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Business Process Analytics: From Insights to Predictions

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What is a Business Process?



Issue delivery receipt

Load truck

Package products

Issue invoice

Prepare shipment

Schedule payment

Schedule delivery

Check & confirm PO

Unload truck

Notify shipment

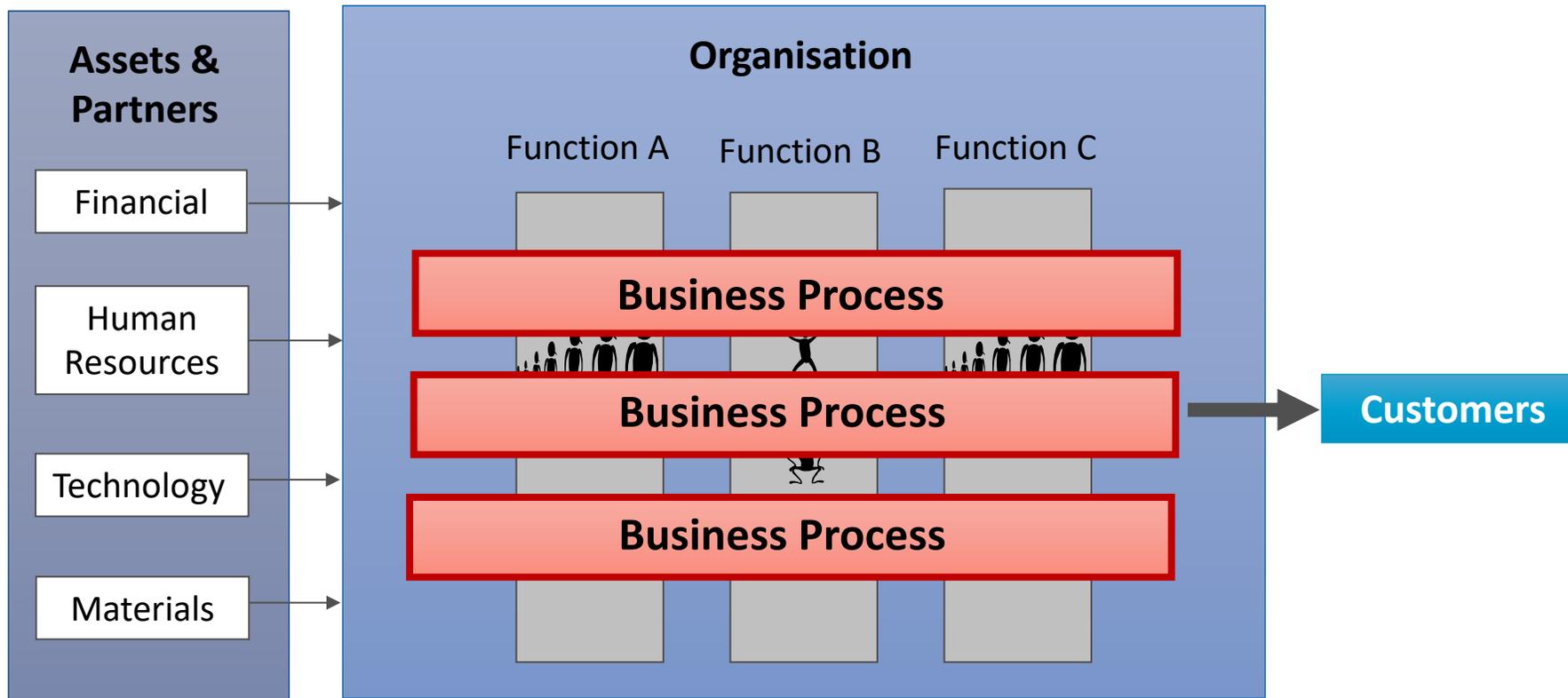
Obtain PO confirm.

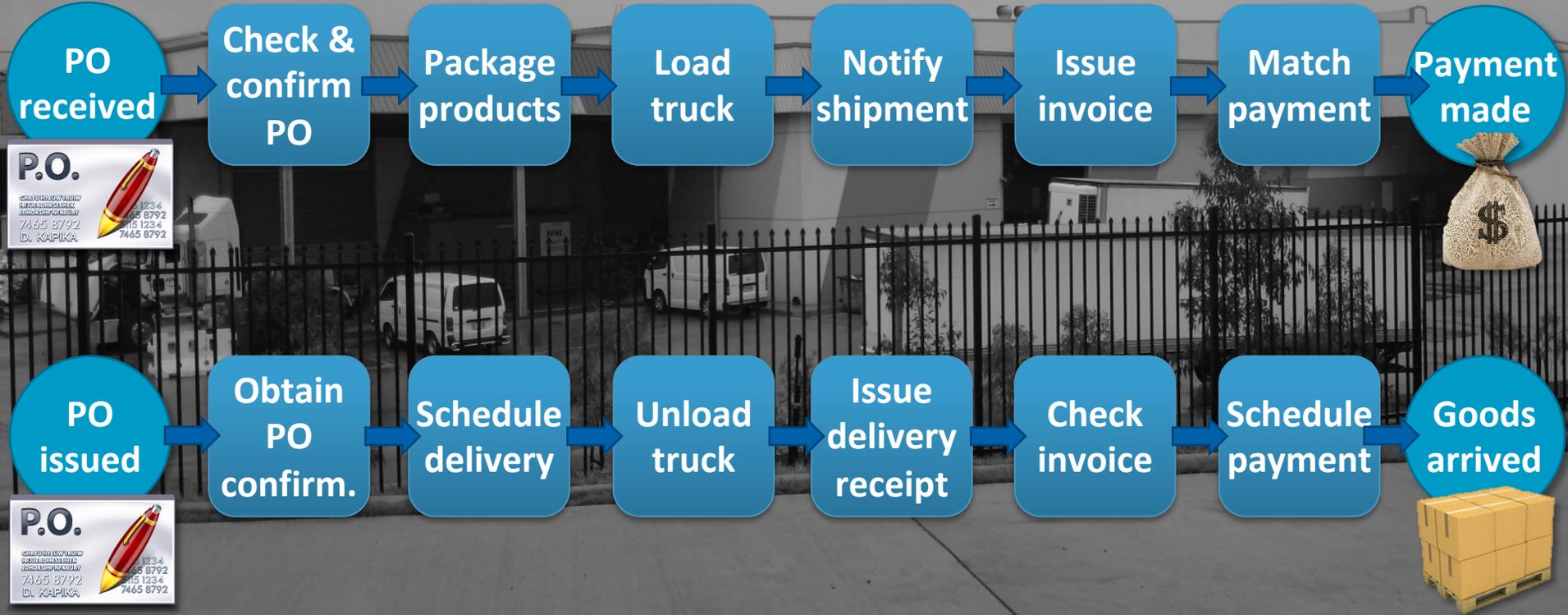
Check Invoice

Request PO change

Match incoming payment

Business processes





A business process is...

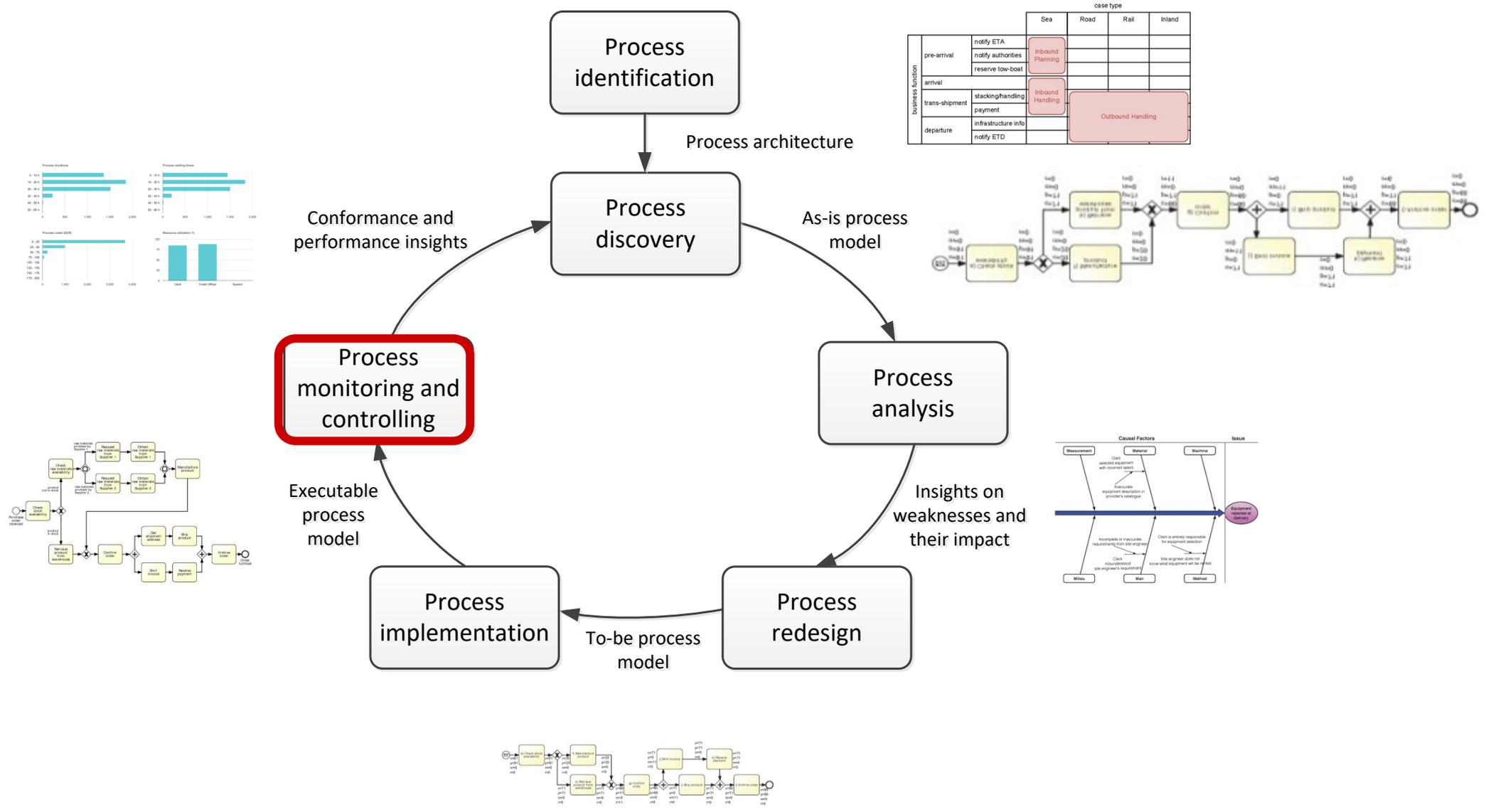
*a chain of **events**, **activities** and **decisions**
...involving a number of **actors** and **objects**,
....triggered by a **need**
and leading to an **outcome** that is of **value** to a **customer**.*

Examples:

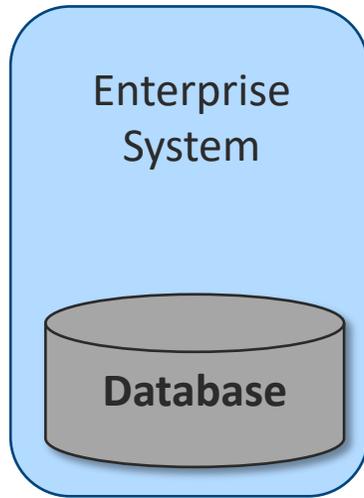
- Order-to-Cash
- Procure-to-Pay (aka Purchase-to-Pay)
- Application-to-Approval
- Fault-to-Resolution



The Business Process Management (BPM) lifecycle



Business Process Monitoring



Event stream

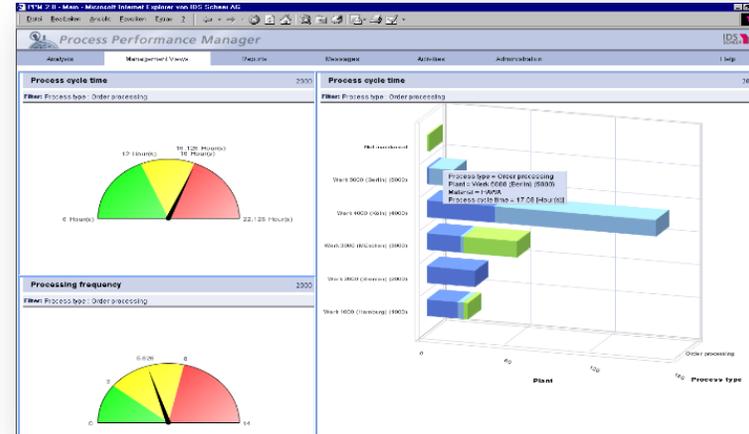
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Event Stream Event 1: Average price in the last 5 minutes for BMW = 3.166444
Event Stream Event 2: Average price in the last 5 minutes for TOYOTA = 3.199333
Event Stream Event 3: Average price in the last 5 minutes for SAU = 3.163333
Event Stream Event 4: Average price in the last 5 minutes for TOYOTA = 3.199333
Event Stream Event 5: Average price in the last 5 minutes for TOU = 24.44255
Event Stream Event 6: Average price in the last 5 minutes for TOYOTA = 3.199333
Event Stream Event 7: Average price in the last 5 minutes for SAU = 3.163333
Event Stream Event 8: Average price in the last 5 minutes for TOYOTA = 3.199333
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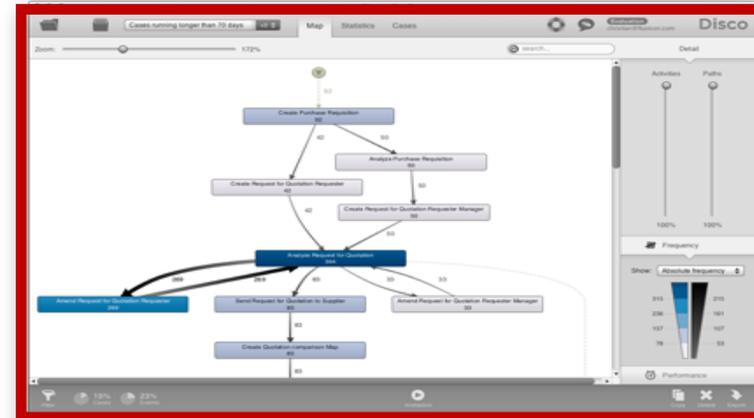
Event log



Performance Dashboards



Process Mining



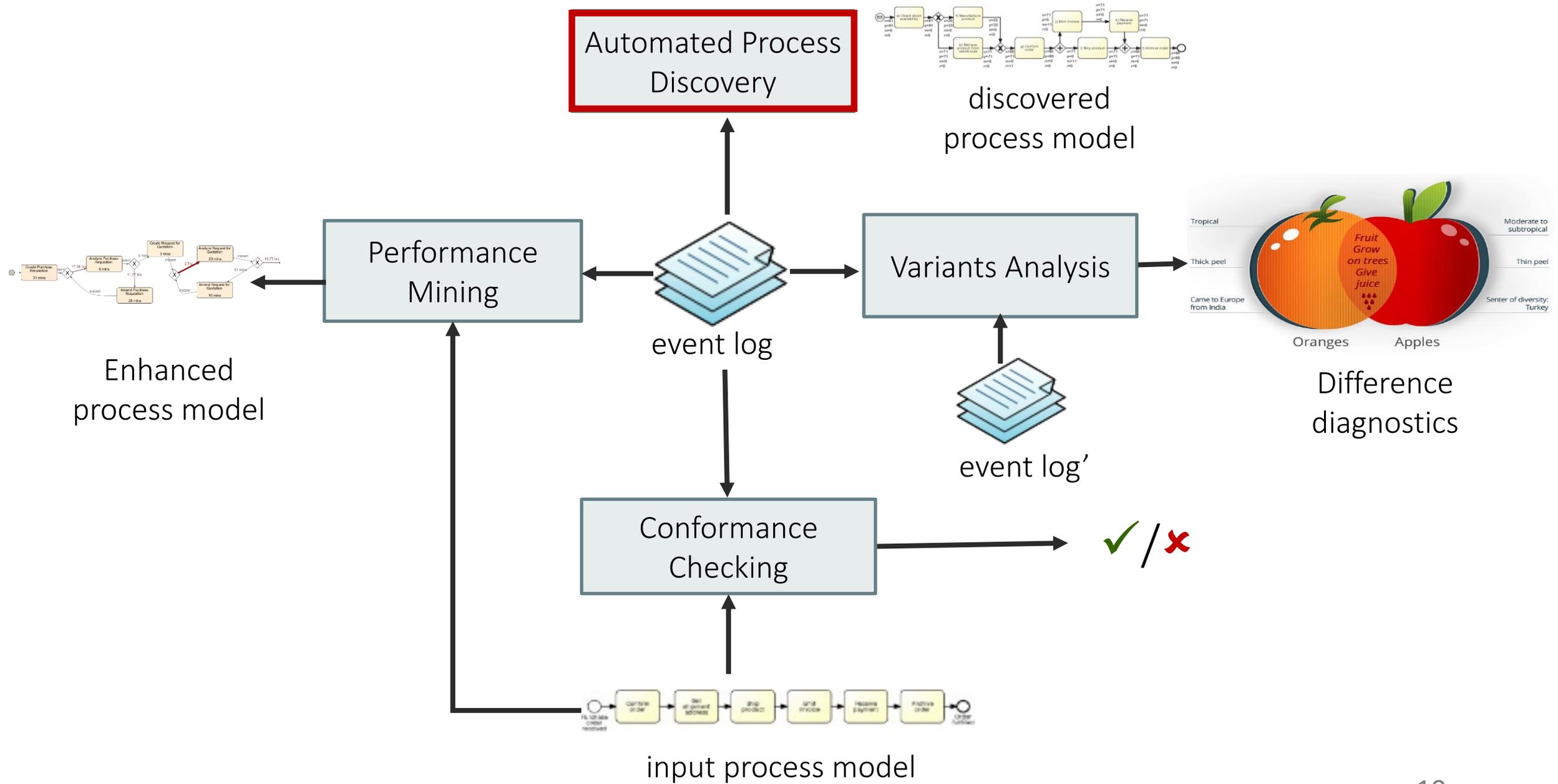
Structure of a Business Process Event Log

| Case ID | Timestamp | Activity | Resource | Loan goal | Requested amt | Offered amt |
|---------|------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| C001 | 18-10-2016 | Check completeness | Sue | Mortgage | 100 000 | - |
| C001 | 19-10-2016 | Check credit history | Sue | Mortgage | 100 000 | - |
| C001 | 19-10-2016 | Calculate risk score | Bob | Mortgage | 100 000 | - |
| C001 | 20-10-2016 | Make offer | Mike | Mortgage | 100 000 | 70 000 |
| C001 | 25-10-2016 | Make offer | Mike | Mortgage | 100 000 | 80 000 |
| C002 | 20-10-2016 | Check completeness | Sue | Car | 15 000 | - |
| C002 | 20-10-2016 | Check credit history | Sue | Car | 15 000 | - |
| C002 | 22-10-2016 | Calculate risk score | Elsa | Car | 15 000 | - |
| C002 | 24-10-2016 | Reject application | Elsa | Car | 15 000 | - |
| | | | a | Mortgage | 30 000 | - |
| | | | a | Mortgage | 30 000 | - |
| | | | a | Mortgage | 30 000 | - |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

Concrete formats:

- Comma-Separated Values (CSV)
- IEEE XES (XML format)

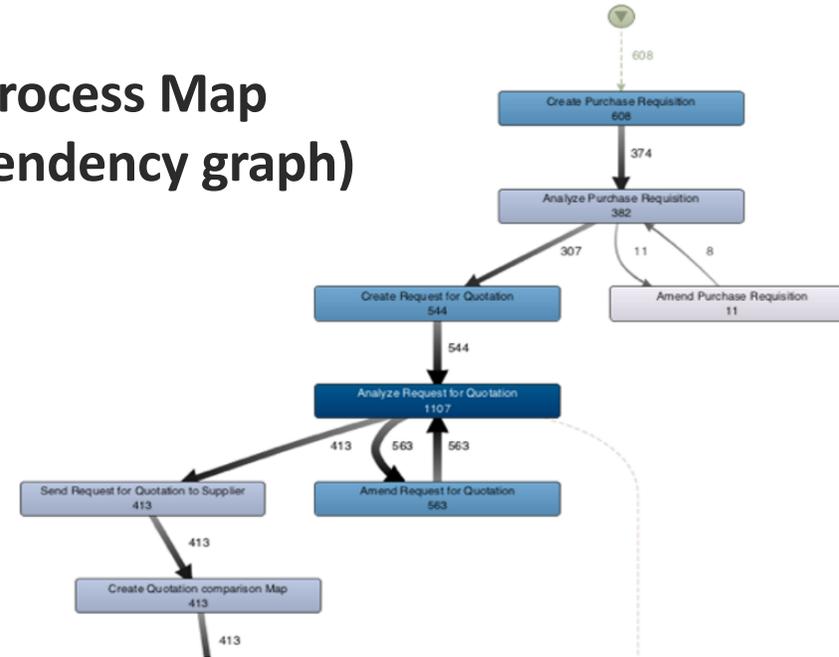
Tactical Process Mining



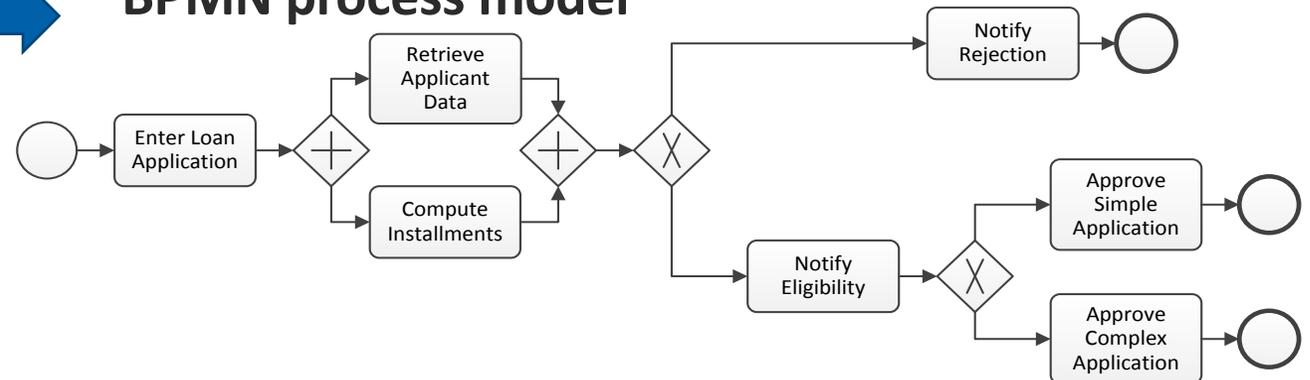
Automated Process Discovery

| CID | Task | Time Stamp | ... |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| 13219 | Enter Loan Application | 2007-11-09 T 11:20:10 | - |
| 13219 | Retrieve Applicant Data | 2007-11-09 T 11:22:15 | - |
| 13220 | Enter Loan Application | 2007-11-09 T 11:22:40 | - |
| 13219 | Compute Installments | 2007-11-09 T 11:22:45 | - |
| 13219 | Notify Eligibility | 2007-11-09 T 11:23:00 | - |
| 13219 | Approve Simple Application | 2007-11-09 T 11:24:30 | - |
| 13220 | Compute Installements | 2007-11-09 T 11:24:35 | - |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |

Process Map (dependency graph)



BPMN process model



Discovering BPMN Process Models

Alpha miner (α -miner)

- *Simple*, limited, not robust

Heuristics miner (and derivatives, including Fodina)

- Robust to noise, fast, but can produce incorrect models

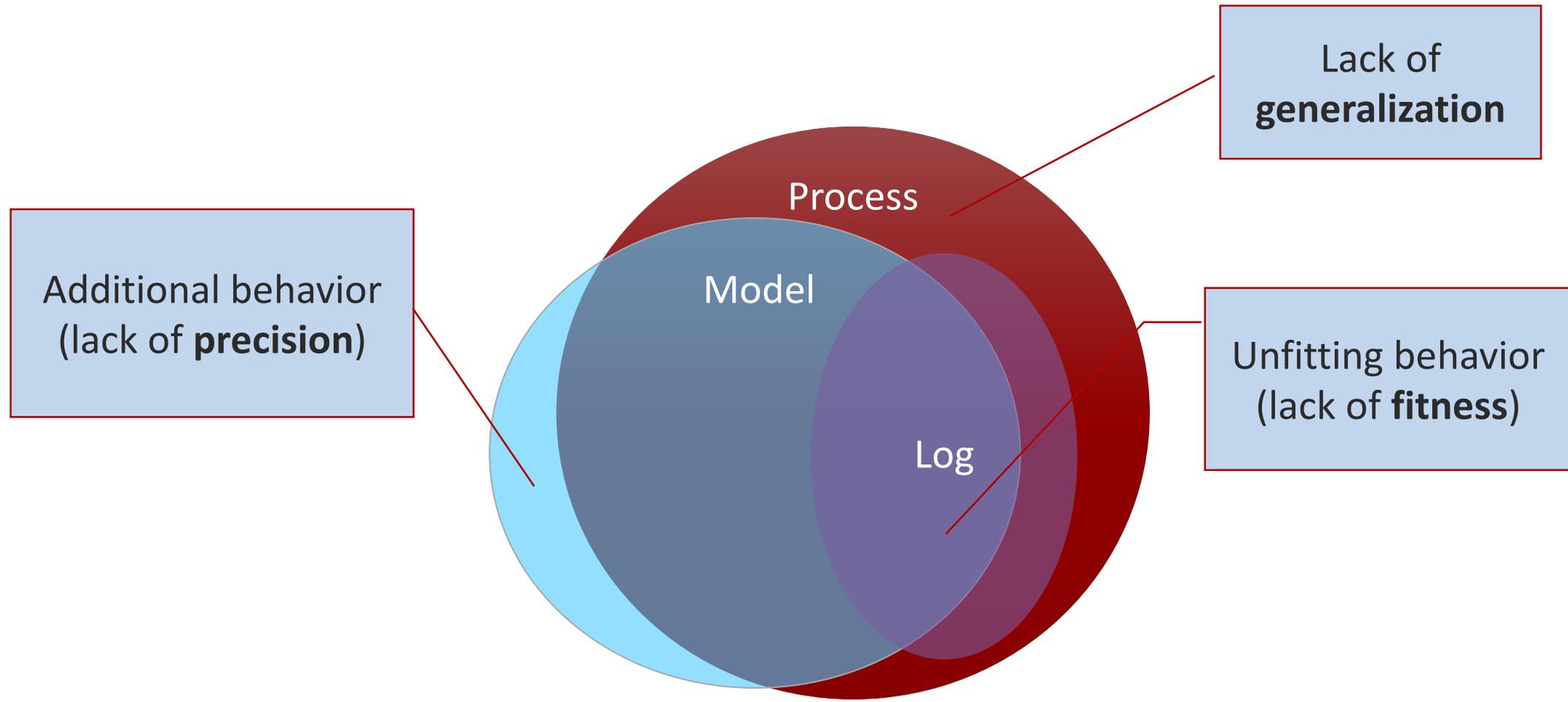
Inductive miner

- Ensures that models are block-structured & correct

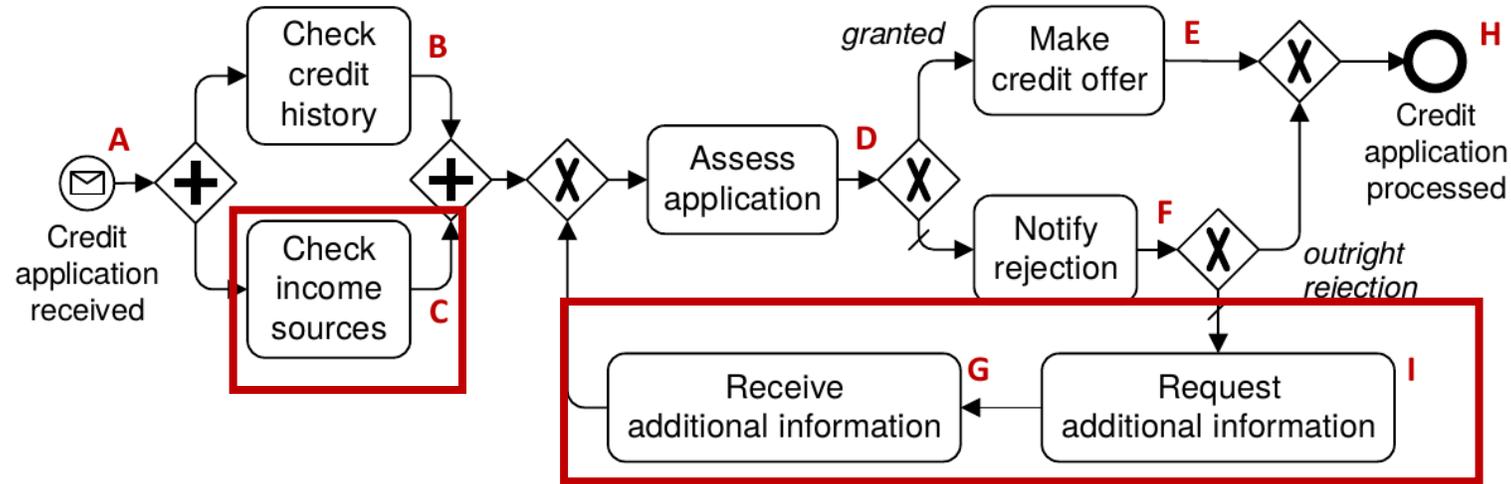
Split miner

- Produces deadlock-free but not necessarily structured models

Accuracy of Automated Process Discovery



Conformance Checking in Apromore



Lack of fitness

Lack of precision

Event log:

ABCDEH

ACBDEH

ABCDFH

ACBDFH

ABDEH

ABDFH

Automated Process Discovery Benchmark

- 24 real-life event logs (most from IEEE Task force on Process Mining)
- Quality criteria:
 - Accuracy measures: Fitness, precision, F-Score, generalization
 - Model complexity measures: size, structural complexity, structuredness
 - Model soundness
 - Execution time
- Main conclusions:
 - Inductive Miner, Evolutionary Tree Miner, Split Miner have highest F-scores
 - Closely followed by Fodina
 - Inductive Miner achieves highest fitness generally, but lower precision (than Split Miner)
 - Evolutionary tree miner produces simpler models, but high execution times

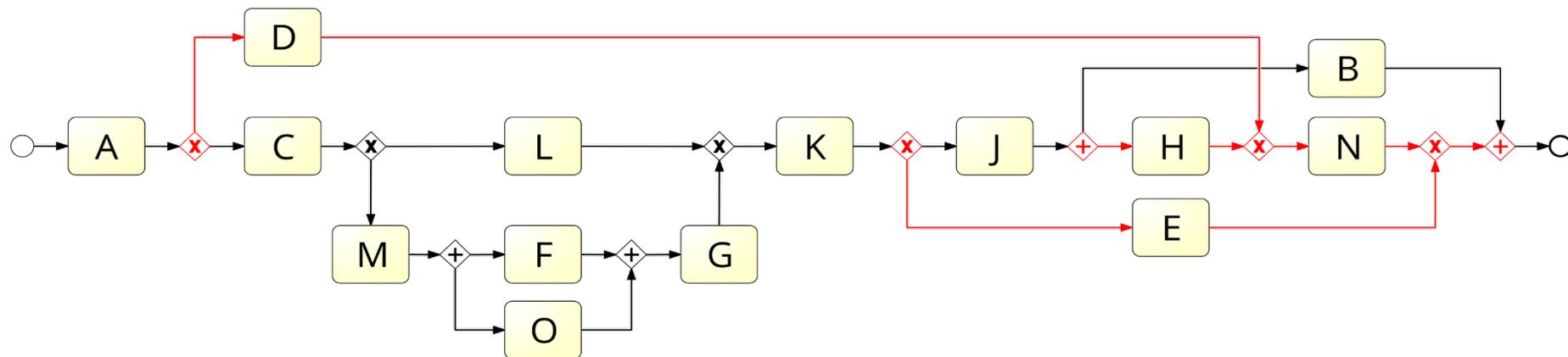
Automated Process Discovery Methods

Heuristics Miner

good F-score

complex models

semantic errors



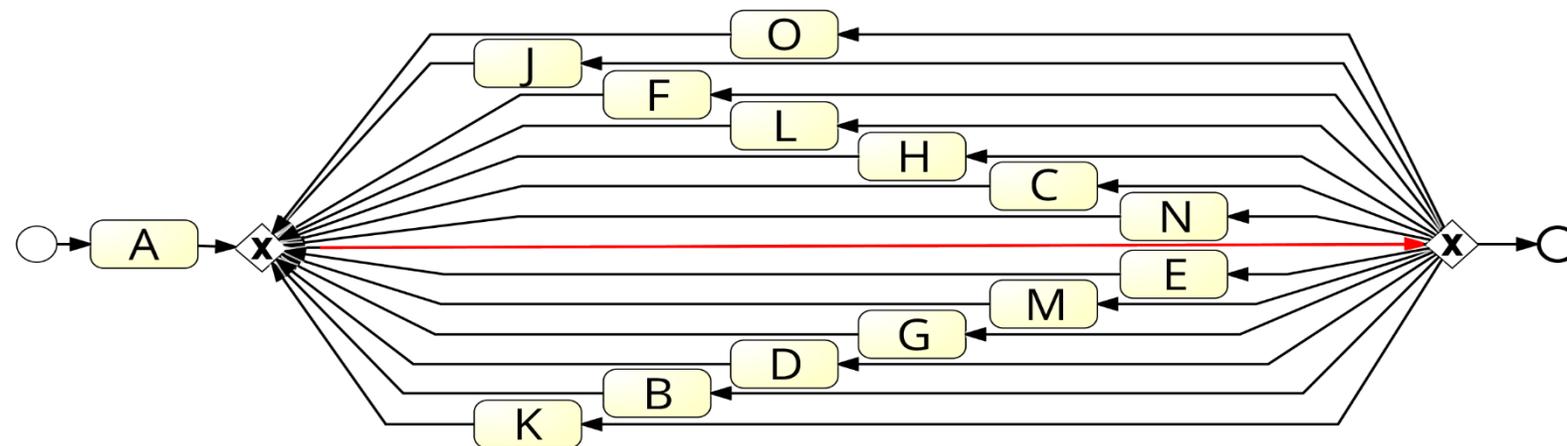
Inductive Miner

high fitness

no semantic errors

simpler models

low precision



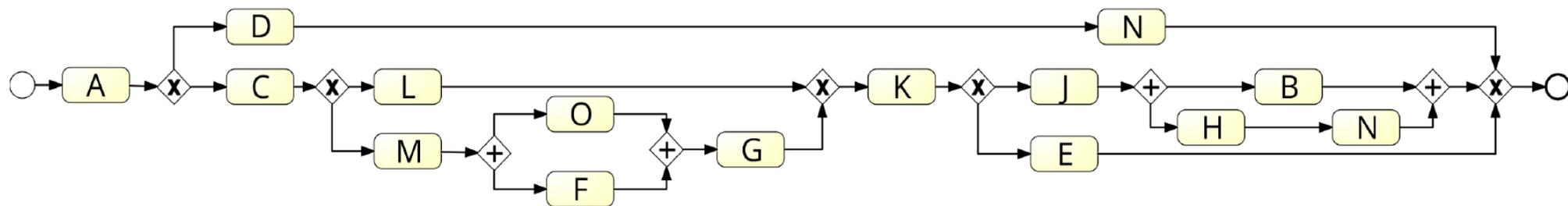
Split Miner

high fitness

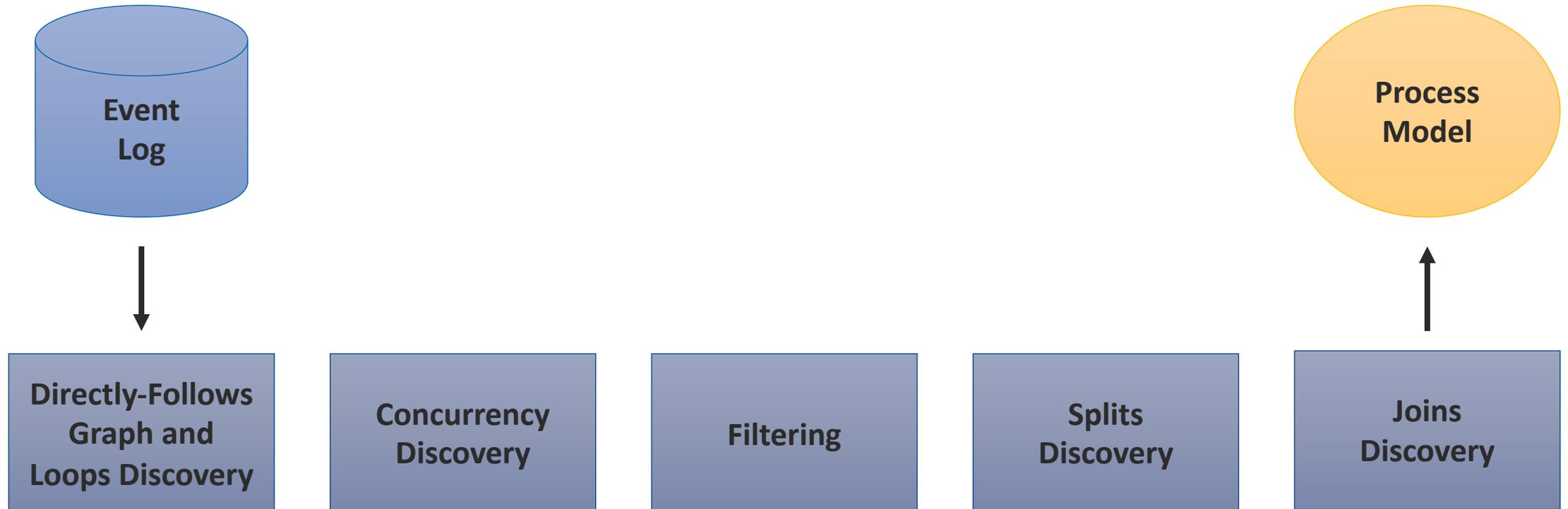
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simpler models

Moderate precision



Split Miner Algorithm



[Adriano Augusto](#), [Raffaele Conforti](#), Marlon Dumas, [Marcello La Rosa](#), [Artem Polyvyanyy](#):

Split miner: automated discovery of accurate and simple business process models from event logs.

[Knowl. Inf. Syst.](#) 59(2): 251-284 (2019)

Split Miner



Directly-Follows
Graph and
Loops Discovery

Concurrency
Discovery

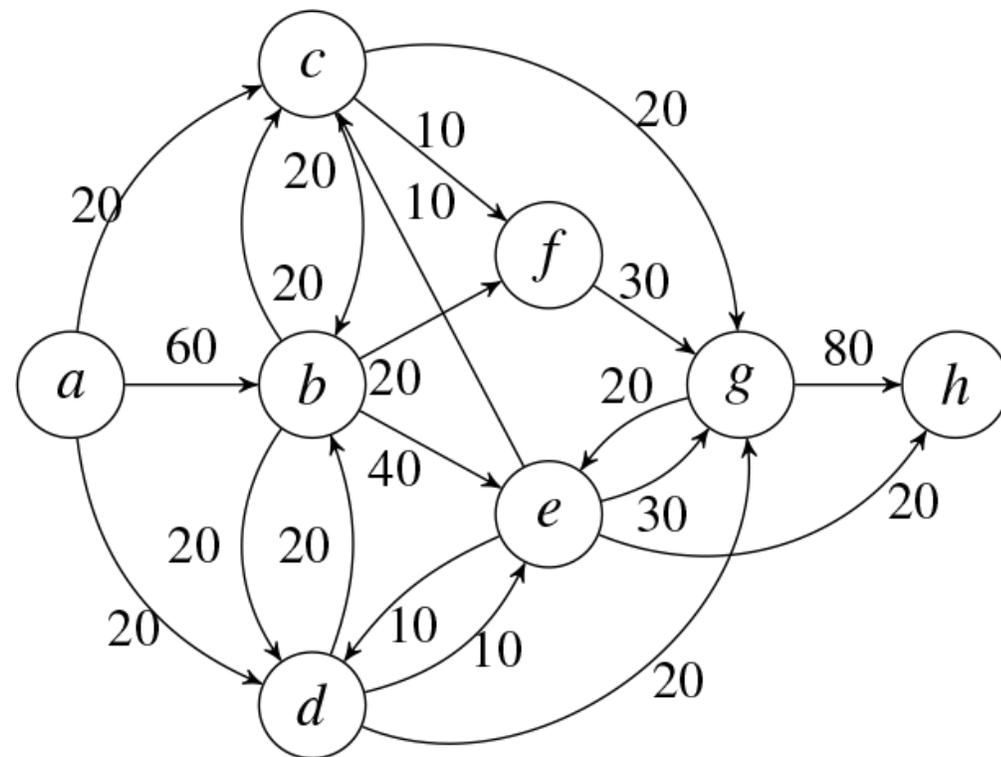
Filtering

Splits
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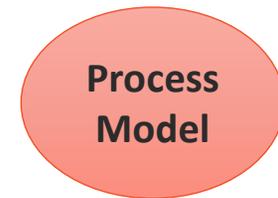
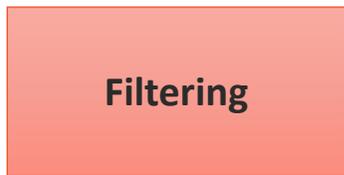
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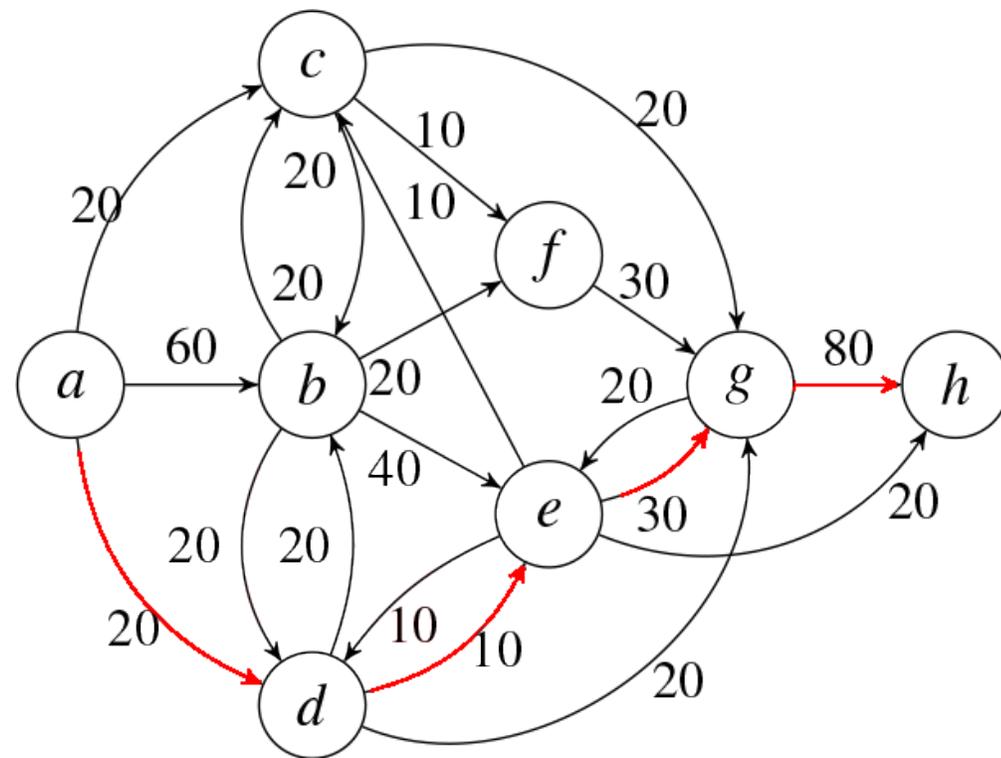
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Split Miner



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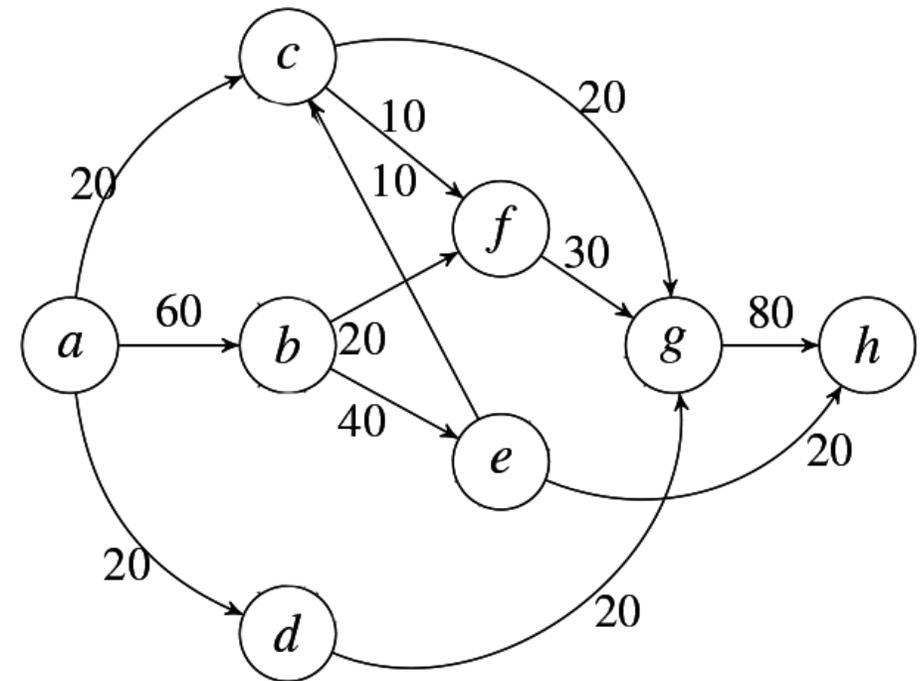
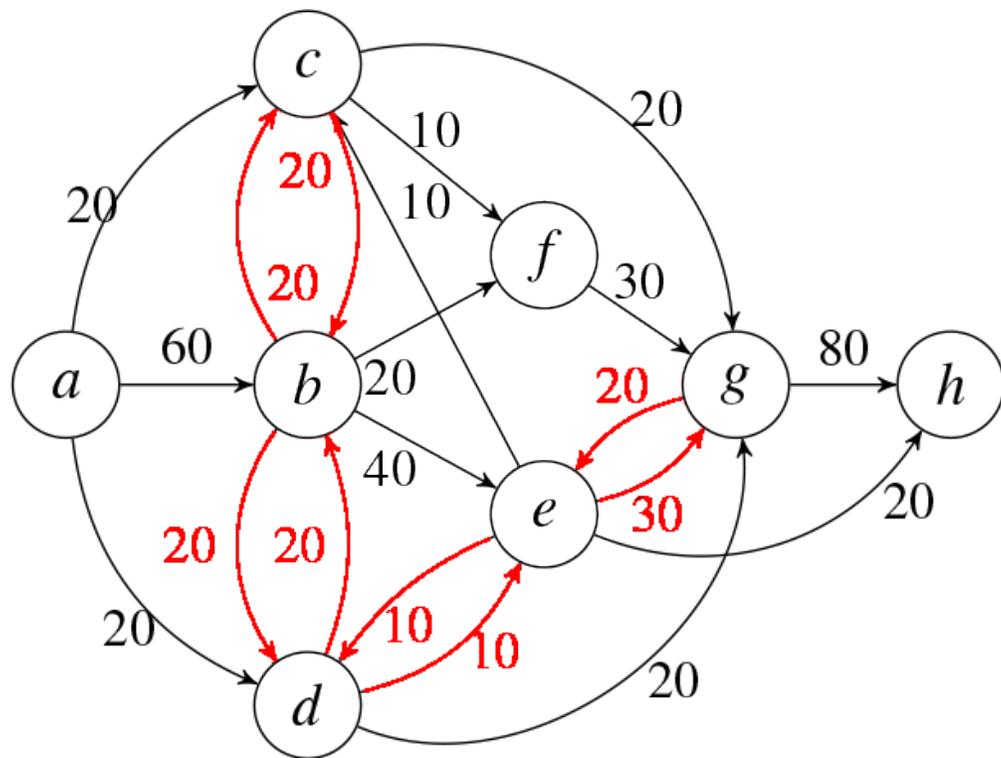
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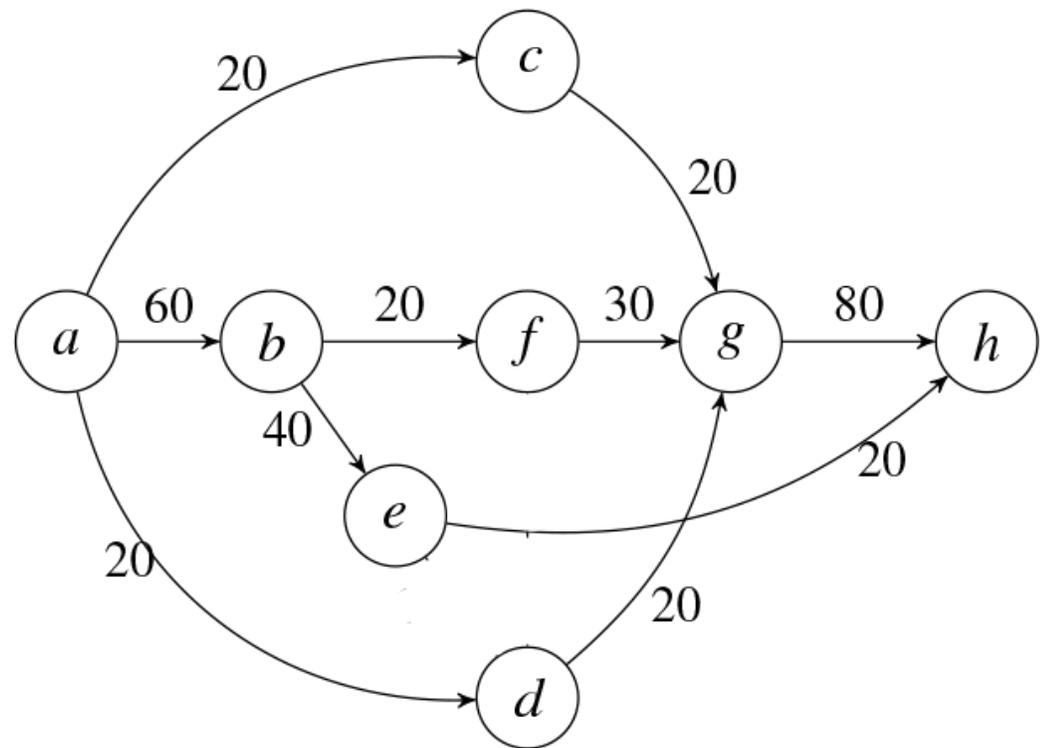
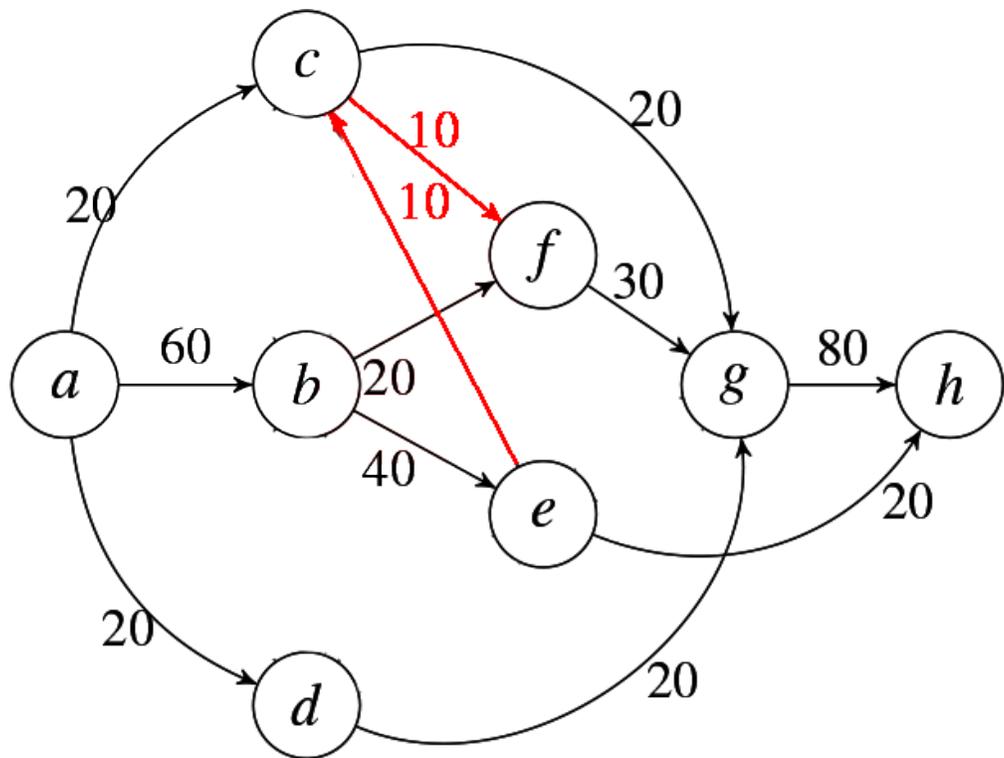
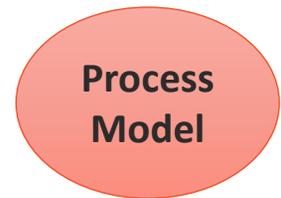
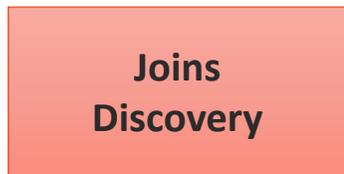
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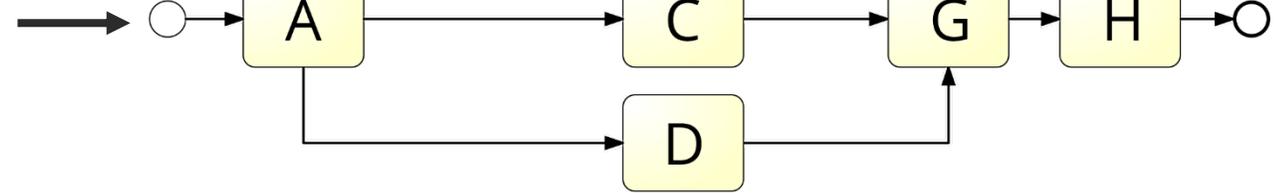
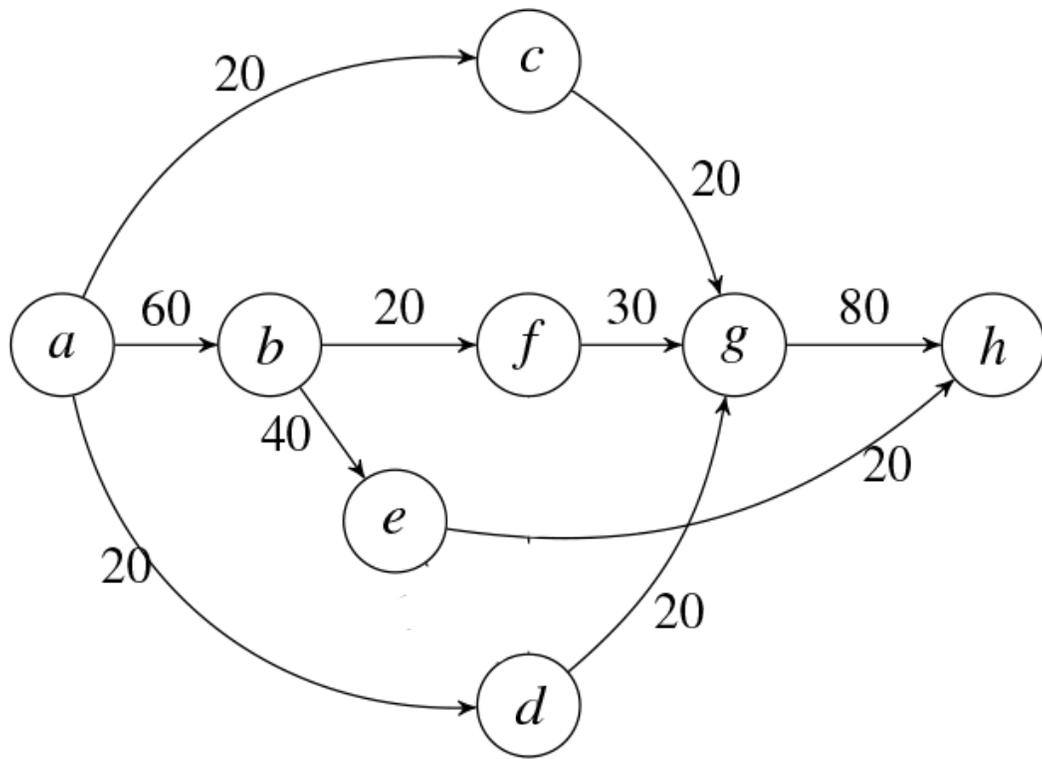


$(b \parallel c) (b \parallel d) (d \parallel e) (e \parallel g)$

Split Miner



From Maps to BPMN





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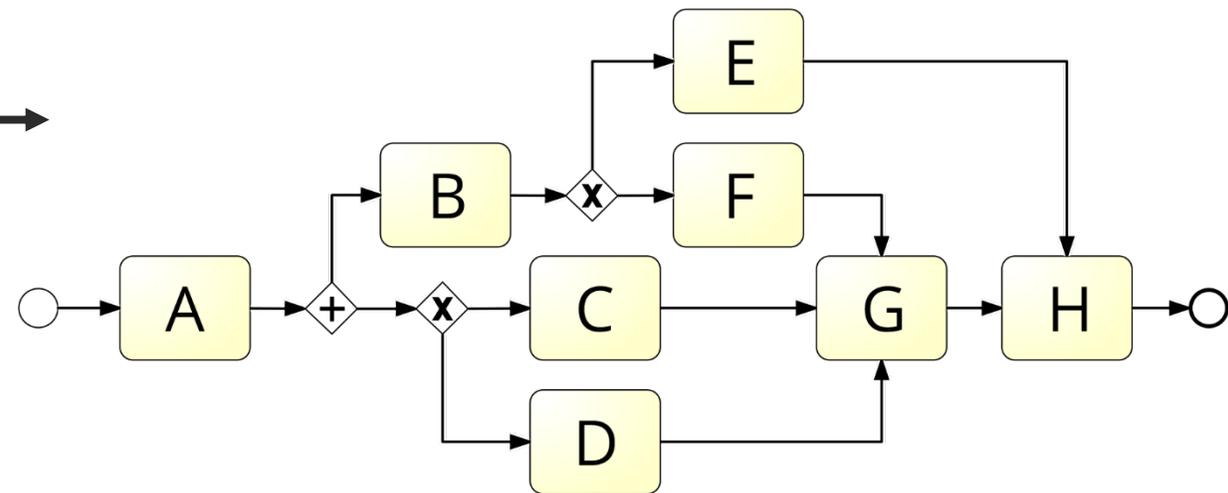
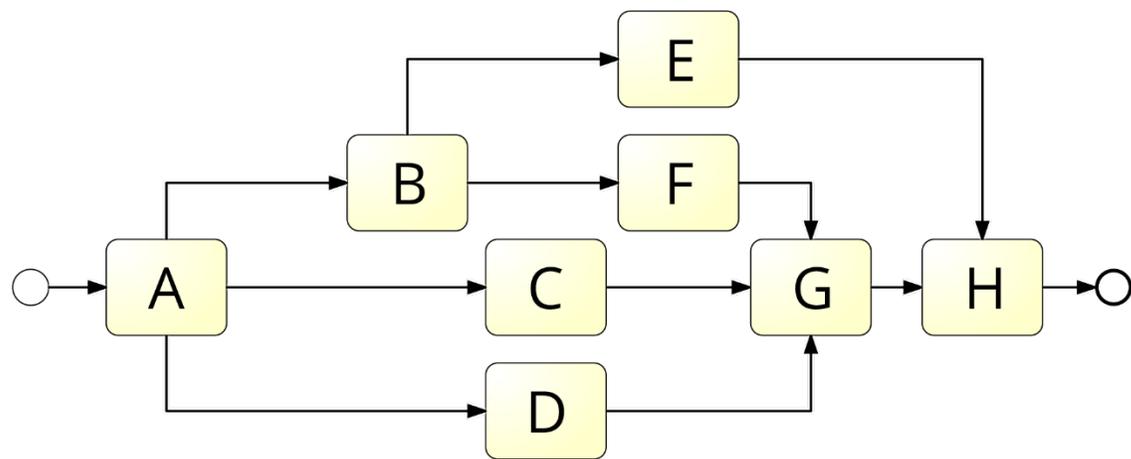
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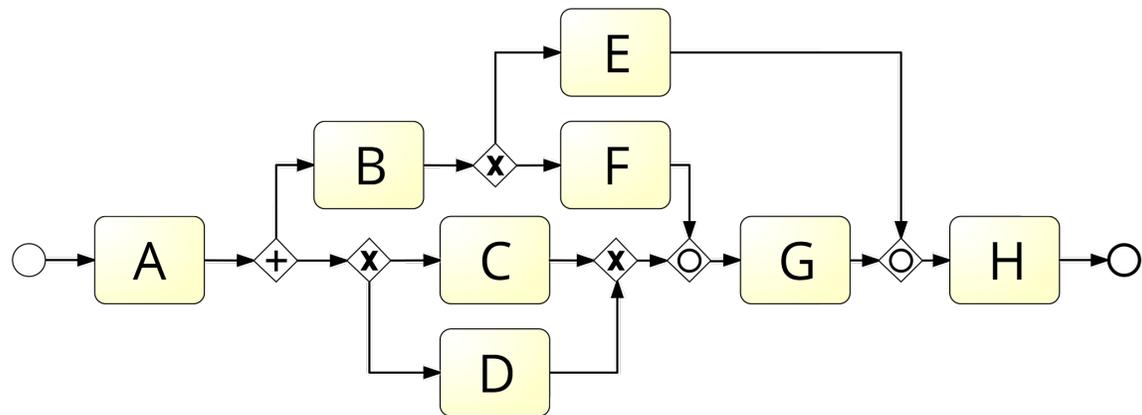
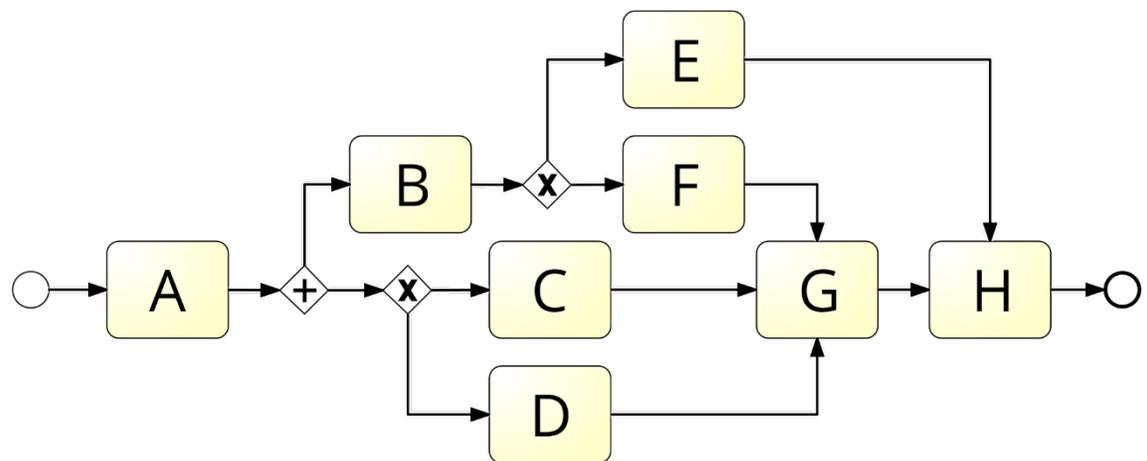
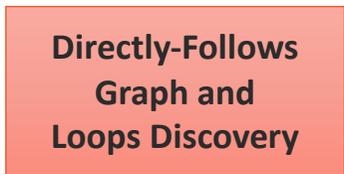
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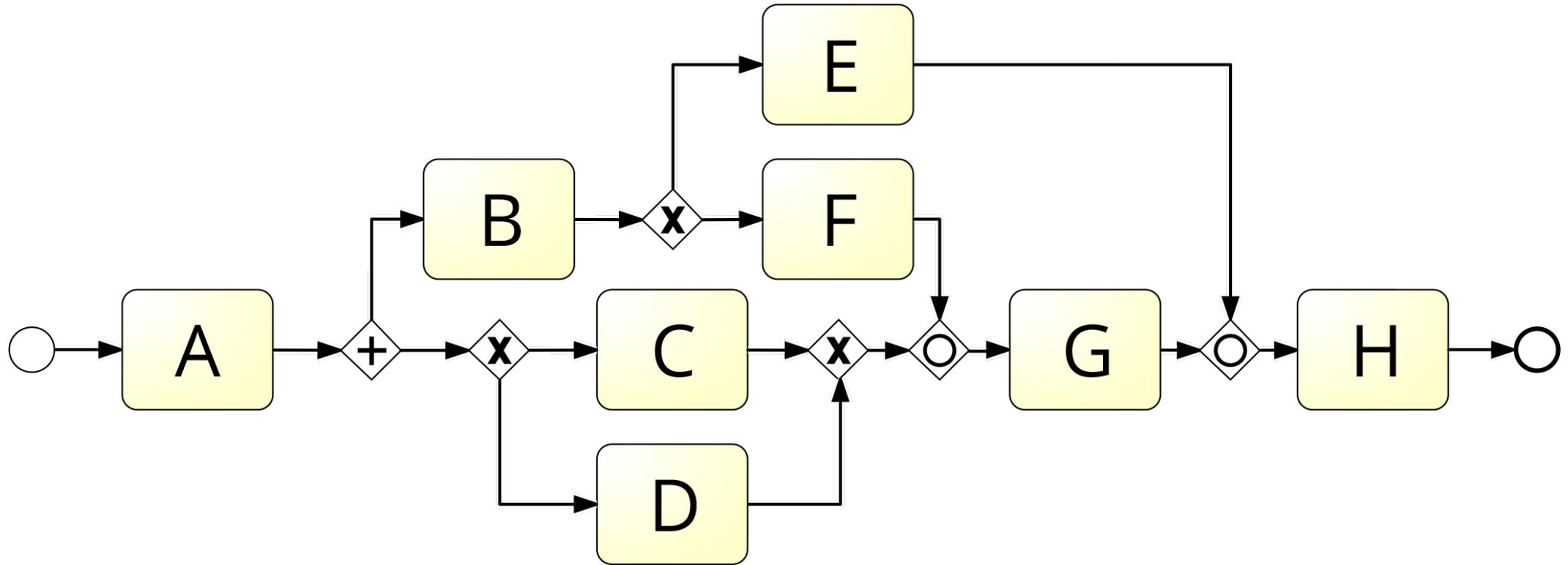
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(b || c) (b || d) (d || e) (e || g)



Done!





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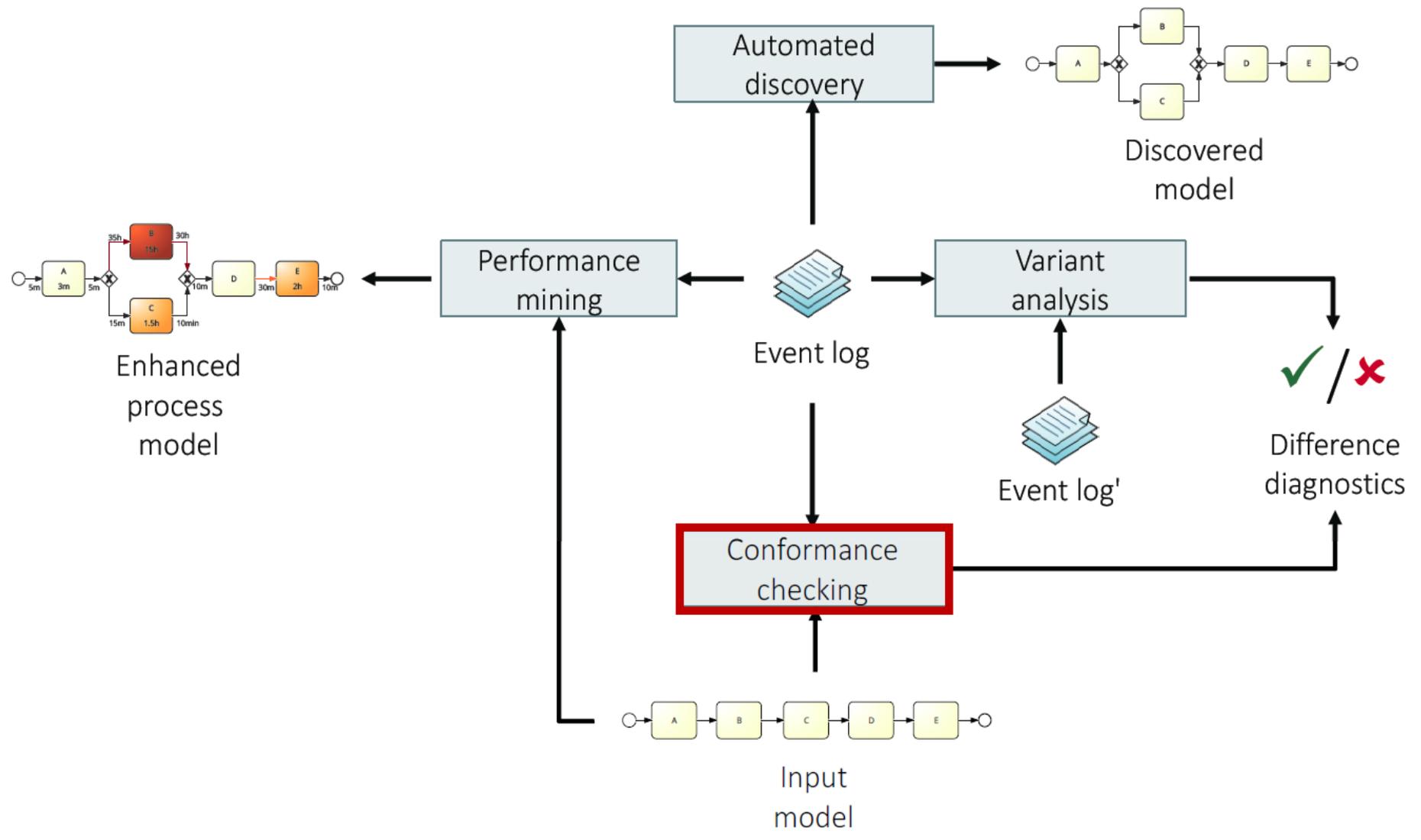
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Demo Time!

<http://apromore.org>

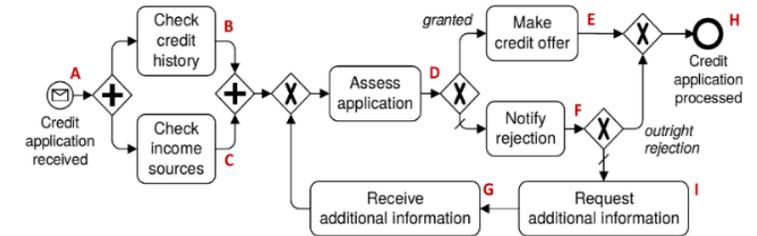
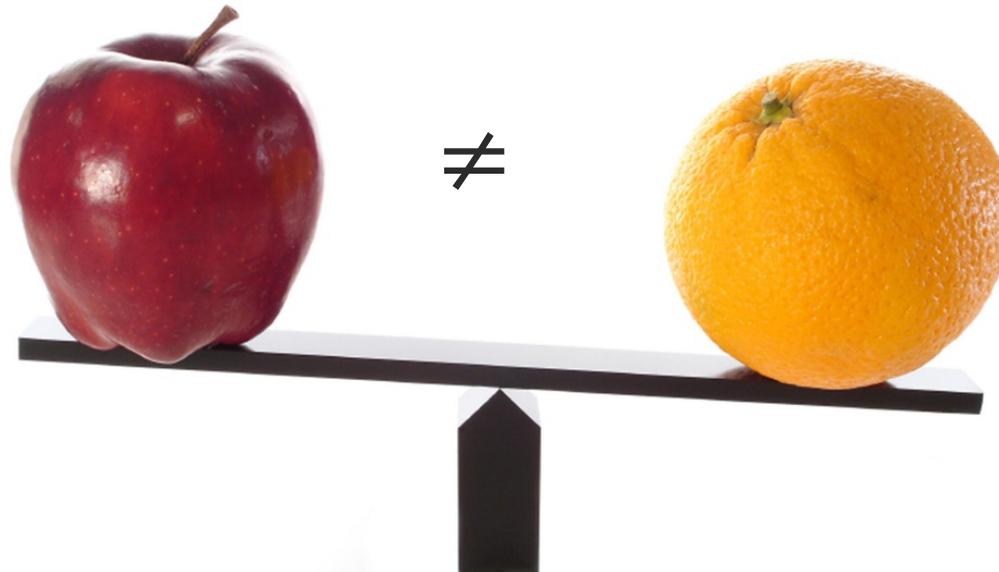
Process Mining



Conformance Checking

Given a process model and an event log, find, describe, and/or measure the *differences* between them

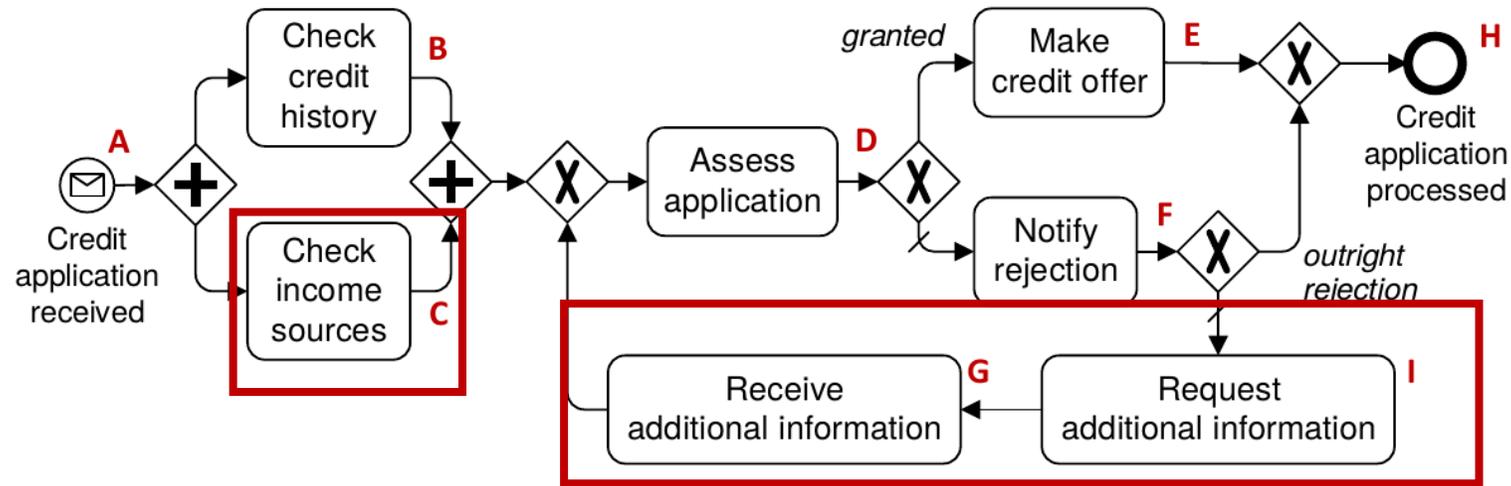
| No. of Instances | Log Traces |
|------------------|------------|
| 1207 | ABDEA |
| 145 | ACDGHFA |
| 56 | ACGDHFA |
| 23 | ACHDFA |
| 28 | ACDHFA |



Conformance Checking with Trace Alignment



Conformance Checking in Apromore (Behavior Alignment)



Event log:

ABCDEH
 ACBDEH
 ABCDFH
 ACBDFH
 ABDEH
 ABDFH

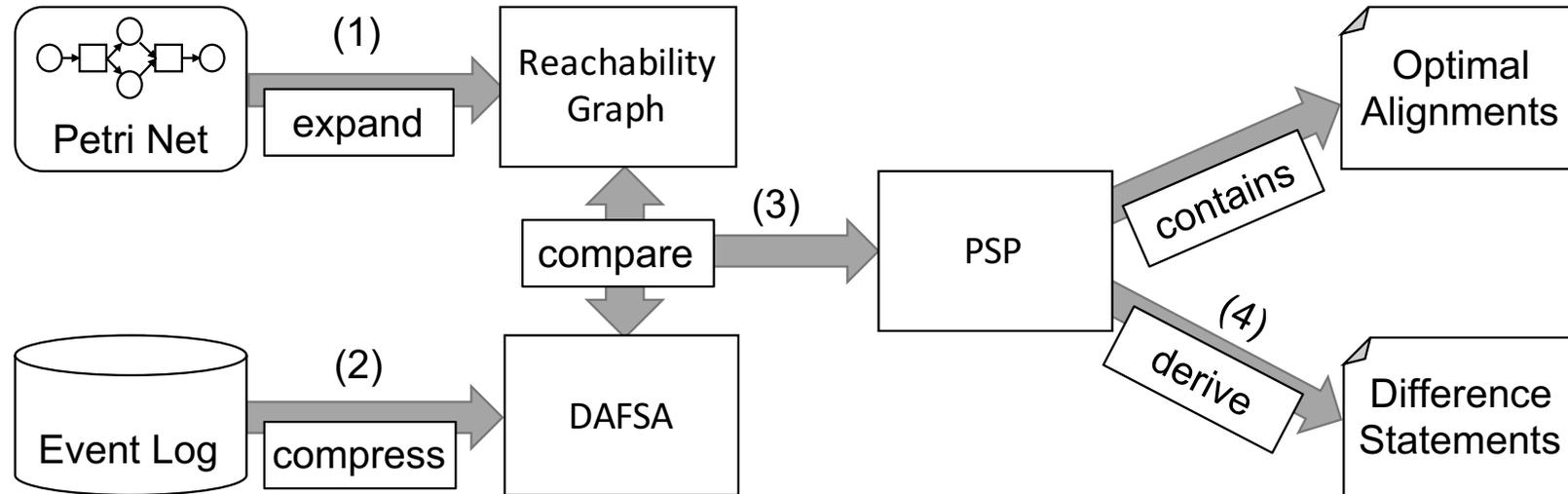
Unfitting behaviour:

- Task C is *optional* (i.e. may be skipped) in the log

Additional behavior:

- The *cycle* including IGDF is not observed in the log

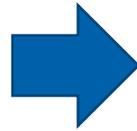
Behavior Alignment



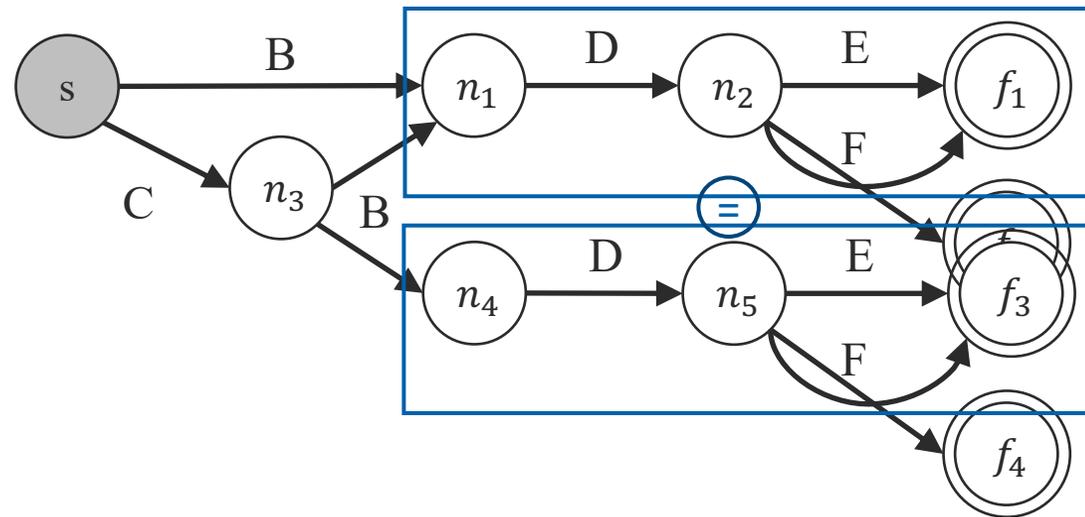
From event log to DAFSA

Log

| Trace | N |
|------------------------------|----|
| $\langle B, D, E \rangle$ | 5 |
| $\langle B, D, F \rangle$ | 10 |
| $\langle C, B, D, E \rangle$ | 15 |
| $\langle C, B, D, F \rangle$ | 5 |

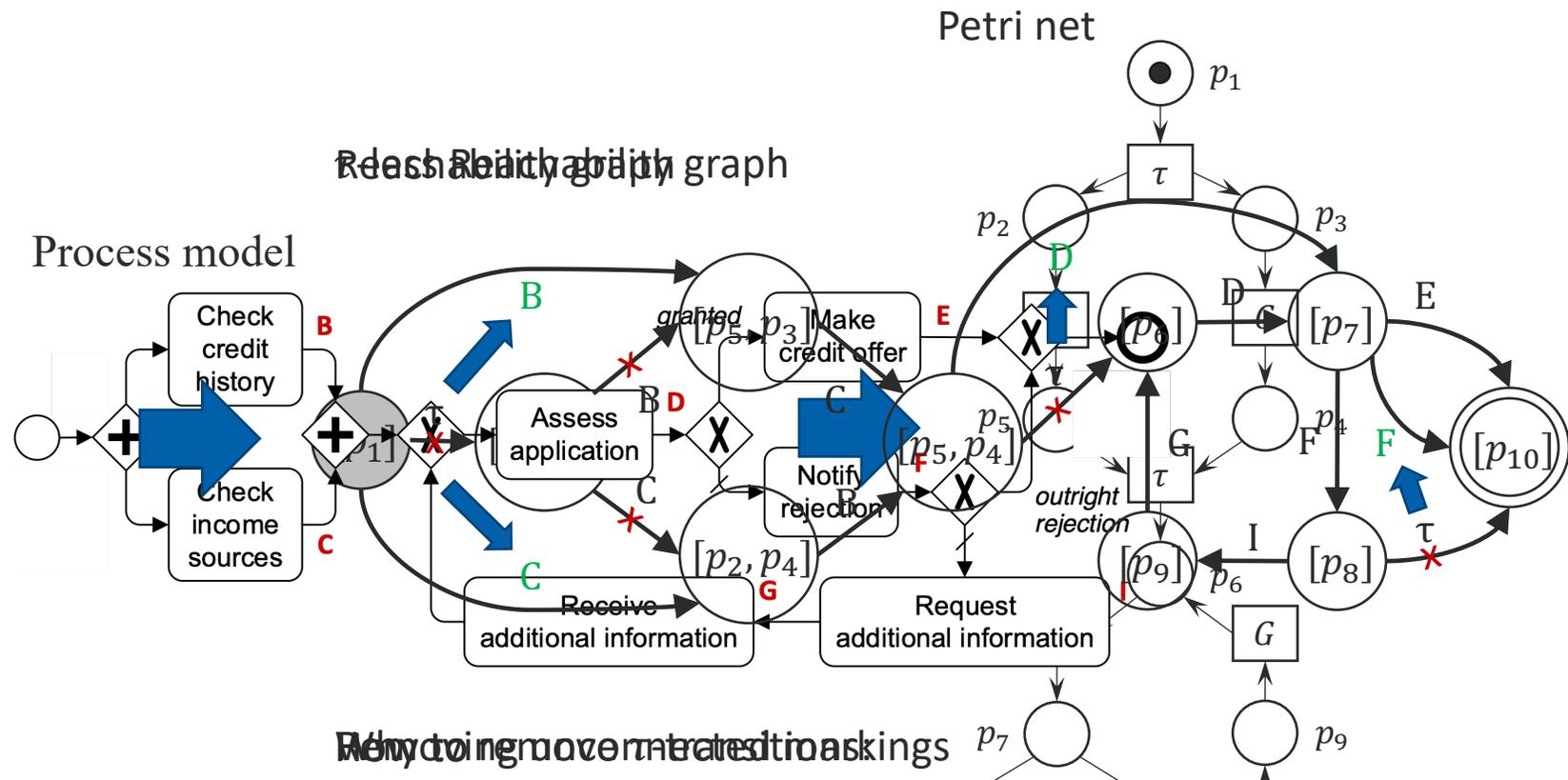


DAFSA



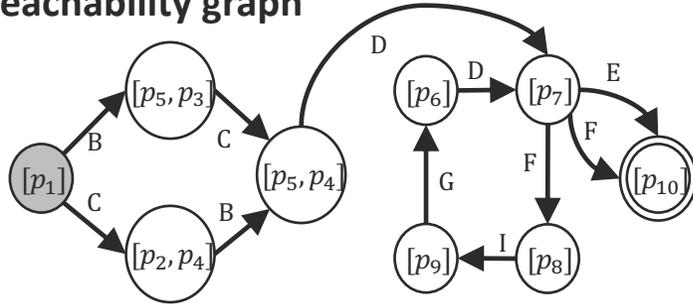
| Prefixes | Suffixes |
|---|--|
| $\langle B, D \rangle, \langle C, B, D \rangle$ | $\langle D, F \rangle, \langle D, E \rangle$ |

From process model to reachability graph



PSP construction with the A* - Algorithm

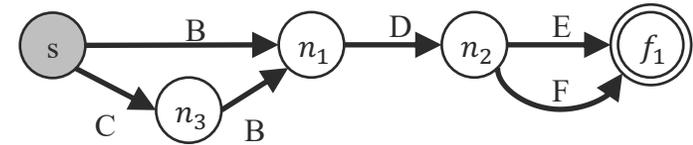
τ -less Reachability graph



current trace

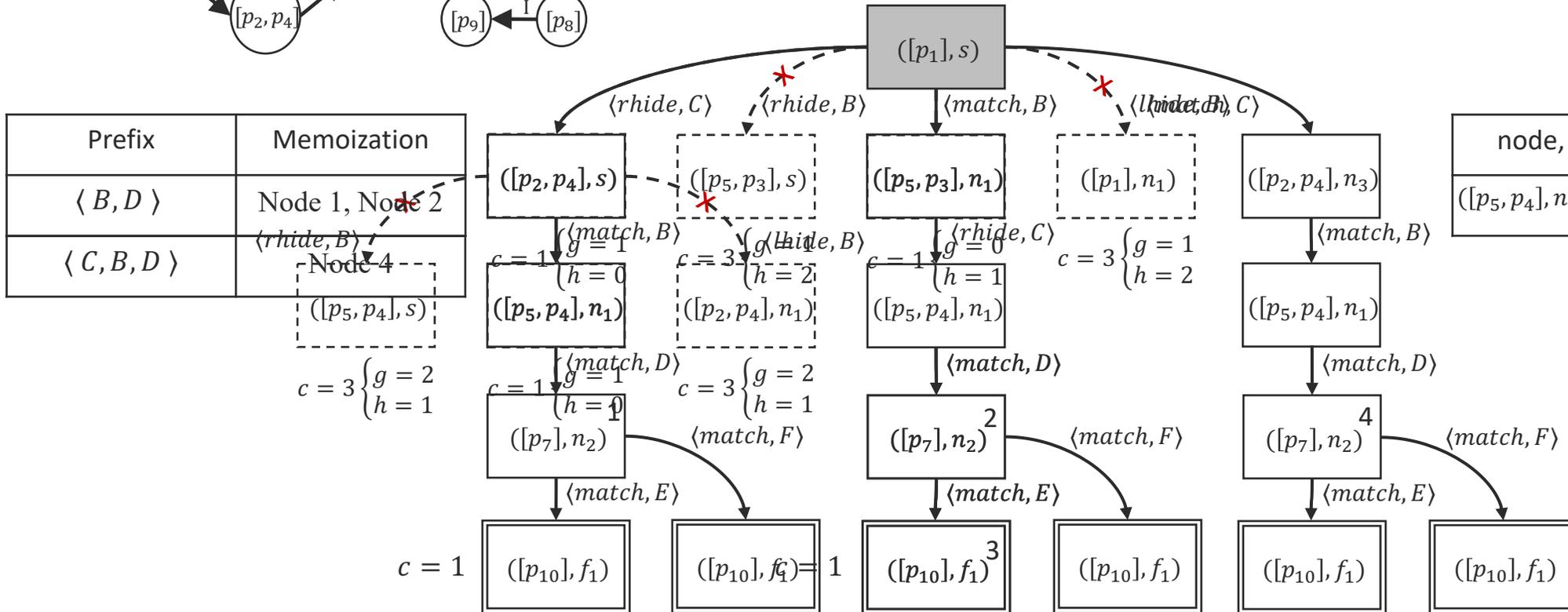
$\langle C, B, D, E \rangle$

DAFSA



| Prefix | Memoization |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| $\langle B, D \rangle$ | Node 1, Node 2 |
| $\langle C, B, D \rangle$ | Node 4 |

| node, Suffix | Memoization |
|---|----------------|
| $([p_5, p_4], n_1), \langle D, E \rangle$ | Path to node 3 |



Interactive Model Repair

Loan

Differences

Apply

In the log, after "Start", "Appraise property" occurs before "Check credit history", while in the model they are concurrent (10% of traces)

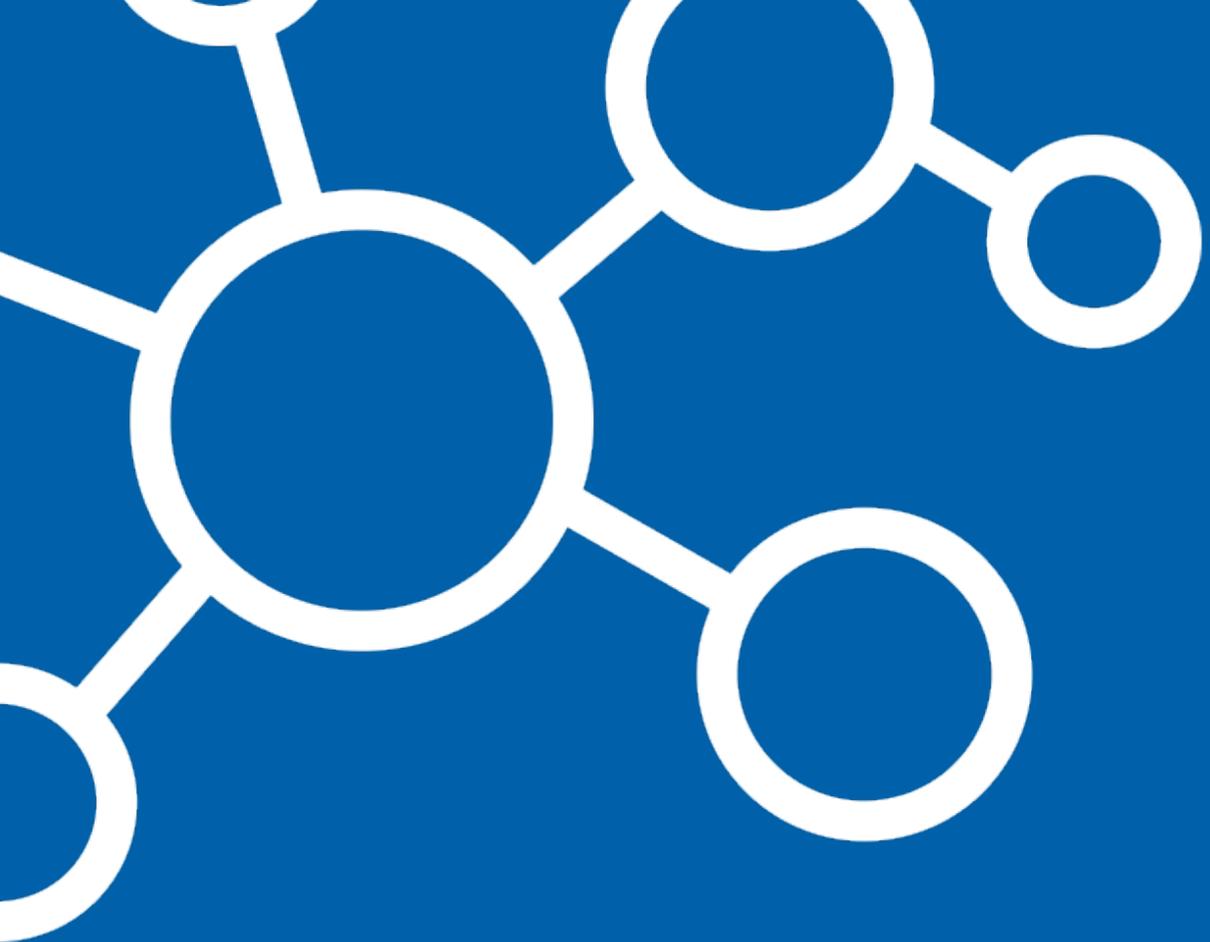
In the log, after "Start", "Appraise property" occurs before "Assess loan risk", while in the model they are concurrent (10% of traces)

In the log, after "Assess eligibility", "[Prepare acceptance pack, Check if home insurance quote is requested]" is optional (2% of traces)

In the model, after "Reject application", "[Notify agent]" is substituted by "[Send notification]" (2% of traces)

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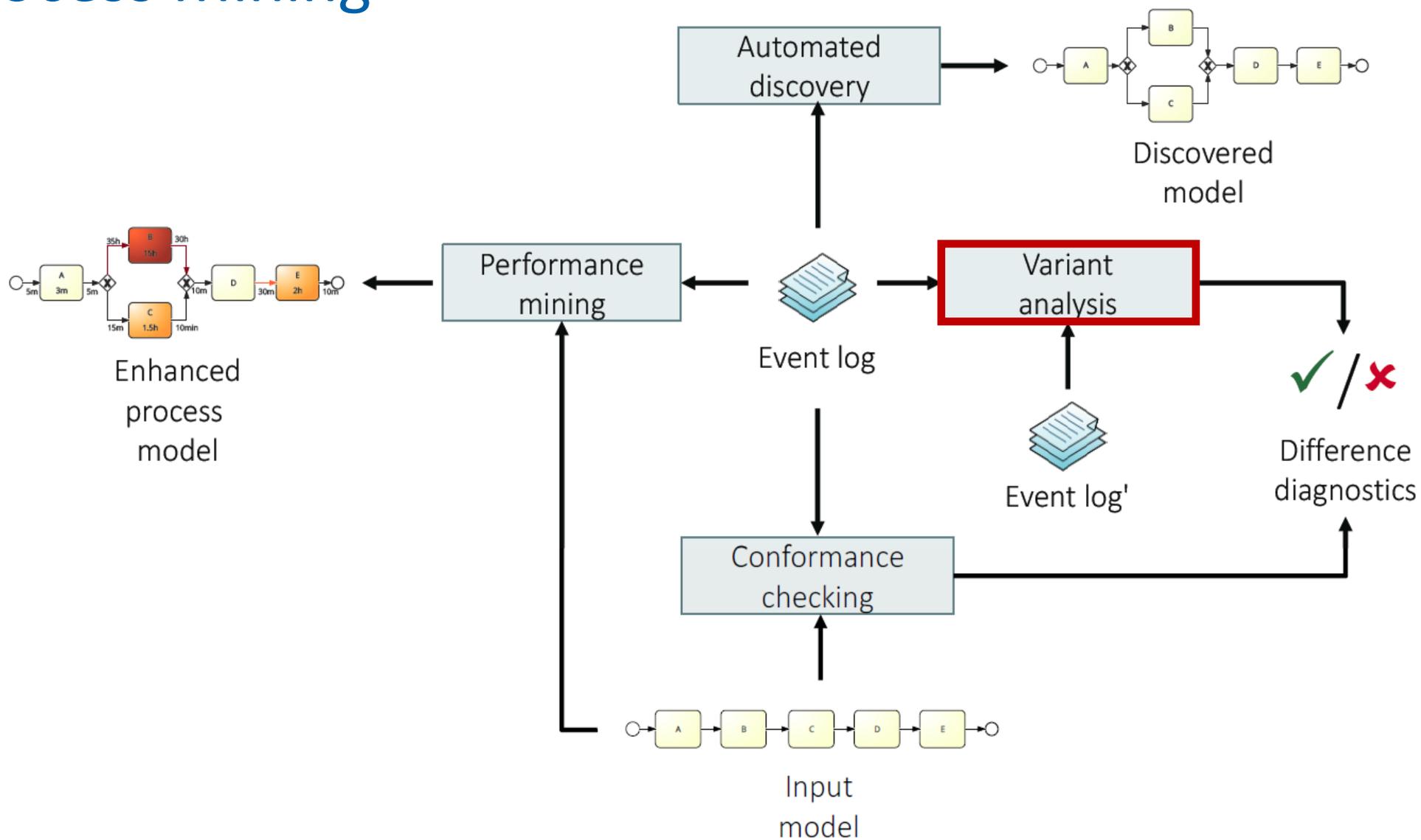
    graph LR
      Start(( )) --> G1{X}
      G1 --> RUA[Receive updated application]
      RUA --> G2{X}
      G2 --> CAC[Check application form completeness]
      CAC --> G3{+}
      G3 --> AP[Appraise property]
      G3 --> CH[Check credit history]
      AP --> ALR[Assess loan risk]
      CH --> ALR
      ALR --> G4{+}
      G4 --> AE[Assess eligibility]
      AE --> G5{X}
      G5 --> RA[Reject application]
      G5 --> PAP[Prepare acceptance pack]
      RA --> NA[Notify agent]
      PAP --> G6{X}
      G6 --> CHIR[Check if home insurance quote is requested]
      CHIR --> G7{X}
      G7 --> SHIQ[Send home insurance quote]
      G7 --> SA[Send acceptance]
  
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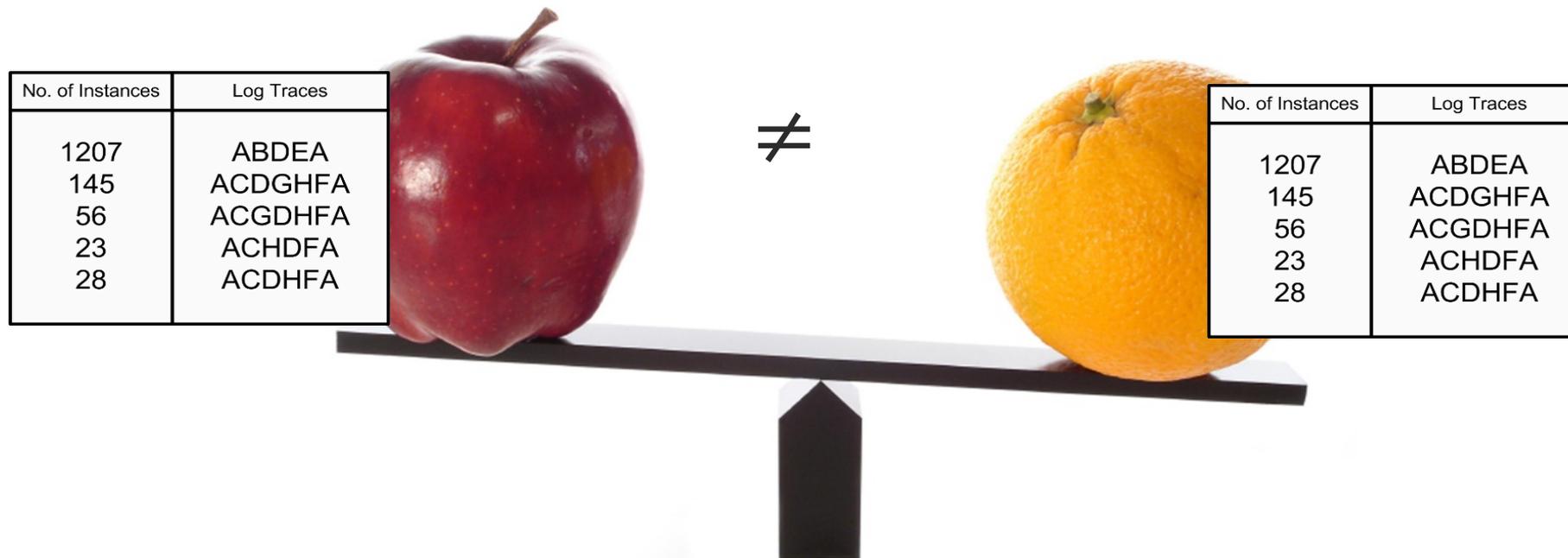
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Process Mining



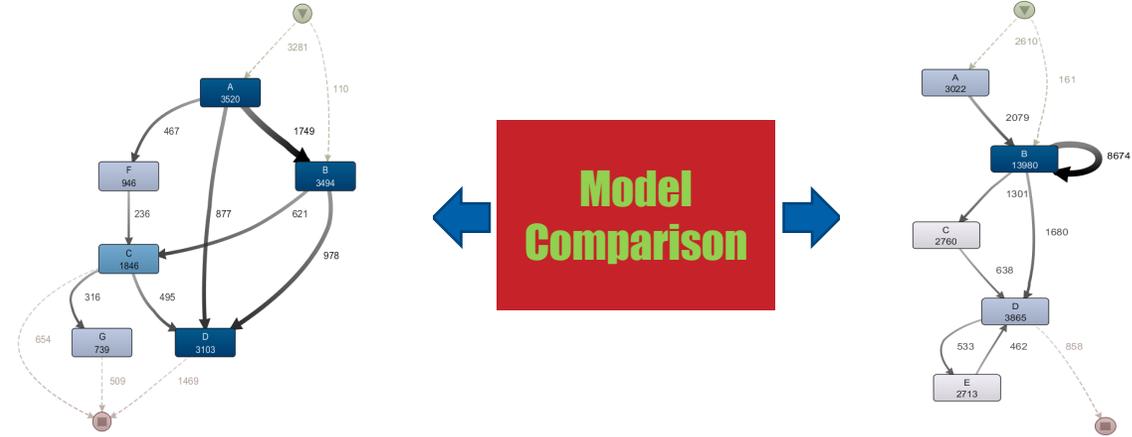
Variants Analysis

Given two logs, find the *differences* and *root causes* for variation between the two logs

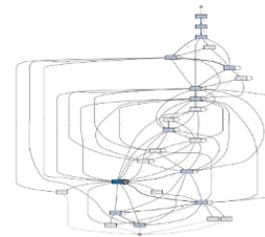


Variants Analysis

- Model comparison



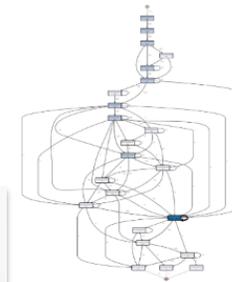
- Log delta analysis



L1 - Short stay
448 cases
7329 events

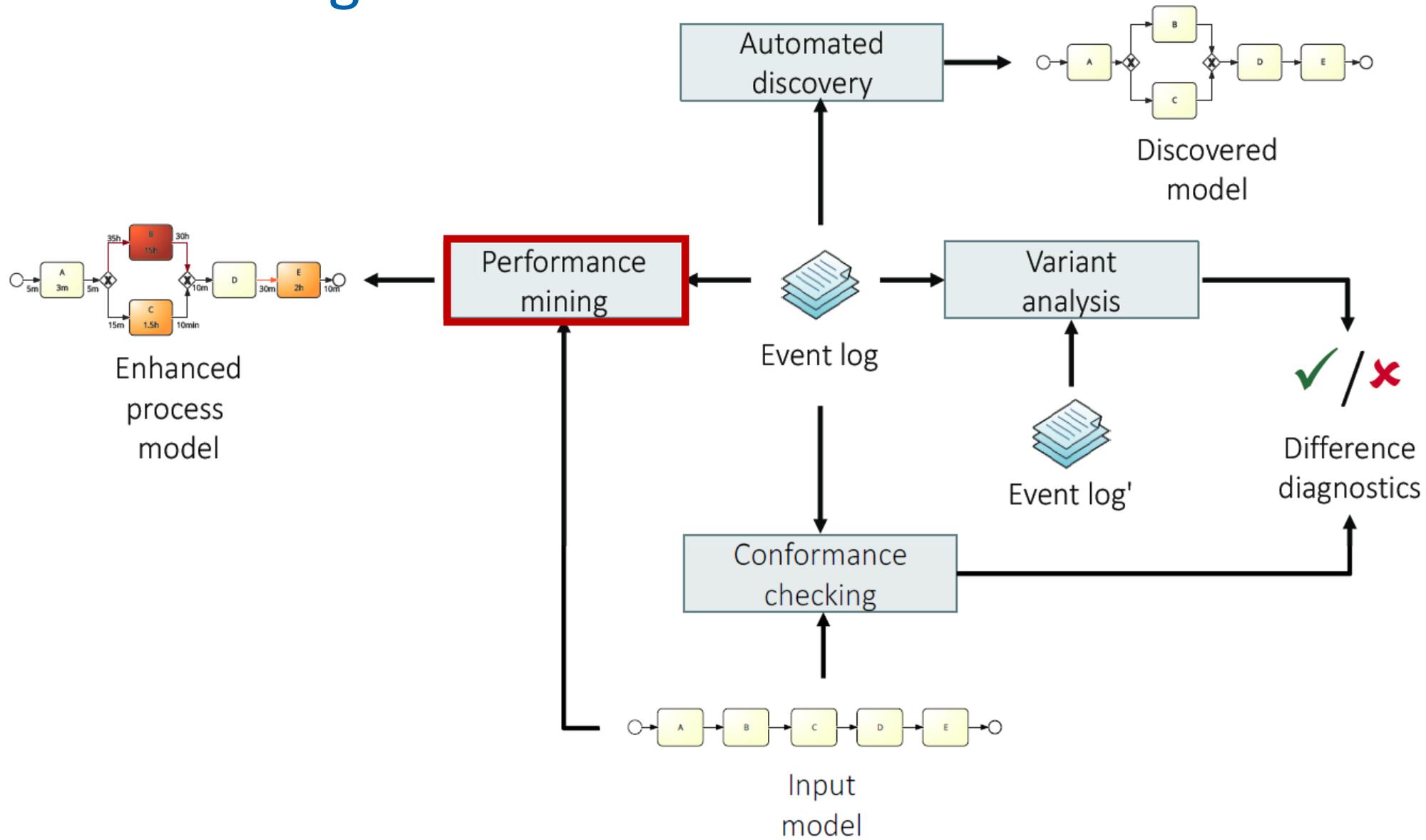
Log Delta Analysis

In L1, "Nursing Primary Assessment" is repeated after "Medical Assign" and "Triage Request", while in L2 it is not...



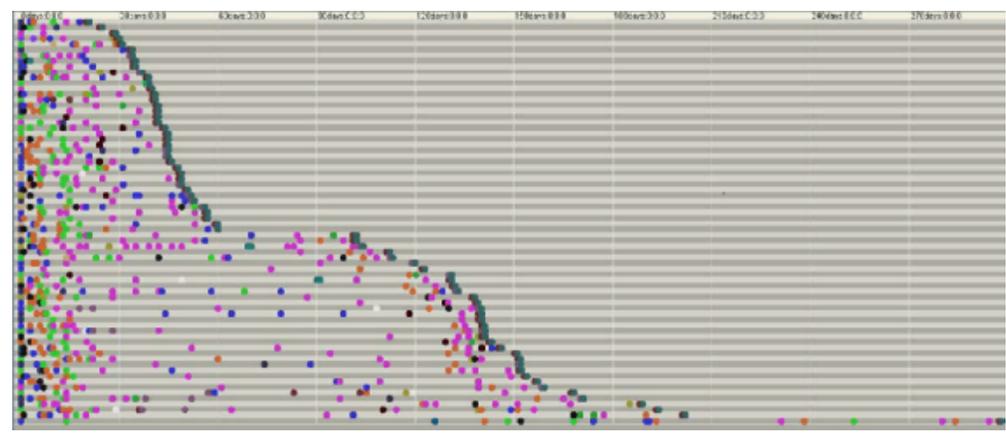
L2 - Long stay
363 cases
7496 events

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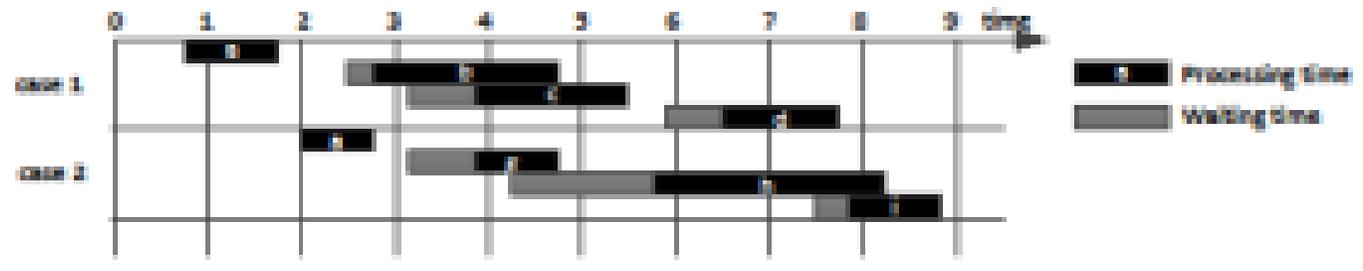


Performance Mining

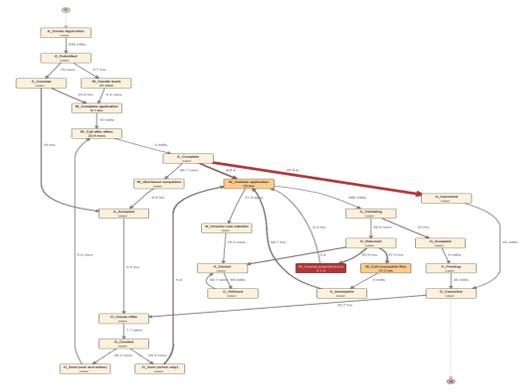
☐ Dotted charts



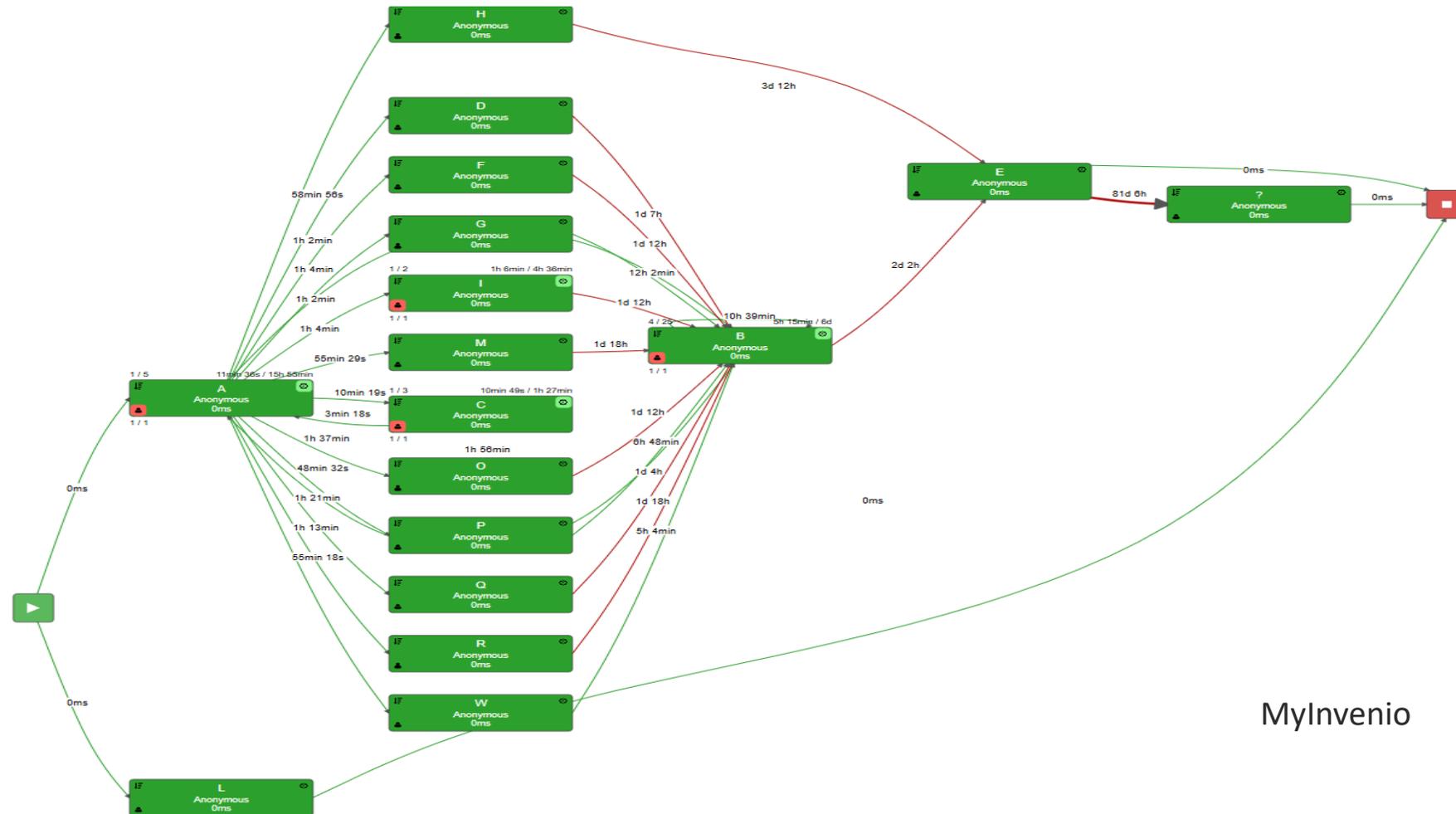
☐ Timeline diagrams



☐ Performance-enhanced dependency graphs



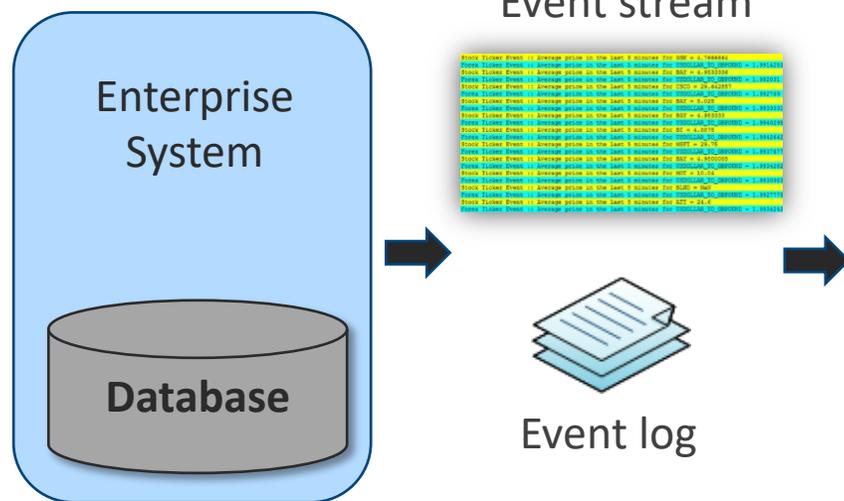
Performance-Enhanced Handoff Map



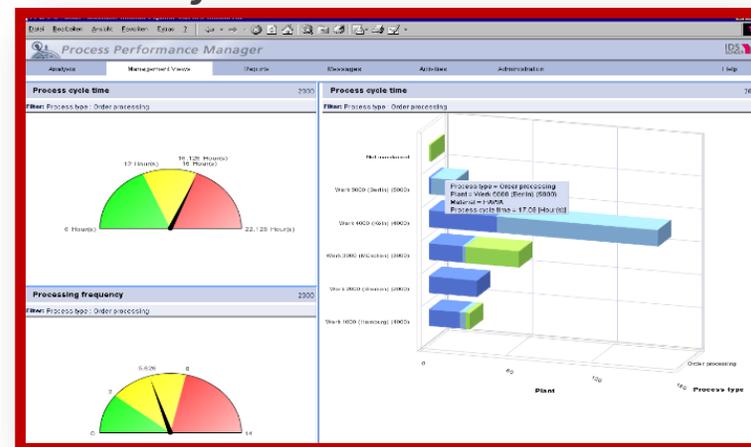
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Operational Process Analytics

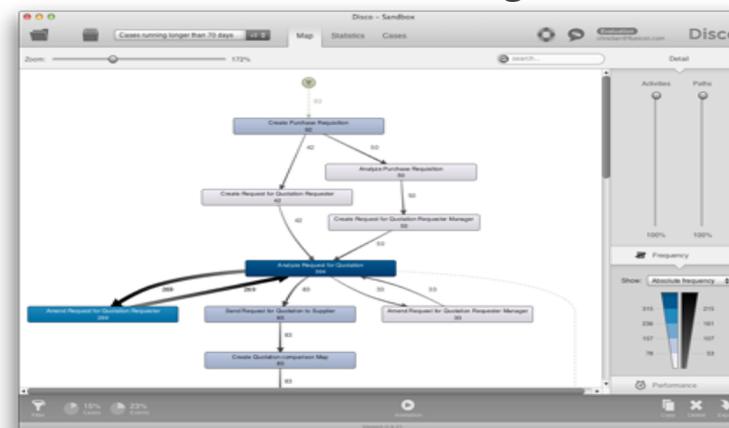
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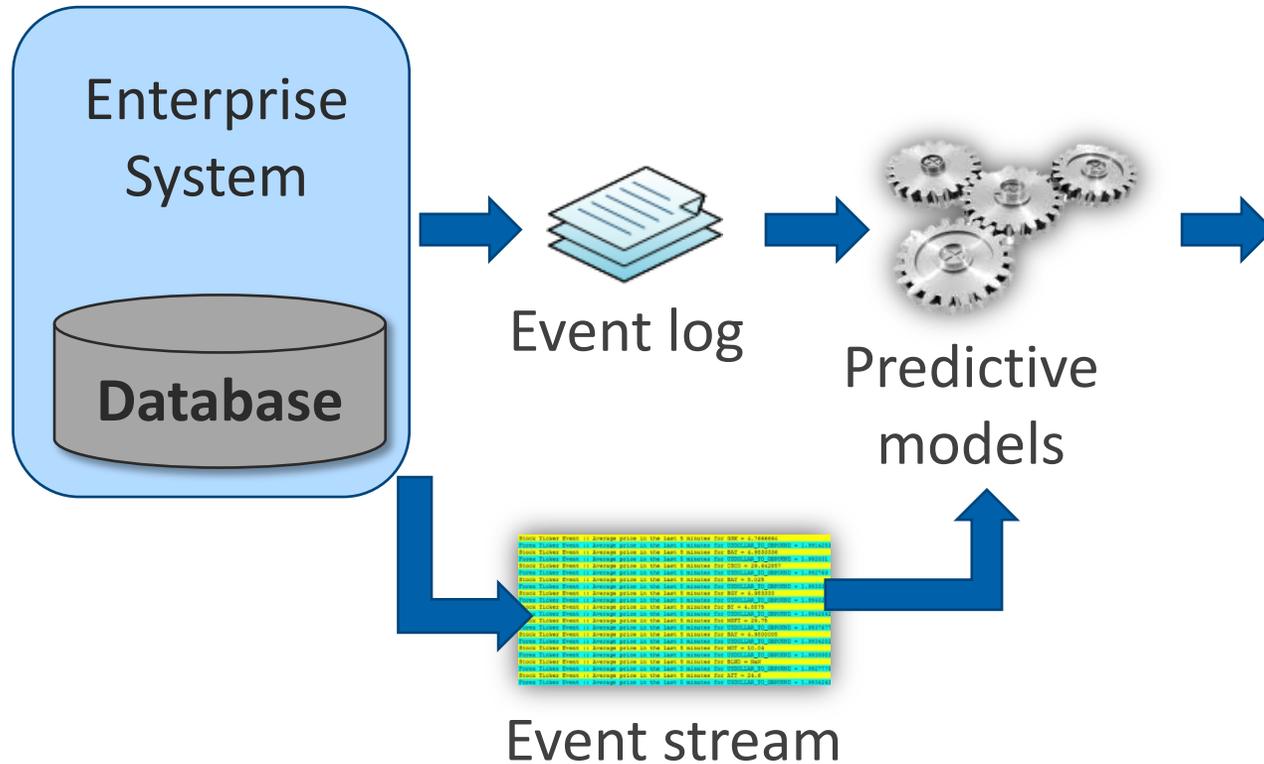
Statistics-Based Techniques Performance Dashboards



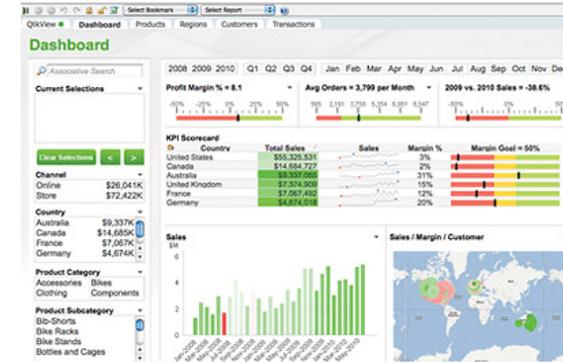
Model-Based Techniques Process Mining



Predictive Process Monitoring



Aggregate predictive dashboards

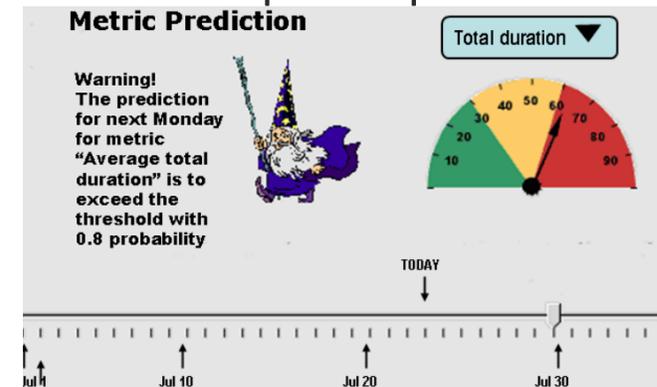


Detailed predictive dashboard

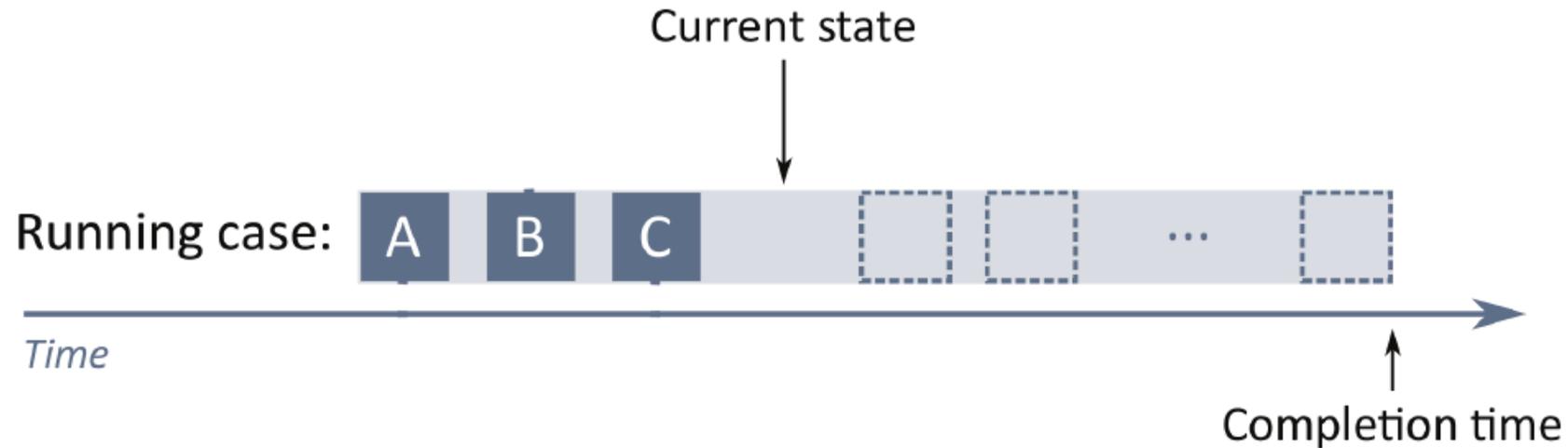
| Running cases | Completed cases | Completed events | Events per completed case | Average case duration |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 188 | 0 | 499 | - | - |

| Case ID | Orderline | Case duration | Remaining time | Case length | Start time | Latest event time | Target supply date | Supplier Location | Delivery Type | Supplier | Line Total Cost | Order Rank | Late Supply | Next Activity | Finalised Completed | |
|---------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 19178 | 4 | 2017-Aug-16 20:24 | 2017-Aug-22 18:54 | 2017-Aug-16 | 2017-Aug-16 20:24 | 2017-Aug-16 20:24 | 2017-Aug-16 | International | Sea | Manufacturing | \$2,168.00 | 87% | Just in time | 87% | Supply Date Recn | 2017-Nov-02 11:15 |
| 191472 | 2 | 2017-Aug-22 03:03 | 2017-Aug-22 18:33 | 2017-08-22 | 2017-Aug-22 03:03 | 2017-08-22 | 2017-08-22 | International | Sea | Manufacturing | \$7,163.00 | 80% | Just in time | 75% | Order Confirmed | 2017-Oct-07 07:25 |
| 19322 | 3D | 2017-Aug-16 15:17 | 2017-Aug-22 09:51 | 2017-Aug-16 | 2017-Aug-16 15:17 | 2017-Aug-16 15:17 | 2017-Aug-16 | International | Customer | H Tech | \$73,368.00 | 100% | 100% | 74% | Order Confirmed | 2017-Aug-27 18:05 |
| 193023 | 4 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Aug-21 19:33 | 2017-Sep-19 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Sep-19 | International | Sea | Manufacturing | \$3,297.00 | 81% | Just in time | 48% | Delivered to Ship | 2017-Sep-28 17:02 |
| 193022 | 6 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Aug-21 19:33 | 2017-Sep-20 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Sep-20 | International | Sea | Manufacturing | \$3,558.00 | 80% | Just in time | 47% | Delivered to Ship | 2017-Sep-28 15:16 |
| 193022 | 4 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Aug-21 19:33 | 2017-Sep-20 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Aug-09 23:38 | 2017-Sep-20 | International | Sea | Manufacturing | \$3,558.00 | 80% | Just in time | 50% | Delivered to Ship | 2017-Sep-24 13:34 |
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Alarm-based prescriptive dashboard

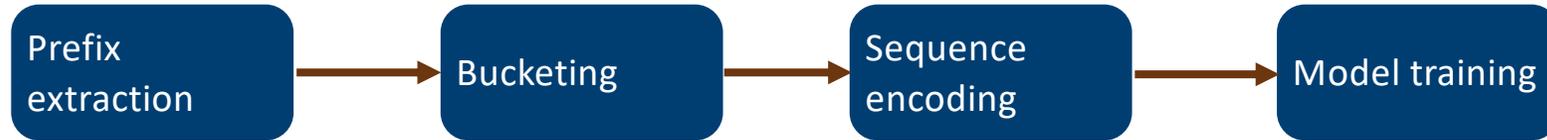


Predictive Process Monitoring

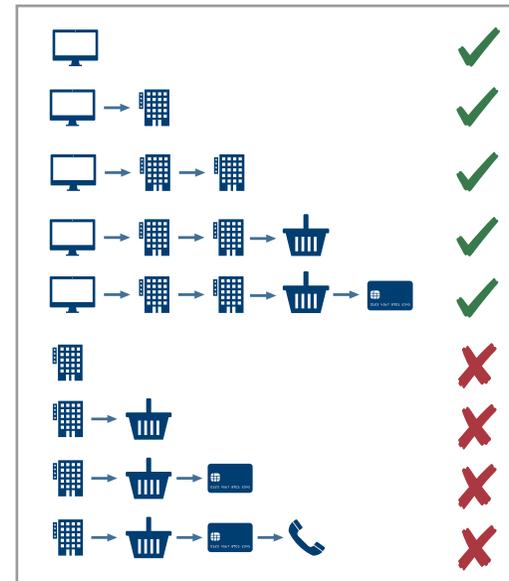
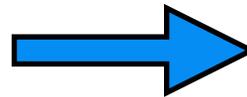
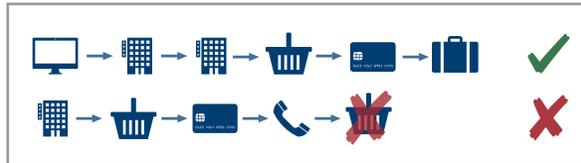
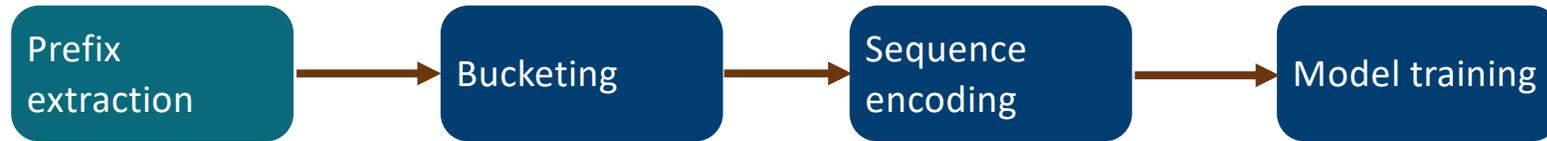


- What is the next activity for this case?
- When is this next activity going to take place?
- How long is this case still going to take until it is finished?
- What is the outcome of this case?
- Is the compensation going to be paid? Or rejected?

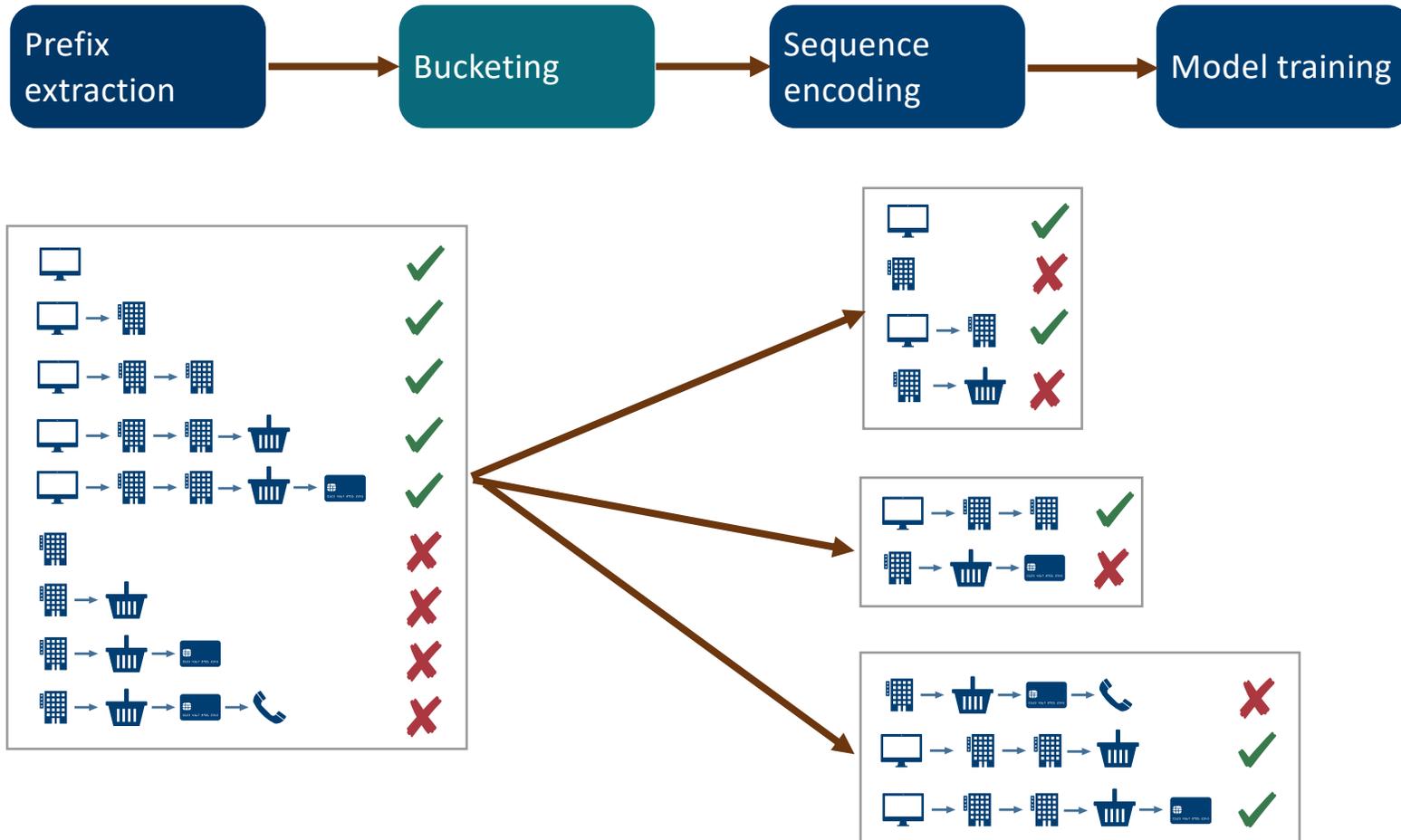
Predictive process monitoring workflow



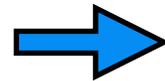
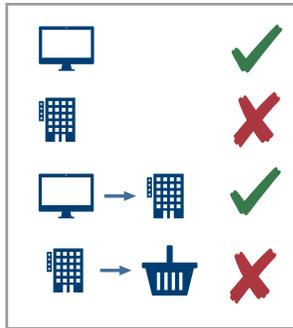
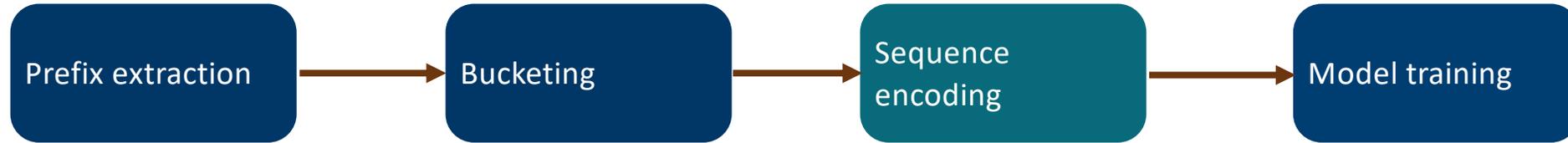
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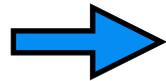
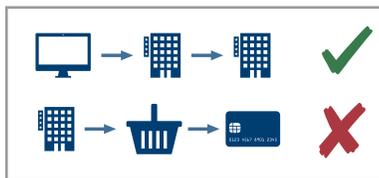
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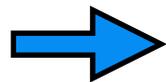
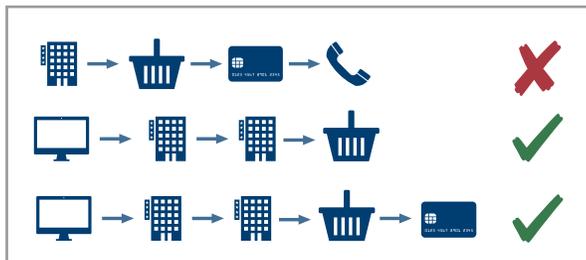
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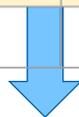
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Sequence encoding

| Case ID | Timestamp | Activity | Resource | Loan goal | Requested amt | Offered amt |
|---------|------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
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| C001 | 19-10-2016 | Check credit history | Sue | Mortgage | 100 000 | - |
| C001 | 19-10-2016 | Calculate risk score | Bob | Mortgage | 100 000 | - |
| C001 | 20-10-2016 | Make offer | Mike | Mortgage | 100 000 | 70 000 |
| C001 | 25-10-2016 | Make offer | Mike | Mortgage | 100 000 | 80 000 |
| C002 | 20-10-2016 | Check completeness | Sue | Car | 15 000 | - |
| C002 | 20-10-2016 | Check credit history | Sue | Car | 15 000 | - |
| C002 | 22-10-2016 | Calculate risk score | Elsa | Car | 15 000 | - |
| C002 | 24-10-2016 | Reject application | Elsa | Car | 15 000 | - |
| C003 | 02-11-2016 | Check completeness | Maria | Mortgage | 30 000 | - |
| C003 | 04-11-2016 | Ask for additional data | Maria | Mortgage | 30 000 | - |
| C003 | 10-11-2016 | Check credit history | Maria | Mortgage | 30 000 | - |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |



| | Feature vector x | | | | | | | | | | | Target y | | |
|-------|--------------------|---|---|-----|---|---|---|-----|----|---|---|------------|-----|---|
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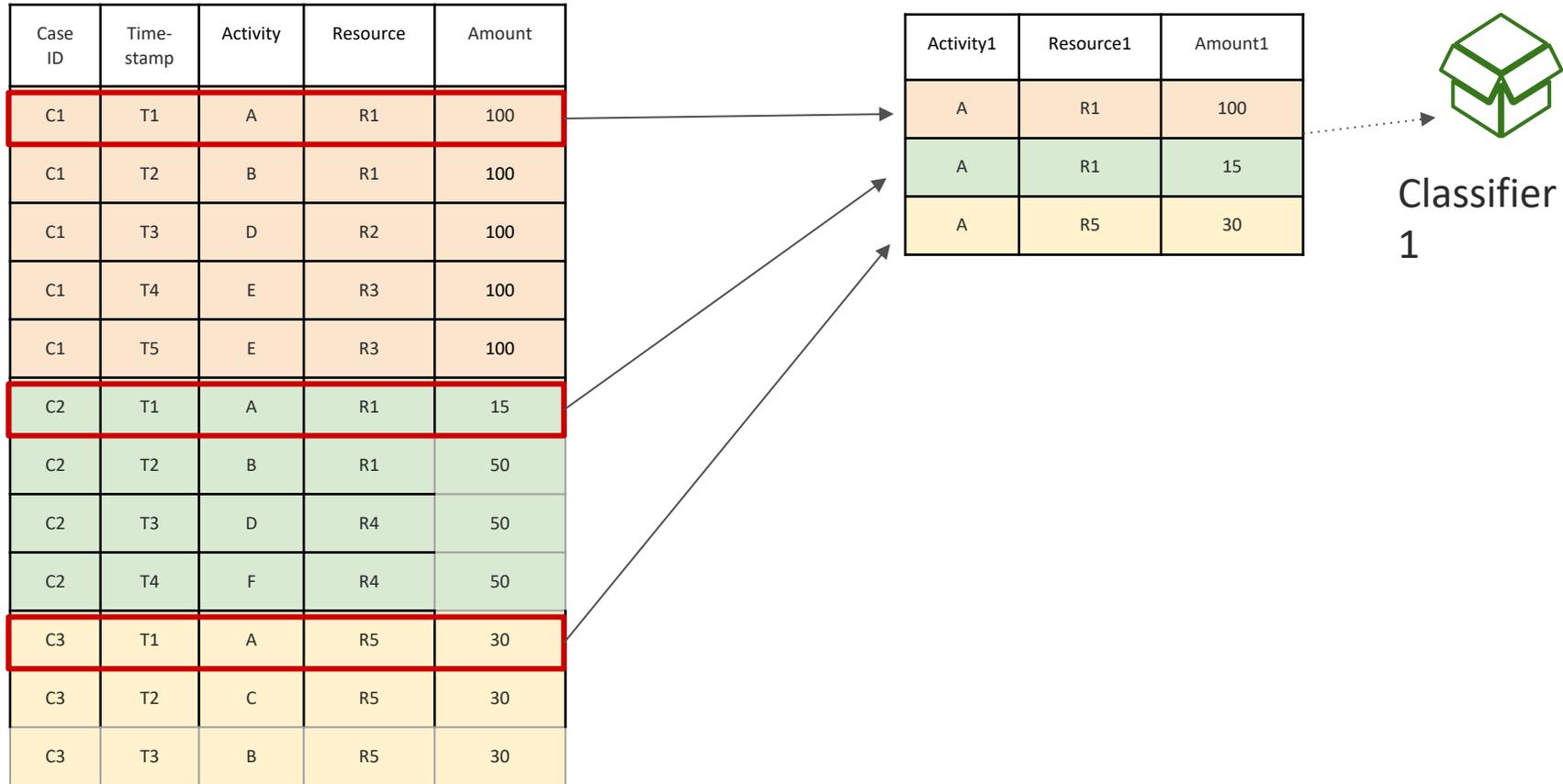
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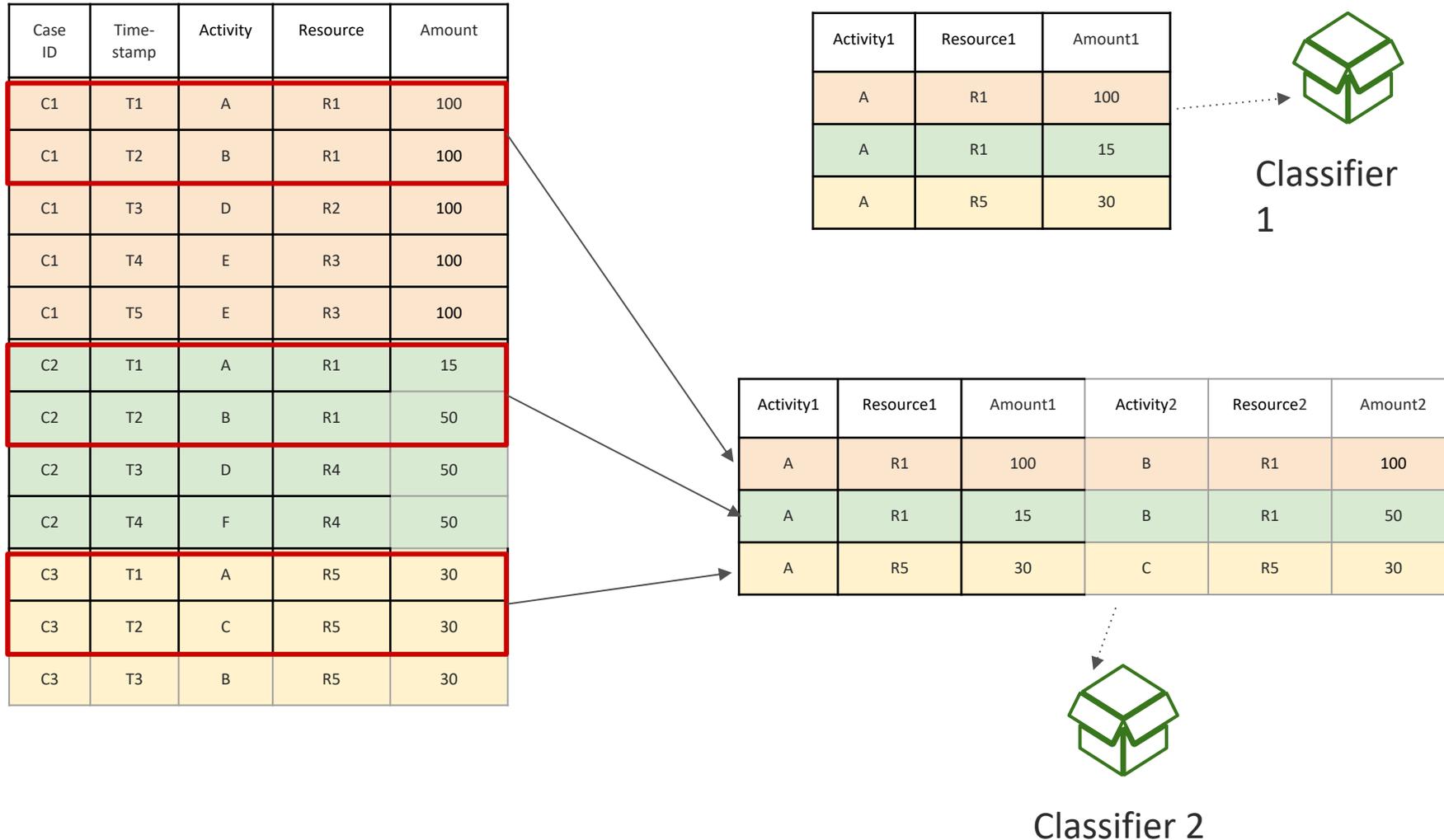
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| 2 | car | check completeness | ... | calculate risk score | 0 | ... | 0 | 0 |

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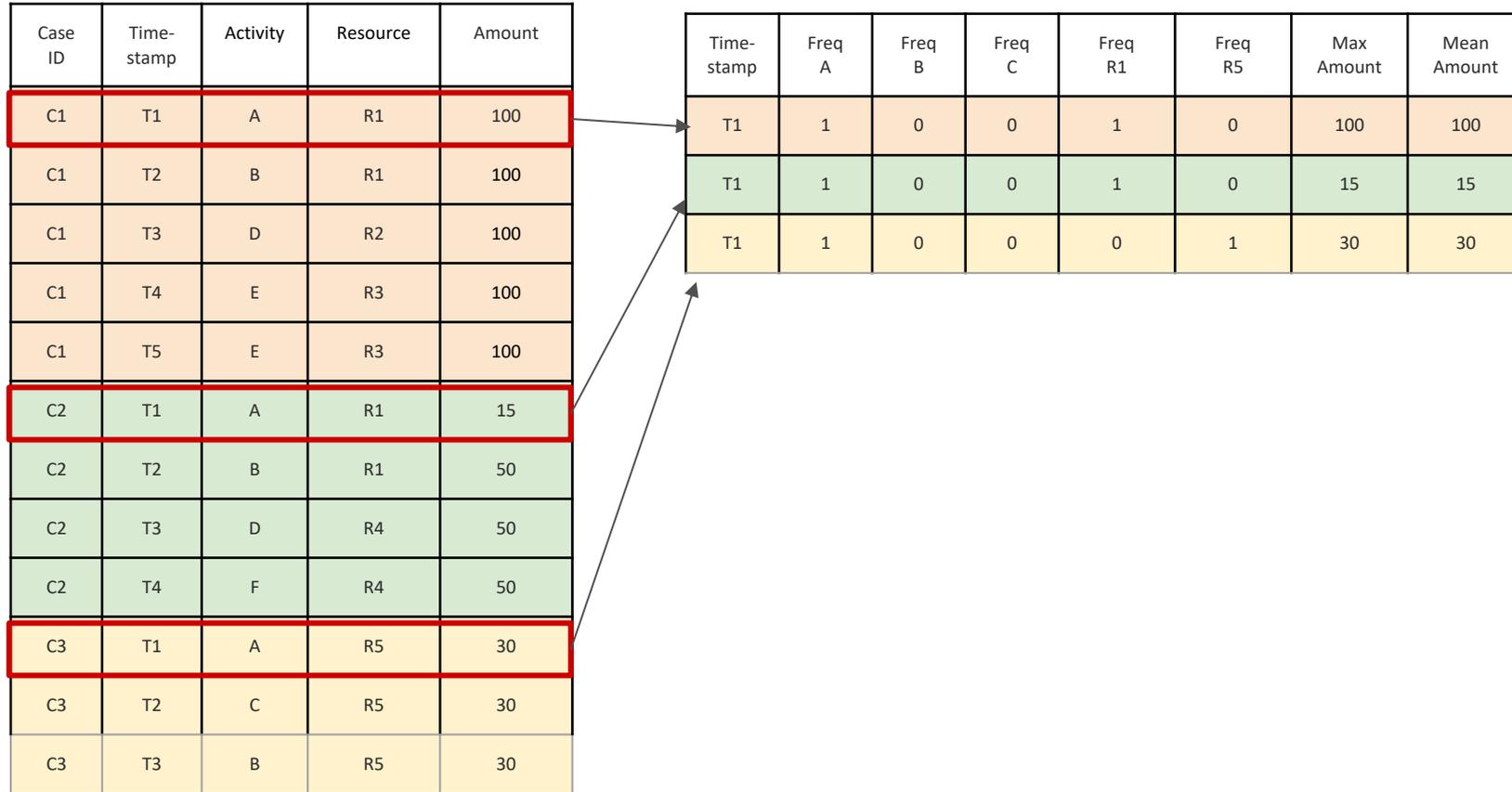
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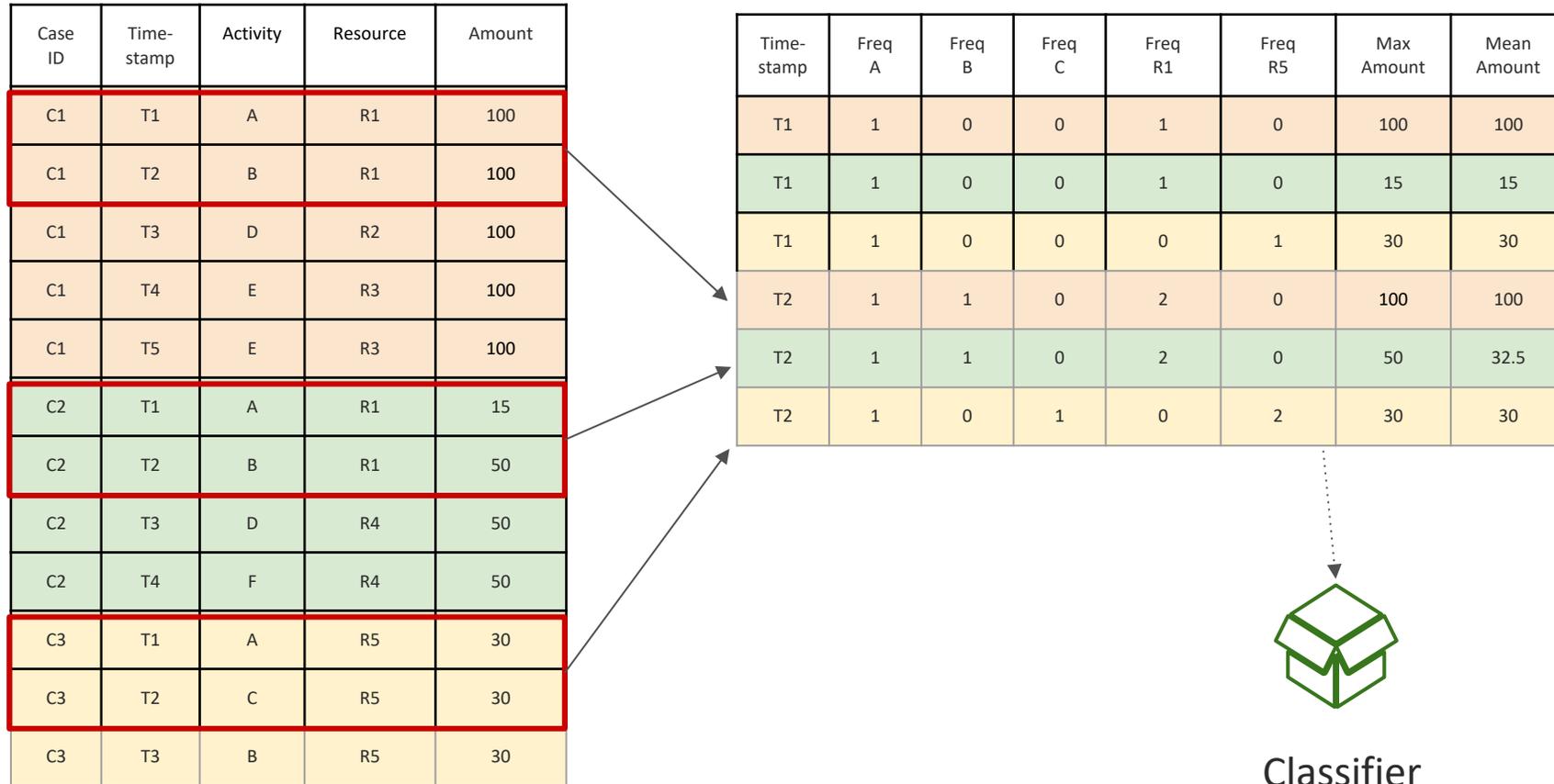
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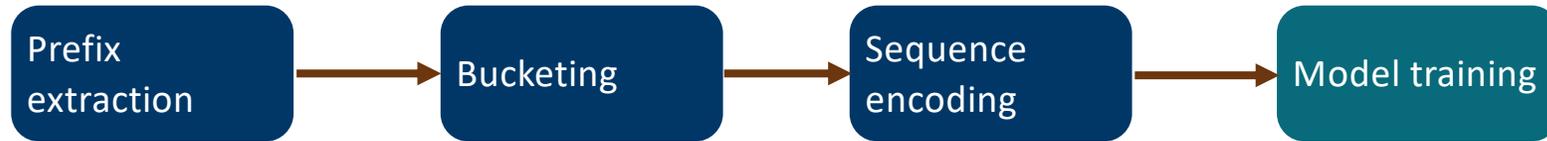
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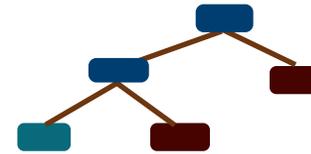
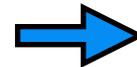
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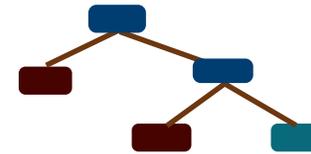
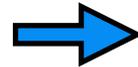
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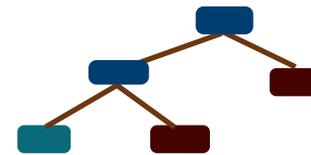
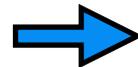
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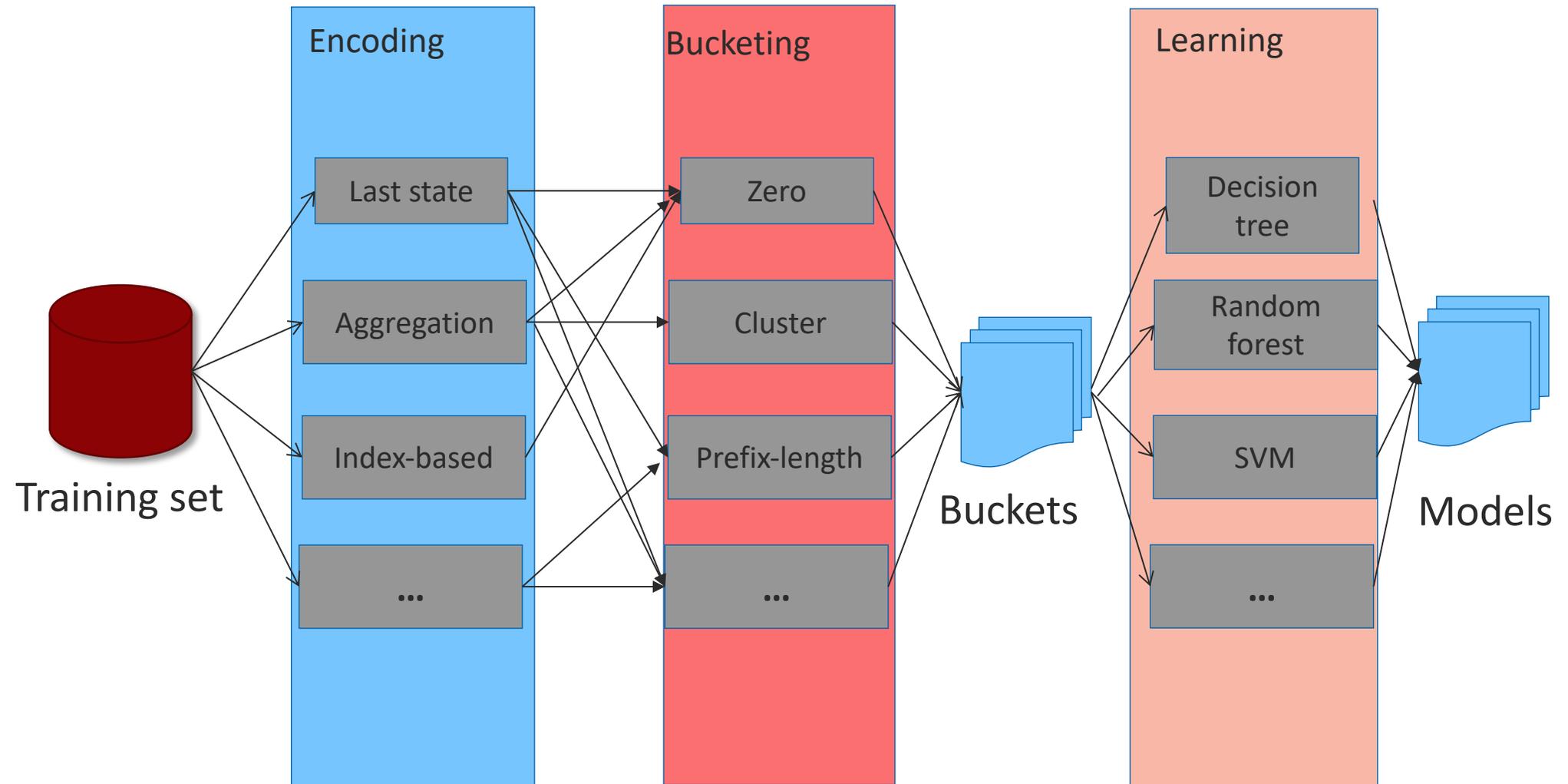
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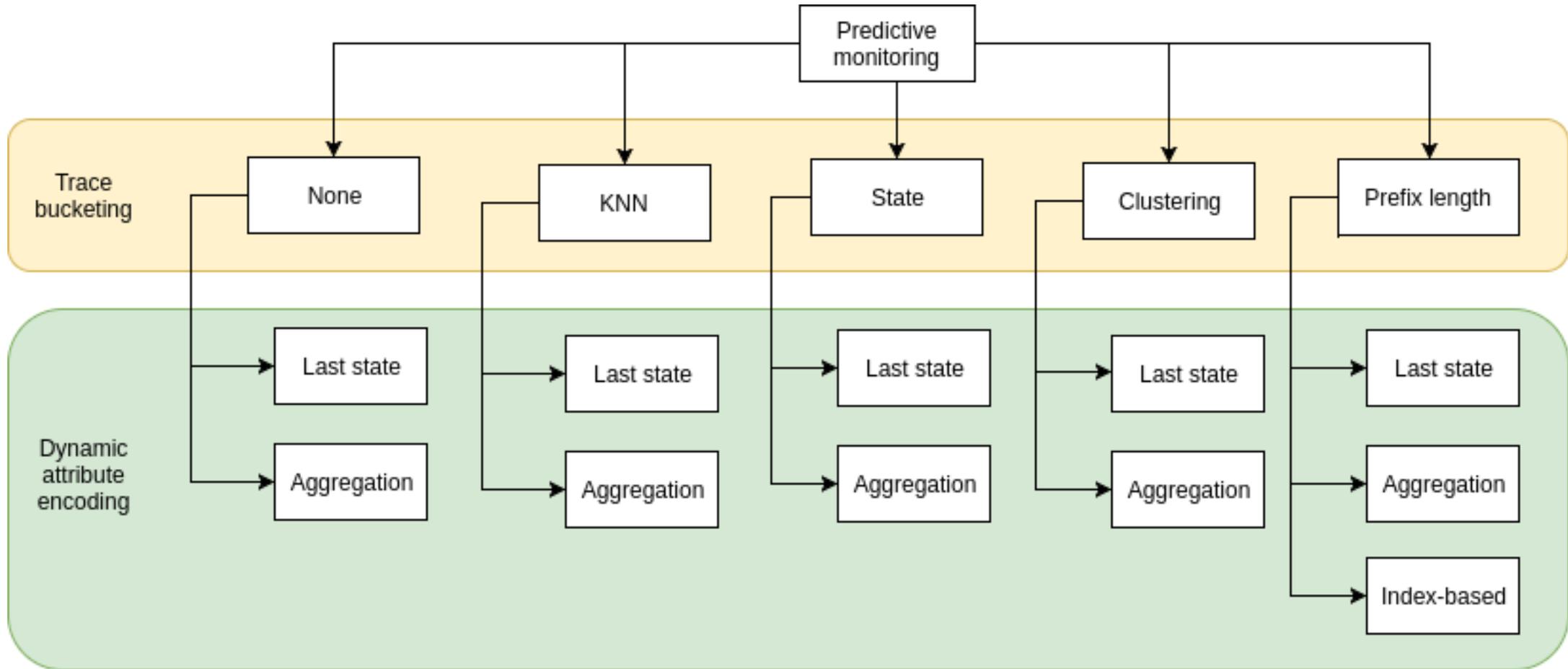
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Predictive process monitoring workflow



Taxonomy of existing approaches



What is the relative performance of these methods?

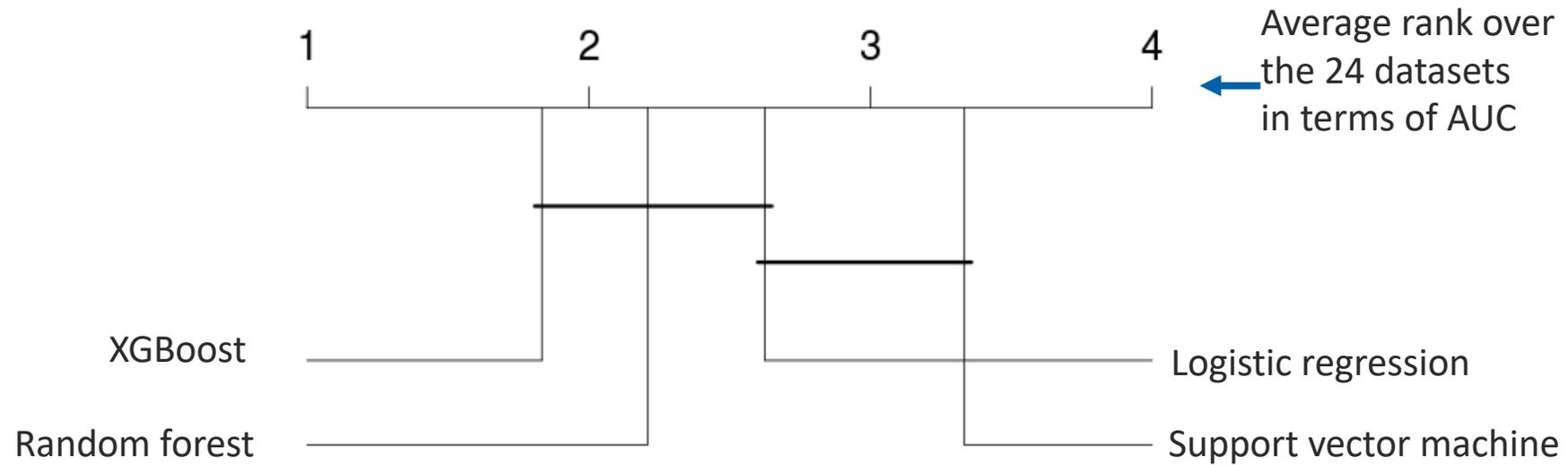
[Irene Teinmaa](#), Marlon Dumas, [Marcello La Rosa](#), [Fabrizio Maria Maggi](#):

Outcome-Oriented Predictive Process Monitoring: Review and Benchmark. [TKDD 13\(2\)](#): 17:1-17:57 (2019)

Evaluation datasets

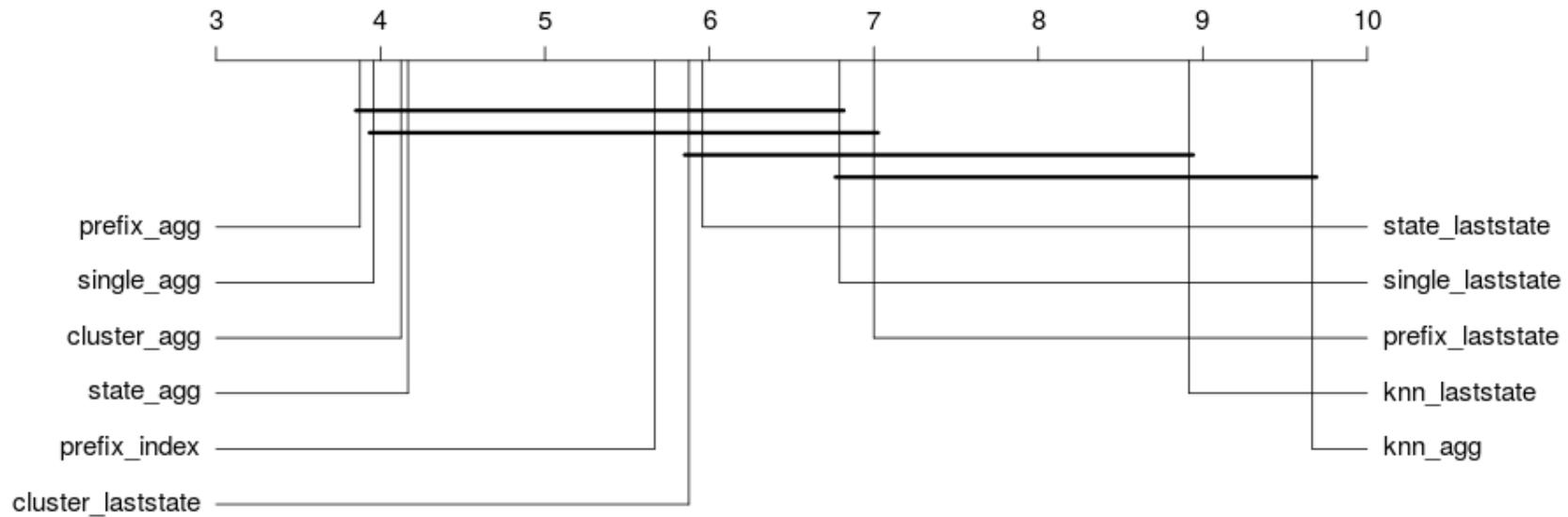
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| 2 | bpic2011_2 | Hospital treatment | 1140 | 54.5 | 0.78 |
| 3 | bpic2011_3 | Hospital treatment | 1121 | 21 | 0.23 |
| 4 | bpic2011_4 | Hospital treatment | 1140 | 44 | 0.28 |
| 5 | bpic2012_1 | Loan application | 4685 | 35 | 0.48 |
| 6 | bpic2012_2 | Loan application | 4685 | 35 | 0.17 |
| 7 | bpic2012_3 | Loan application | 4685 | 35 | 0.35 |
| 8 | bpic2015_1 | Building permit | 696 | 42 | 0.23 |
| 9 | bpic2015_2 | Building permit | 753 | 55 | 0.19 |
| 10 | bpic2015_3 | Building permit | 1328 | 42 | 0.2 |
| 11 | bpic2015_4 | Building permit | 577 | 42 | 0.16 |
| 12 | bpic2015_5 | Building permit | 1051 | 50 | 0.31 |
| 13 | bpic2017_1 | Loan application | 31413 | 35 | 0.41 |
| 14 | bpic2017_2 | Loan application | 31413 | 35 | 0.12 |
| 15 | bpic2017_3 | Loan application | 31413 | 35 | 0.47 |
| 16 | Production | Manufacturing | 220 | 9 | 0.53 |
| 17 | sepsis_1 | Hospital treatment | 754 | 14 | 0.14 |
| 18 | sepsis_2 | Hospital treatment | 782 | 13 | 0.14 |
| 19 | sepsis_3 | Hospital treatment | 782 | 13 | 0.14 |
| 20 | Traffic | Traffic fines | 129615 | 4 | 0.46 |
| 21 | hospital_1 | Hospital finances | 77525 | 6 | 0.1 |
| 22 | hospital_2 | Hospital finances | 77525 | 6 | 0.05 |
| 23 | insurance_1 | Insurance | 1065 | 12 | 0.16 |
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Results: Learning Algorithms (Nemenyi test)



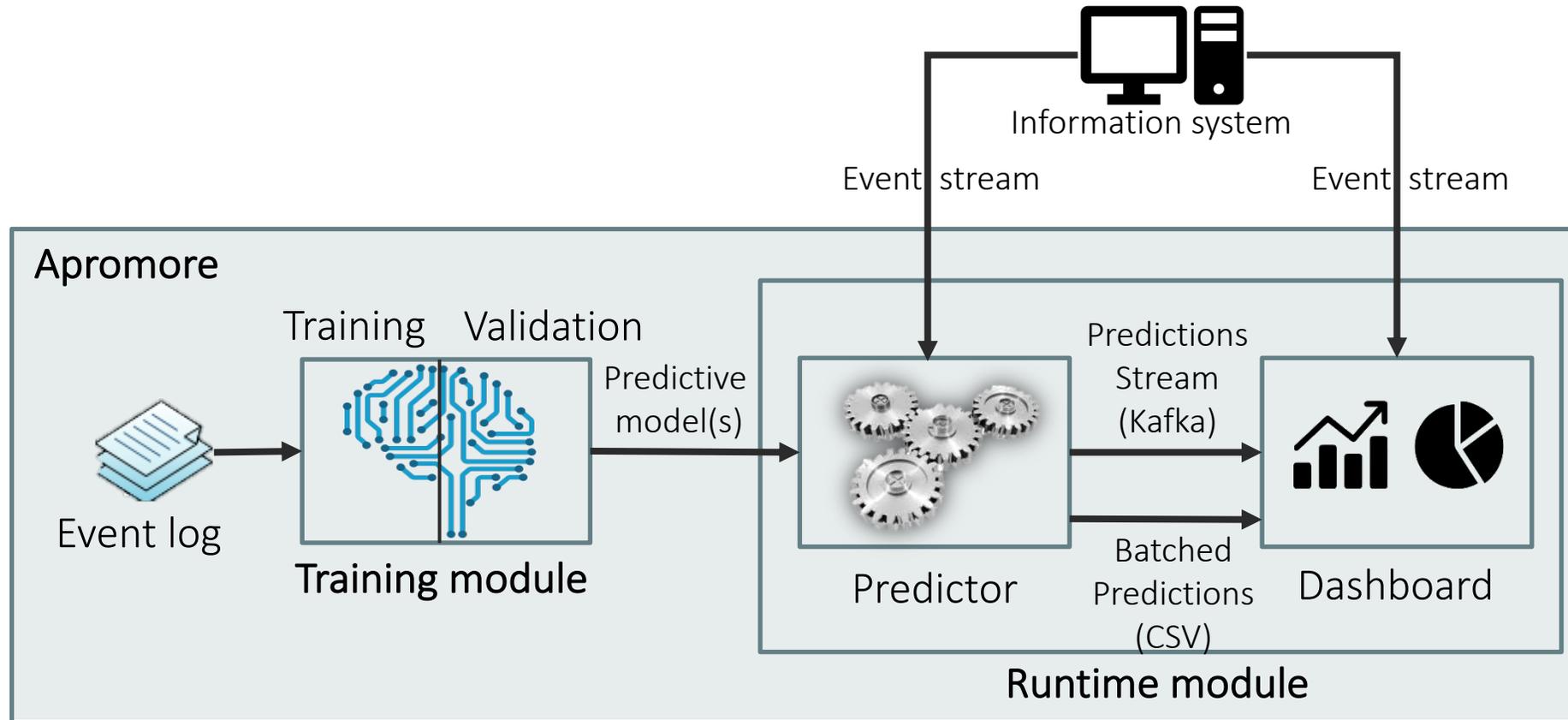
Results: Bucketing and Sequence Encoding

Average rank over
the 24 datasets
in terms of AUC

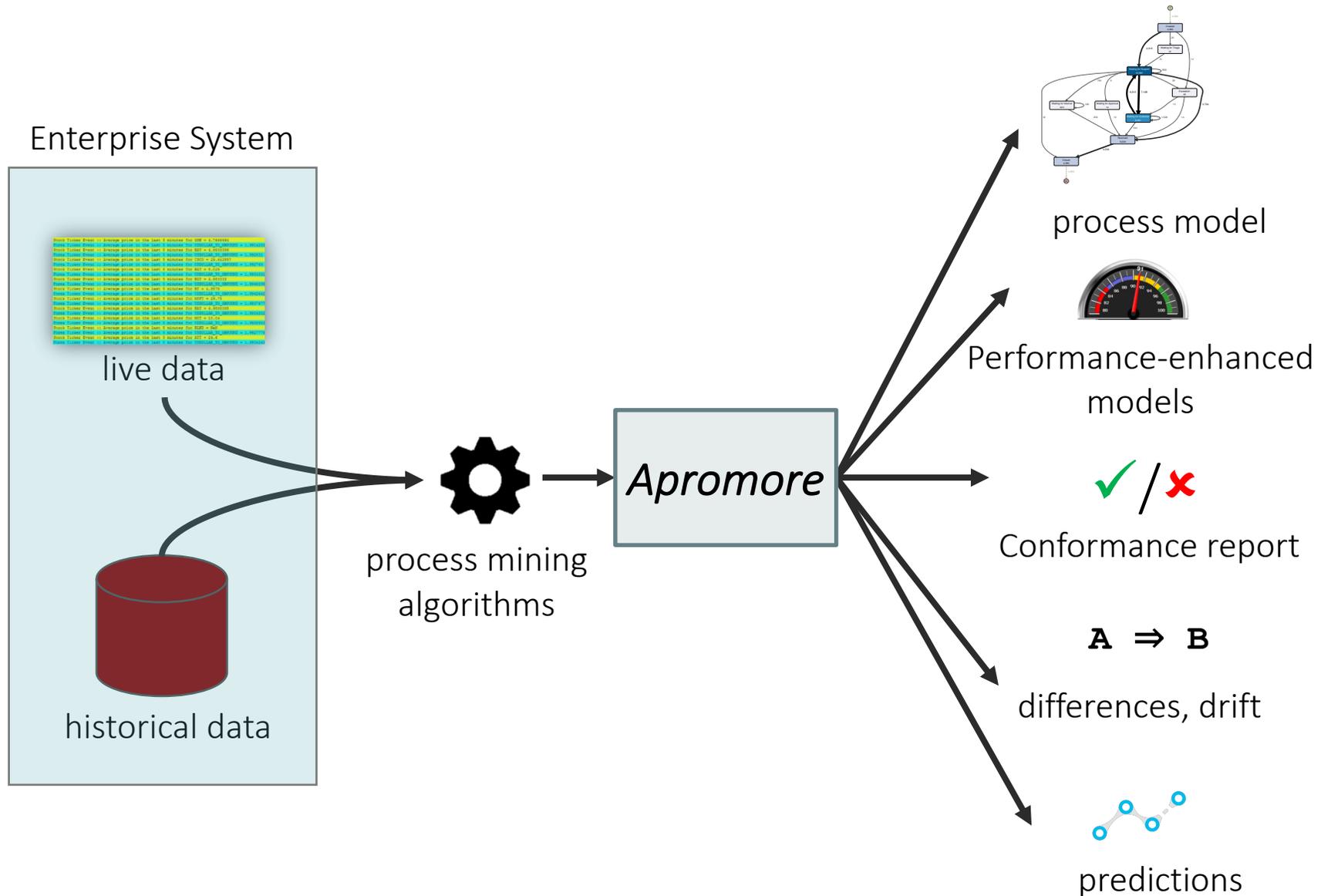


Predictive process monitoring in Apromore

- Predict **process outcome** (e.g. “Is this loan offer going to be rejected?”)
- Predict **process performance** (e.g. “Will this claim take longer than 5 days to be handled?”)
- Predict **future events** (e.g. “What activity is likely to be executed next? And after that?”)



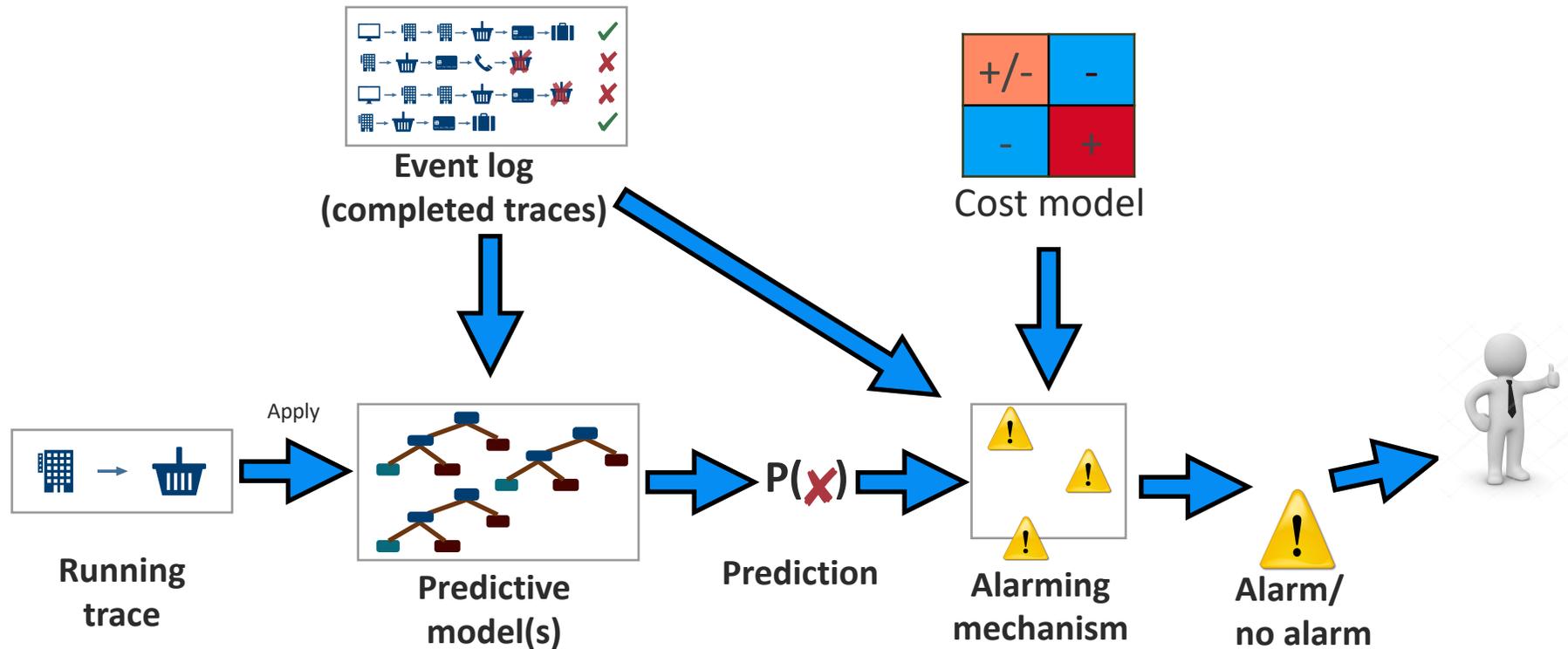
Recap: Process Mining in a Nutshell



Frontier topics in process mining

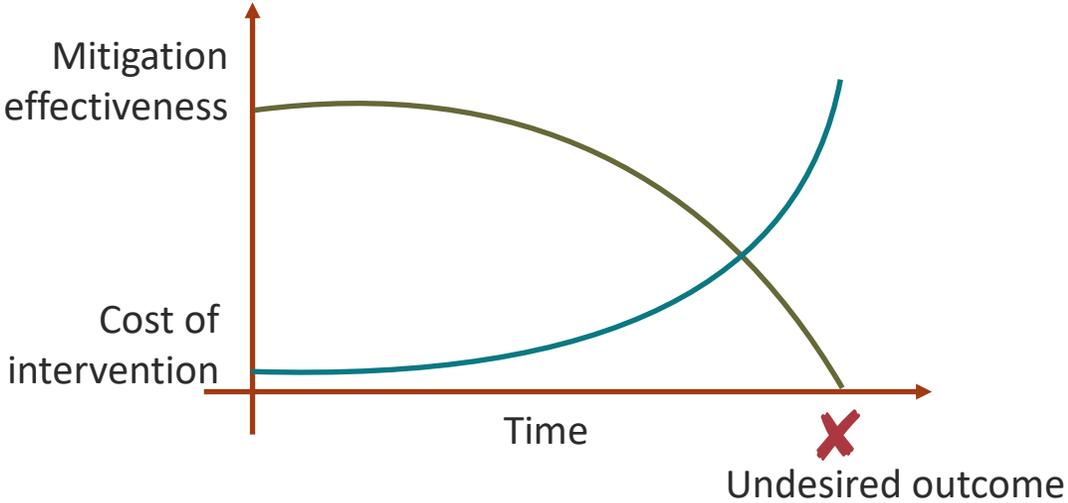
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 - Extracting interpretable predictions
 - Helping users understand the root causes of predicted outcomes
 - Turning predictions into actions
 - **Prescriptive process monitoring**

Prescriptive process monitoring



Cost model

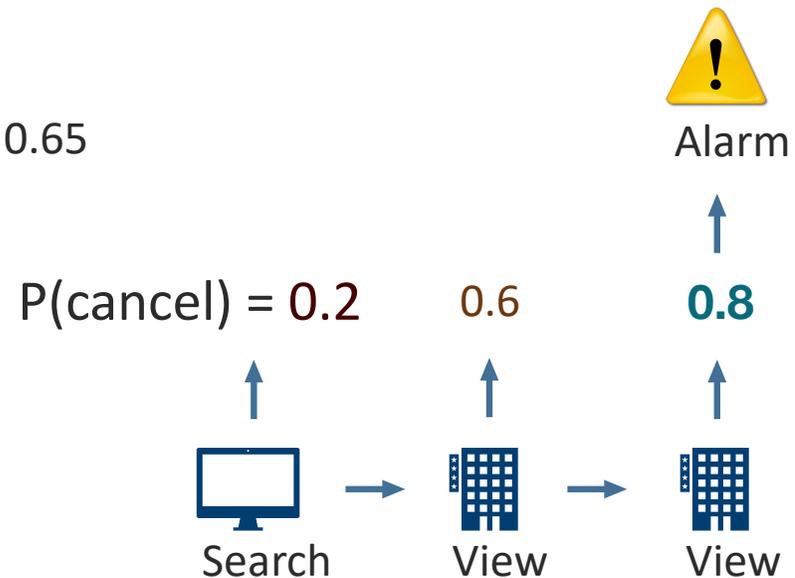
| | ✗ Undesired outcome | ✓ Desired outcome |
|------------------|--|--|
| ⚠ Alarm raised | cost of intervention + $(1 - \text{mitigation effectiveness}) * \text{cost of undesired outcome}$ | cost of intervention + cost of compensation |
| Alarm not raised | cost of undesired outcome | no costs |



Alarming mechanism

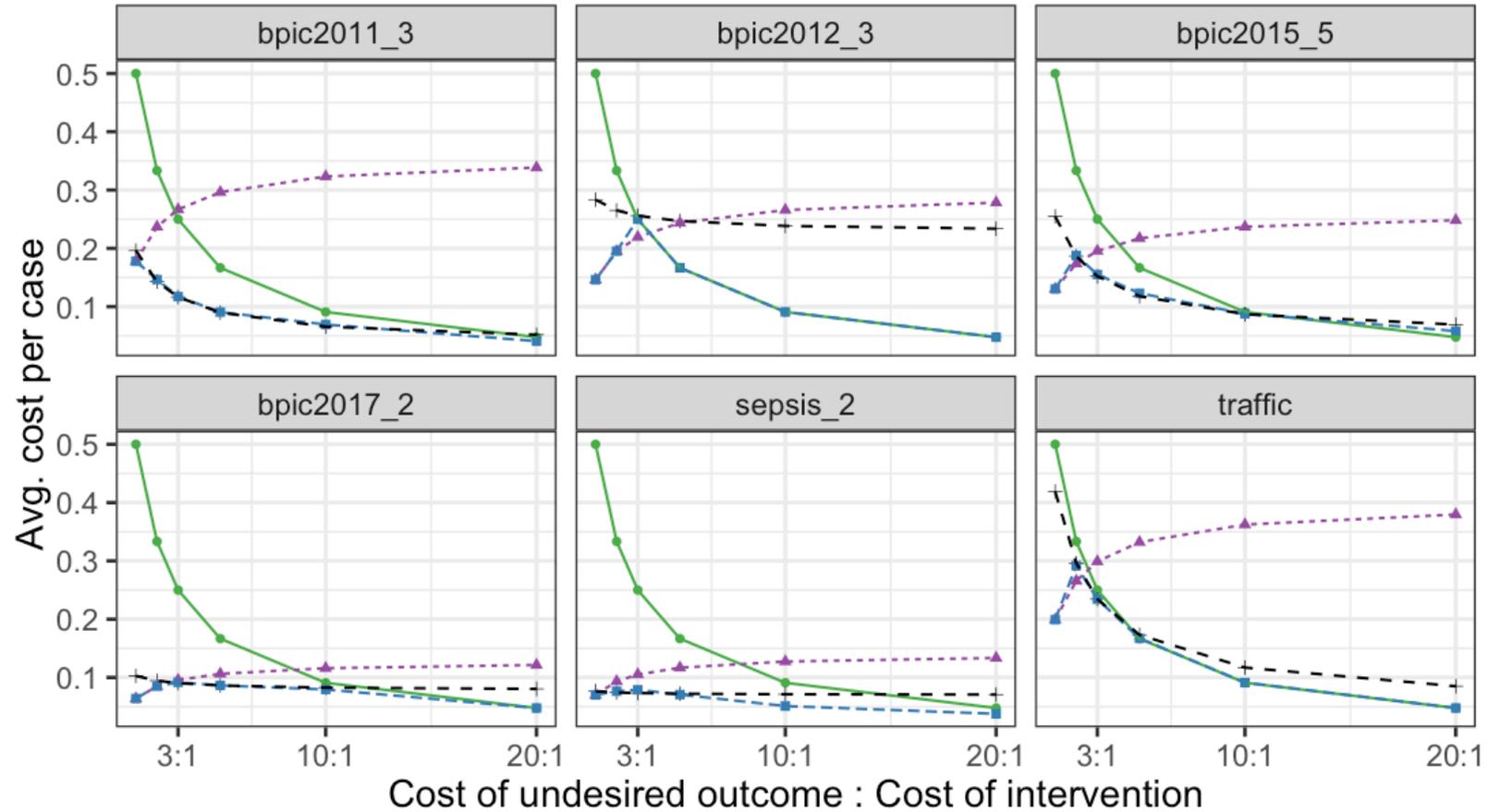
- Raise an alarm if $P(\text{undesired outcome}) > \tau$
- Optimal τ is found via empirical thresholding

Example: $\tau = 0.65$



Results

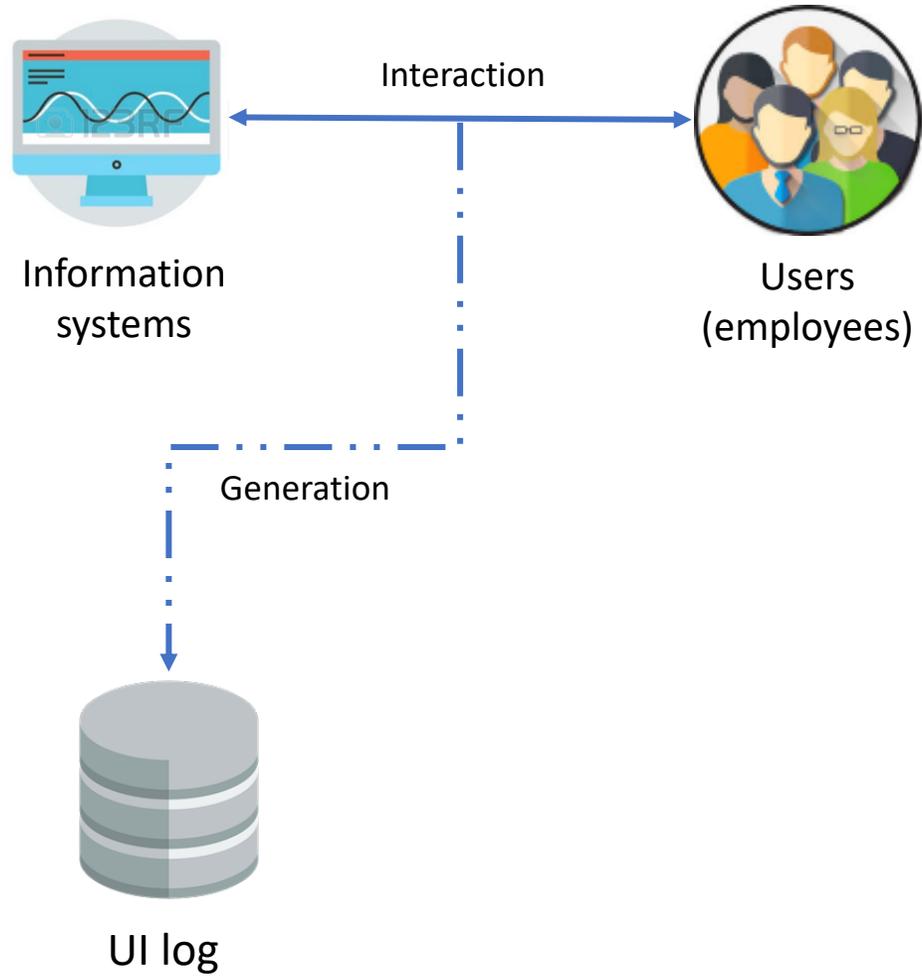
Alarming policy ● always alarm ▲ never alarm ■ optimized + tau=0.5



Frontier topics in process mining

- **Explainable & Actionable Predictive Process Monitoring**
 - Extracting interpretable predictions
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 - **Prescriptive process monitoring**
- **Robotic Process Mining**
 - Discovering executable routine specifications (e.g. RPA scripts) from UI logs

Robotic Process Mining

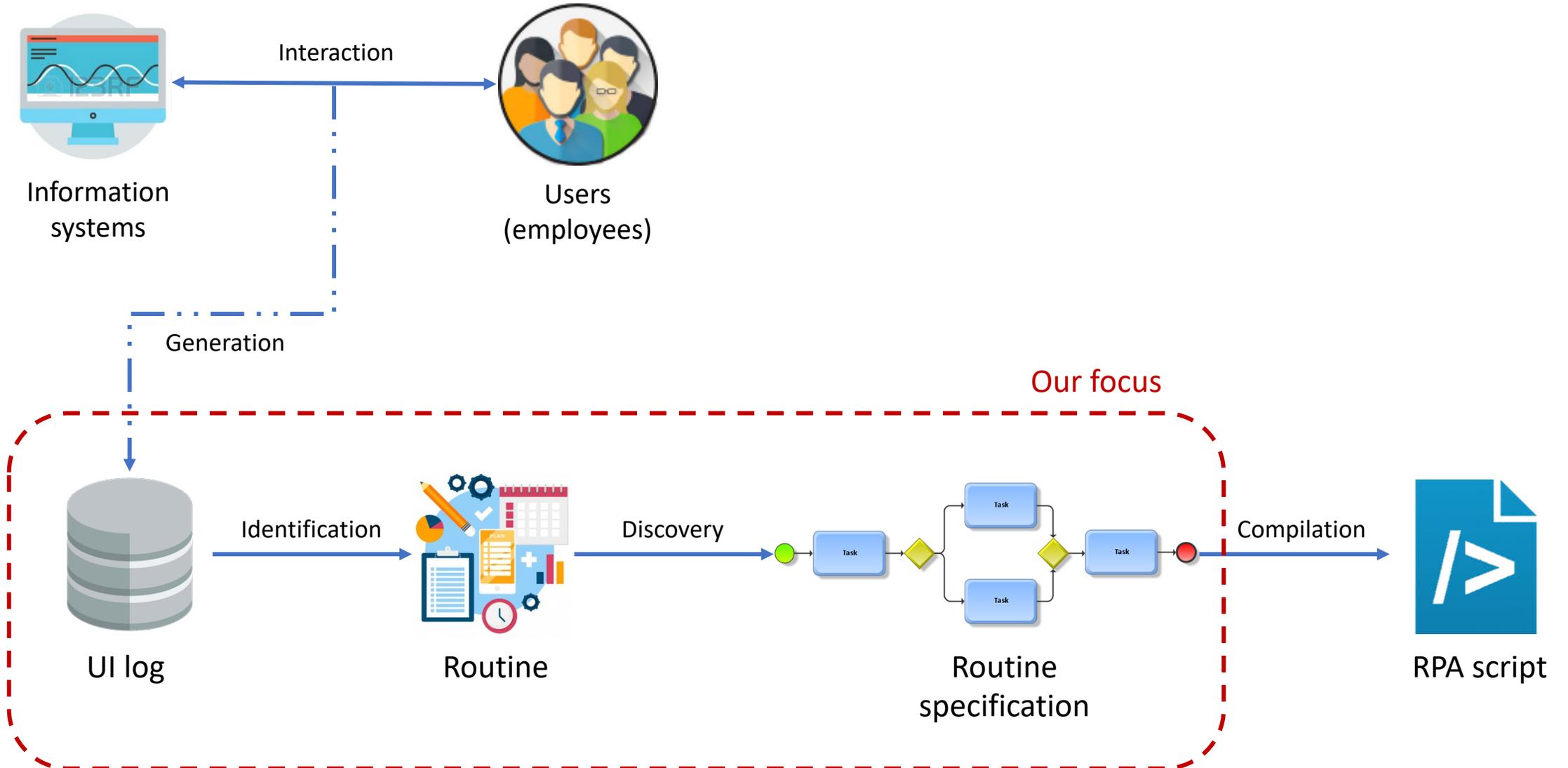


UI log

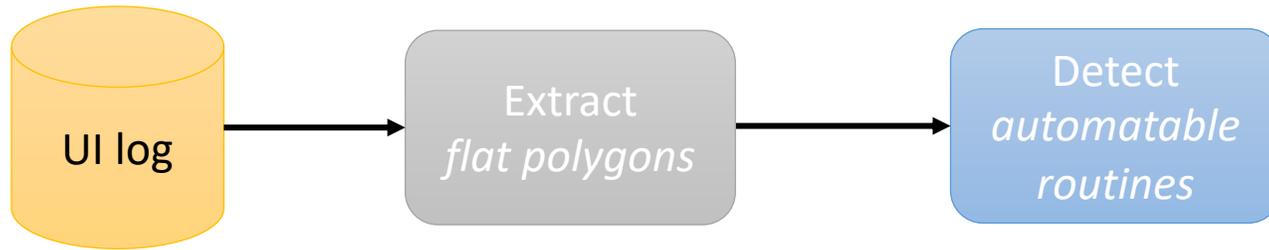


| | Action Type | Action Parameters | | | |
|----|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------|
| | | Param-1 | Param-2 | Param-3 | Param-4 |
| 1 | Click button | Target:Web | Label: STUDENTS | | |
| 2 | Fill the text field | Target:Web | Label: ID Student | Value: 010234 | |
| 3 | Press key | Target:Web | Label: ENTER | | |
| 4 | Click button in row | Target:Web | Label: Update | ID Row: 010234 | |
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Robotic Process Mining



Robotic Process Mining: Initial Approach

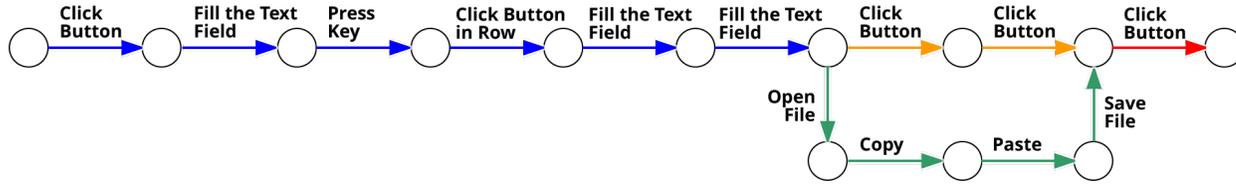


Detect automatable routines:

1. Detect automatable actions
2. Return only those flat polygons made of automatable actions

An action is *automatable* if all its arguments are *constant* or *functions* of arguments of previously-executed actions

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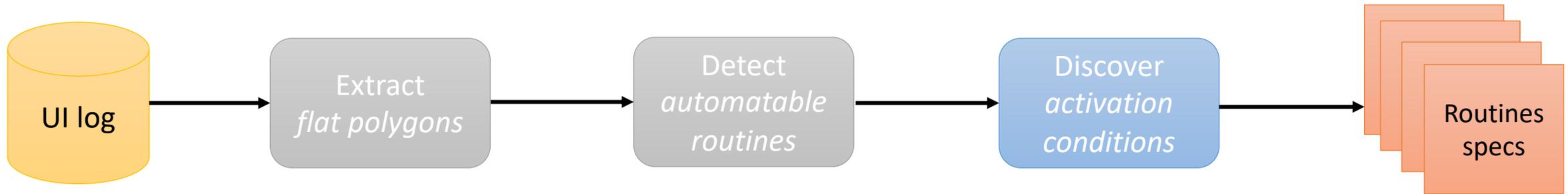


Footah – Discovering Data Transformations by Example

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Discover activation conditions:

For each automatable routine, discover its *activation condition*, containing:

1. *Triggering action*, which must be successfully executed before the routine
2. *Boolean condition*, which must be valid at the completion of the triggering action

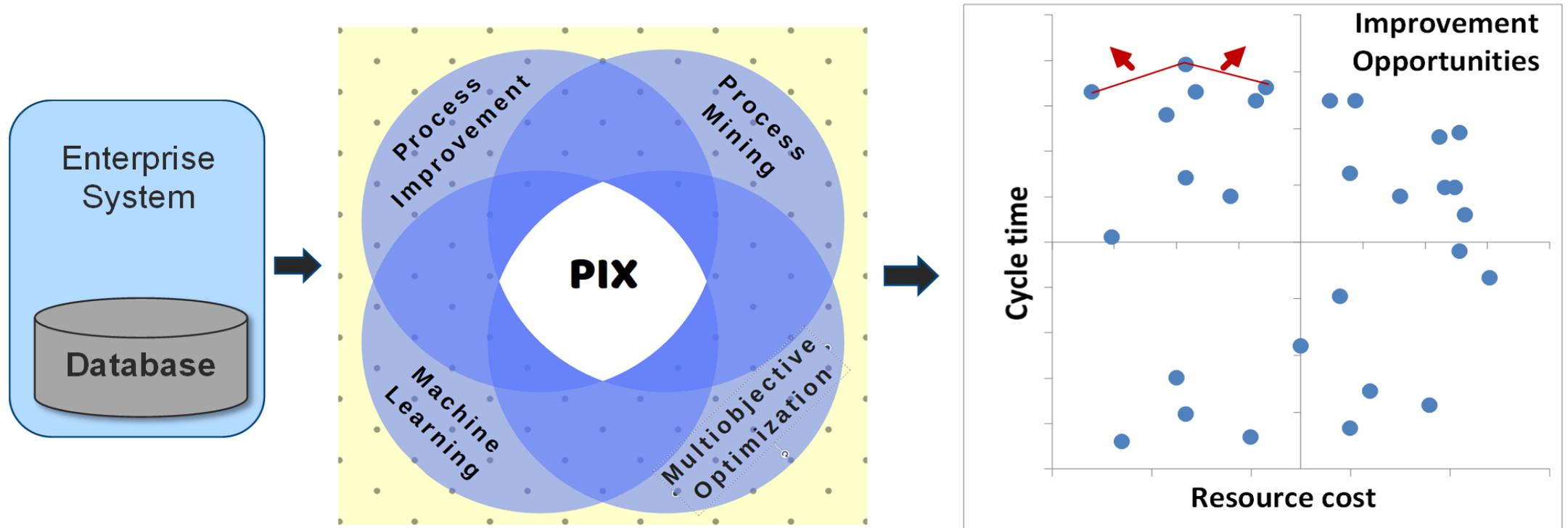
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Frontier topics in process mining

- **Explainable & Actionable Predictive Process Monitoring**
 - Extracting interpretable predictions
 - Helping users understand the root causes of predicted outcomes
 - Turning predictions into actions
 - **Prescriptive process monitoring**
- **Robotic Process Mining**
 - Discovering executable routine specifications (e.g. RPA scripts) from UI logs
- **Automated Process Discovery**
 - Given an event log L , discover opportunities to improve the process w.r.t. one or more performance measures

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