Learning Hybrid Process Models from Events

Process Mining for the Real World

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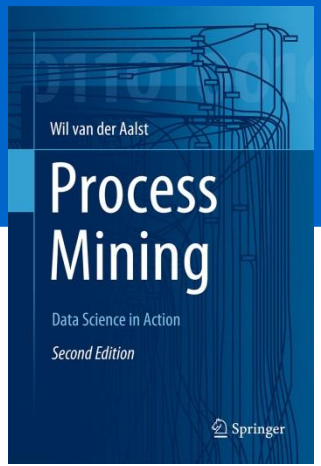

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hybrid process discovery

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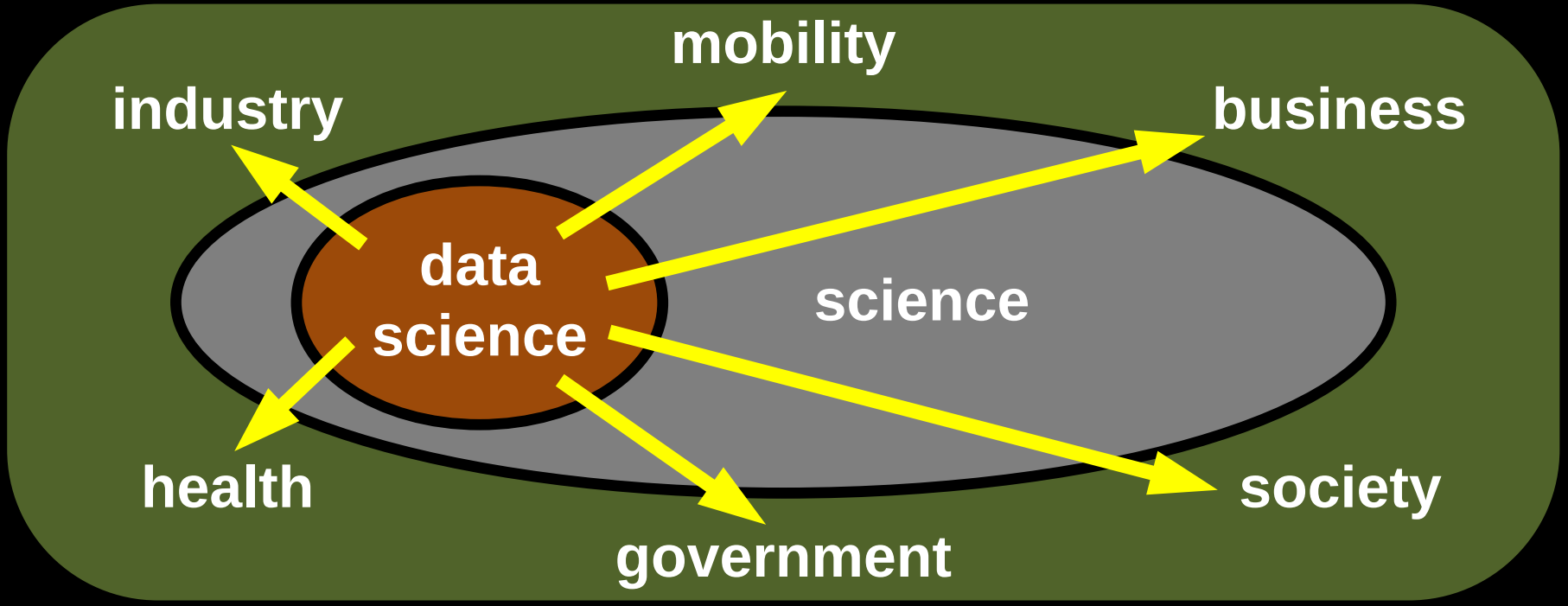
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Launched in 2013

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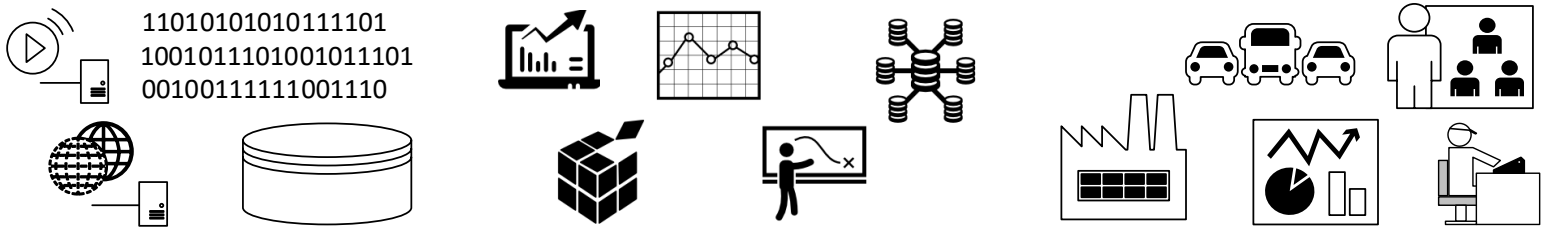

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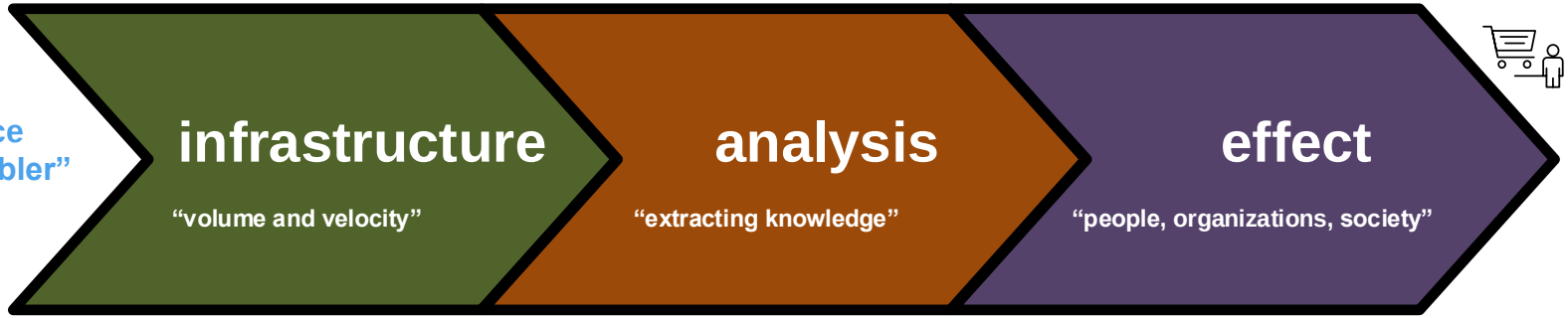

- instrumentation
- big data infrastructures and distributed systems
- databases and data management
- programming
- security
- ...

- statistics
- data/process mining
- machine learning/artificial intelligence
- operations research
- algorithms
- visualization
- ...

- ethics & privacy
- IT law
- human technology interaction
- operations management
- business models
- entrepreneurship
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the data science pipeline

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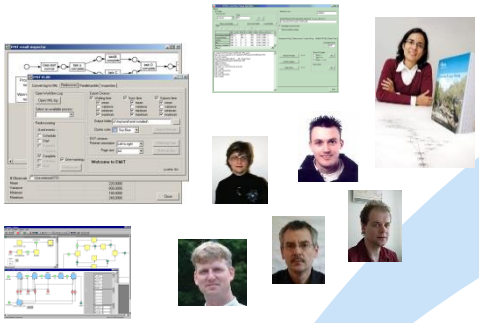
Uptake of process mining



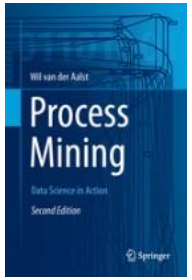
Start of process mining at TU/e (1999)

Alpha miner & Heuristic miner (2000-2002)

First version of ProM (2004)

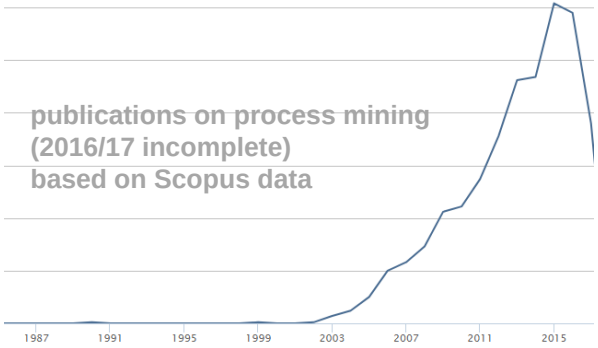
Conformance checking, other perspectives, prediction, etc. (2005 -)

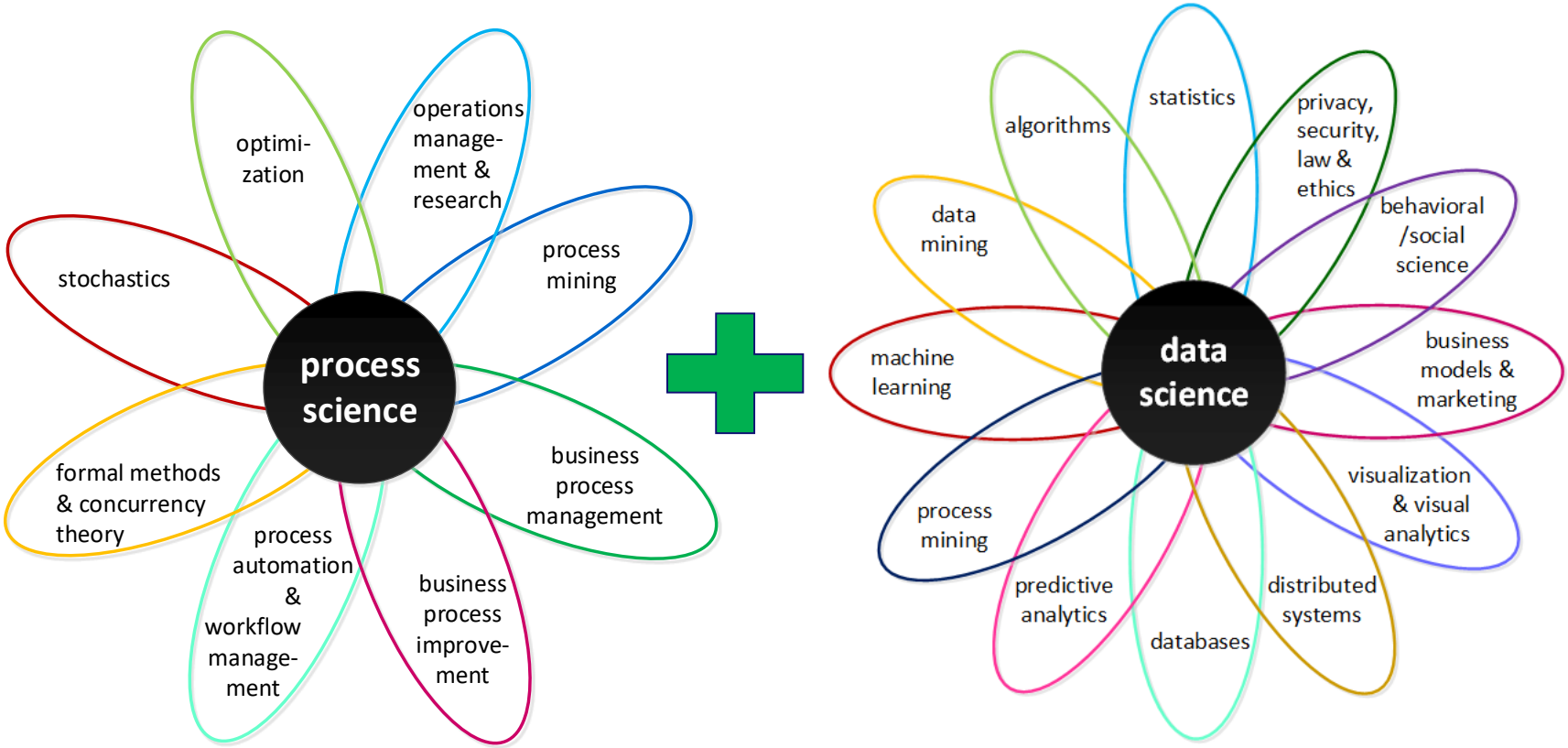
Process mining book, courses, uptake commercial tools, etc. (2011 -)



ProM process mining workbench

Evolved from 29 plug-ins in 2004 to 274 plug-ins 2009 (ProM 5.2) to over 1500 plug-ins today.





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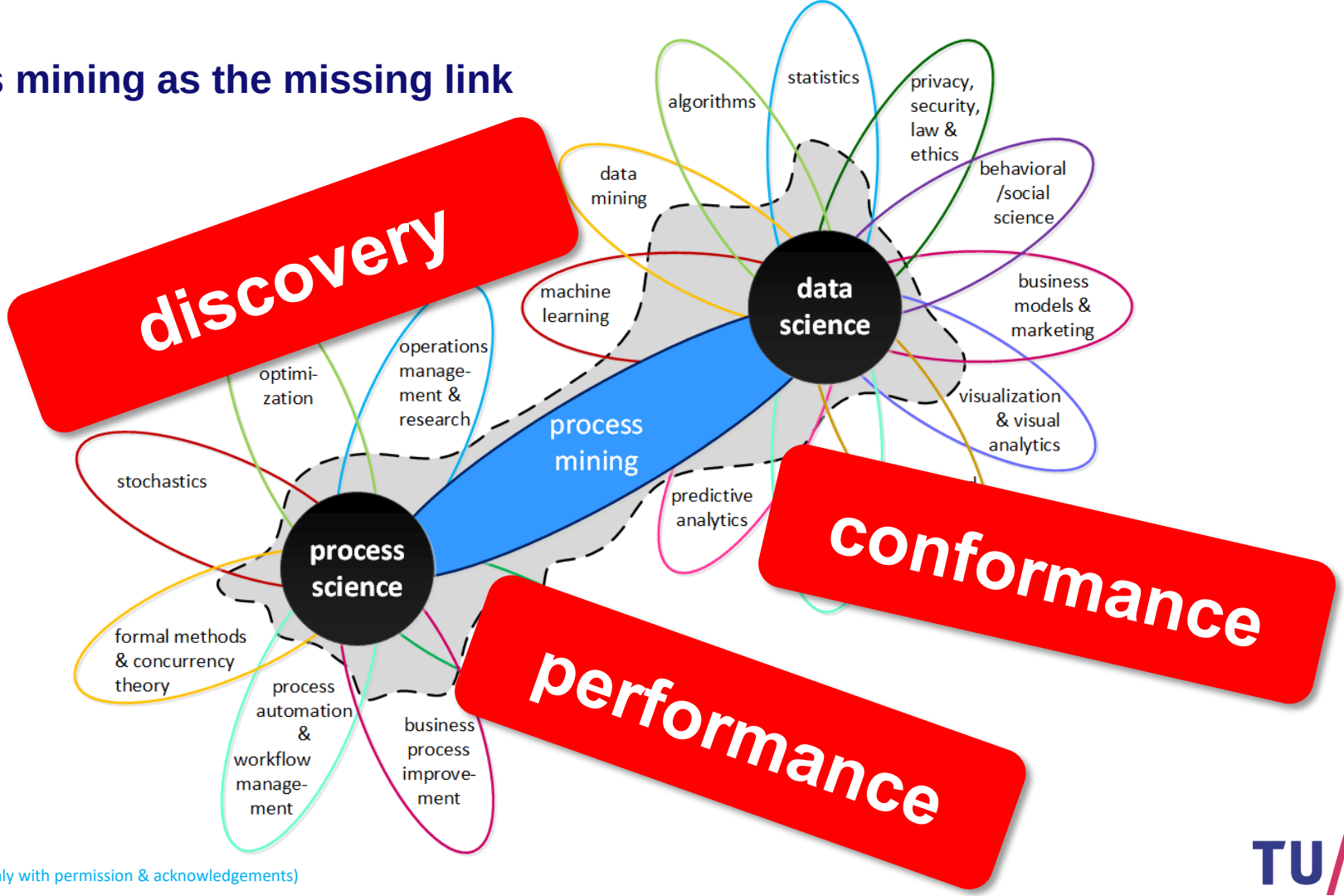
process mining as the missing link



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XES Event Log

Select visualisation ...

Select all | Deselect all | Sort by Count (Descending) | Group by Sequence | Color by Event Class | Classify by Event Name | SQL-like filter by trace | Filter Mode

12666 TRACE(S)

4,586 traces
36.21% of the log — place order, send invoice, pay, prepare delivery, make delivery, confirm payment

2,312 traces
18.25% of the log — place order, send invoice, send reminder, pay, prepare delivery, make delivery, confirm payment

1,666 traces
13.15% of the log — place order, send invoice, pay, prepare delivery, confirm payment, make delivery

1,651 traces
13.03% of the log — place order, send invoice, send reminder, send reminder, cancel order

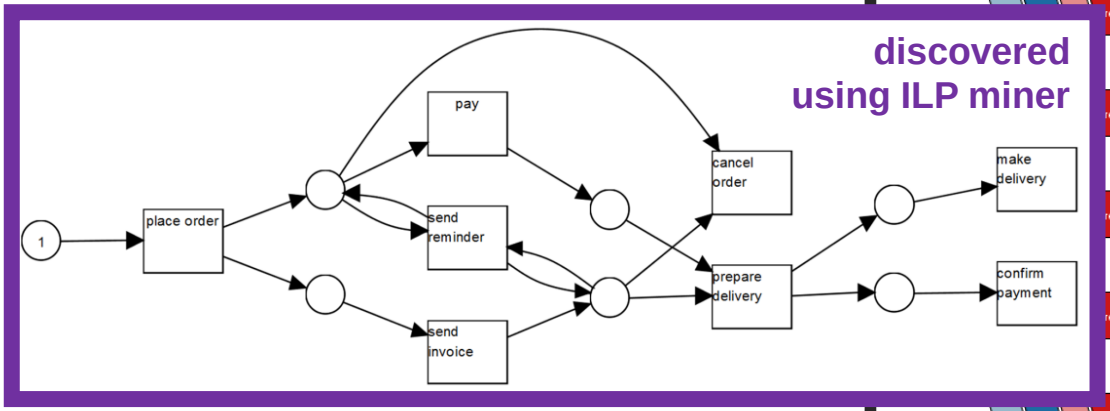
1,118 traces
8.83% of the log — place order, send invoice, send reminder, send reminder, pay, prepare delivery, make delivery, confirm payment

876 traces
6.92% of the log — place order, send invoice, send reminder, pay, prepare delivery, confirm payment, make delivery

420 traces
3.32% of the log — place order, send invoice, send reminder, send reminder, pay, prepare delivery, confirm payment, make delivery

30 traces
0.24% of the log — place order, pay, send invoice, prepare delivery, make delivery, confirm payment

7 traces
0.06% of the log — place order, pay, send invoice, prepare delivery, confirm payment, make delivery



12,666 cases (orders)
80,609 events

Traces	12,666
Events	80,609
Event Classes	8
Attributes	9
Variants	9
Events per Trace	6.364
First Event	2015-01-05T09:00:07Z
Last Event	2021-04-27T11:11:31Z

10003 | 10004 | 10009

Name

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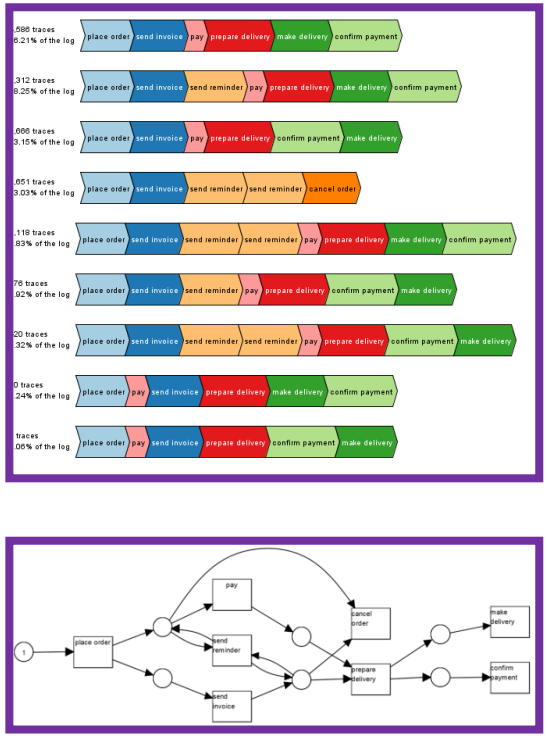
Taxonomy: Not just CF discovery!



Task	Perspective	Type
Process discovery	Control Flow (CF) only	Offline
Conformance checking	CF + time	Online
Extending process models	CF + data	
Decision making	CF + resources	

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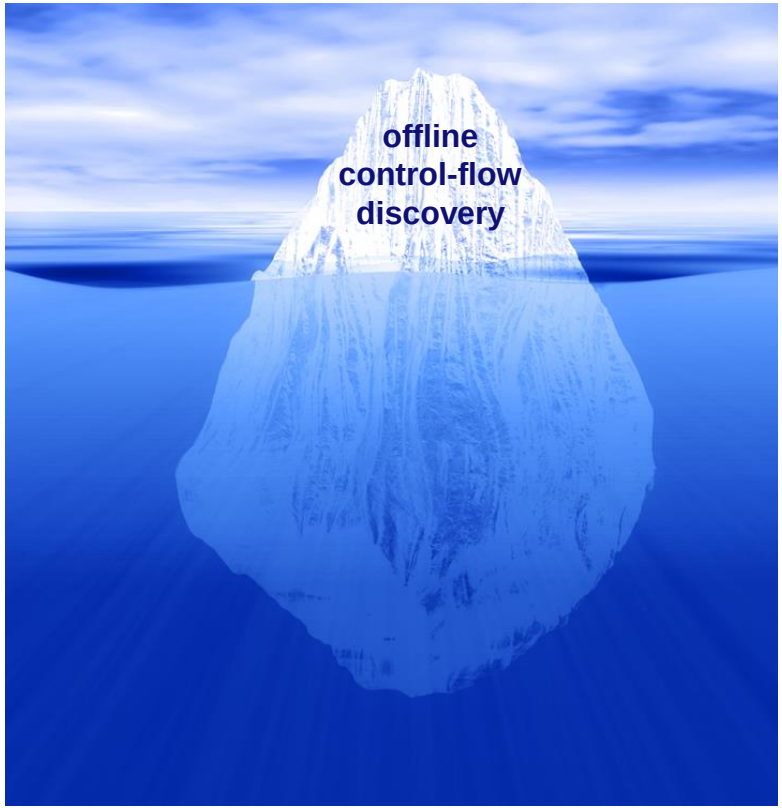

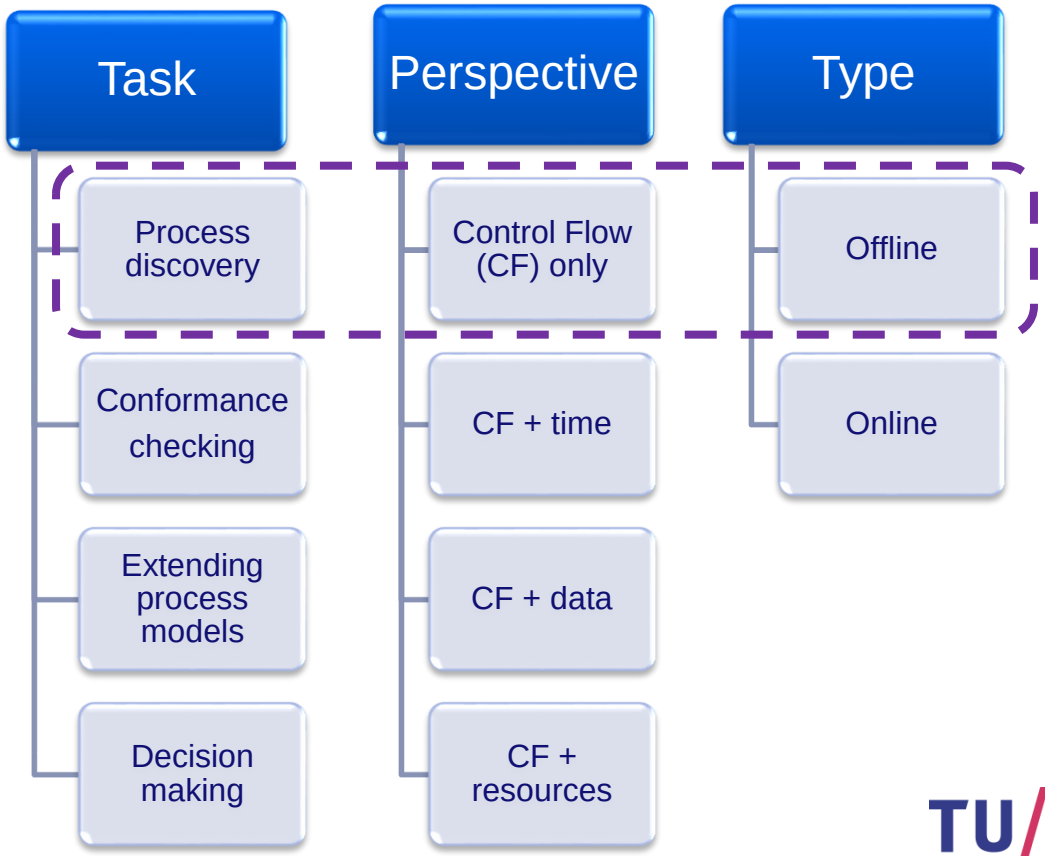

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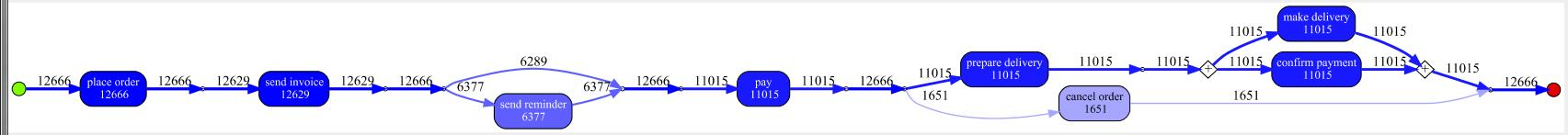
Inductive visual Miner

Select visualisation ...

process model discovered using the inductive miner (showing only the most frequent paths)



activities: paths:

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Classifier concept:name

pre-mining filters

Miner miner (IMf)

edit model

Show paths

trace colouring

highlighting filters

traces

export model

export view

Highlighting all traces.

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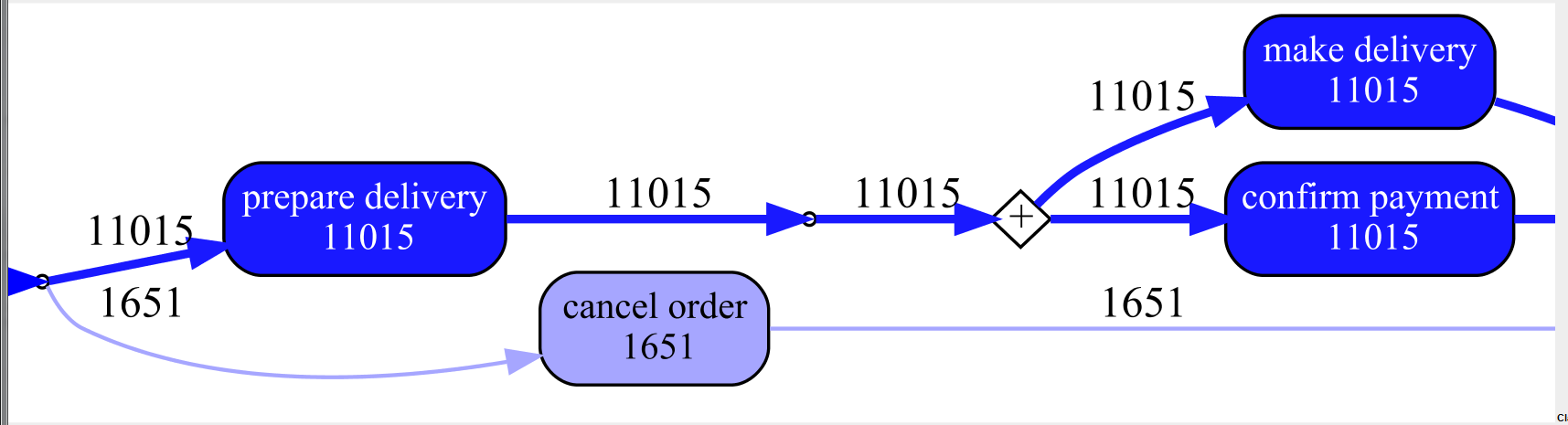
zooming in



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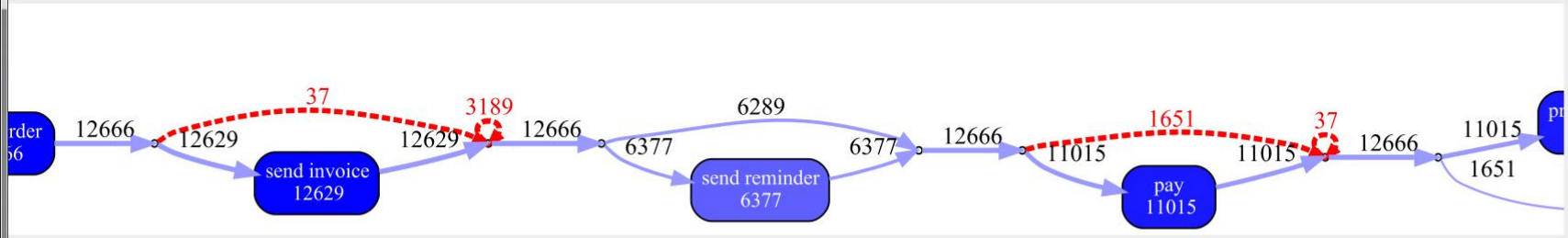
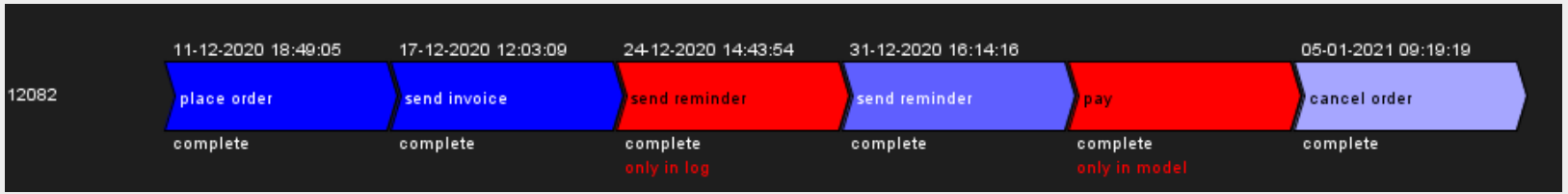
Select visualisation ...

using conformance checking to see all deviations





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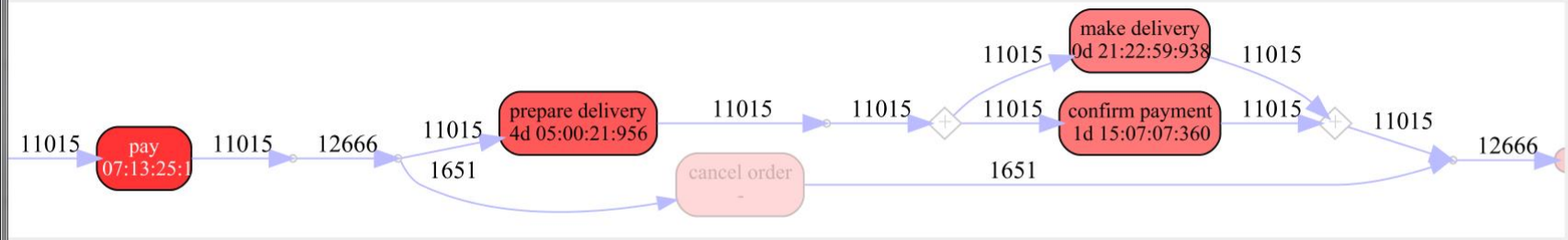
bottleneck analysis: enriching the model with performance information



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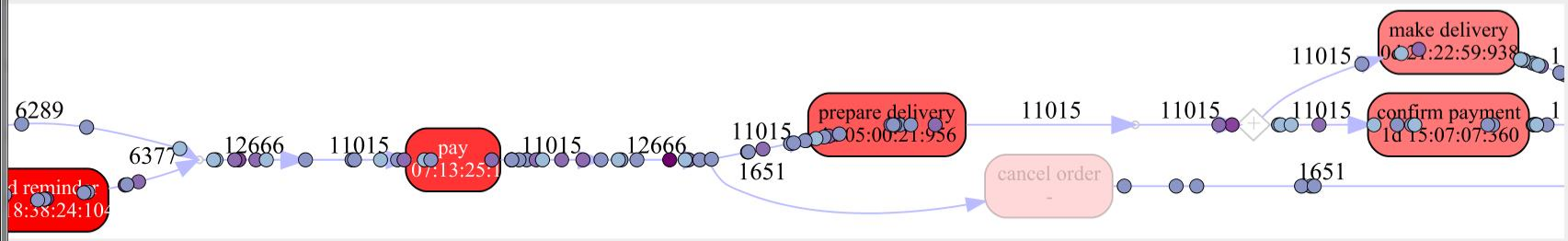
Select visualisation ...

animating the event log showing real cases



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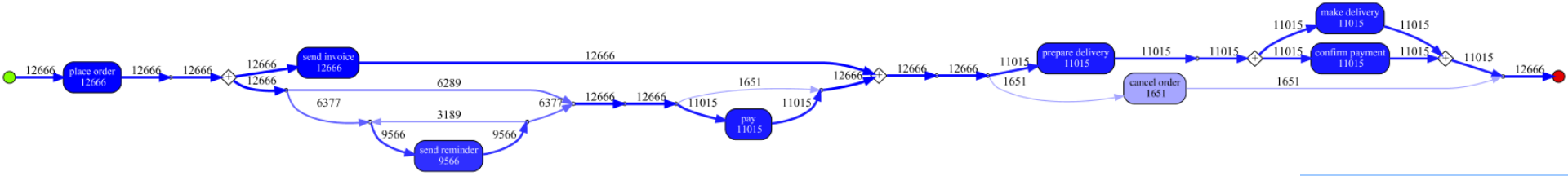
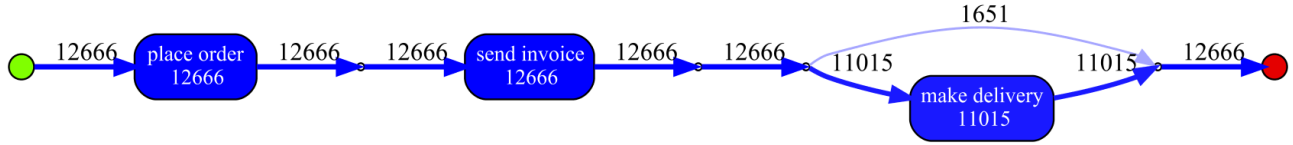
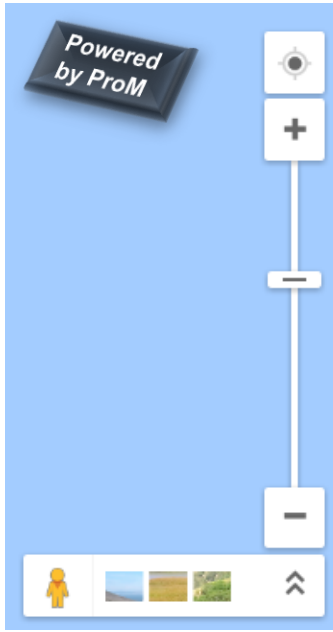
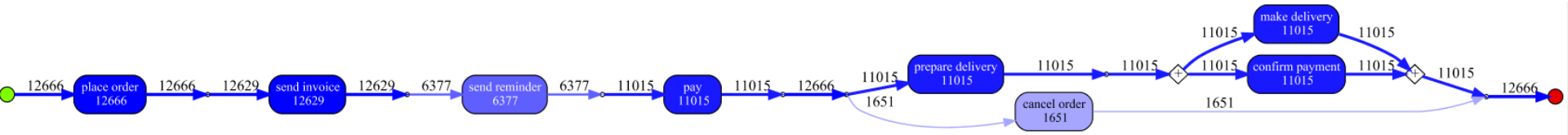


seamless abstraction: one log many views







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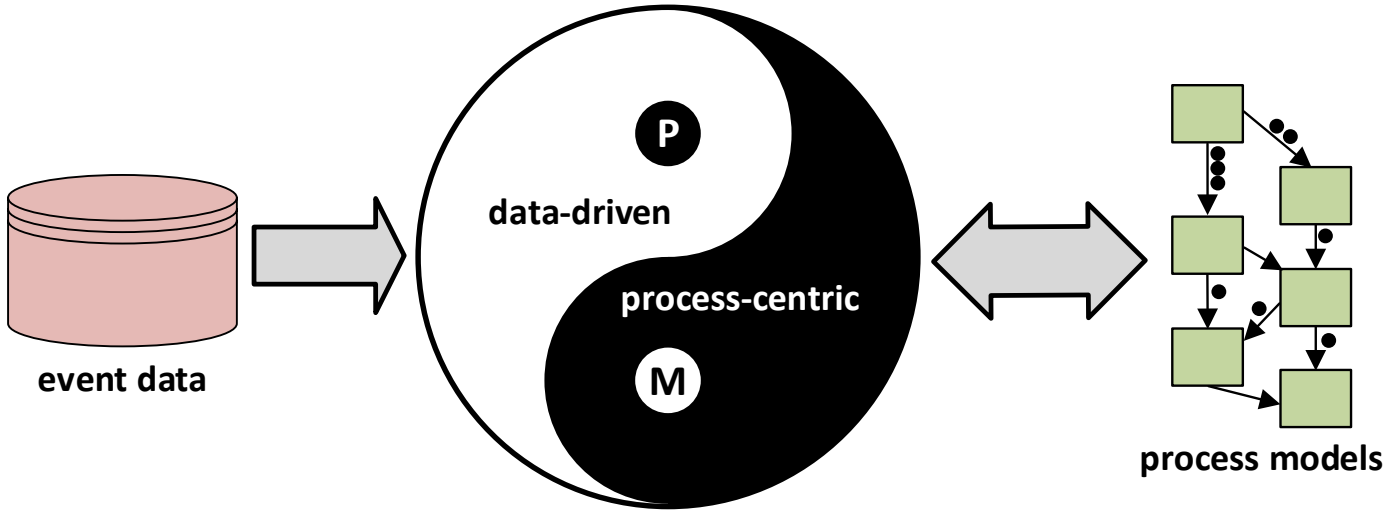

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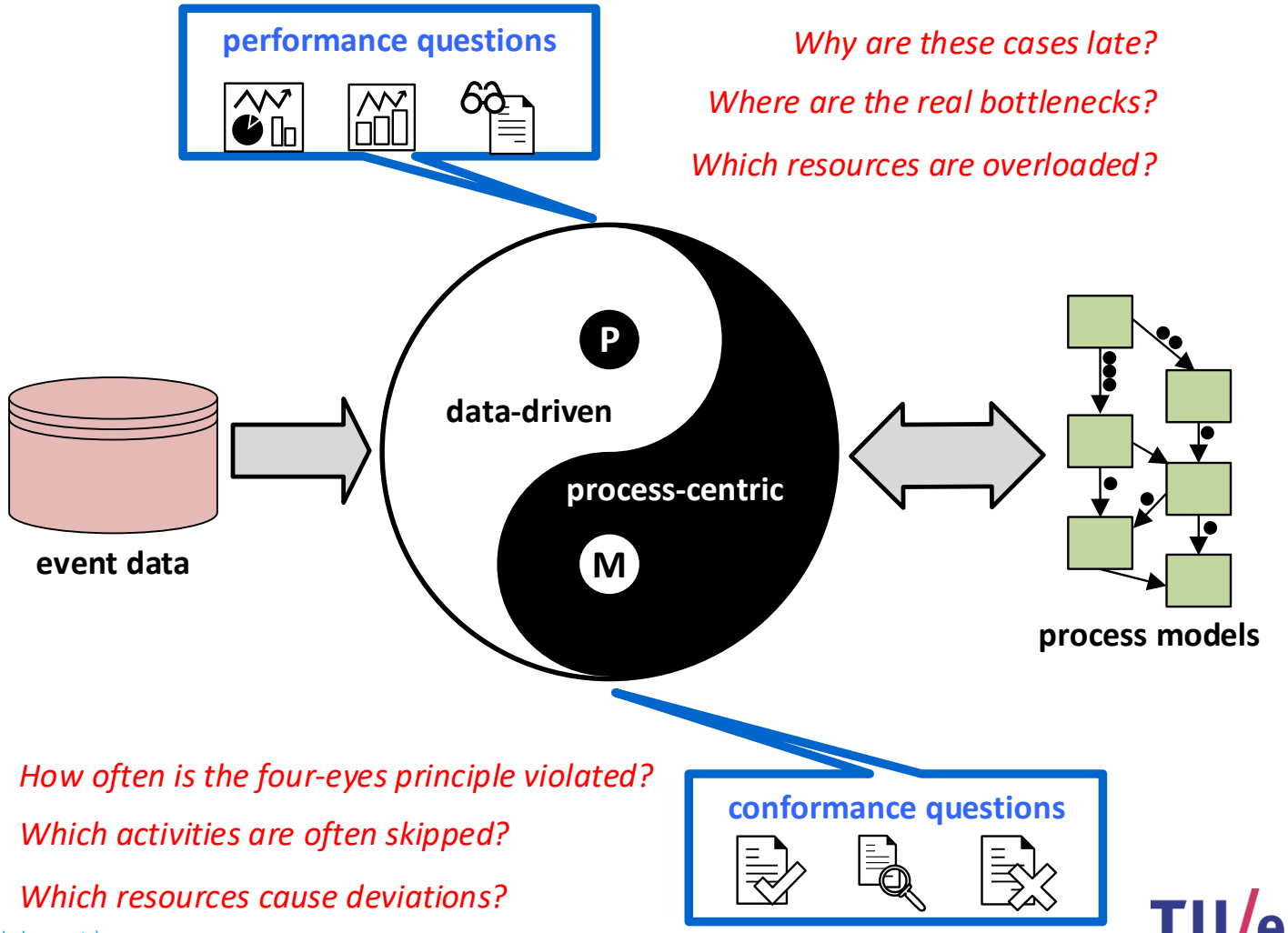
Answering two types of questions



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Process mining results
may hurt and trigger
resistance, but this only
supports the need for it.

Process Mining Software

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process mining workbench

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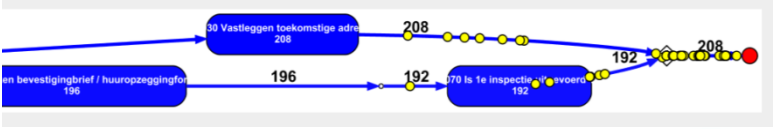

1500+ plug-ins available covering the whole process mining spectrum

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ProM process mining workbench

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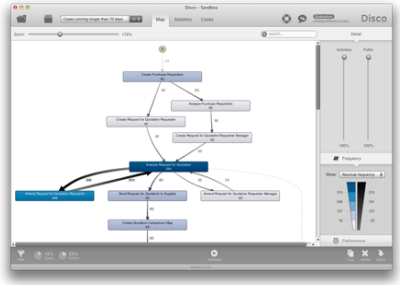

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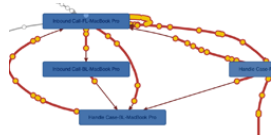

QPR
Quality. Processes. Results.

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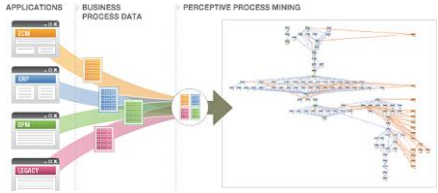
software AG

ARIS
Process Performance Manager



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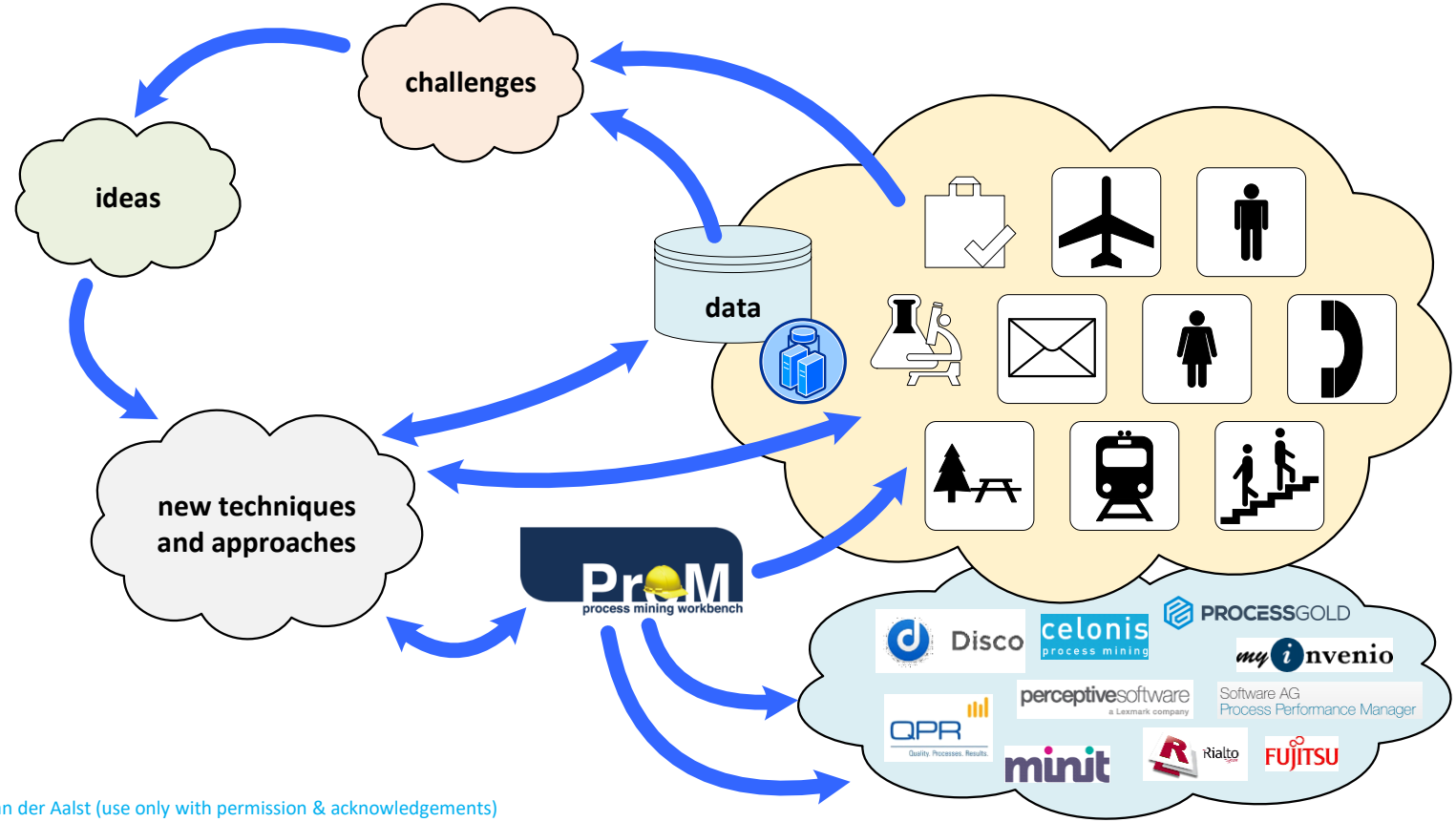
Interaction with industry



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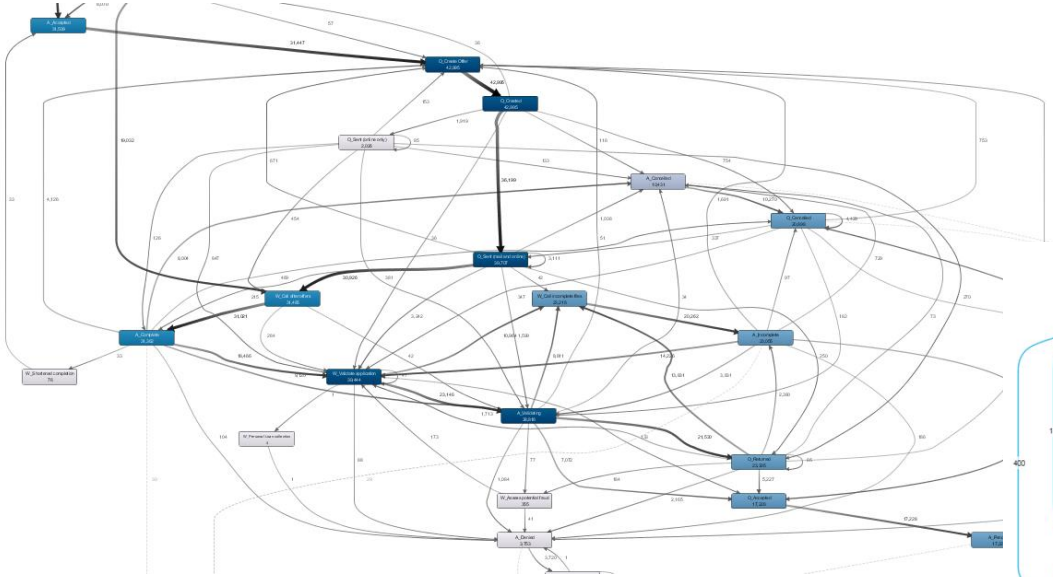
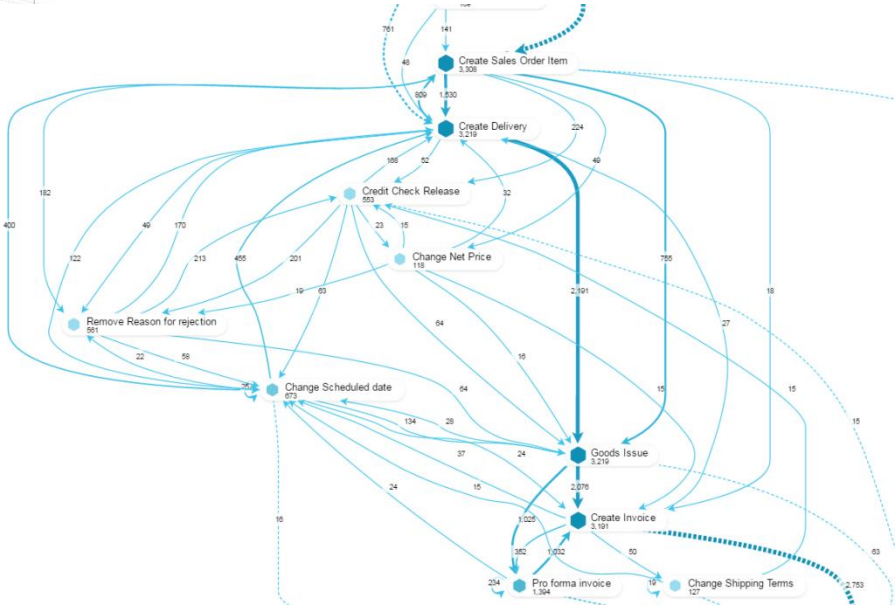
Job done?

Not really …

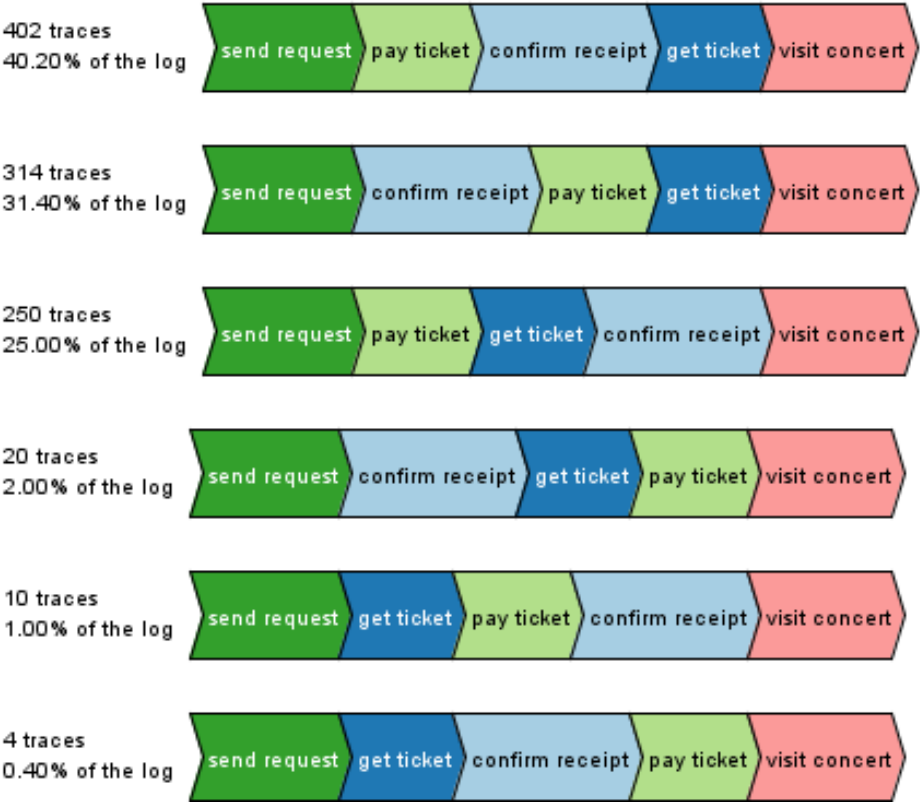
Concurrency and Semantics

Boxes and arrows: What do they mean?

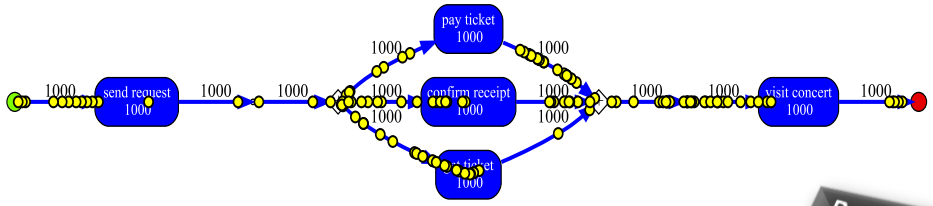




An example log and “proper models”



1000 cases and 5000 events



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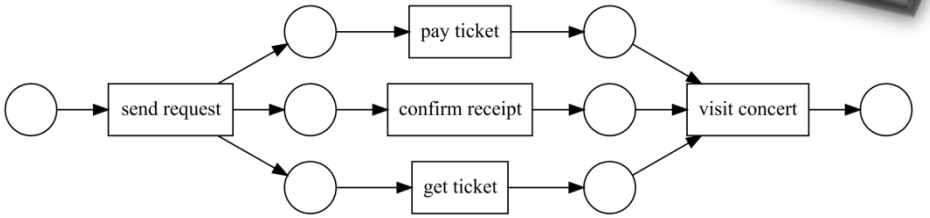

Inductive miner, ILP miner, Alpha miner, etc.

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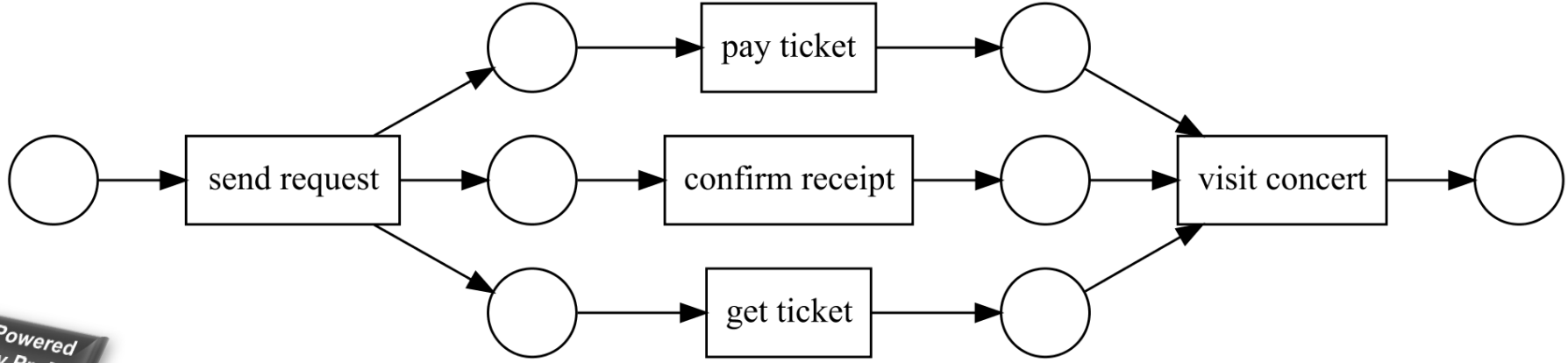
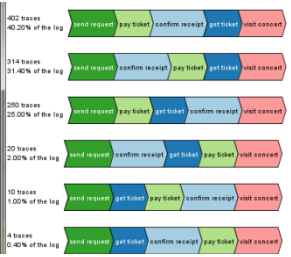
Model with 3 concurrent activities





Too difficult ☺?

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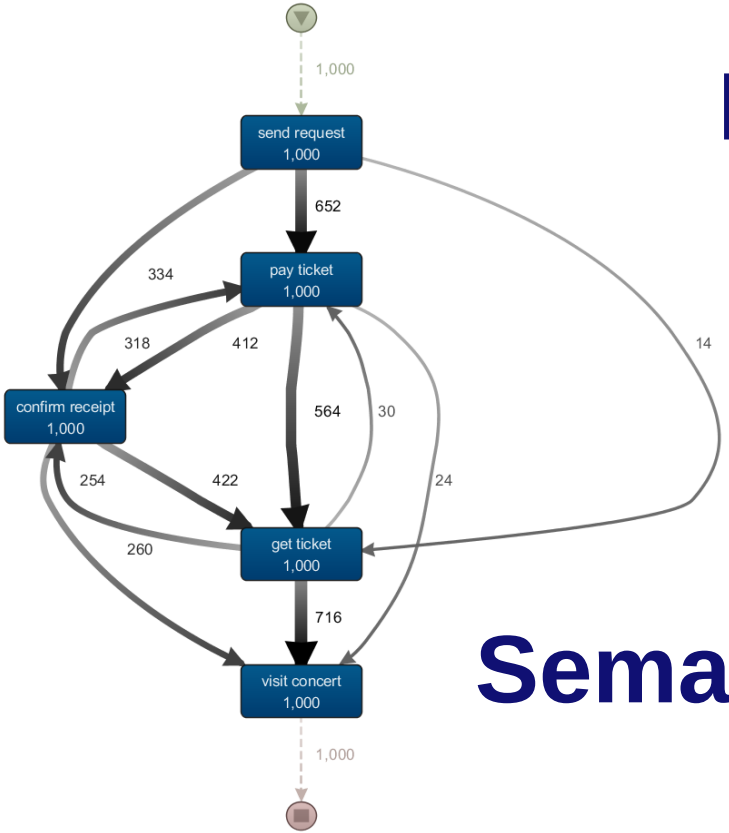
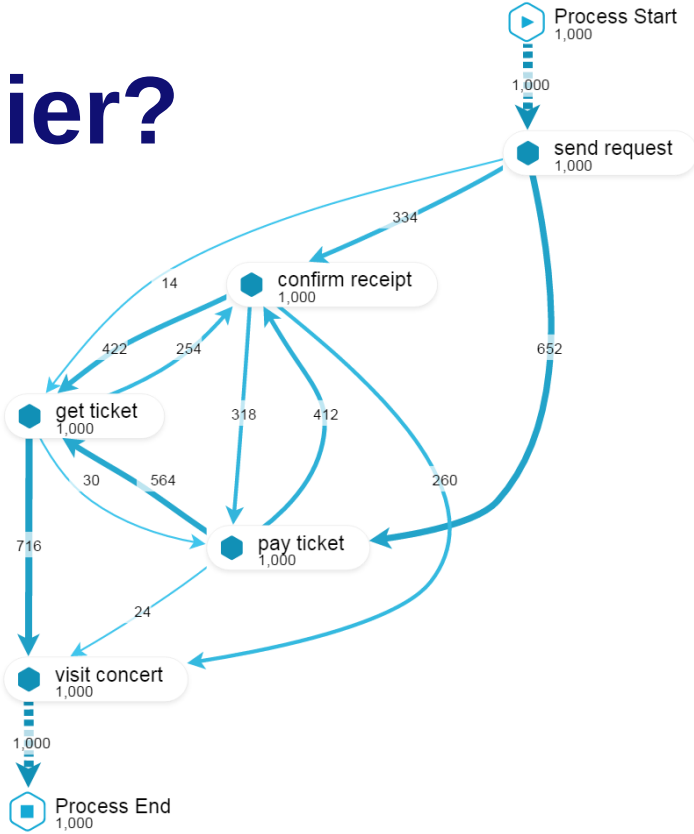


Much easier?

Semantics?



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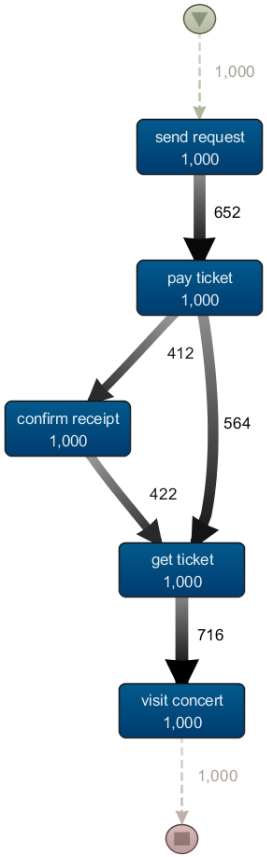
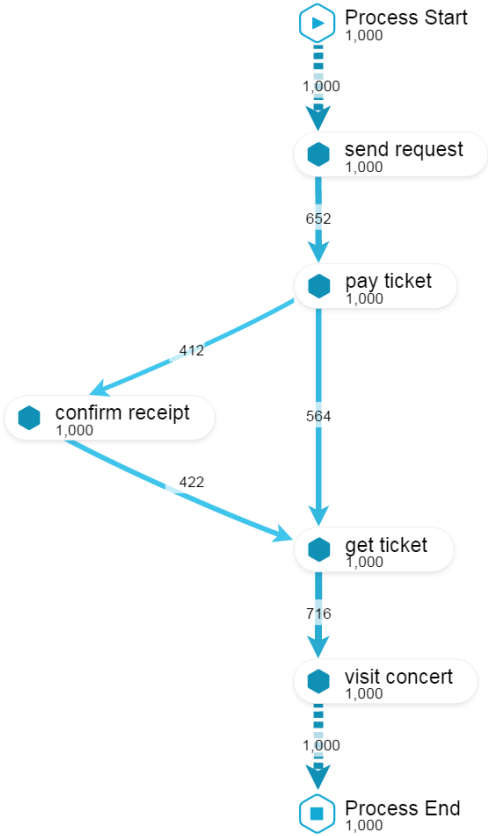


Do frequencies make sense?



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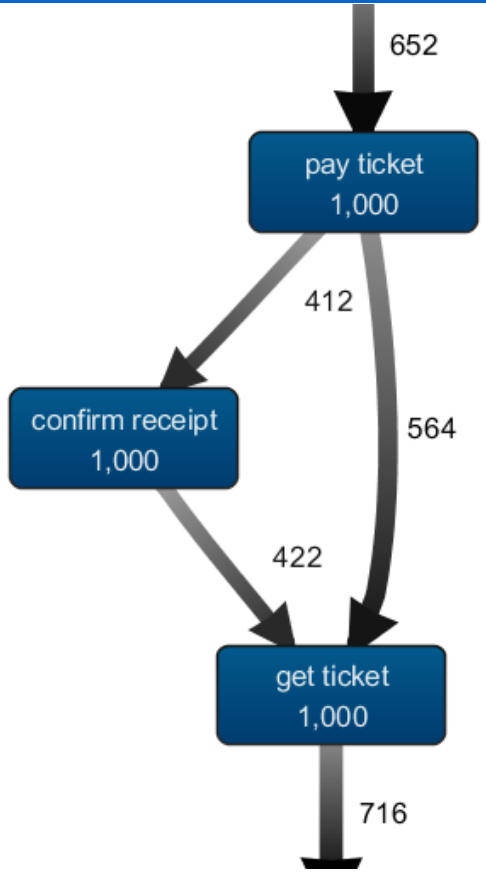

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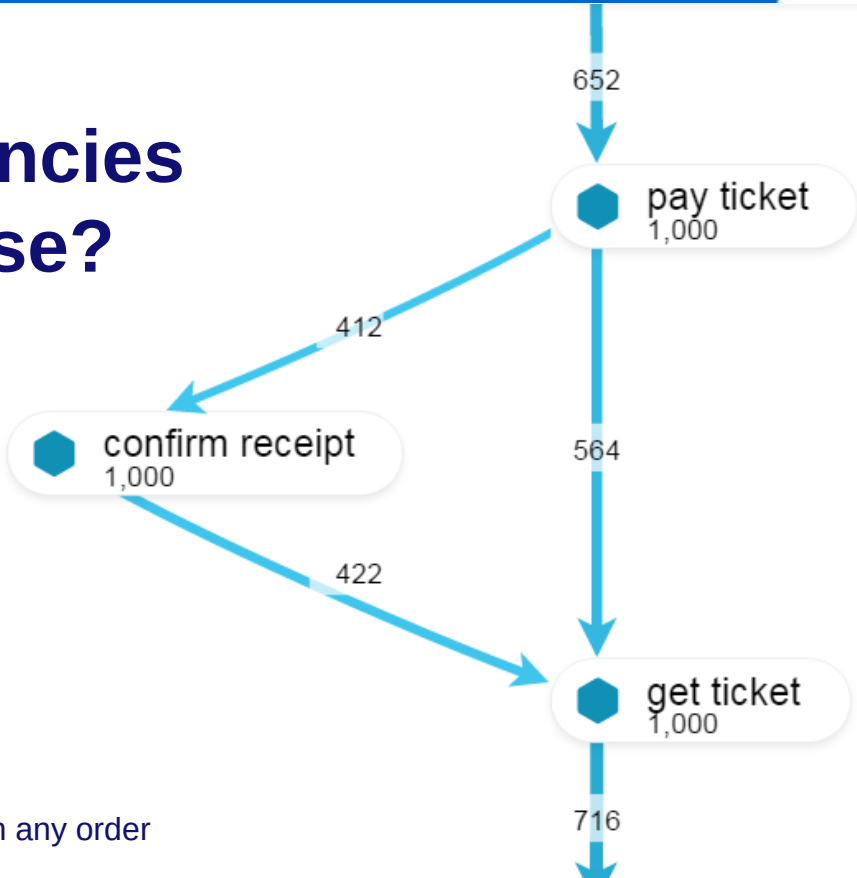

- do not add up
- were performed in any order

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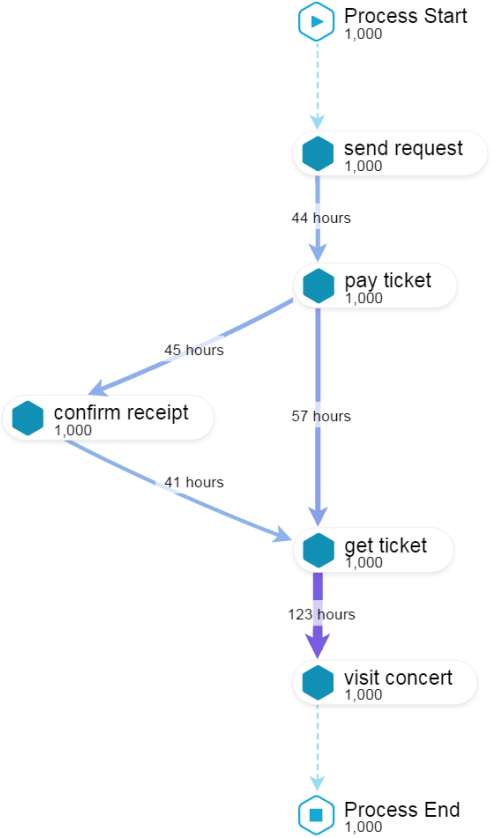

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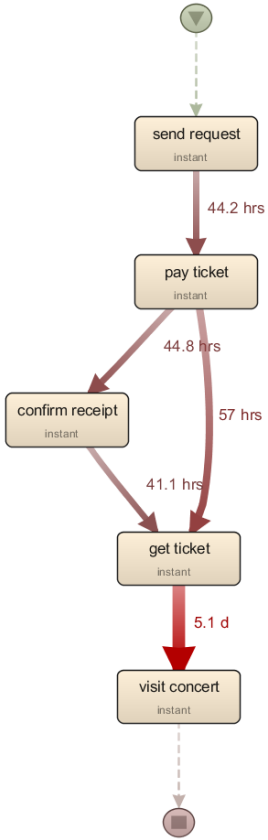

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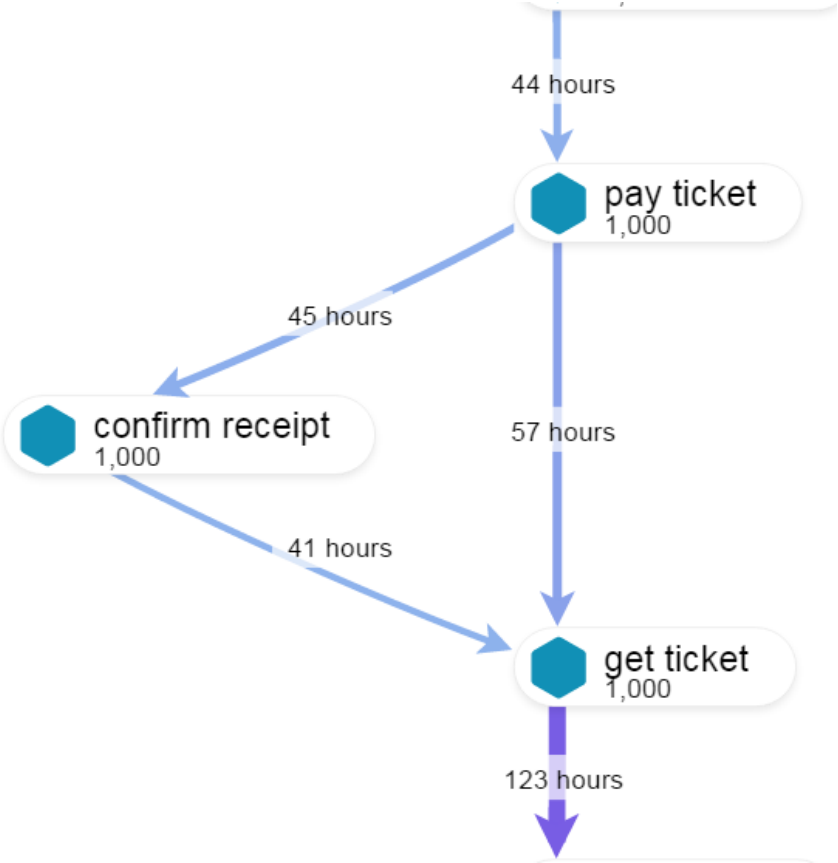

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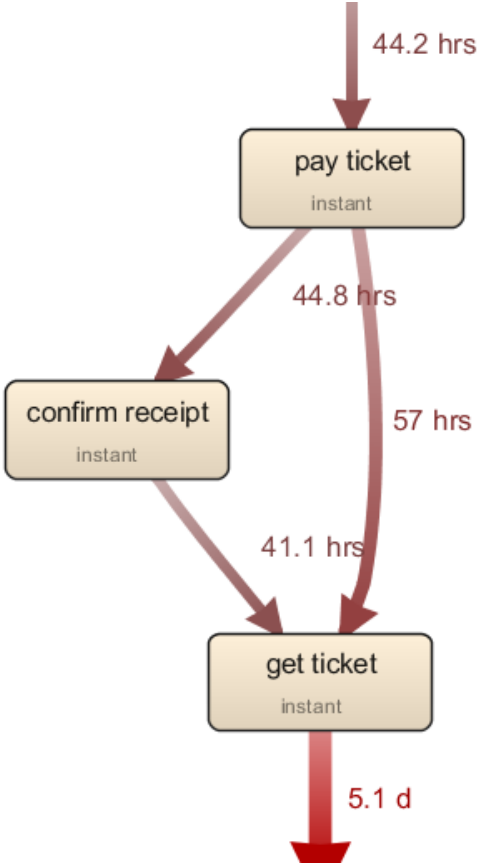

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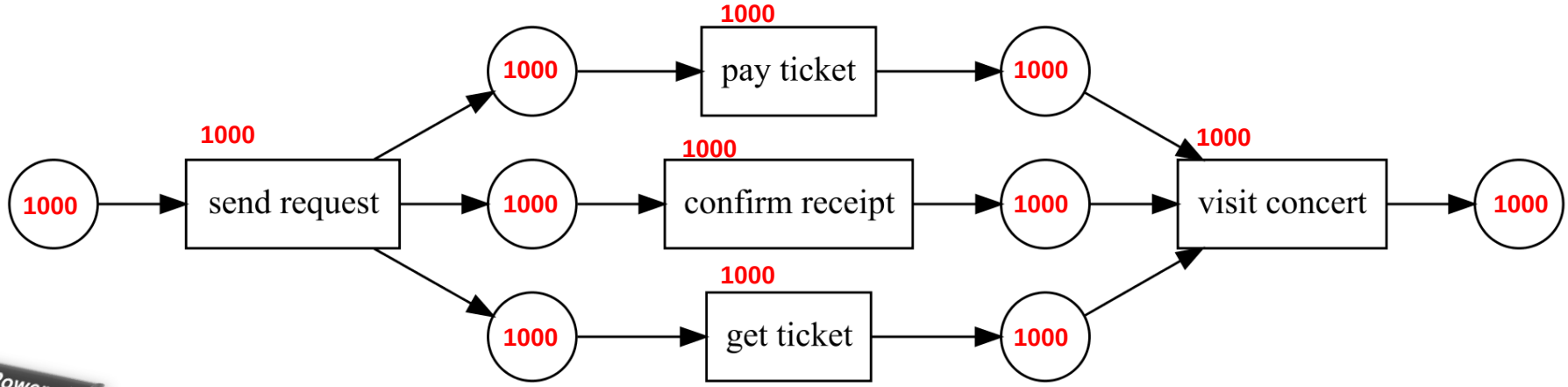

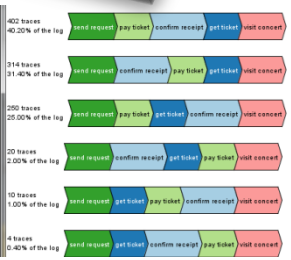

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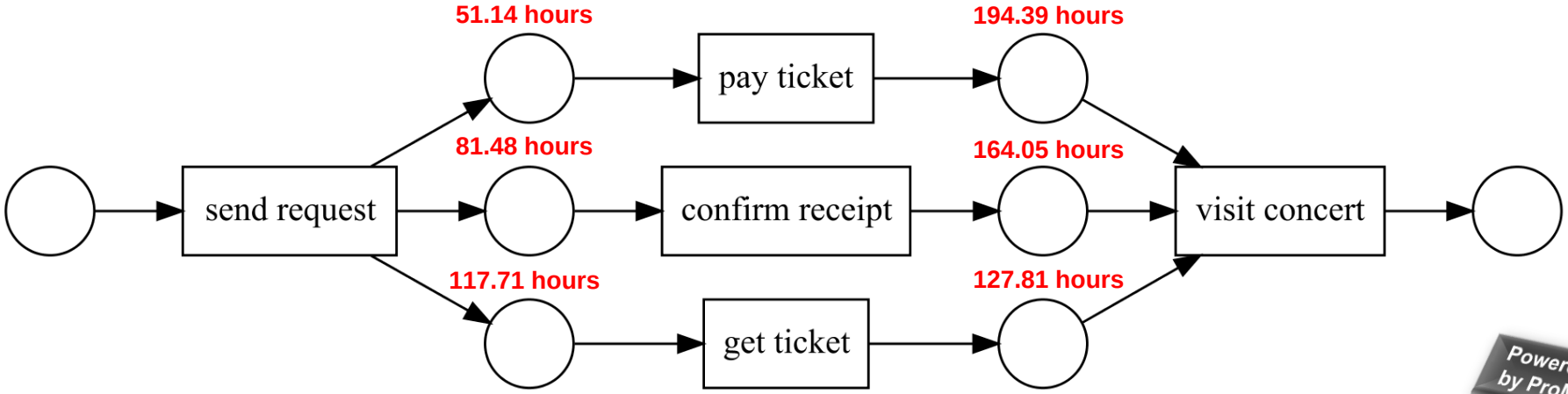

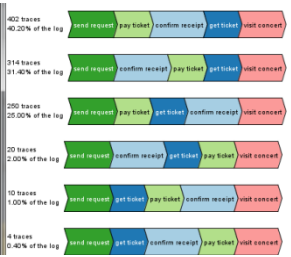

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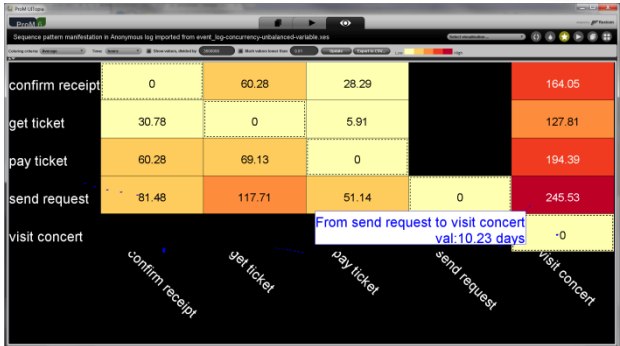

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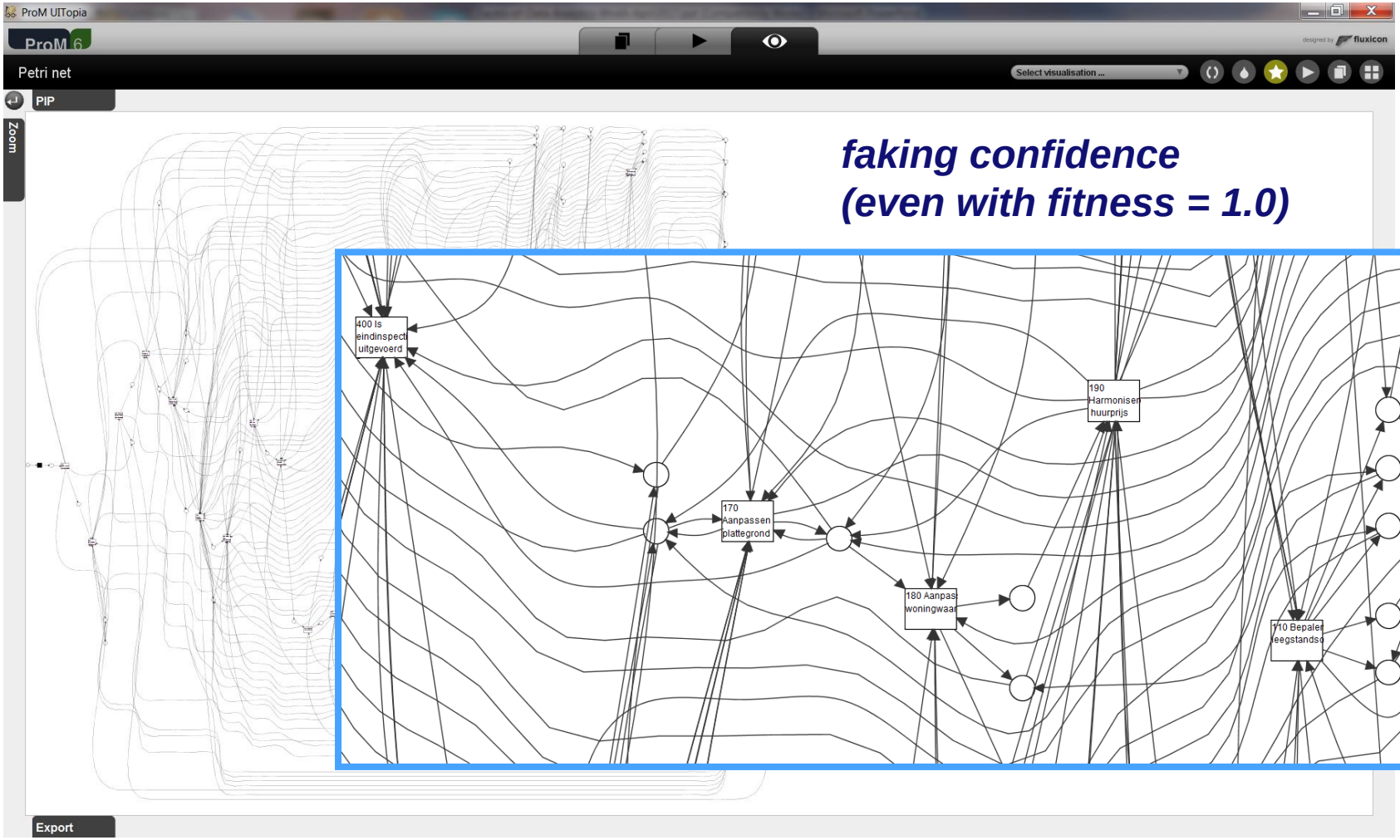

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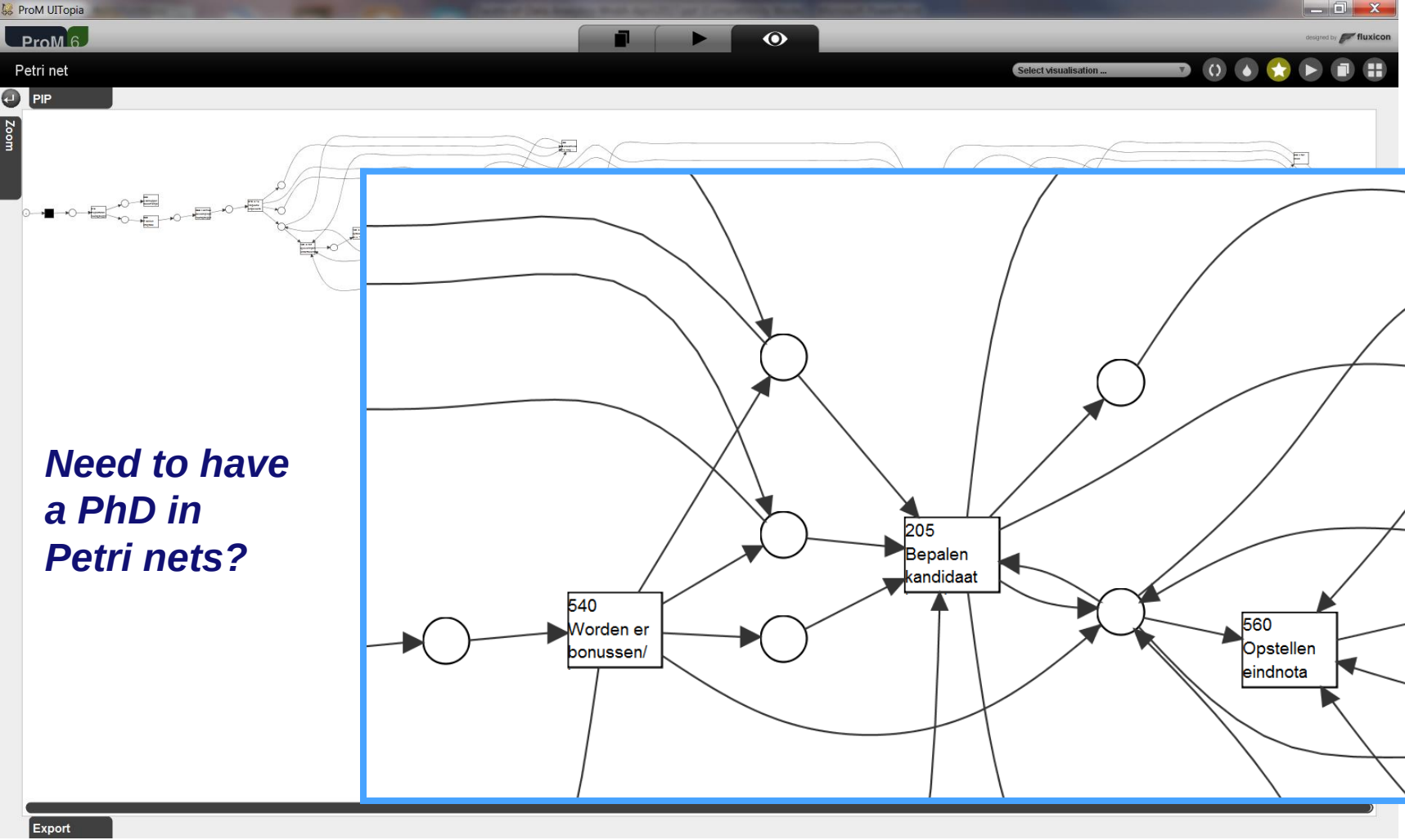

Need to have a PhD in Petri nets?

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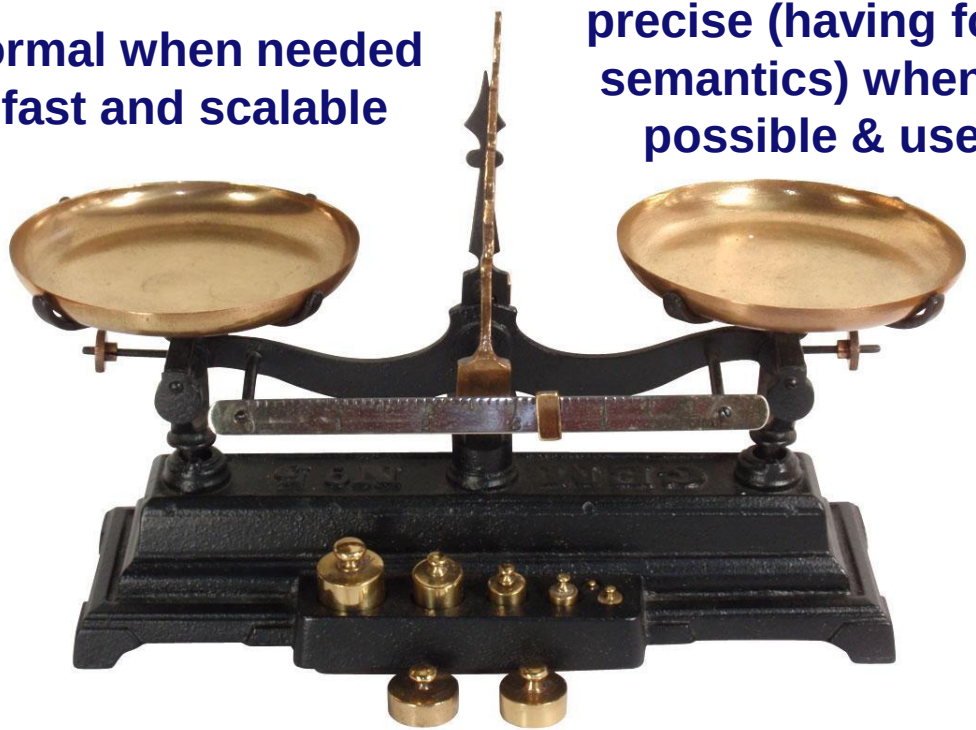
How to combine the best of both worlds?

informal when needed & fast and scalable

- commercial tools
- heuristic miner
- fuzzy miner
- etc.



precise (having formal semantics) whenever possible & useful

- basic inductive miner
- ILP miner
- other region-based approaches
- etc.

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Idea: Hybrid process models

Joint work with Riccardo De Masellis, Chiara Di Francescomarino, Chiara Ghidini

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Vagueness in models of socio-technical systems

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Abstract. This article presents graphical modeling concepts, especially for the modeling of socio-technical processes. This requires the representation of those parts of knowledge which cannot be stated definitely and have to be modeled vaguely. The presented modeling concepts allow the extension of existing graphical and textual modeling methods to model facts without making unnecessary and unwelcome commitments about not already completed knowledge. In the same way it also allows the modeling of facts which cannot be modeled completely, like aspects of social systems comprising of cooperation and communication. A special modeling notation (SeeMe) is used to present the concepts. A systematic differentiation of vagueness shows the alternative ways for modelers to express vague facts. Expressing undetermined decisions is another element of vague modeling in SeeMe.

1. Introduction

In computer science, modeling is a
in several fields. By models we mea
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representation of models are especia
prove communication between different participants.

In many application fields of modeling methods the subject of modeling is much more than the mere technical system; it is rather the socio-technical processes and conditions. Socio-technical processes comprise the interdependencies between persons, especially the mutually dependent activities of multiple persons. Those dependencies include social aspects like communication and cooperation structures, formal organizational structures, personal expectations and interests or qualifications. Socio-technical systems also have a technical side where artifacts, like computer systems in computer science, are relevant. Besides the mere technical solution it is especially necessary for the description of socio-technical processes with modeling methods to also show the

or deterministic aspects as well as parts with incomplete knowledge and uncertain insight. Many of these aspects are results of the situatedness of information that cannot be transferred into a formal representation (Goguen 1994). To support the communication and the process of realization of these correlations, it is necessary to extend modeling techniques with appropriate concepts. Modeling should be a tool to present and arrange more than the reliable and constant knowledge (or what is meant to be). Knowledge with the attributes 'uncertain', 'questionable' or 'unknown' must be expressed, as well as 'checked' or

tion to the more specific problem of branches with unspecified conditions. Section 6 gives two examples of applications of the presented concepts. Section 7 summarises this article.

2. Elements

2.1. *Main ele*

A set of different modeling methods were analysed for their appropriateness for modeling socio-technical systems. (Oberquelle 1987, Green & Benyon 1996, Beck et. al. 1995, Dearden & Harrison 1997, Sebilotte 1992,

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Semistructured models are surprisingly useful for user-centered design

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Abstract Diagrammatic representations are commonly accepted as valuable tools in requirements engineering and systems design. However, the most prominent techniques, are not sufficient for requirements negotiation with users because they focus on the design of technical systems. In user-centered design of socio-technical systems there is a strong demand for models which integrate different viewpoints. We believe that appropriate semi-formal diagramming techniques can facilitate the negotiation of the design, especially when they are combined with additional representations. Therefore we have designed a notation that supports the generation of integrated models of organizational, social, and technical structures, e.g. business processes, social relations and dependencies among protagonists, resources, work-objects, and software functionality. SeeMe, the diagramming-technique for modeling semistructured socio-technical systems moreover provides special concepts for the representation of vagueness, incompleteness, and contradictions that are inherent to user requirements. In this paper we present a first evaluation of the SeeMe-diagramming technique. The results are drawn from four different case studies. We briefly introduce the main features of the SeeMe Diagramming technique and sub-

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paper "Semistructured email are surprisingly useful for computer-supported coordination" Malone et al. suggested optional and partial structuring to use email more efficiently [13]. Similarly, in conceptual modelling neither completely structured and strong typed information nor completely unstructured information complies with the social and organizational requirements. In contrast to aiming at
(e.g. [16]), we suggest emphasizing vagueness in user-
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People do not hate Petri nets (BPMN, etc.): they hate to be precise (when …)!

Vagueness can be a feature!

Semi-structuredness can be deliberate!

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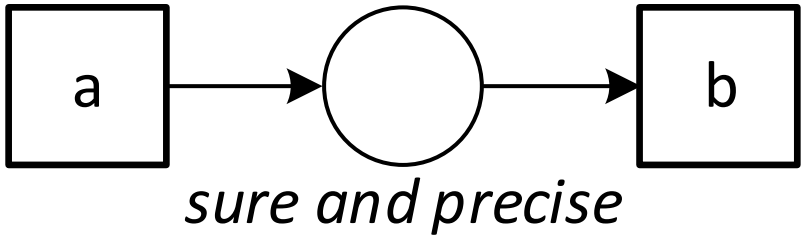
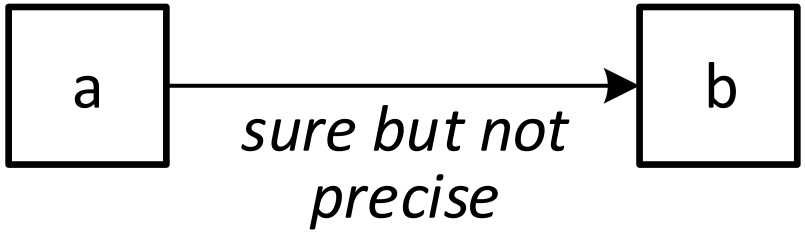
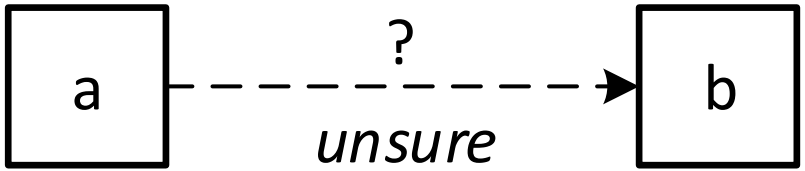
Hybrid Petri nets have three types of arcs







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determined based on thresholds

weak causality

logic can be captured*

determined based on thresholds

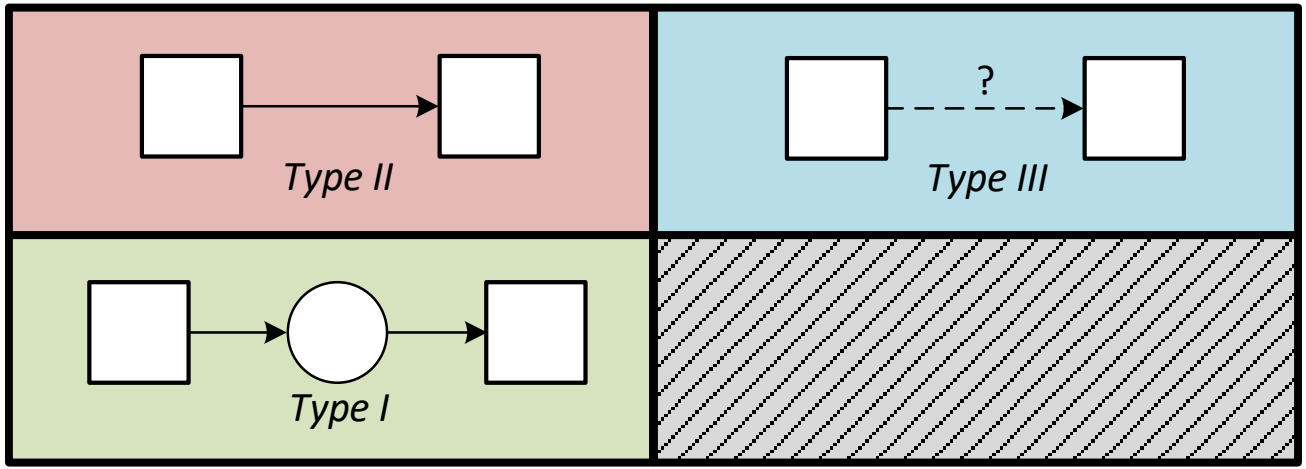
logic cannot be captured*

* = easily / of a certain quality / within the representational bias

Hybrid Petri nets have three types of arcs

informal
(annotations that are deliberately vague)

formal
(firm statements about the inclusion or exclusion of traces)



strong causality
(“sure”)

weak causality
(“unsure”)

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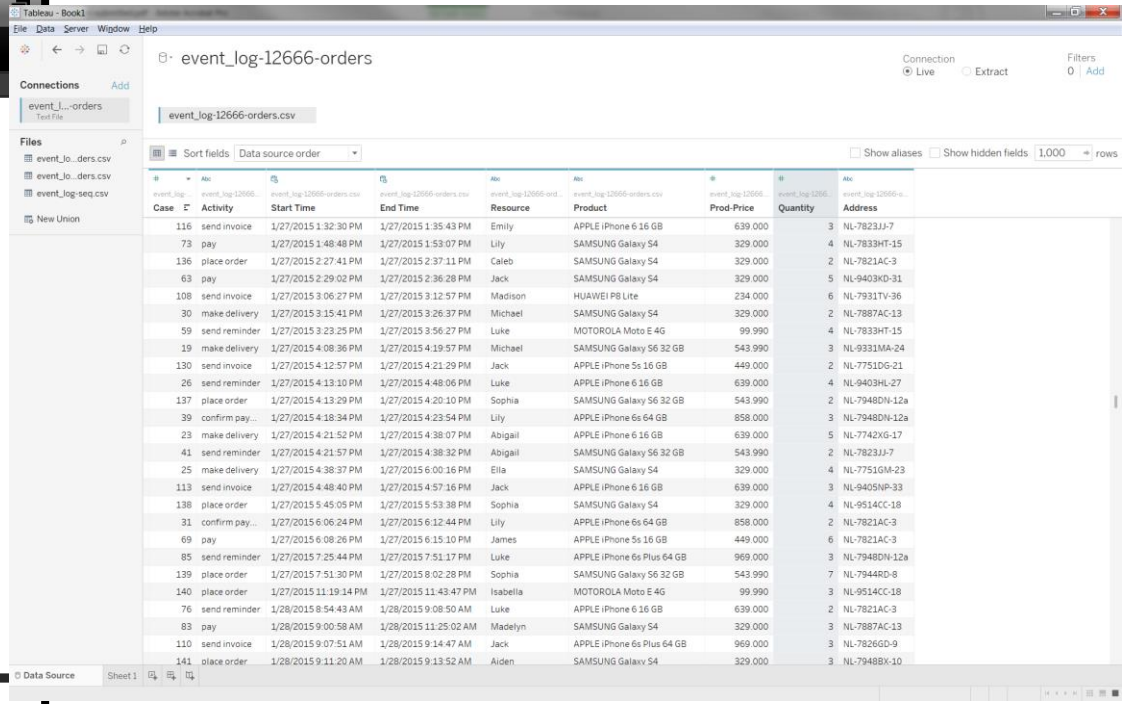

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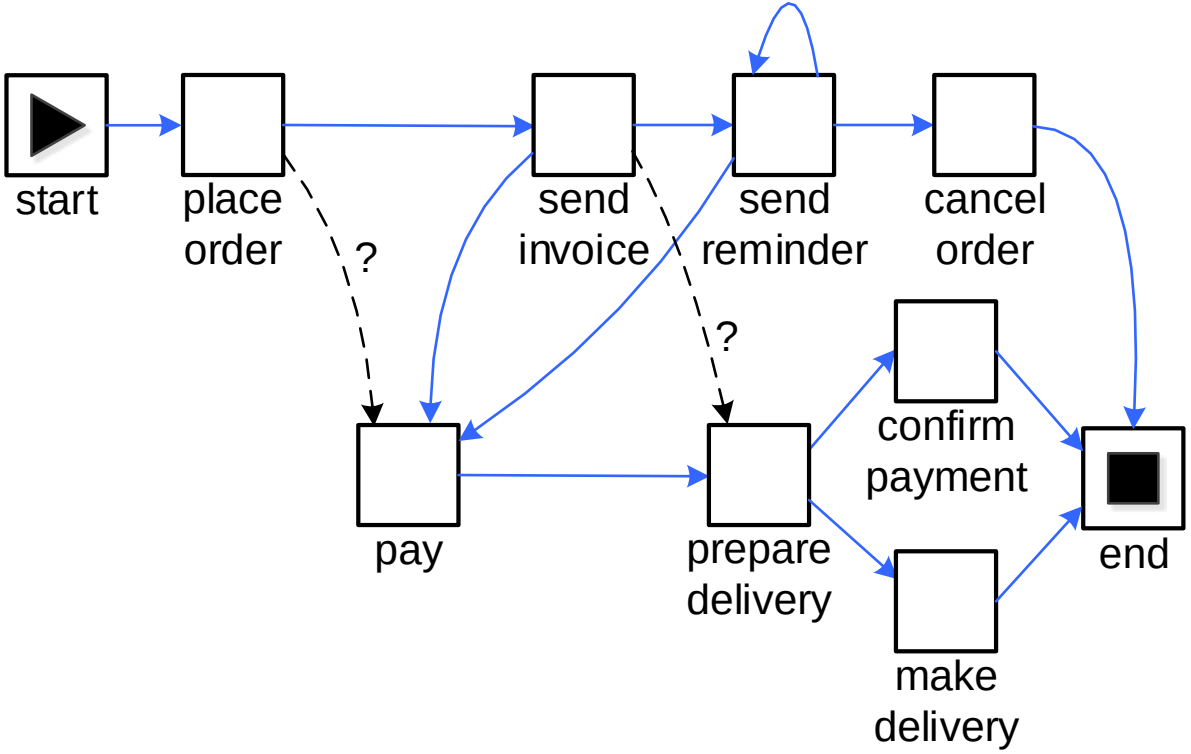

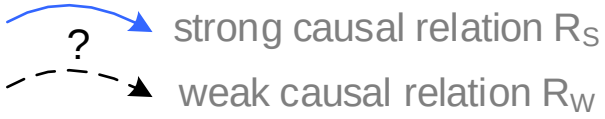

Different approaches possible (business as usual)

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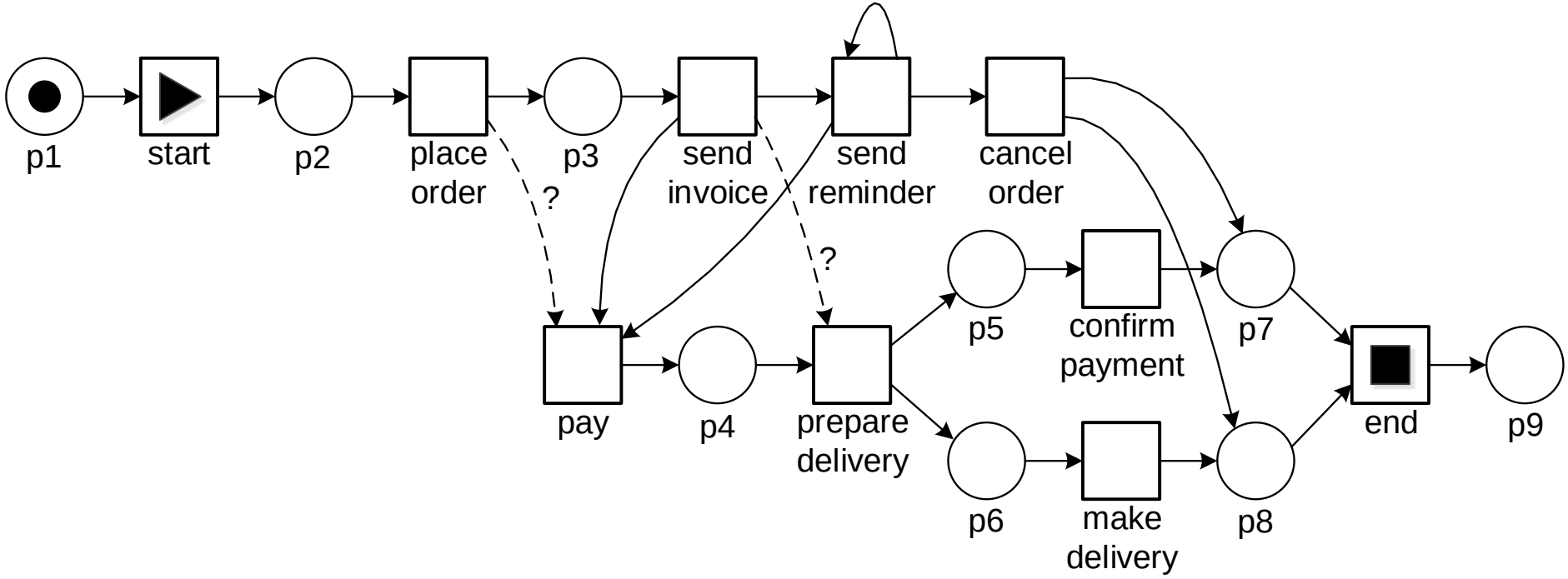
Phase 2: Learn a Hybrid Petri Net



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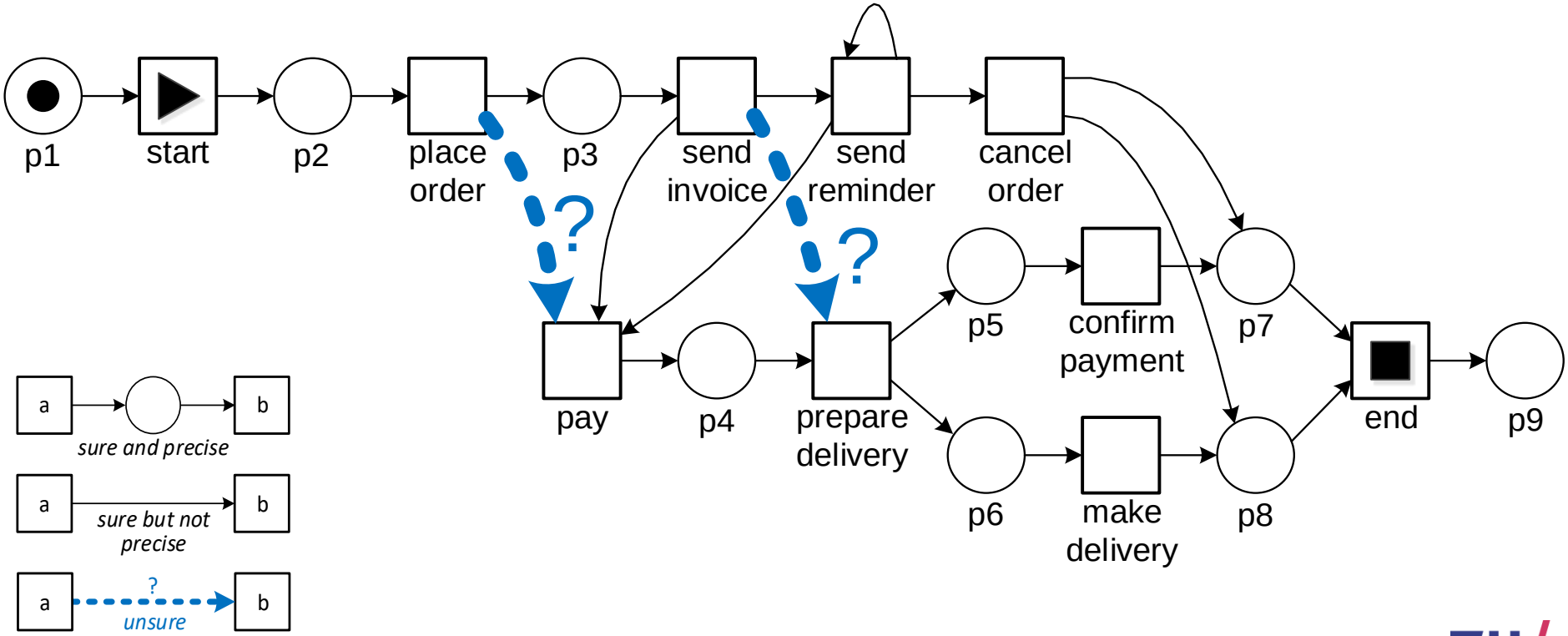

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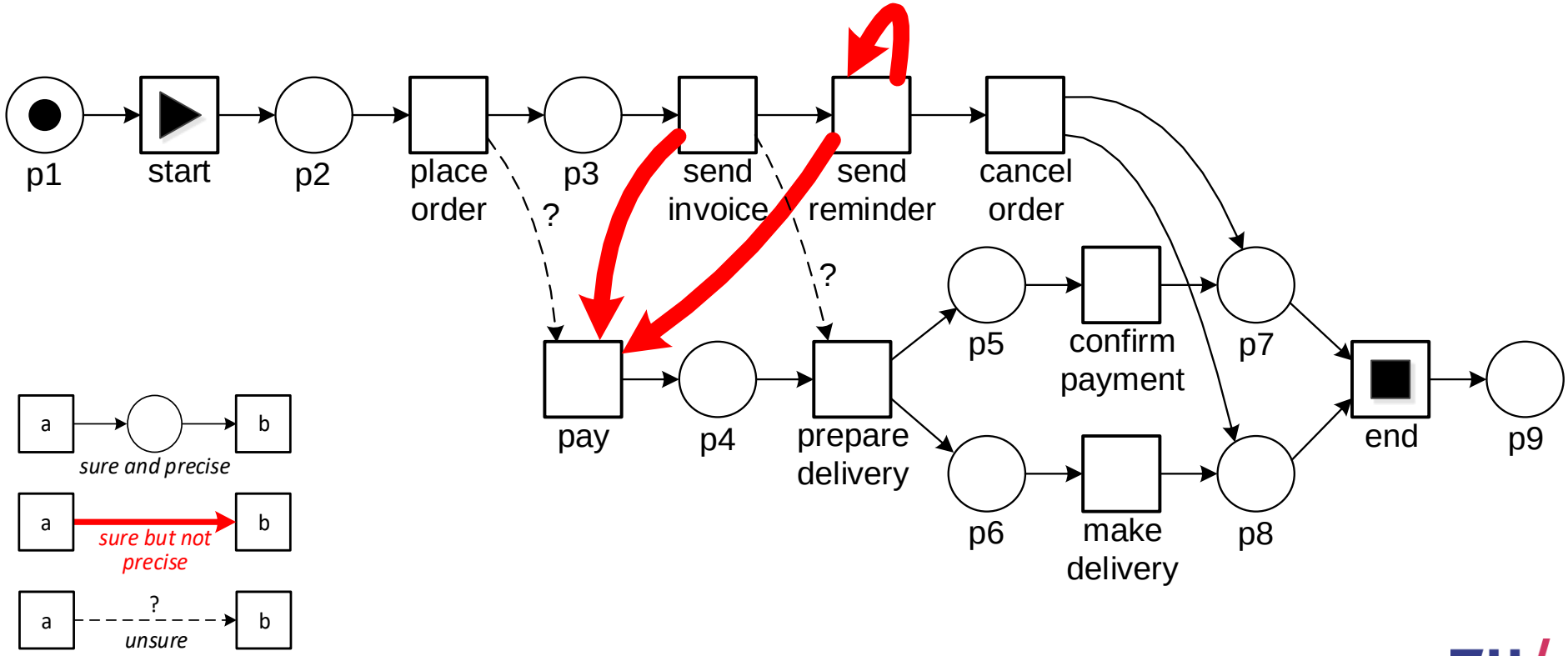

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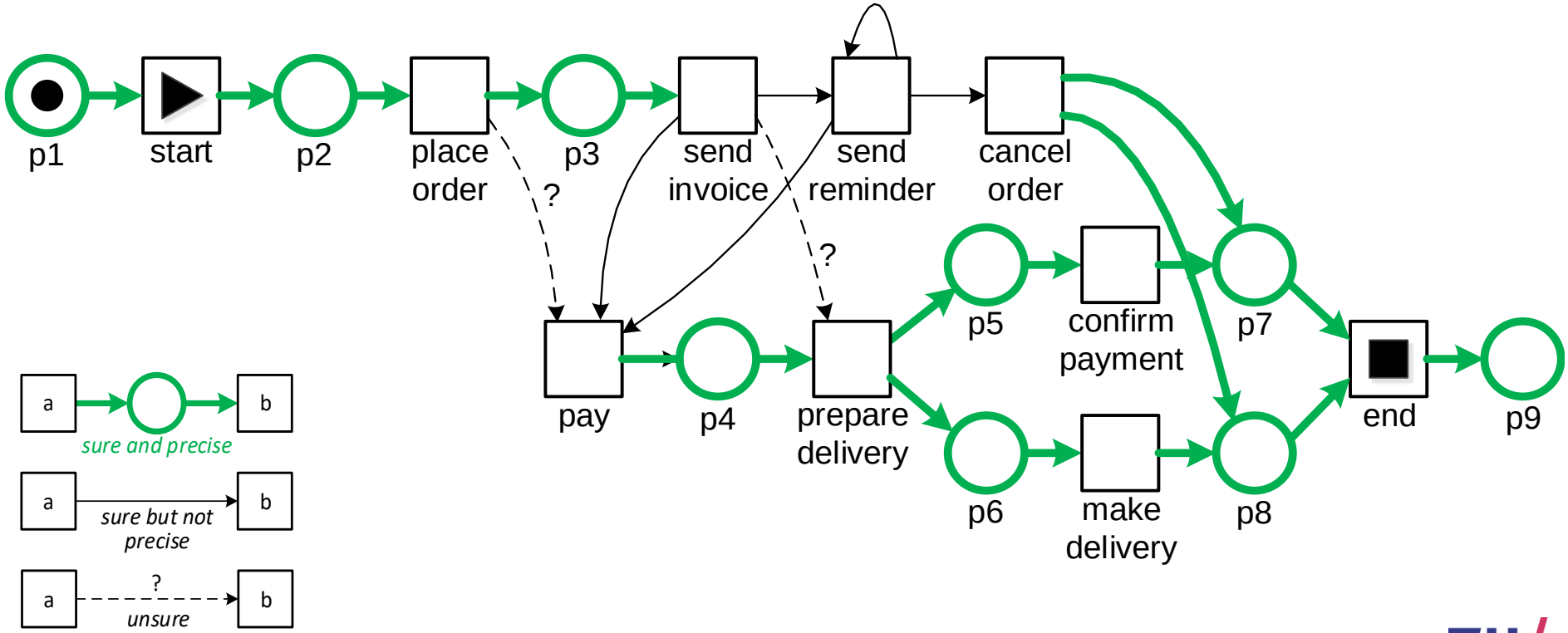

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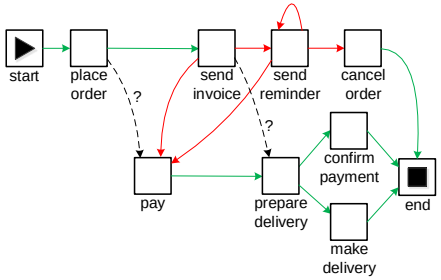

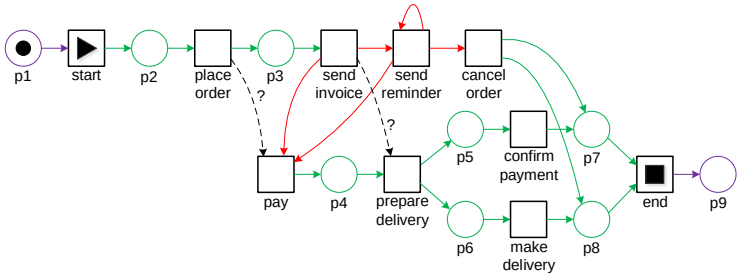

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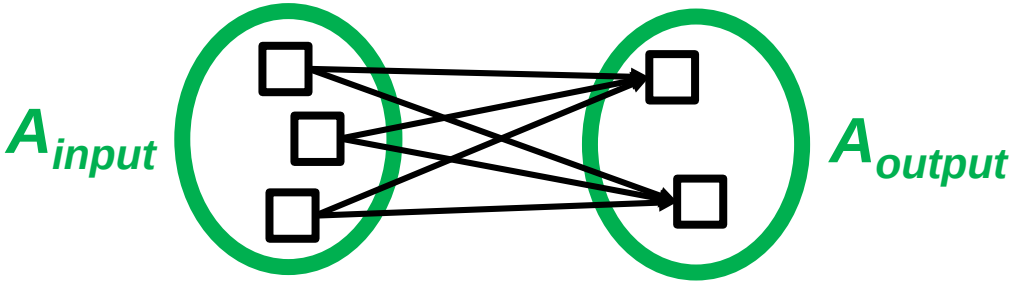

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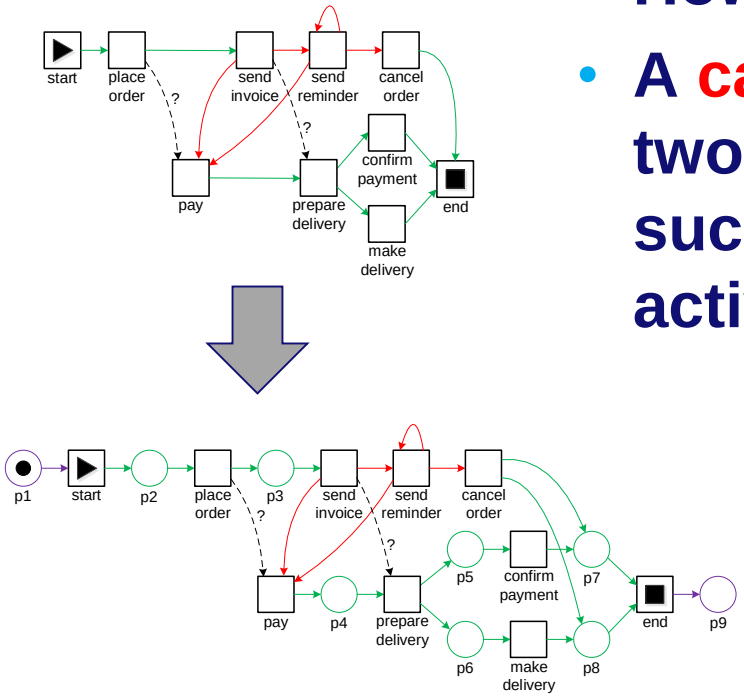

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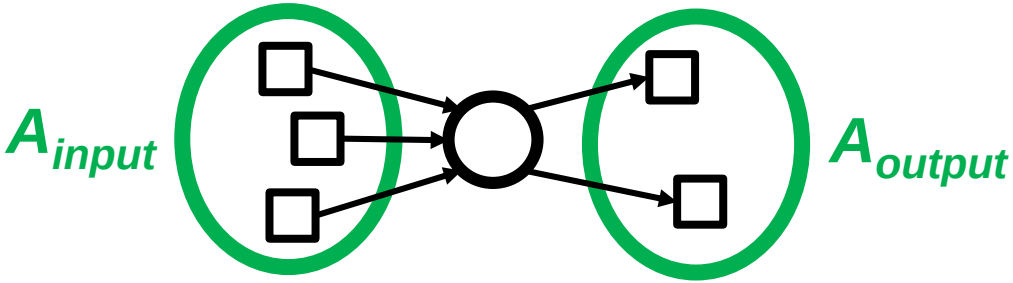

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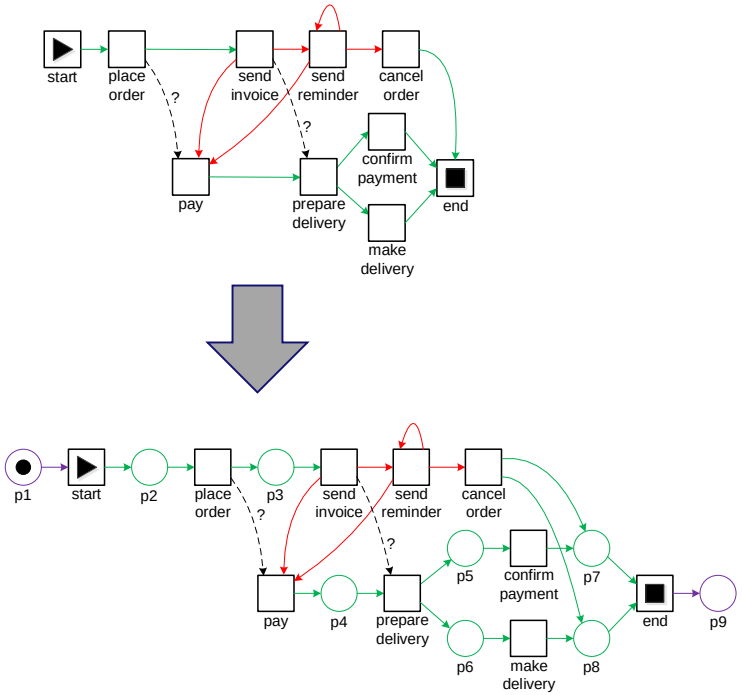
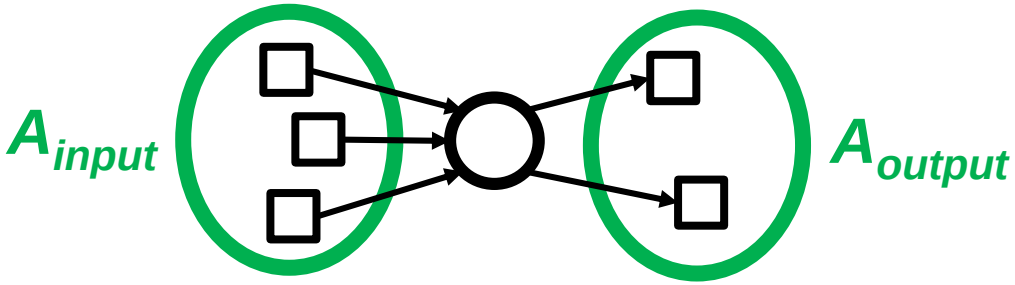


- **Determine the quality of each candidate place $p=(A_{input},A_{output})$**



- **Ideally: start empty, finish empty, not negative (compare ILP miner)**

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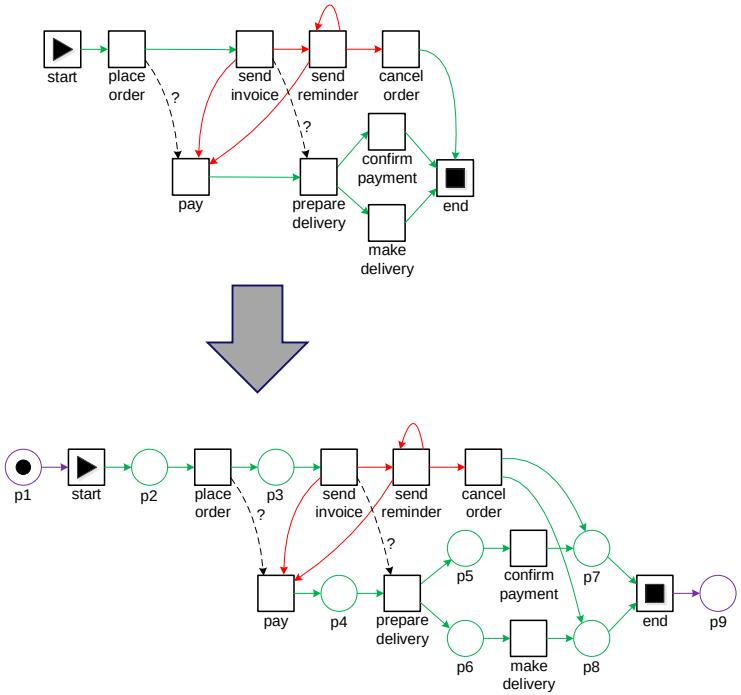

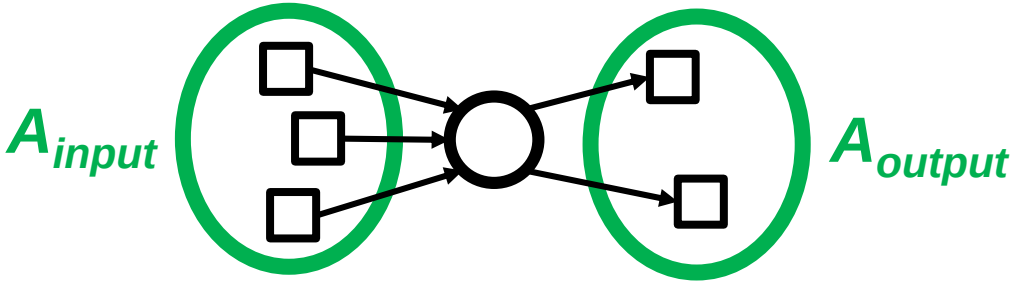

- **Three possible scoring functions:**
  - **a) Fraction of cases perfectly fitting**
  - **b) Fraction of relevant cases perfectly fitting**
  - **c) Global score (extremely efficient)**

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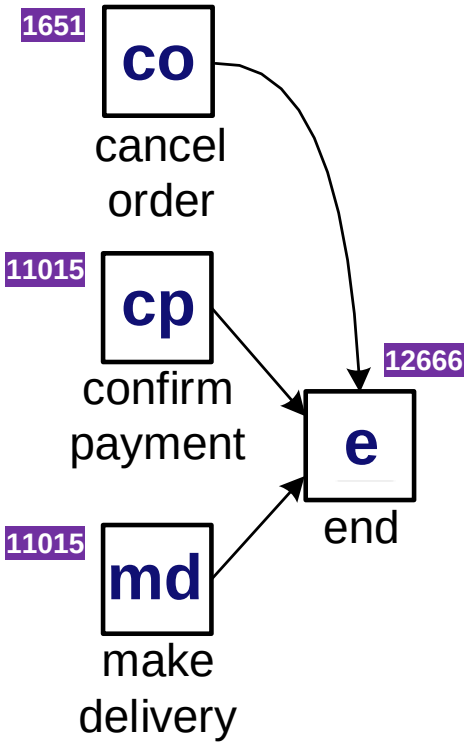
Generate candidate places and evaluate



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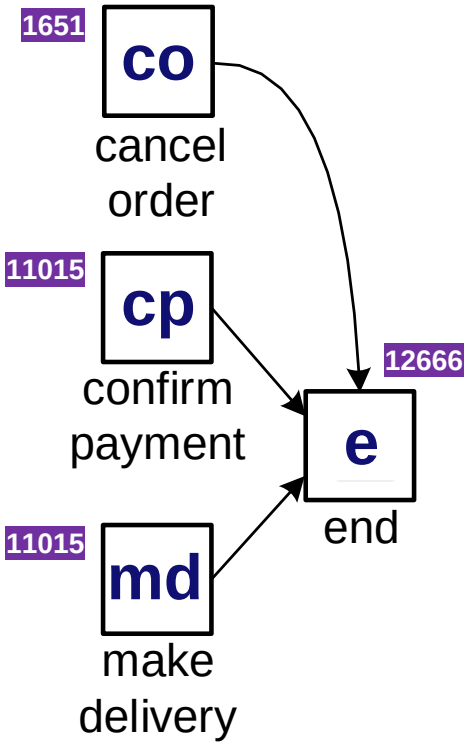

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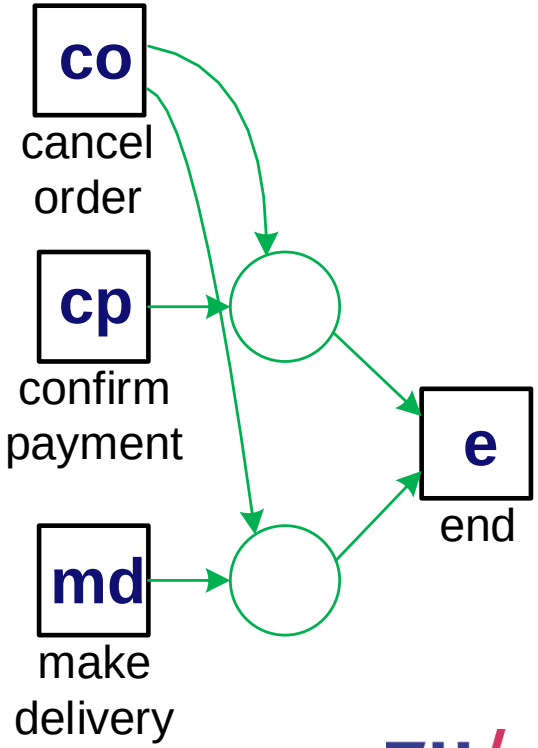

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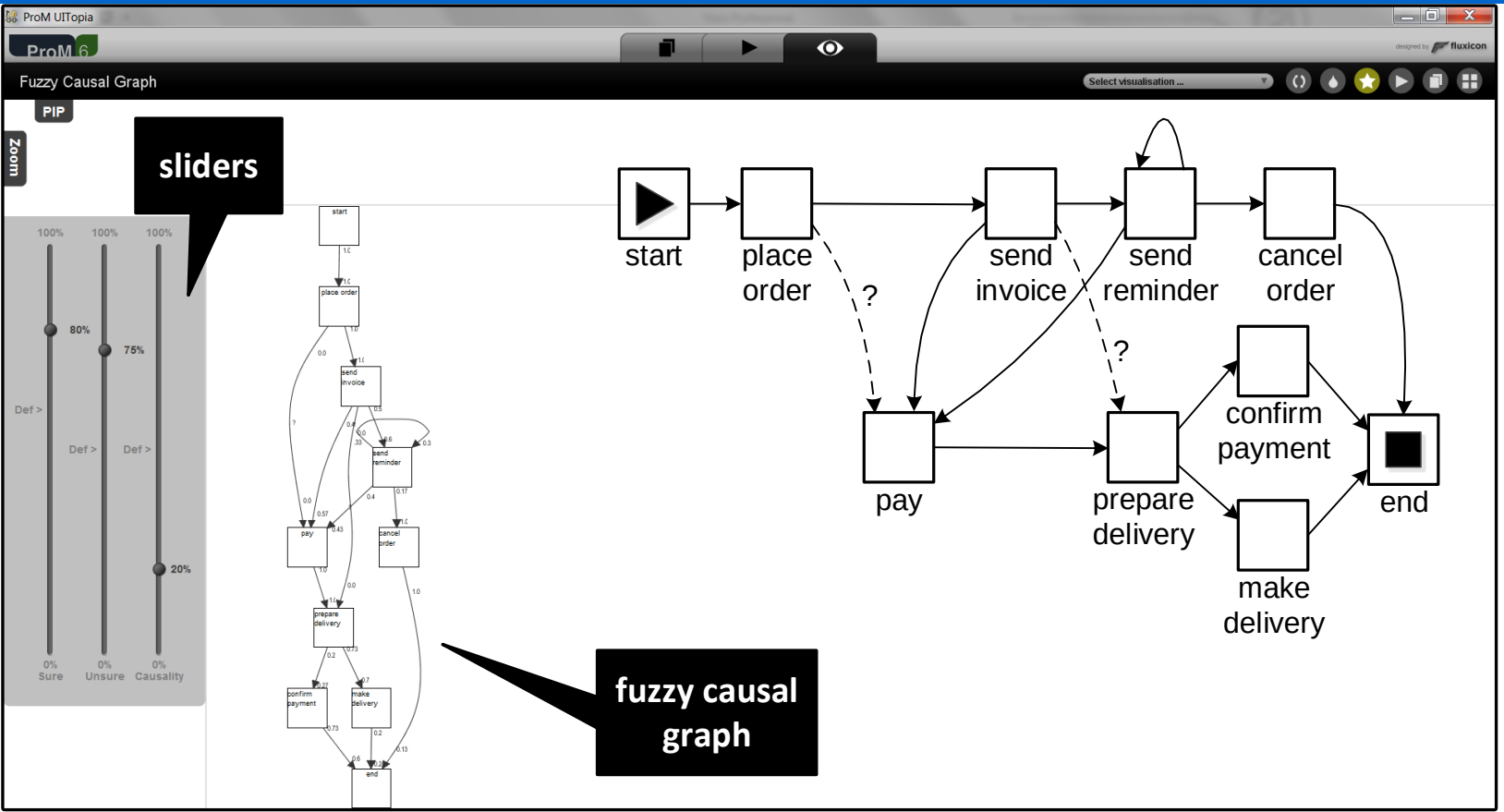

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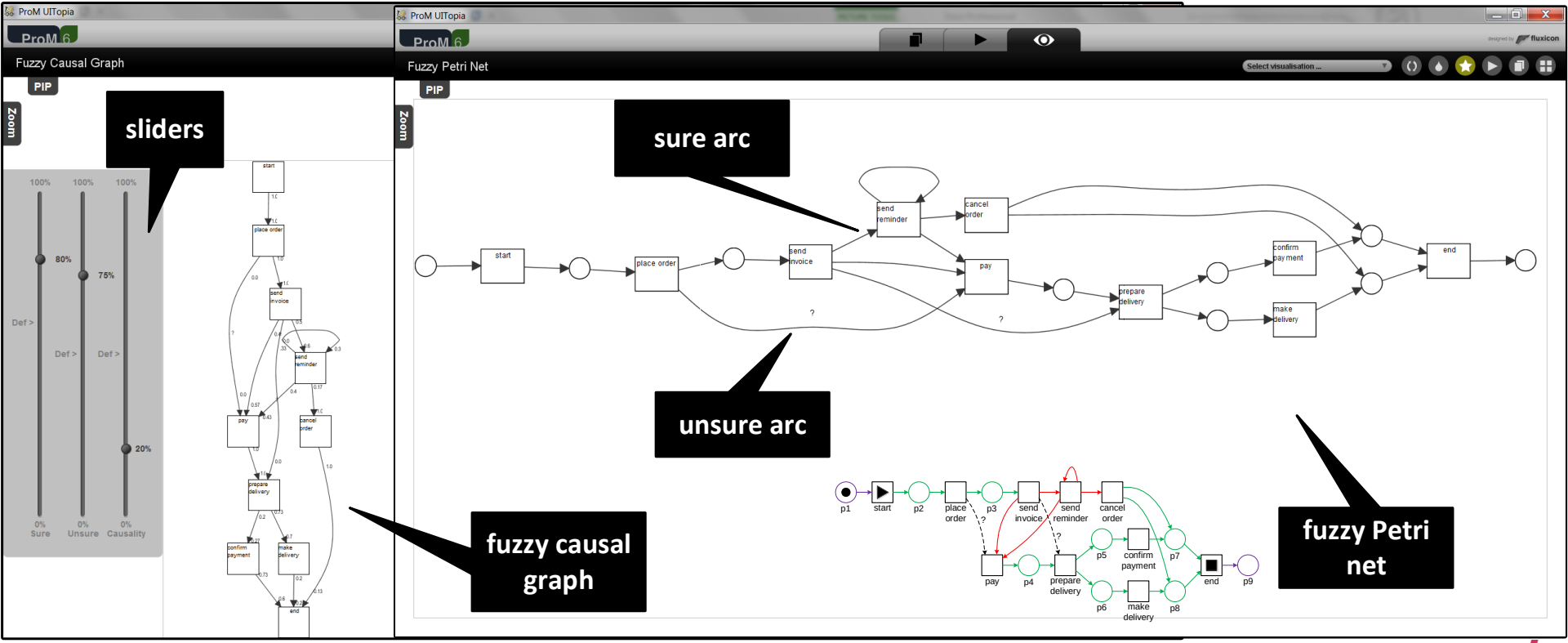

Parameters

- Threshold for activity frequency (t_{freq})
- Parameters used to compute strength of relations taking into account concurrency and loops (*c* and *w*)
- Thresholds for strong and weak causalities (t_{R_S} and t_{R_W} with $t_{R_S} > t_{R_W}$)
- Threshold for place quality (t_{replay})

Evaluation (see paper and technical report for more details)

Log	t_{freq}	t_{R_S}	t_{R_W}	w	t_{replay}	$\|T\|$	$\|P\|$	$\|\widehat{F_1}\|$	$\|F_2\|$	$\|F_3\|$	Fitness	Precision	Time (ms)
BPI-2011	343	0.81	0.80	0.10	0.80	38	6	4	200	6	0.84	0.04	11772
BPI-2012	3926	0.90	0.89	0.10	0.80	14	8	7	20	1	0.90	0.26	12414
BPI-2014	13985	0.90	0.90	0.10	0.80	10	5	3	13	0	0.93	0.54	21233
BPI-2015	360	0.45	0.40	0.50	0.80	59	26	24	145	75	0.74	0.05	7055
BPI-2016	445	0.50	0.50	0.10	0.80	12	2	0	31	0	0.83	0.10	31428
BPI-2017	9453	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.80	22	8	7	36	12	0.95	0.12	24772

- **Behaves as expected, e.g., when t_{replay} goes up fitness goes up and precision goes down**

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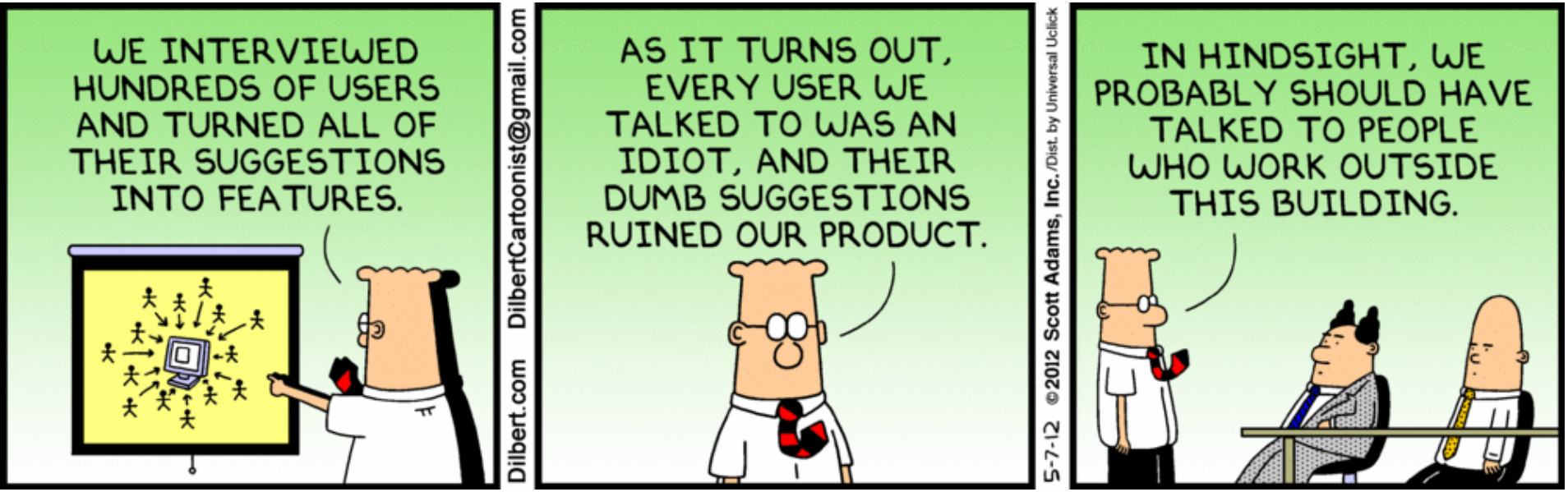
Performance

- Good, but room for improvement
- Smartly pruning the set of candidate places (avoid conflicting or less informative places)
- Lazy place evaluation
- Distribution/decomposition using e.g. Spark (see joint work with Long Cheng and Boudewijn van Dongen in a slightly different setting)

Evaluation is not easy



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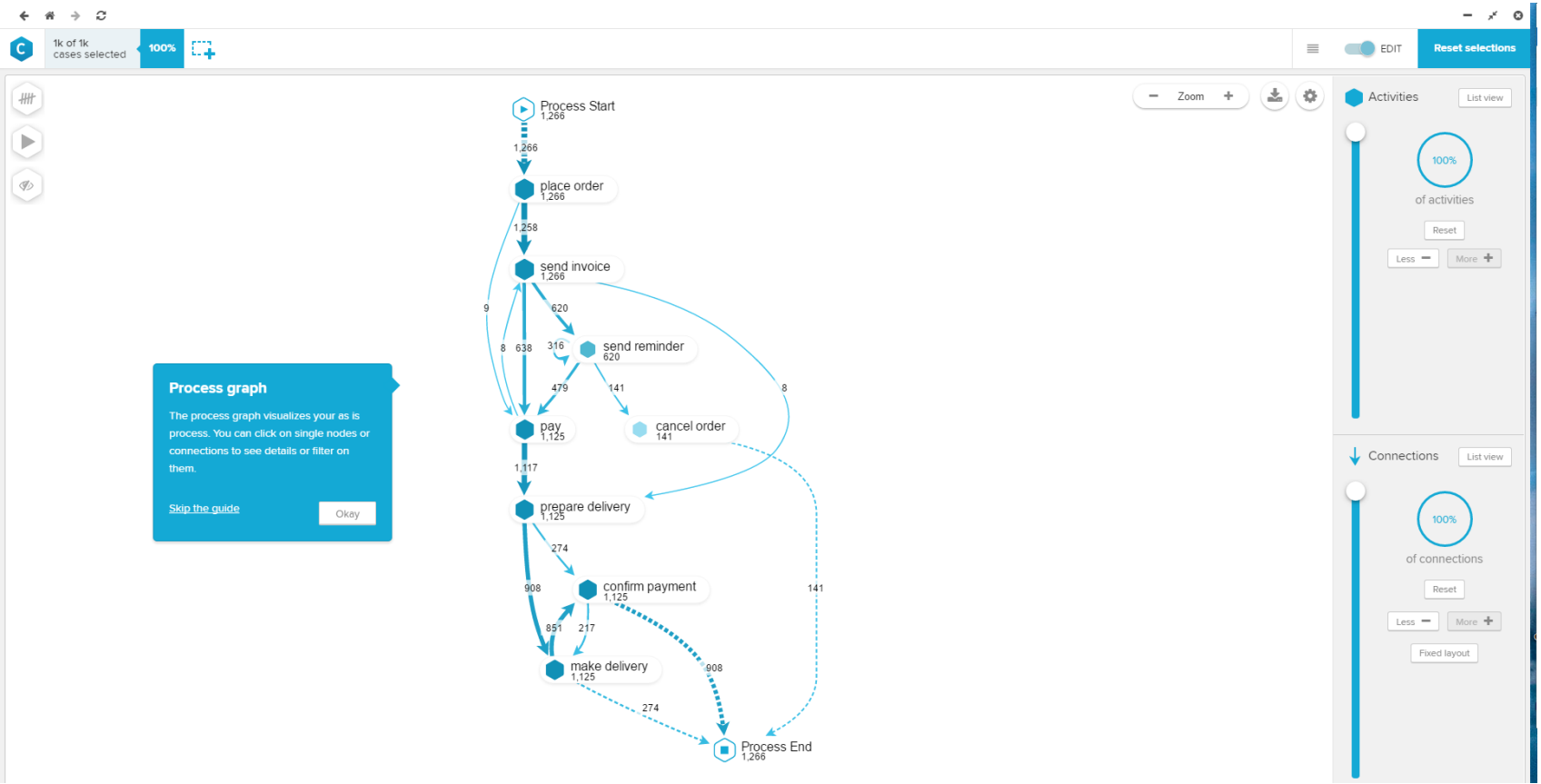

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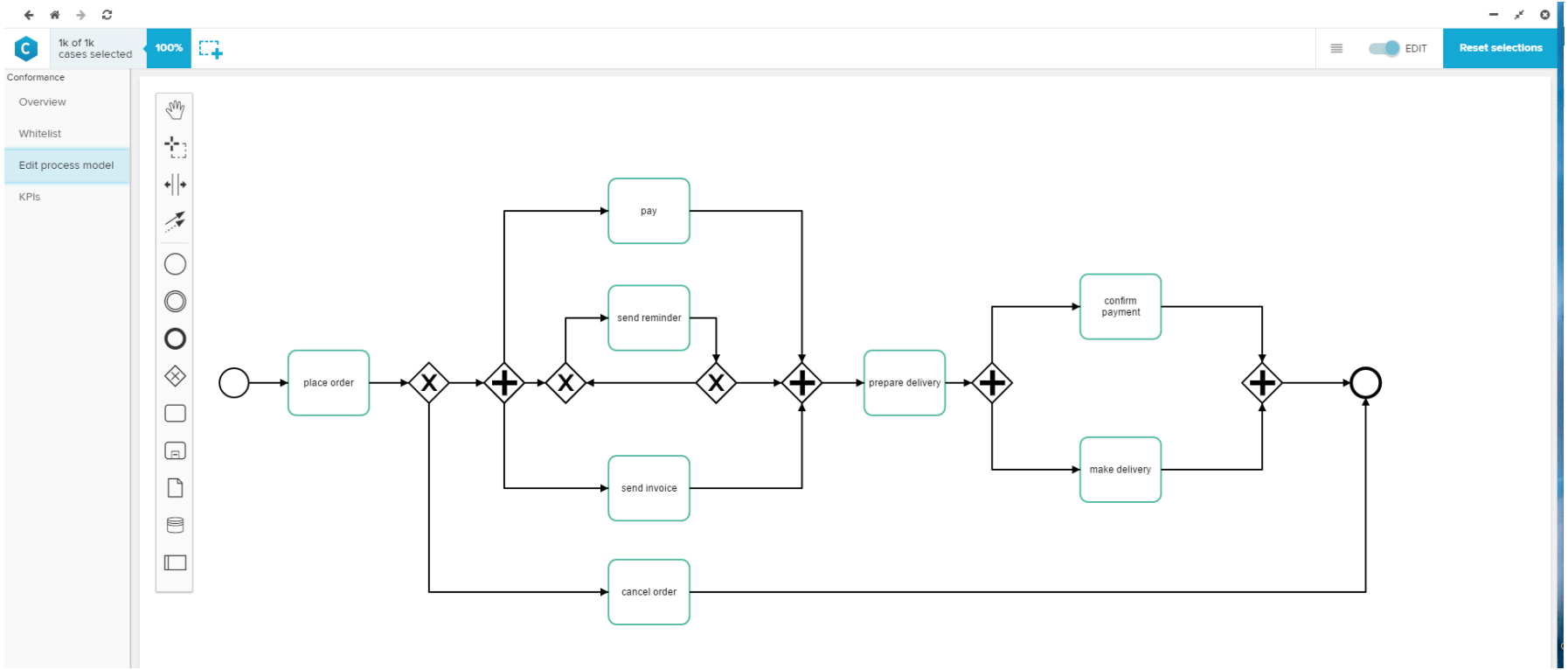

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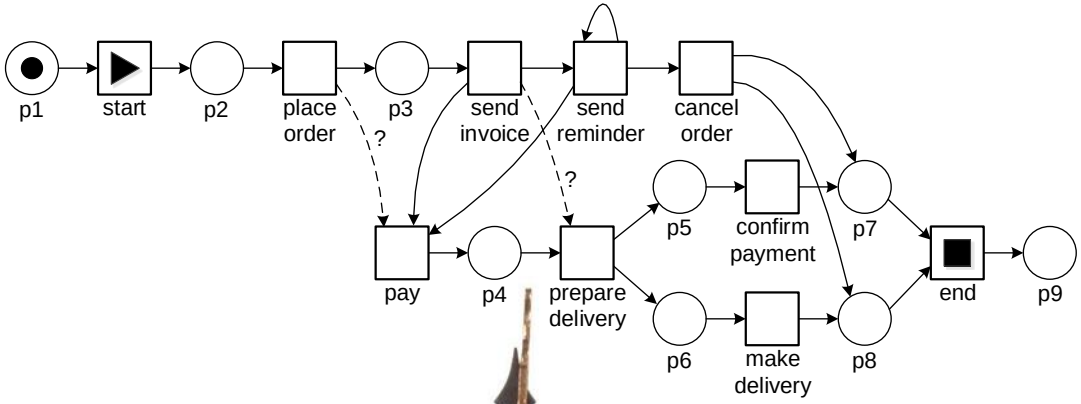
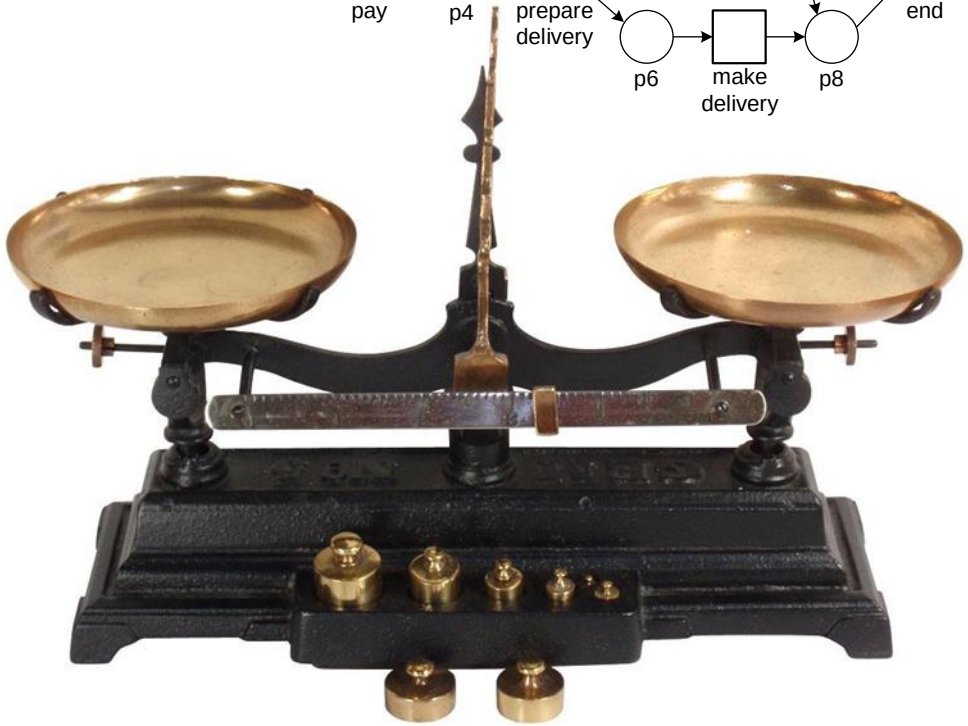
Conclusion


process mining
hybrid process discovery

Learning Hybrid Process Models from Events





Process Discovery Without Faking Confidence

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Thanks!

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