based regions
 - Language based regions



Multi-Phase Miner (Boudewijn van Dongen et al.)

Two phases:

- 1) Create a visual description of each instance, without choices and loops (cf. runs or occurrence nets).
 - Comprehensive representation
 - Ideal for performance analysis (cf. ARIS PPM)
- 2) Aggregate multiple instances to one process model.
 - Only causal relations between tasks are required

Properties:

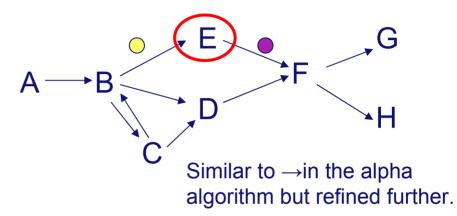
- More robust and multi-lingual (cf. EPCs).
- Possibility of inspect instances

Step 1: Create instance graphs

Log file:

- A, B, C, B, C, D, E, F, G
- A, B, E, D, F, G
- A, B, D, E, F, H

Causal relations:



 $A \rightarrow D \rightarrow U \rightarrow r - -$

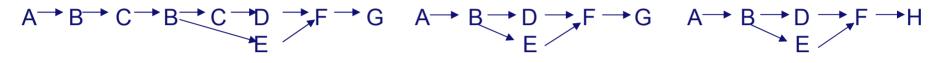
For each entry in every instance, find the closest causal predecessor and successor, and build instance graphs

$$A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow G$$

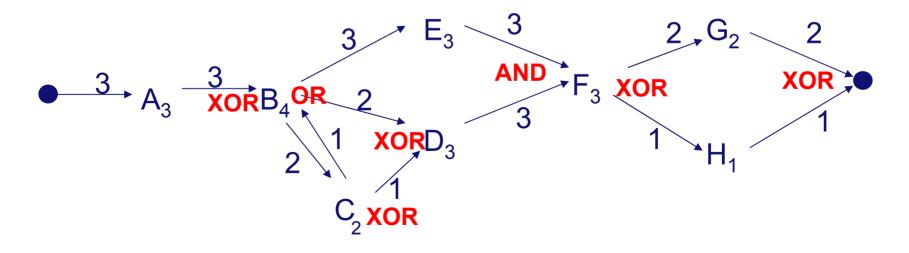


Step 2: Aggregate instance graphs

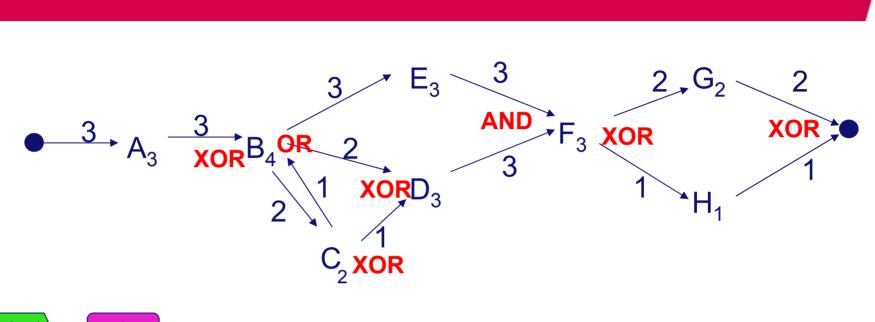
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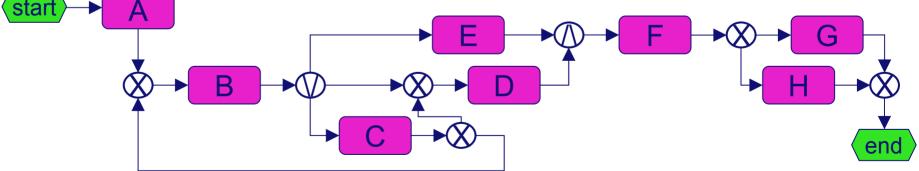


Aggregated instances:



Representation as an EPC



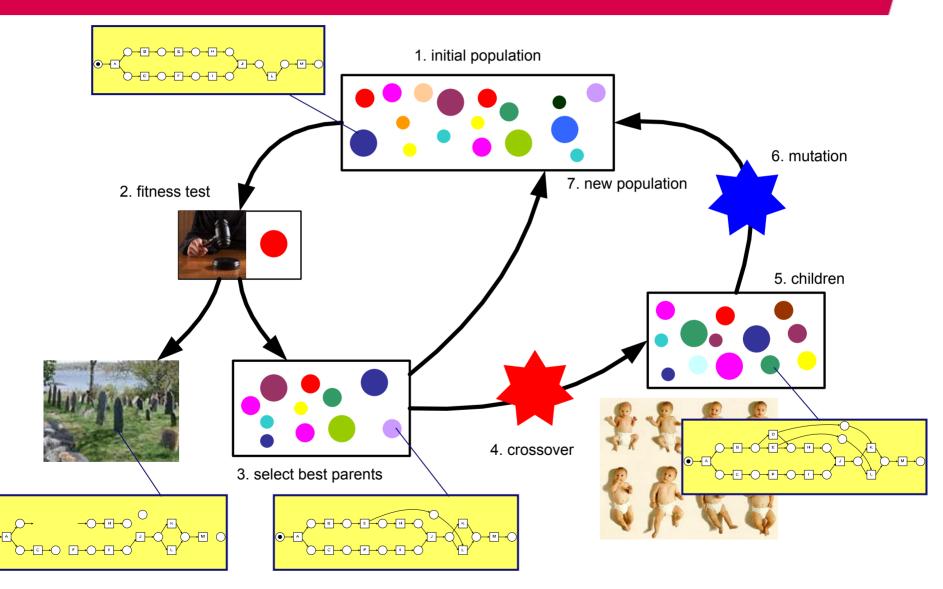


Any notation with OR-splits and OR-joins can be used, e.g., YAWL, BPMN, etc.

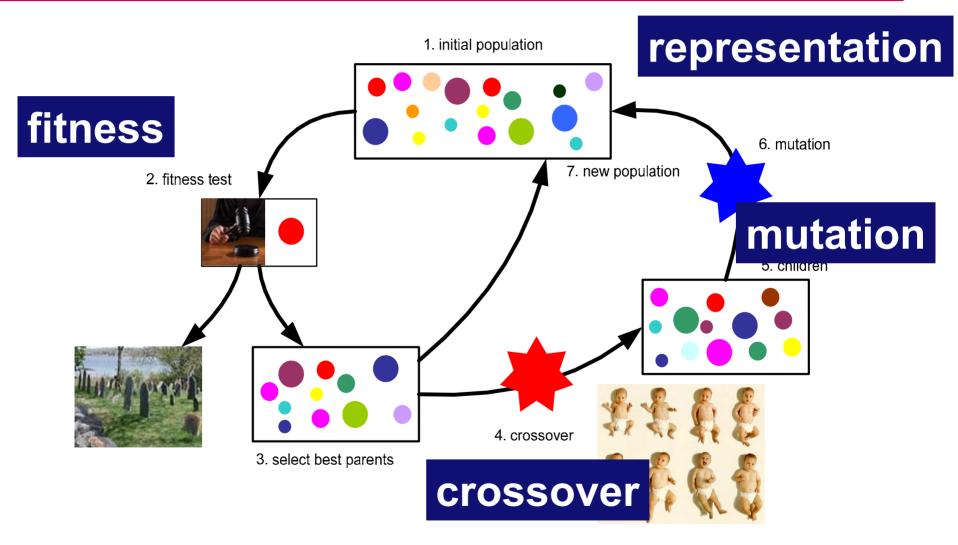
Properties of Multi-phase miner

- Always a fitness of 1, i.e., all traces in the logs may be reproduced (both potentially also many more).
- Very robust and fast, but tends to overgeneralize.
- Any subset of traces produces a meaningful result (event a single instance) that can be used for visualization purposes.
- No special provisions for noise or infrequent behavior.

Genetic Mining (Ana Karla Alves de Medeiros et al.)

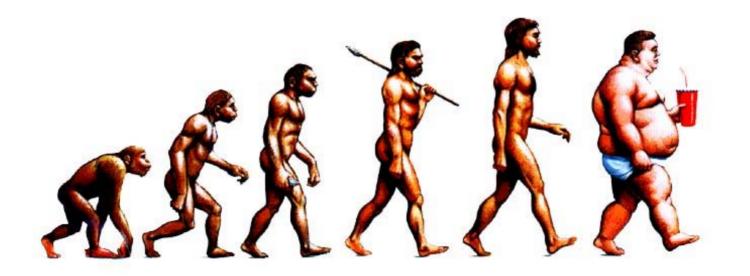


Design choices



Properties of Genetic Mining

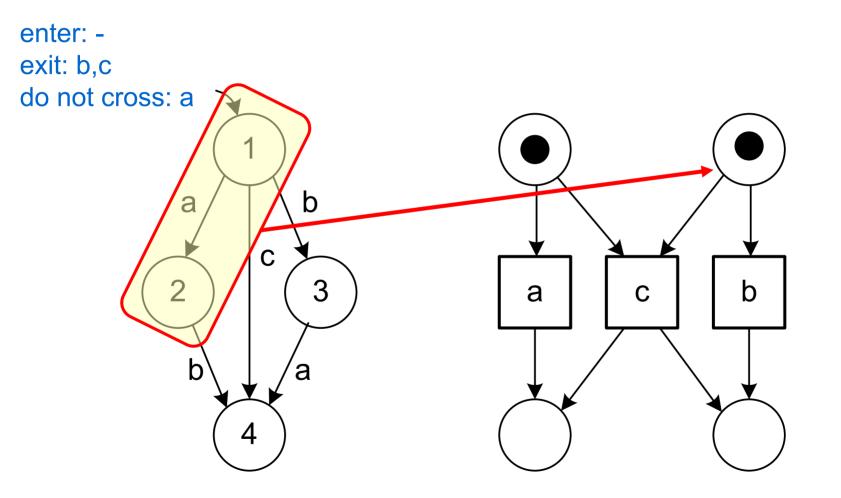
- Requires a lot of computing power.
- Can deal with noise, infrequent behavior, duplicate tasks, invisible tasks, etc.
- Allows for incremental improvement and combinations with other approaches (heuristics post-optimization, etc.).



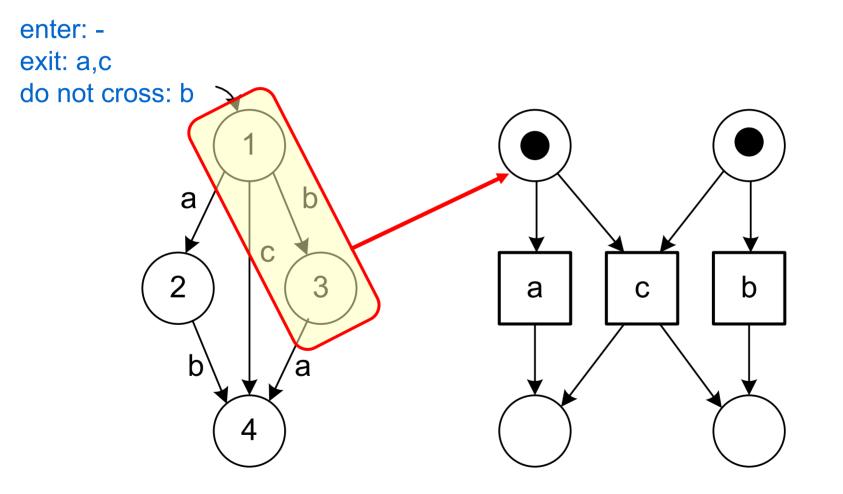
Region-Based Approaches

- Classical synthesis approaches to translate "behavior" into "models":
 - State-based regions
 - Language-based regions
- Synthesis ≠ process mining!
- Common issues:
 - Translating logs into transition systems (for statebased regions).
 - Overfitting.
 - Performance of algorithms and complexity of result.

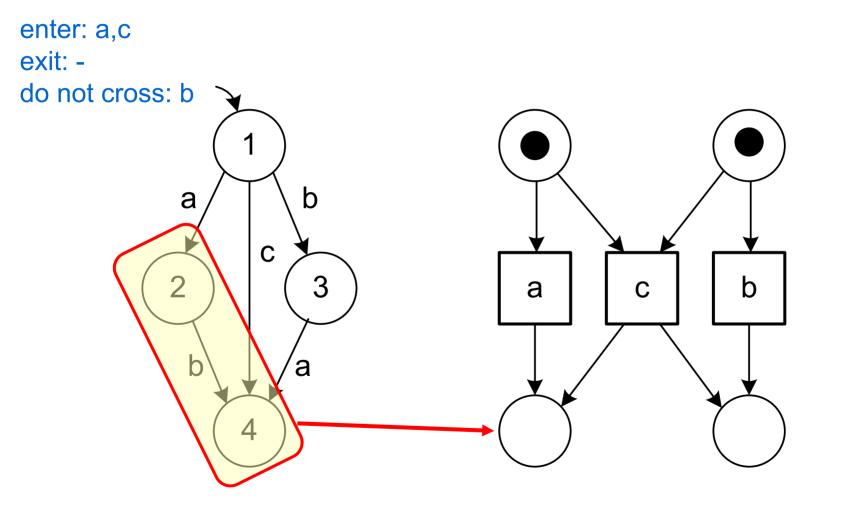
State-based regions



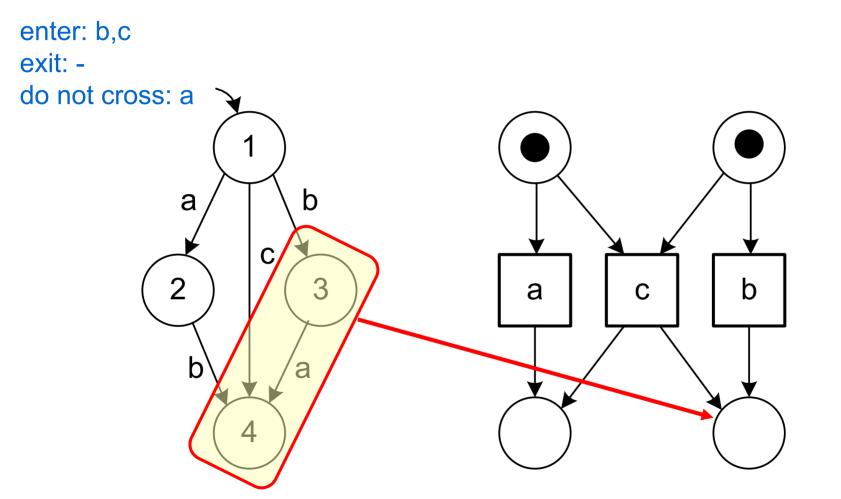
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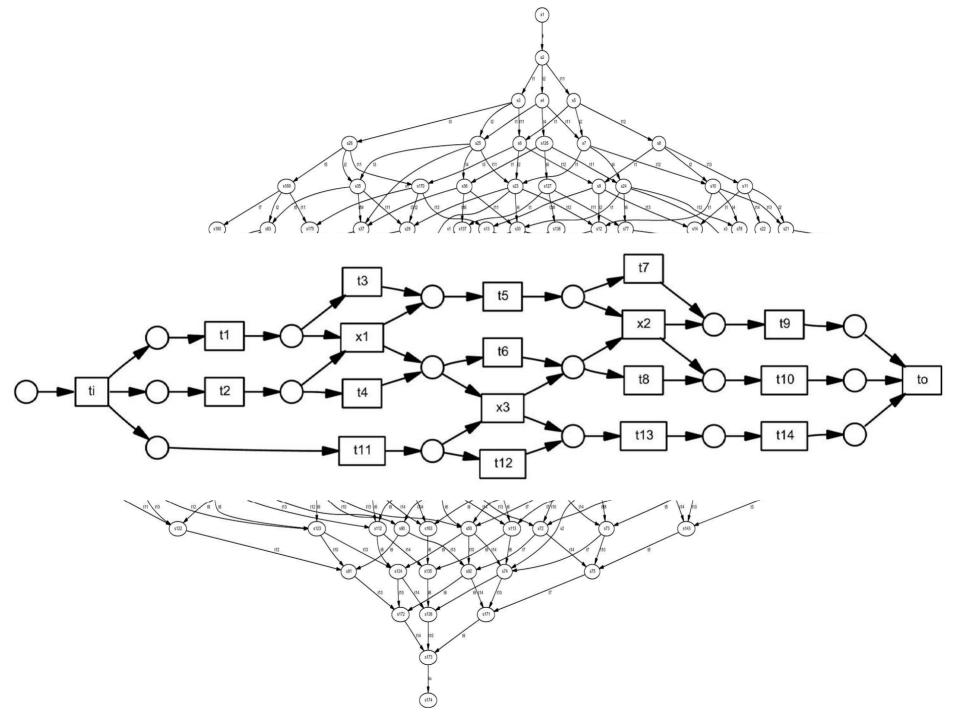
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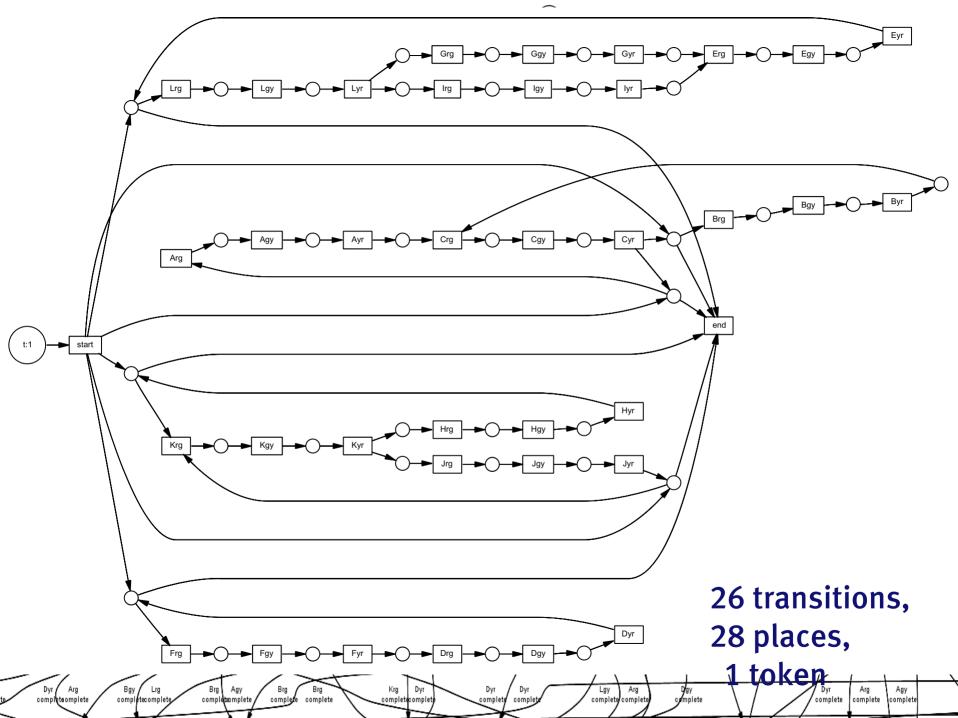


Fourth region



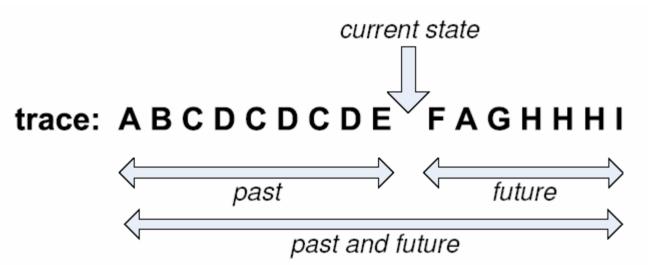
With some extensions (see work Cortadella et al.) any transition system can be converted into a bisimilar Petri net.





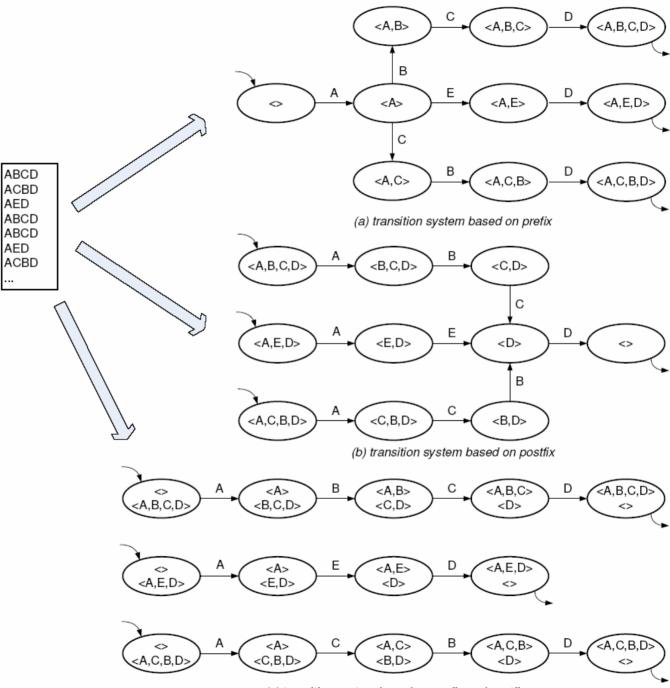
From event logs to transition systems

- How to determine the current state?
- Determine scope:

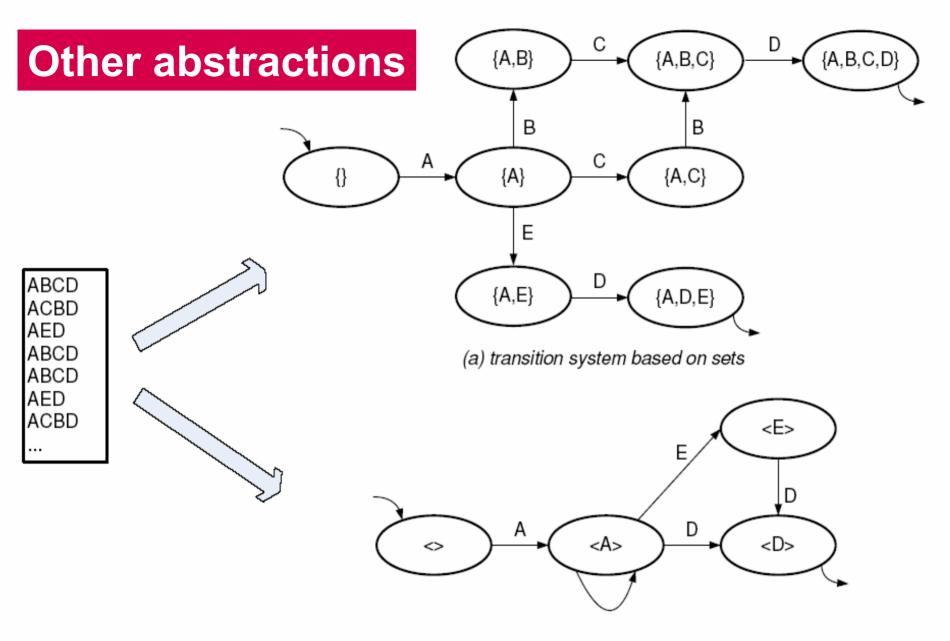


- Determine abstraction:
 - sequence, i.e., the order of activities is recorded in the state,
 - multi-set of activities, i.e., the number of times each activity is executed ignoring their order, or
 - set of activities, i.e., the mere presence of activities.

Example

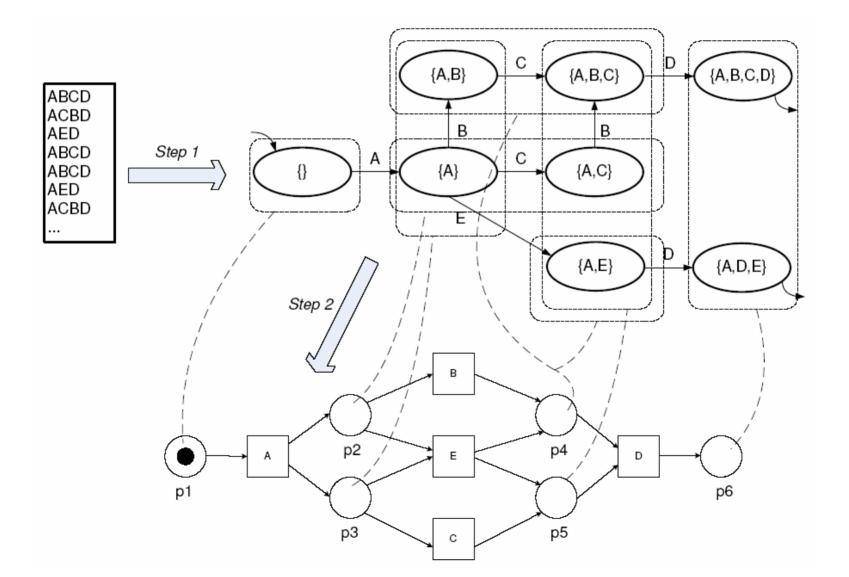


(c) transition system based on prefix and postfix



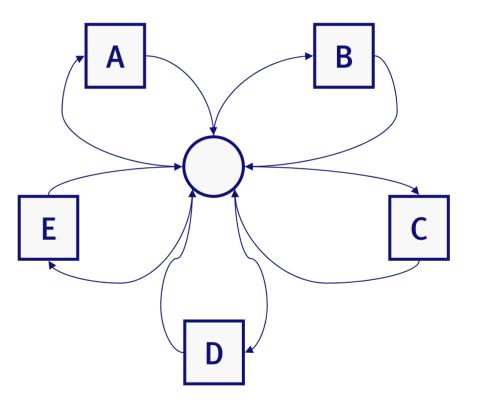
(b) transition system abstracting from B and C

Combination: A two step approach based on controlled abstraction and regions



Language-Based Regions (Van Dongen, Van der Werf, Lorenz, Desel, et al.)

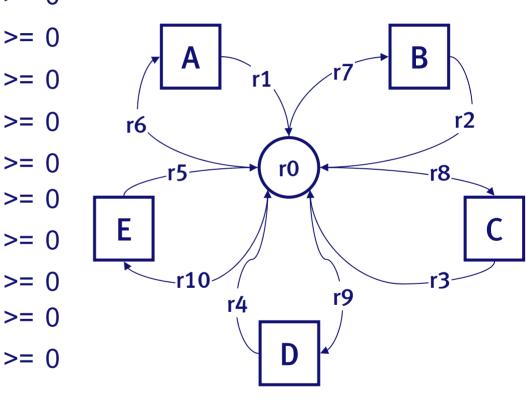
- Consider the following language: abbe, acde, adce
- Which prefix-closed is: *a*, *ab*, *abb*, *abbe*, *ac*, *acd*, *acde*, *ad*, *adc*, *adce*
- Idea: What are all the places I can add without making these prefixes impossible?



Translated into a linear programming problem *A.r* >= 0

- a r0-r6 >= 0
- ab r0+r1-r6-r7 >= 0
- abb r0+r1+r2-r6-2 r7 >= 0
- abbe r0+r1+2 r2-r6-2 r7-r10 >= 0
- ac r0+r1-r6-r8 >= 0
- acd r0+r1+r3-r6-r8-r9
- acde r0+r1+r3+r4-r6-r8-r9-r10 >= 0
- ad r0+r1-r6-r9 >= 0
- adc r0+r1+r4-r6-r9-r8 >= 0

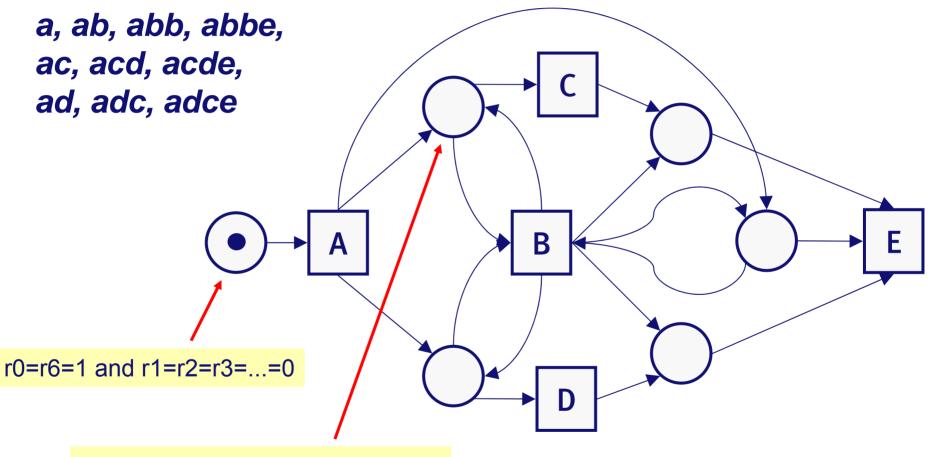
adce r0+r1+r4+r3-r6-r9-r8-r10 >= 0



r0=r6=1 and r1=r2=r3=...=0 is an example solution and hence a possible place.

r1=r2=r8=r7=1 and r0=r3=r4=...=0 is an example solution and hence a possible place.

Result of Integer Linear Programming (multiple formulations possible)



r1=r2=r8=r7=1 and r0=r3=r4=...=0

Customizable and tunable

- There are infinitely many places, but the selection of places to be added can be controlled.
- The ILP formulation can be used to search for subclasses (marked graph, state machine, freechoice, etc.) or to avoid showing "complex" places.
- The ILP formulation can be used to take frequencies into account.

Summary



- Alpha miner
- Multi phase miner
- Genetic process mining
- State-based region mining
- Language based region mining Many more:
- Fuzzy miner
- Heuristics miner
- Alpha+, Alpha++, Alpha #, etc.

Balancing Between Overfitting and Underfitting



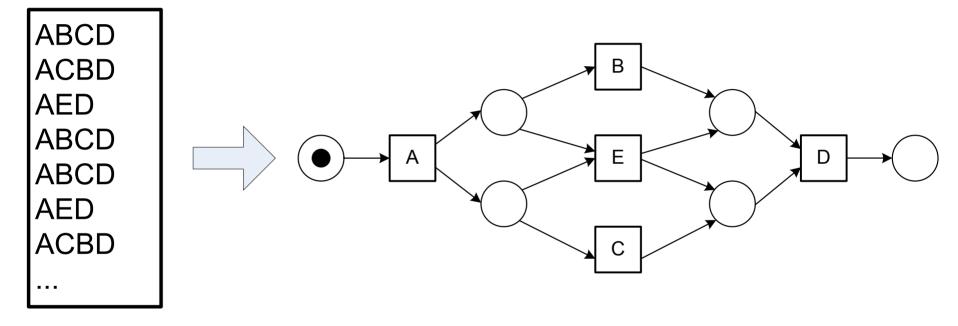
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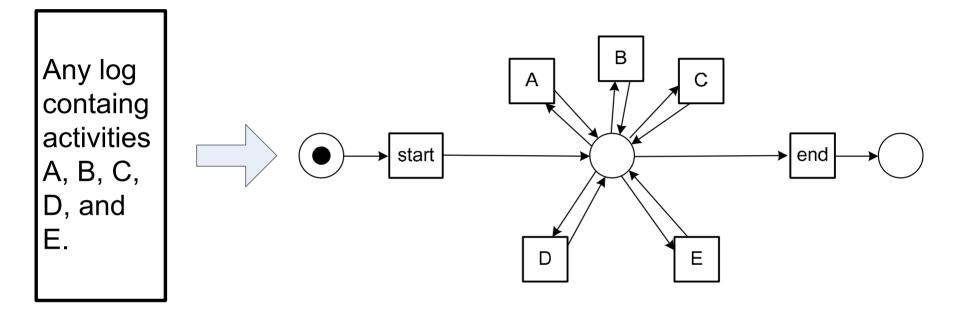
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Challenge: Balancing Between Underfitting and Overfitting

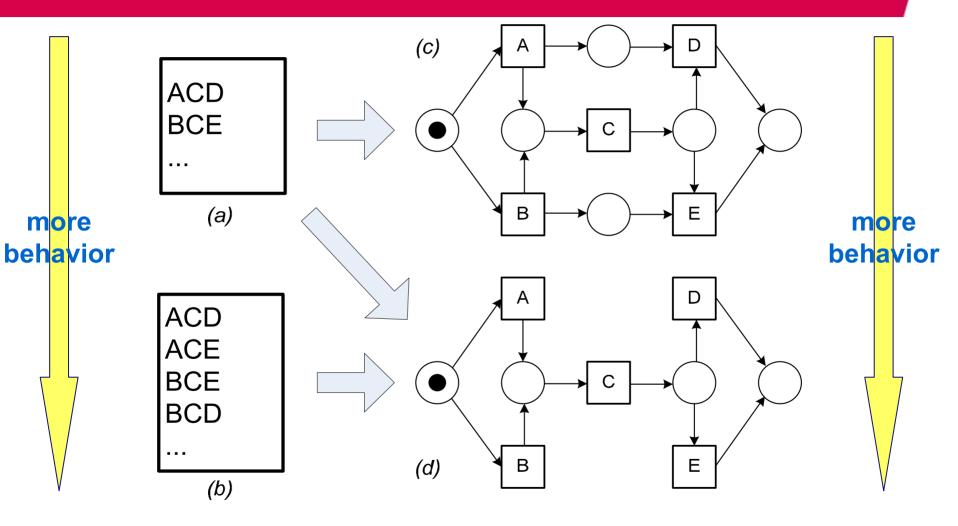
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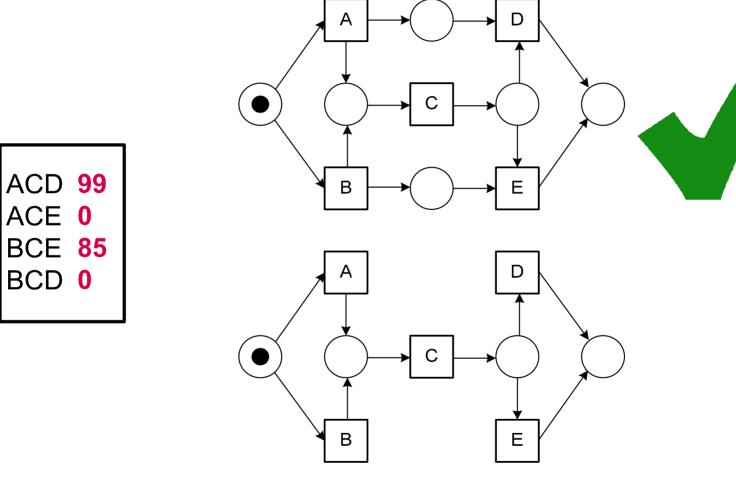


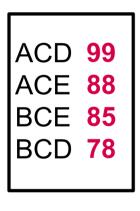
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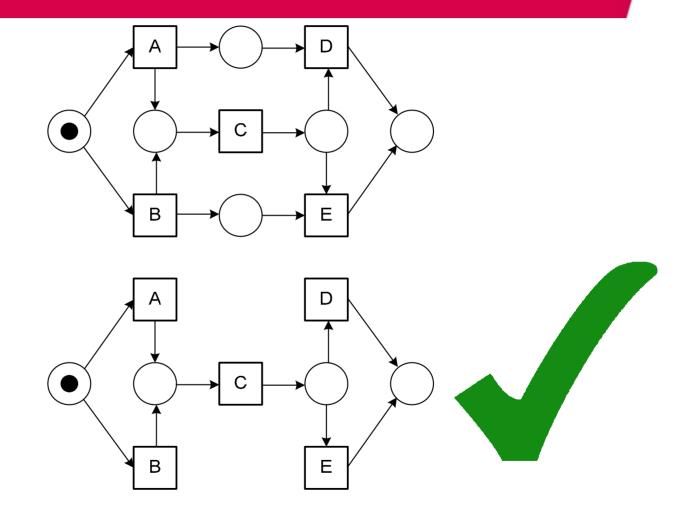


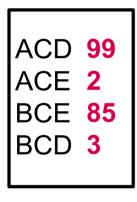
Finding a balance

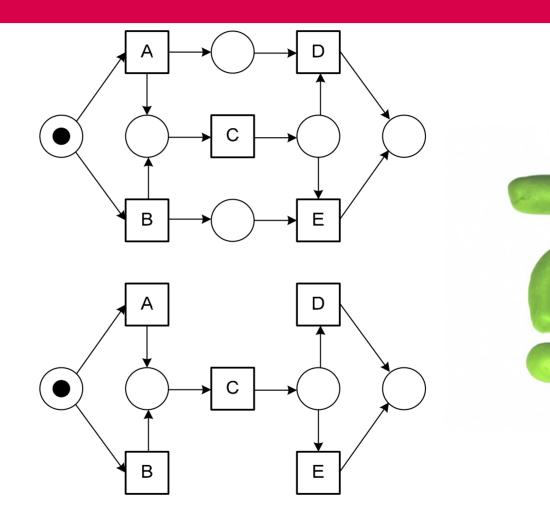










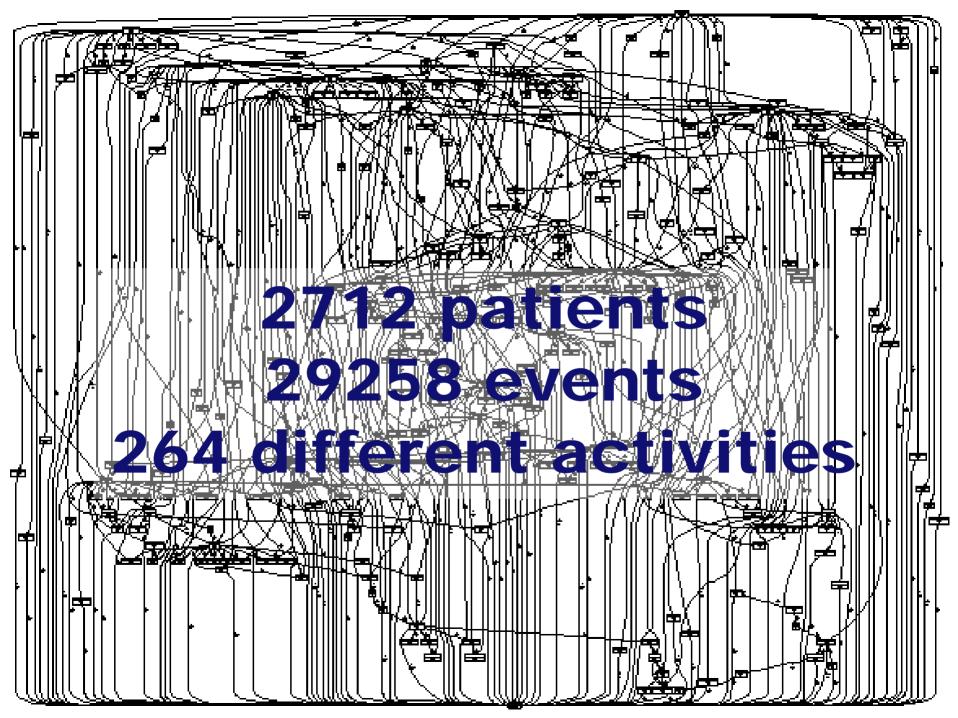


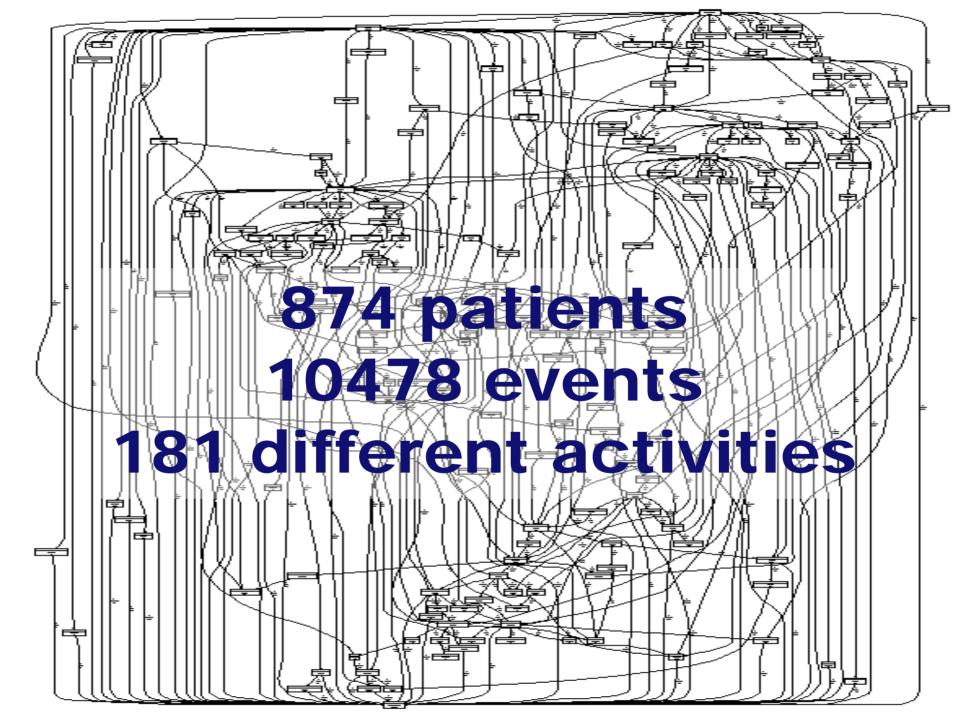
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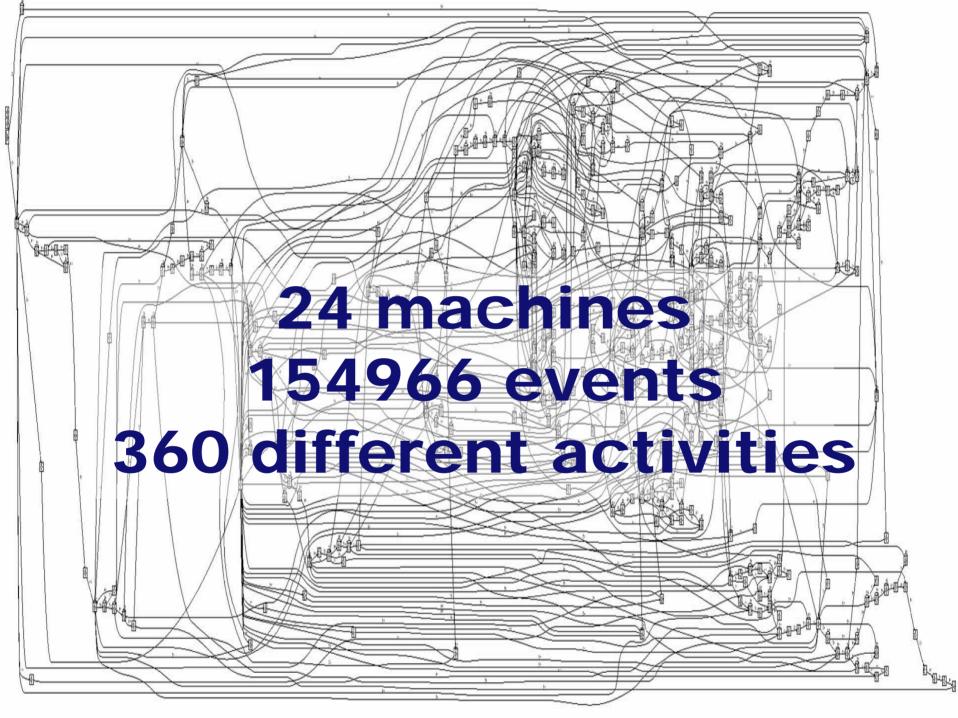
- Frequencies matter!
- Adding a place equals restricting behavior!
- "The model" does not exist!

Relevance





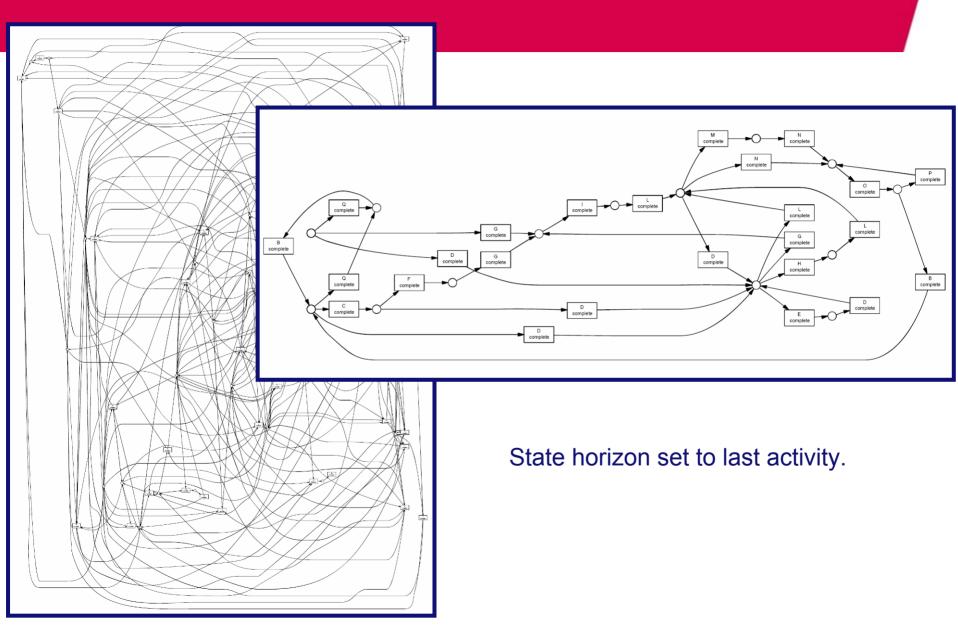


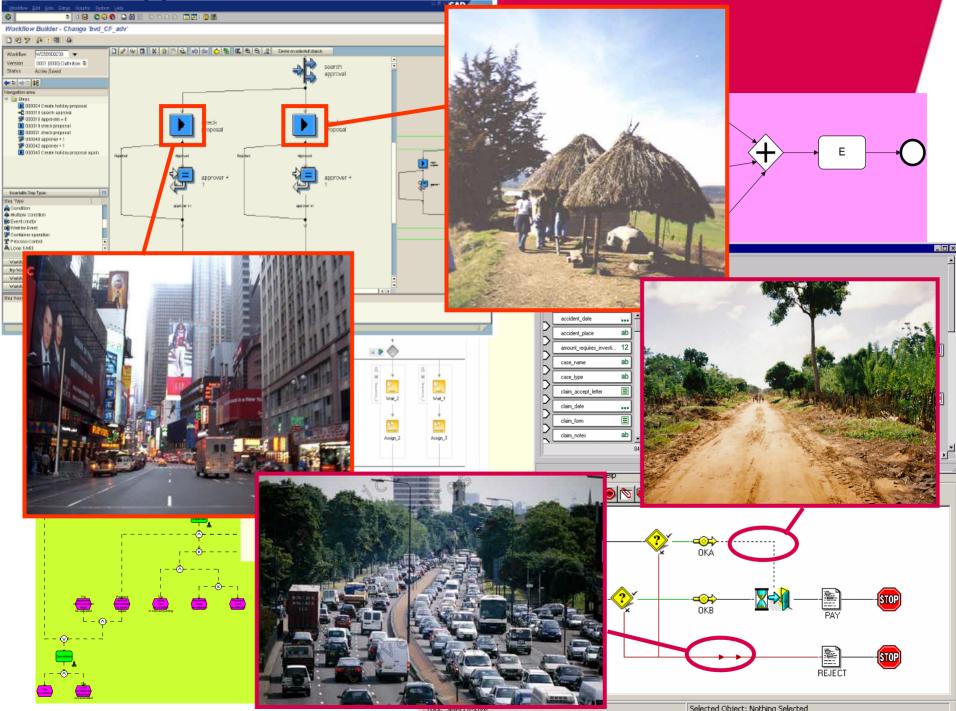


Problems

- Representational bias (i.e., generalization is driven by representation rather than log or preferences).
- Inability of dealing with or detecting noise.
- Wrong abstraction level.
- Limitation of current process modeling (visualization) techniques.

Example: Heusden

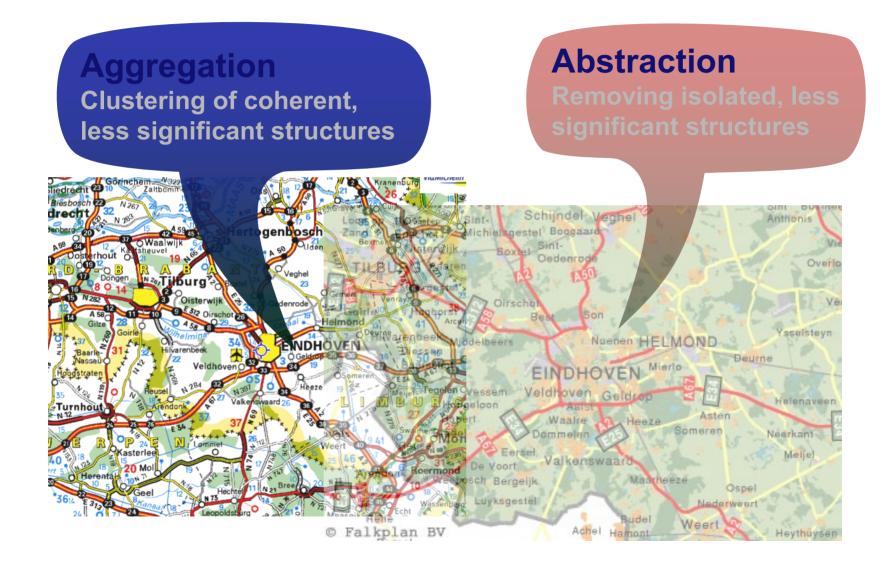




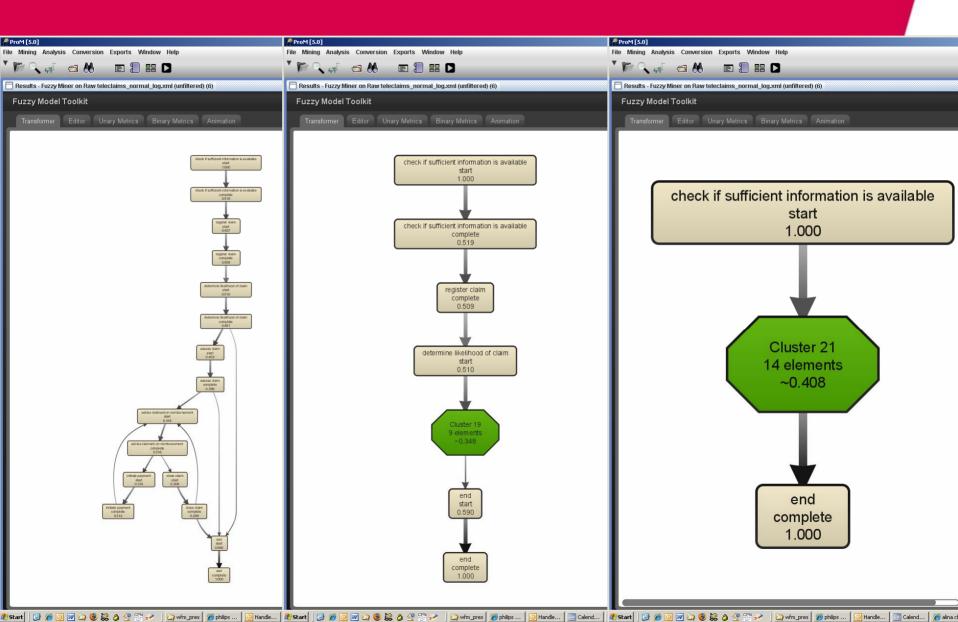
Selected Object: Nothing Selected

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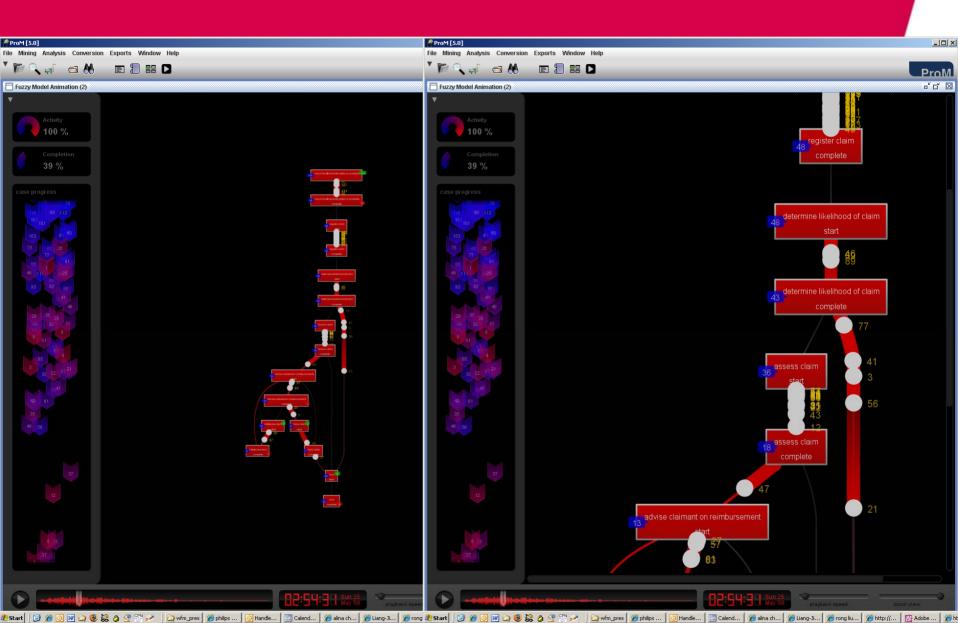
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Fuzzy miner



Showing reality



ProM Tool



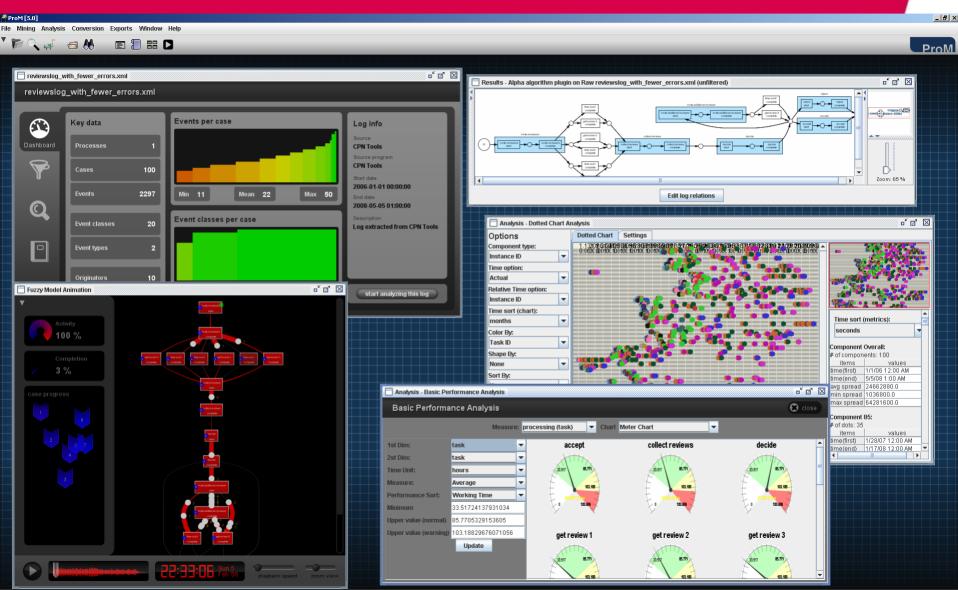
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ProM

- Open source initiative started in 2003 after several early prototypes.
- Common Public License (CPL).
- Current version: 5.0.
- **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



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Conclusion



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Conclusion

- The existence of event data enables a wide variety of process mining techniques ranging from process discovery to conformance checking.
- ProM supports this through +/- 250 plug-ins.
- A reality check for people that are involved in process modeling.
- Interesting challenges for both researchers and practitioners.
- Please join us! (www.processmining.org)

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