

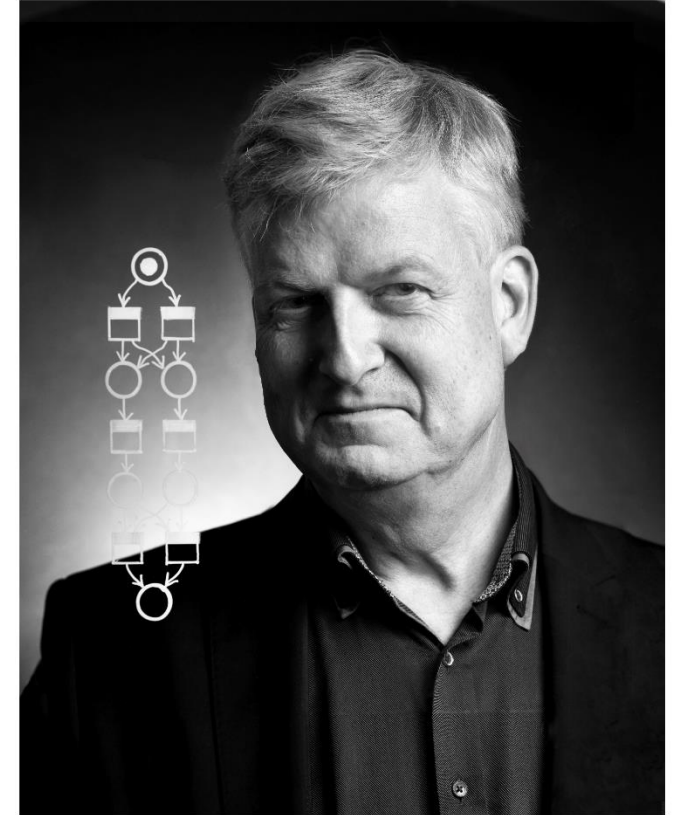
Autonomous Process Execution Management Powered by Process Mining

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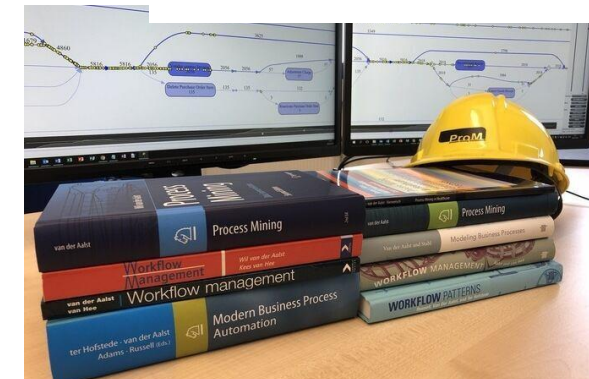
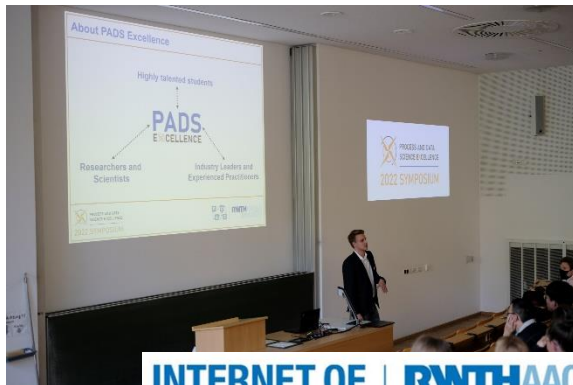
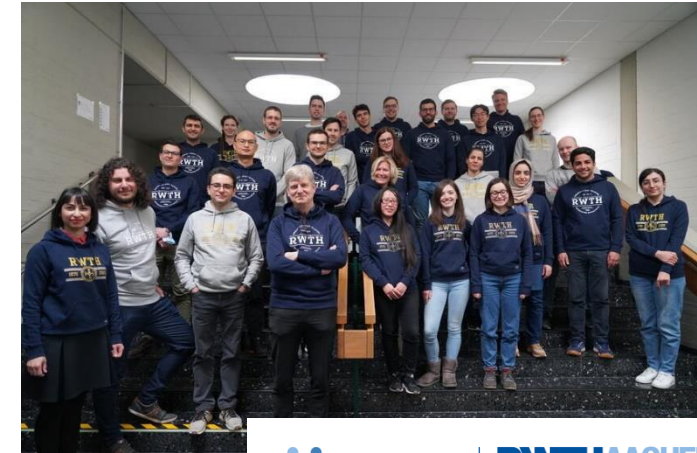
About Wil

- AvH professor @RWTH
- Chair of the PADS group @ RWTH, before 30 years at TU/e.
- Chief scientist @ Celonis.
- Board of Governors Tilburg University & Scientific Advisor Fraunhofer FIT.
- “Godfather of Process Mining”
- Founder of conference series like BPM and ICPM, and the IEEE TFPM.

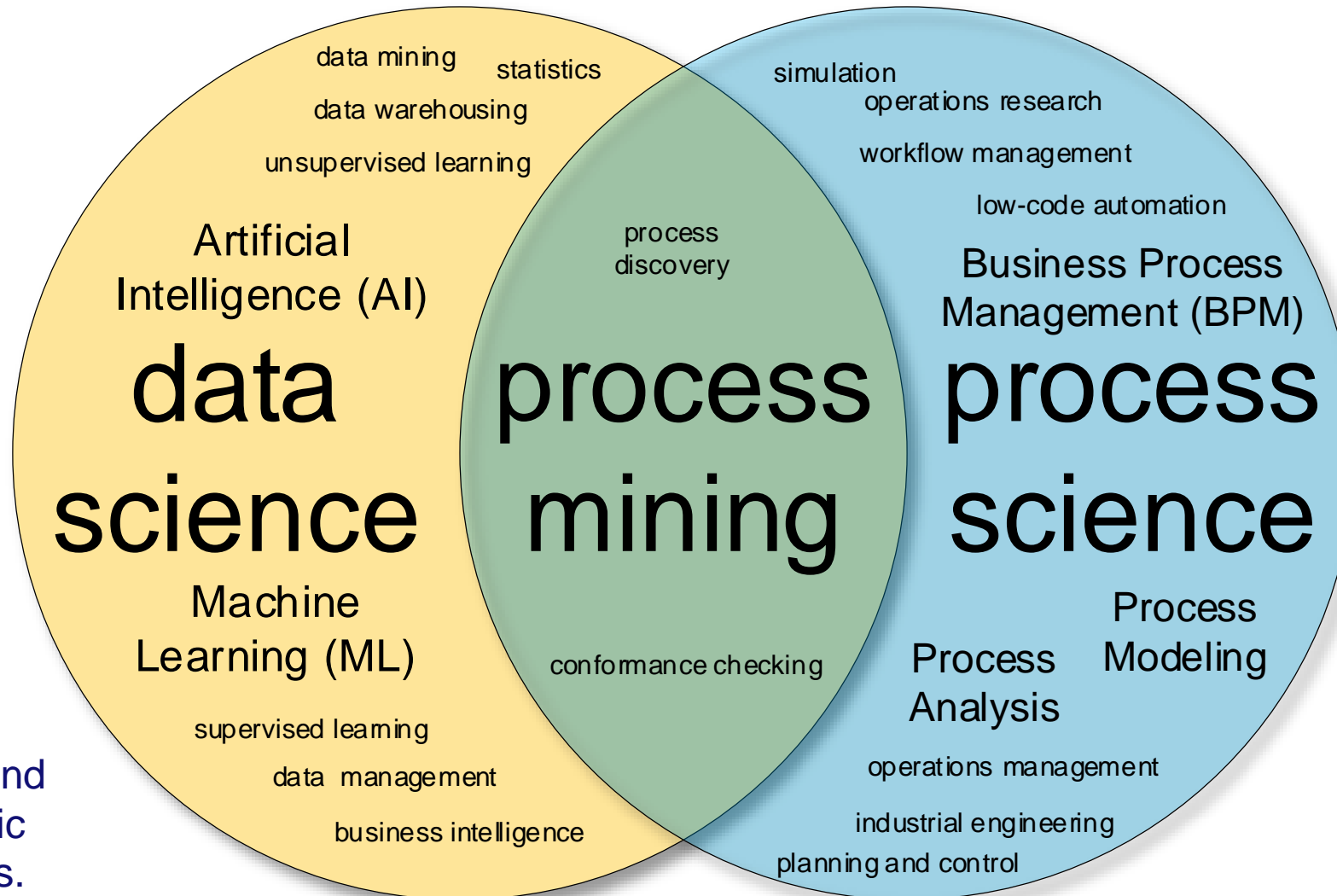


About PADS

- 30+ researchers (excluding HiWis).
- Leading group in process mining.
- Leading role in AI Center, Internet of Production, and around 15 projects.
- Courses in process and data science.



Process Mining as the glue between data and processes



Traditionally, not data-driven and a focus on modeling (languages) and automation.

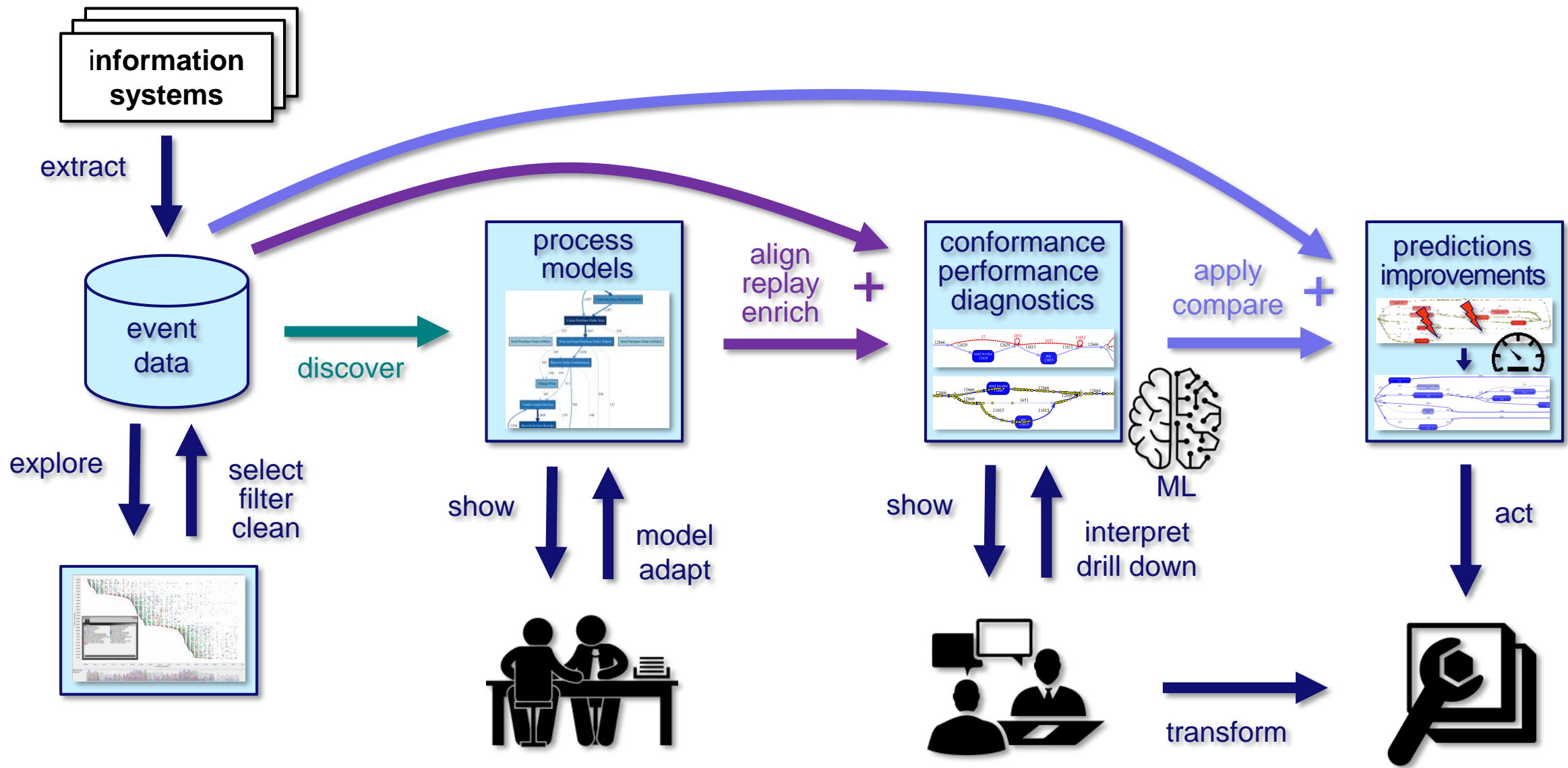
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Generic as a spreadsheet

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled "PersonalMonthlyBudget1 - Excel". The ribbon includes File, Home, Insert, Page Layout, Formulas, Data, Review, View, and Acrobat. The spreadsheet is divided into several sections:

- Income Section:** Rows 4-9. Includes Projected and Actual Monthly Income, with sub-totals for Income 1, Extra income, and Total monthly income. Projected Total is \$3,000, Actual Total is \$3,000.
- Housing Section:** Rows 11-22. Includes a table with columns: HOUSING, Projected Cost, Actual Cost, and Difference. Items include Mortgage or rent, Phone, Electricity, Gas, Water and sewer, Cable, Waste removal, Maintenance or repairs, Supplies, Other, and Total. Total Projected Cost is \$1,810, Total Actual Cost is \$1,740, Total Difference is \$70.
- Entertainment Section:** Rows 24-27. Includes a table with columns: ENTERTAINMENT, Projected Cost, Actual Cost, and Difference. Items include Video/DVD, CDs, Movies, Concerts, Sporting events, Live theater, Other, Other, and Total.
- Loans Section:** Rows 29-32. Includes a table with columns: LOANS, Projected Cost, Actual Cost, and Difference. Items include Personal, Student, Credit card, and Credit card.

A red overlay with white text reads: "You can do anything with numbers events".



Starting point: Event data

Case ID	Activity	Resource	Timestamp	product	prod-price	quantity	address
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6350	place order	Aiden	2018/02/13 14:29:45.000	APPLE iPhone 6 16 GB	639,00 €	5	NL-7751DG-21
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4217	prepare delivery	Adrian	2018/02/13 15:01:43.000	SAMSUNG-Galaxy S6 32 GB	543.99	5	NL-801100-34
4289	confirm payment	Emilly	2018/02/13 15:00:30.000	SAMSUNG-Galaxy S4	370.00€	5	NL-793100-21
4218	confirm payment	Emilly	2018/02/13 15:08:11.000	APPLE iPhone 6s Plus 64 GB	960.00€	2	NL-794800-30
4281	make delivery	Michiel	2018/02/13 14:14:04.000	APPLE iPhone 6 16 GB	670.00€	5	NL-790500-38
4272	pay	Emilly	2018/02/13 15:20:30.000	APPLE iPhone 6 16 GB	670.00€	5	NL-782100-3
4288	pay	Capitex	2018/02/13 15:22:11.000	SAMSUNG-Galaxy S4	370.00€	5	NL-790700-46
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4318	send invoice	Marjolien	2018/02/13 15:46:08.000	APPLE iPhone 6 16 GB	670.00€	5	NL-783100-15
4295	confirm payment	Jack	2018/02/13 15:50:03.000	SAMSUNG-Galaxy S4	370.00€	5	NL-783300-15
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4317	send invoice	Jack	2018/02/13 18:45:50.000	APPLE iPhone 6s 16 GB	690.00€	5	NL-790700-46
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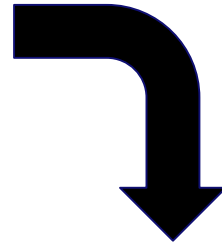
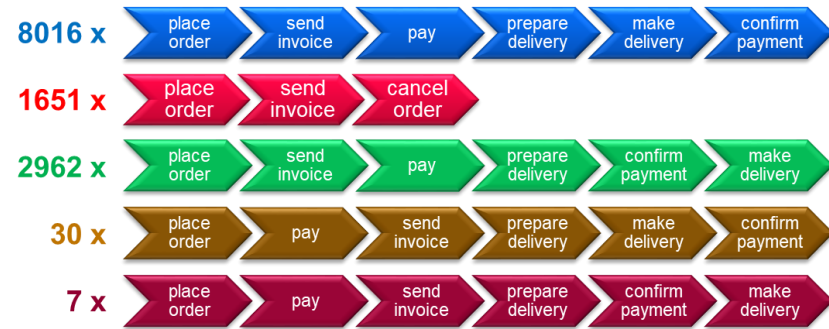
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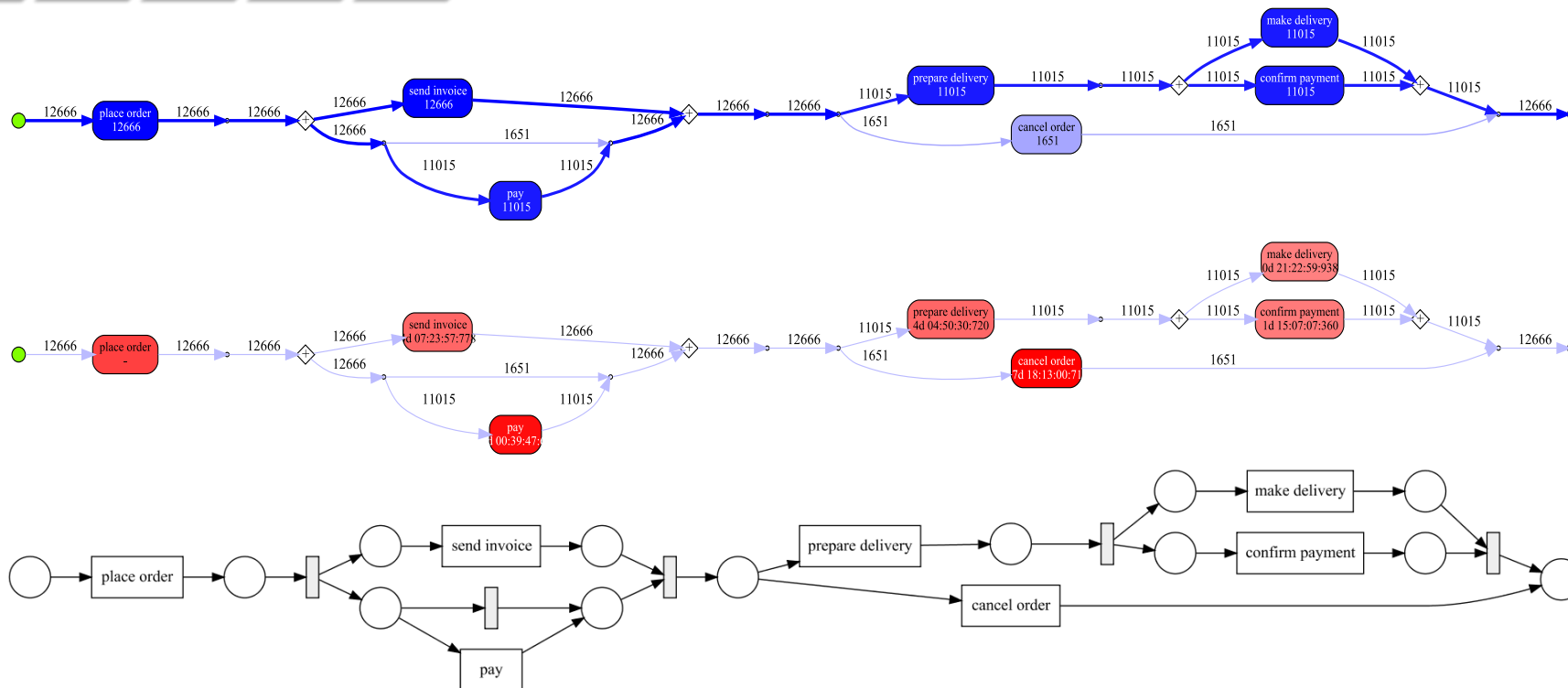
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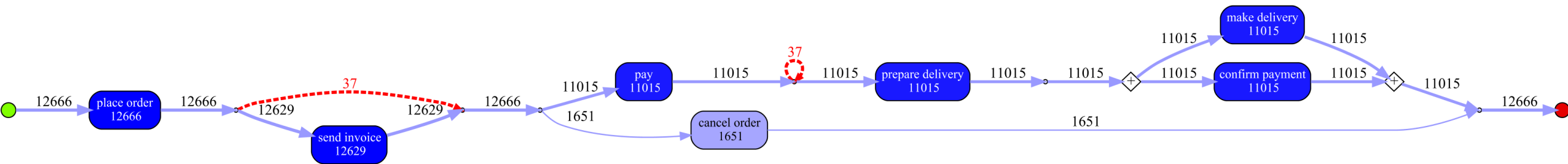
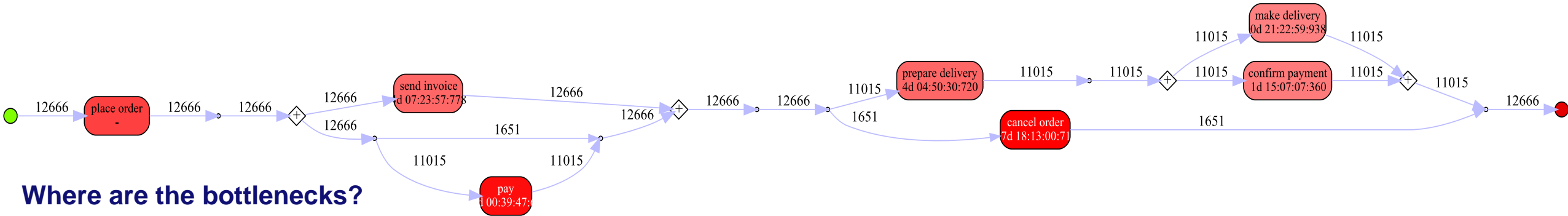
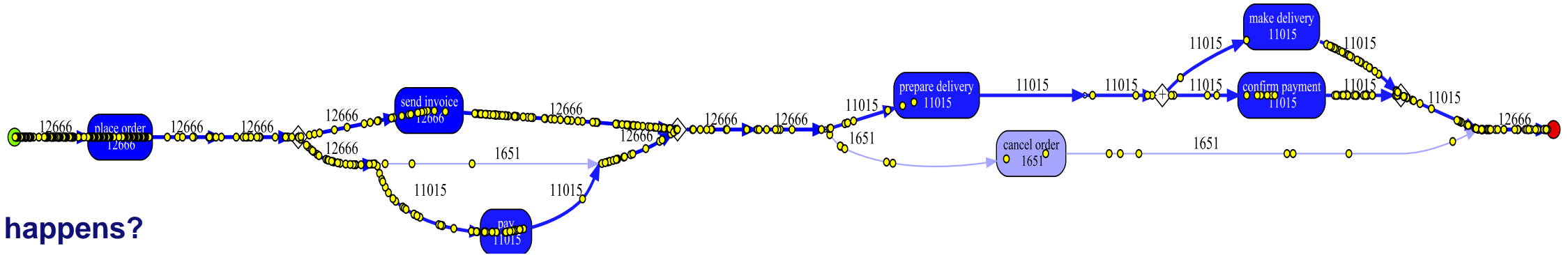
Using the whole event log



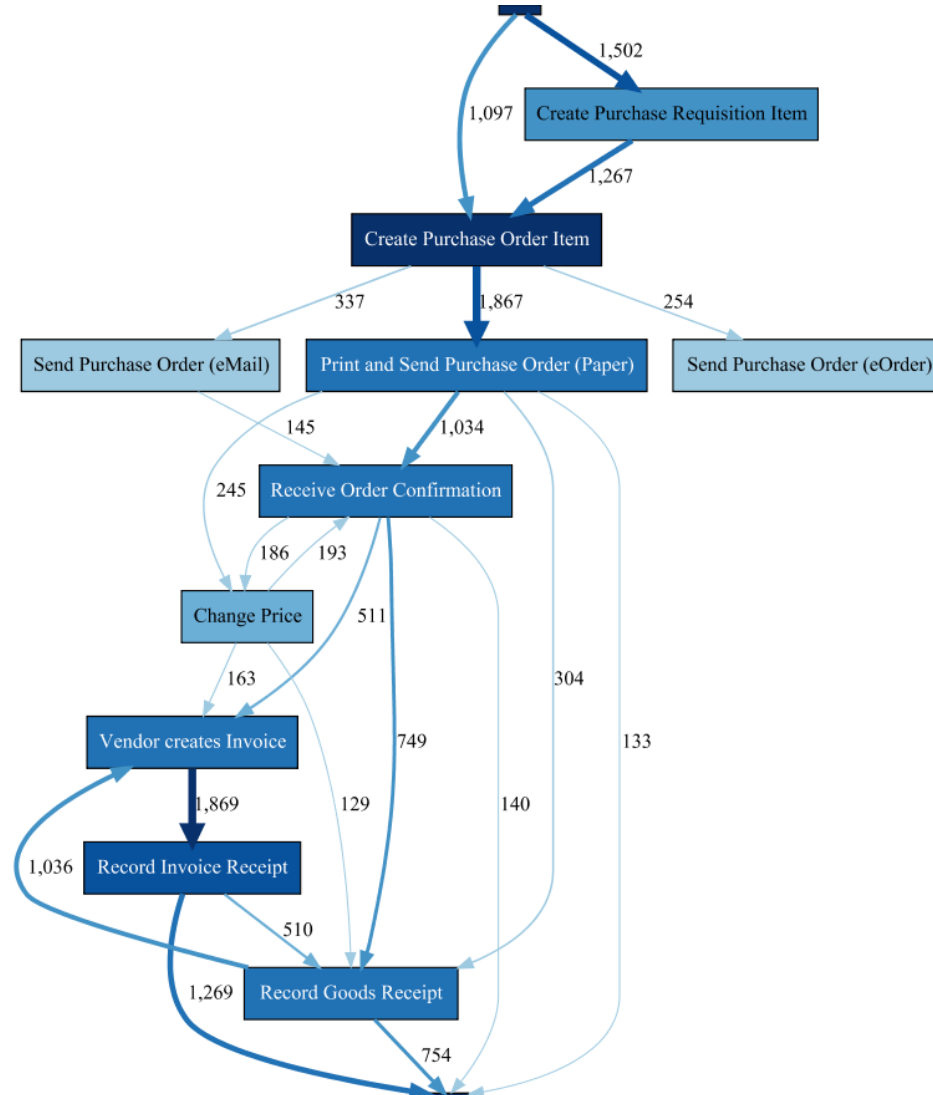
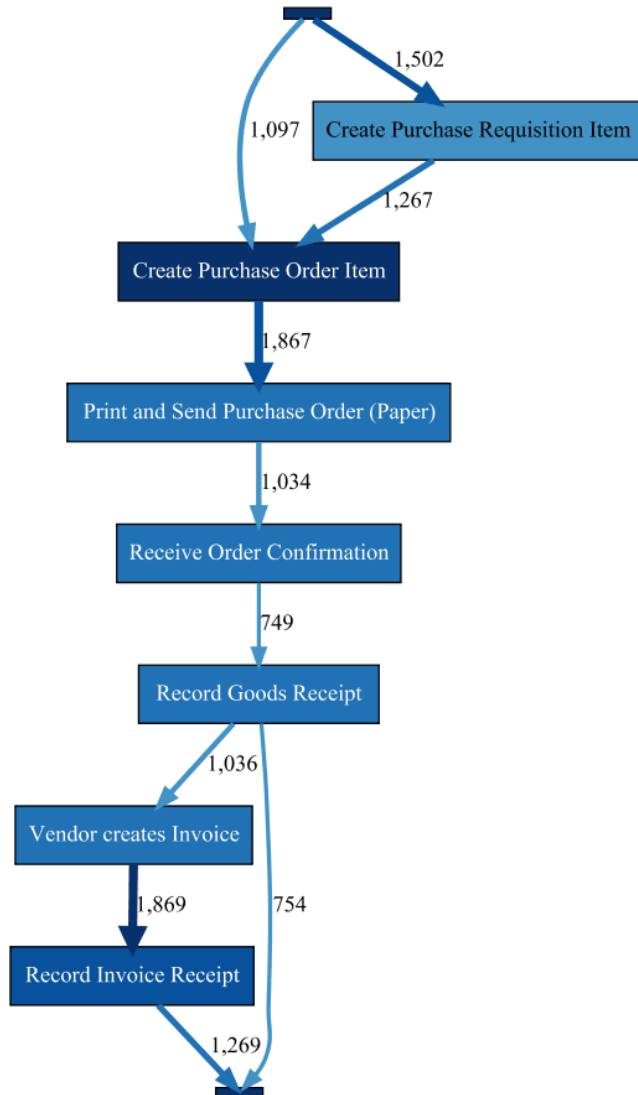
No modeling
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Performance and Compliance



Reality is not so simple



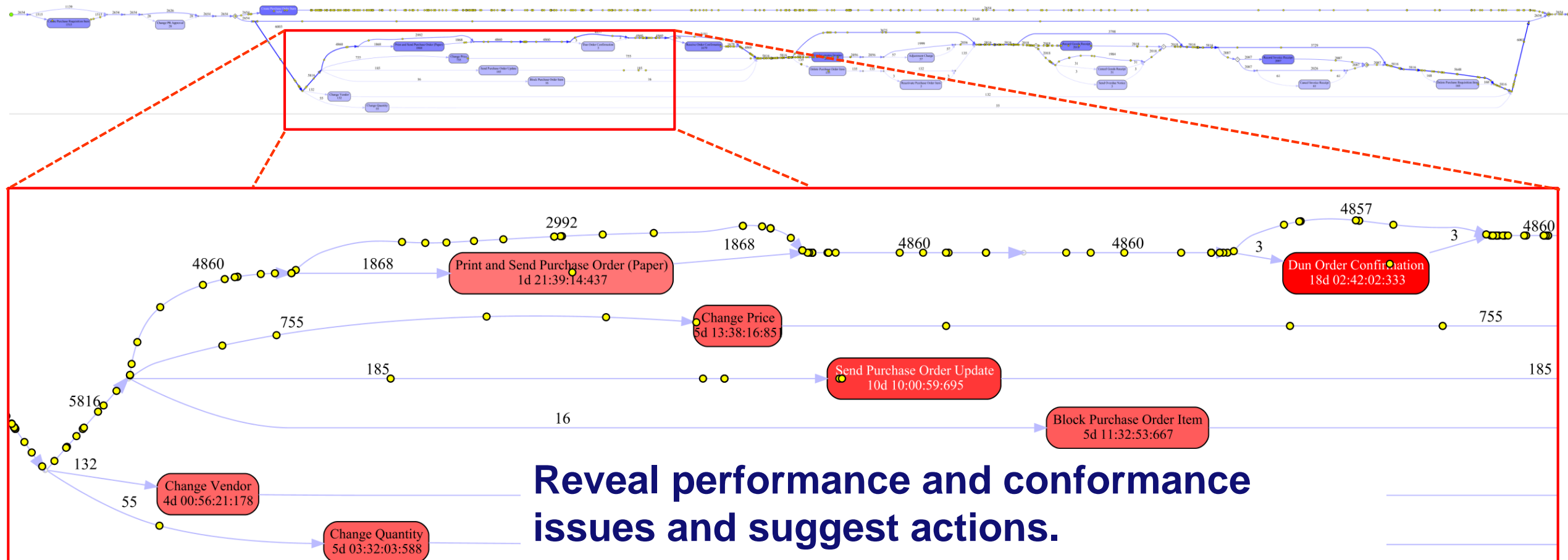
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It is common to find thousands of different variants for simple core processes like P2P and O2C!

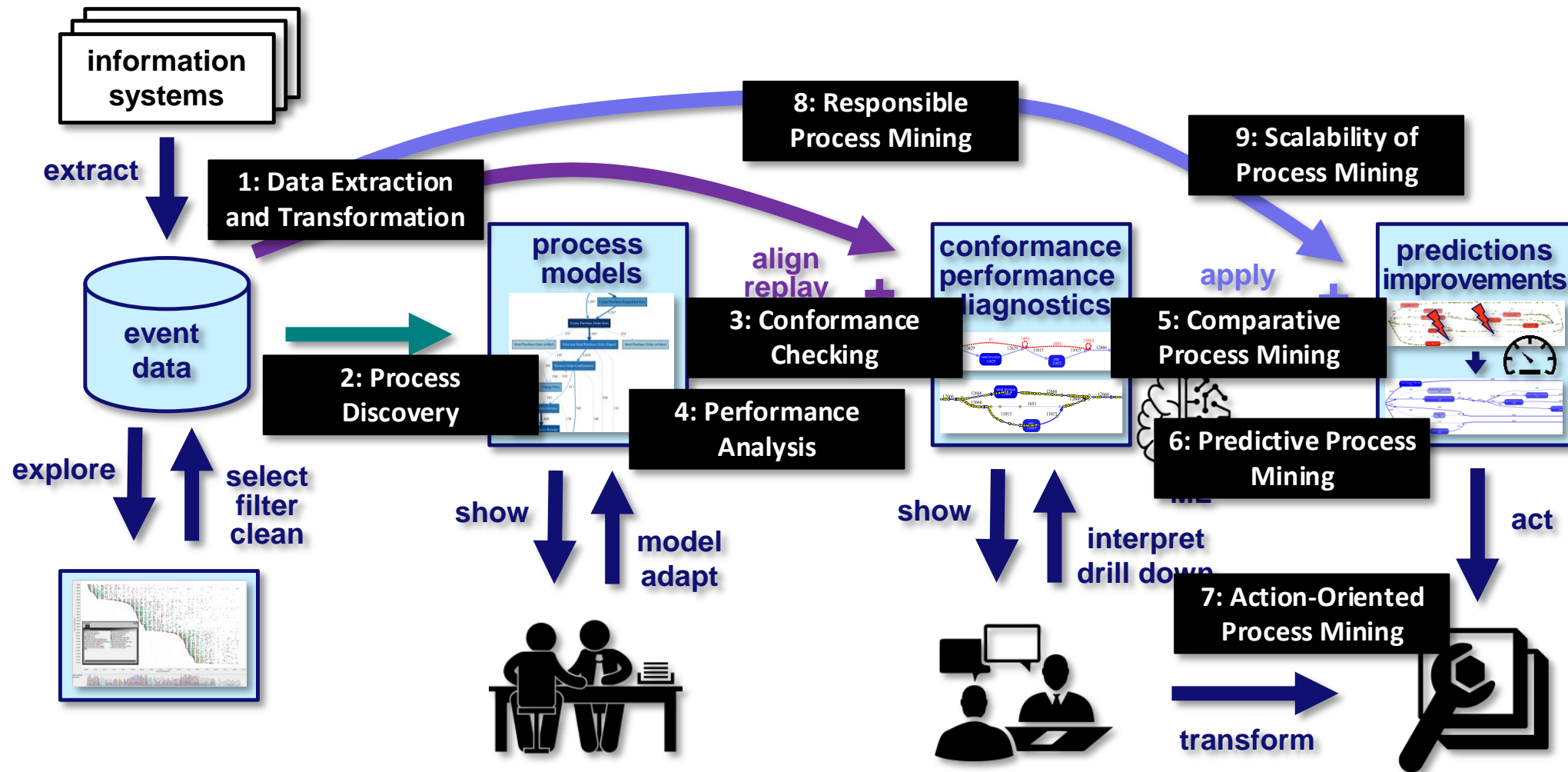
Caused by hand-offs, rework, duplication, ineffective communication, etc.

Process mining helps organizations to address compliance and performance problems



Reveal performance and conformance issues and suggest actions.

High-Level Research Questions



Object-Centric Process Mining

A photograph of a Red Bull Formula 1 car, driven by Max Verstappen, during a pit stop. The car is black with red and yellow accents. Several crew members in Red Bull uniforms are working around the car, including one on the right holding a fuel hose. The background shows a pit lane with other cars and structures.

Highly concurrent - many objects

Max Verstappen, pit stop 1.86 seconds, Russian GP 2020 (note that Red Bull uses Celonis).

A photograph of a Red Bull Formula 1 pit stop. Several crew members in blue and red uniforms with Red Bull and Mobil 1 logos are working around a black and yellow race car. The car has 'ASTON MARTIN', 'citrix', 'wss.com', and 'ASTON MARTIN' branding. In the background, there are pit lane structures with 'ASTON MARTIN' and 'Red Bull RACING' logos. The scene is outdoors on a racetrack.

Objects: 1 driver, 1 car, 4+4 tires, 15+ pit crew members, 1 race, etc.

Remember: a classical event = case + activity + timestamp + ...

Traditional process mining is like following one object, e.g., one tire.

Convergence problem:

- Assume we have a high-level event “pitstop” involving 20+ objects.
- Taking tires as a case perspective, each pitstop occurs 8 times.

Divergence problem:

- Assume we consider low-level events like “remove tire (rt)” and “mount tire (mt)” and driver as a case notion.
- We may see ... **rt**-**rt**-**mt**-**rt**-**mt**-**rt**-**mt**-**mt** ...
- Causalities get lost.

Object-Centric Process Mining (OCPM)

1	activity	time	applicants	applications	offers	vacancies	recruiters	managers
2492	check references	2019-07-15 10:06:54	{}	{Application[770294]}	{}	{}	{Jana Kershaw,Simon Keane}	{}
2493	assign recruiter	2019-07-15 10:10:54	{}	{Application[770482]}	{}	{}	{Ed Kershaw,Ed Geisler,Simon Geisler}	{}
2494	assign recruiter	2019-07-15 10:22:34	{}	{Application[770483]}	{}	{}	{Jana Meister,Ed Meister,Ed Geisler}	{}
2495	send rejection	2019-07-15 10:24:35	{Jorge Neumann}	{Application[770256]}	{}	{}	{Jana Hense}	{}
2496	invite for interview	2019-07-15 10:31:02	{Andre Lemmens}	{Application[770241]}	{}	{Vacancy[550039] - Programmer}	{Simon Geisler,Simon Meister}	{}
2497	assign recruiter	2019-07-15 10:46:54	{}	{Application[770485]}	{}	{}	{Simon Geisler,Dionne Geisler,Simon Hense}	{}
2498	submit application	2019-07-15 11:04:06	{Dave Brown}	{Application[770489]}	{}	{Vacancy[550048] - Programmer}	{}	{}
2499	send rejection	2019-07-15 11:06:01	{Mary Li}	{Application[770297]}	{}	{}	{Ed Kershaw}	{}
2500	assign vacancy	2019-07-15 11:07:32	{}	{Application[770444]}	{}	{Vacancy[550048] - Programmer}	{}	{}
2501	assign recruiter	2019-07-15 11:12:18	{}	{Application[770417]}	{}	{}	{Dionne Keane,Jana Keane,Ed Kershaw}	{}
2502	check references	2019-07-15 11:37:25	{}	{Application[770390]}	{}	{}	{Dionne Keane,Simon Hense}	{}
2503	conduct interview	2019-07-15 11:41:15	{Johan Wagner}	{Application[770291]}	{}	{Vacancy[550013] - Manager}	{Jana Hense}	{Alexander Rinke}
2504	assign recruiter	2019-07-15 11:42:04	{}	{Application[770473]}	{}	{}	{Ed Geisler,Dionne Kershaw,Ed Meister}	{}
2505	submit application	2019-07-15 11:48:25	{Pete Jones}	{Application[770490]}	{}	{}	{}	{}
2506	assign vacancy	2019-07-15 12:00:50	{}	{Application[770328]}	{}	{Vacancy[550051] - Programmer}	{}	{}
2507	send rejection	2019-07-15 12:01:44	{Pete Park}	{Application[770319]}	{}	{}	{Jana Geisler}	{}
2508	invite for interview	2019-07-15 12:04:17	{Angela Wagner}	{Application[770223]}	{}	{Vacancy[550034] - Programmer}	{Jana Hense,Dionne Geisler}	{}
2509	send rejection	2019-07-15 12:10:01	{Lisa Jansen}	{Application[770141]}	{}	{}	{Dionne Geisler}	{}
2510	offer accepted and hired	2019-07-15 12:17:05	{Detlef Pietersen}	{Application[770120]}	{Offer[[990016]]}	{Vacancy[550011] - Programmer}	{Ed Keane}	{}
2511	send rejection	2019-07-15 12:21:53	{Johan Taylor}	{Application[770336]}	{}	{}	{Dionne Meister}	{}
2512	assign recruiter	2019-07-15 12:24:27	{}	{Application[770274]}	{}	{}	{Dionne Keane,Simon Kershaw,Ed Hense}	{}

event = activity + timestamp + objects (of different types) + ...

2518	send rejection	2019-07-1643	place order	2019-06-01 15:50:48	[990081]	{880329,880330,880331,880332}	{}	{Wil van der Aalst}	{iPad mini,Echo Show 5,Kindle,Echo}	723.97	2.423
2519	assign recruiter	2019-07-1644	place order	2019-06-02 16:35:30	[990082]	{880333,880334,880335}	{}	{Anahita Farhang Ghahfarokhi}	{Kindle,Fire Stick 4K,iPhone 11 Pro}	1323.98	0.951
2520	submit application	2019-07-1645	place order	2019-06-03 08:44:59	[990083]	{880336,880337}	{}	{Seran Uysal}	{iPad Air,Echo Plus}	630.99	1.72
2521	first screening	2019-07-1646	package delivered	2019-06-03 08:50:06	{}	{880190,880219,880195,880220,880192,880242,880221,880265,880272,880241,880197,880267,880272}	{660027}	{Mahnaz Qafari}	{Echo Show 5,Kindle Paperwhite,iPhone 8,Fire Stick 4K,Fire Stick,MacBook Pro,Fire Stick 4K,iPad mini}	6373.94	5.713
2522	invite for interview	2019-07-1647	pay order	2019-06-03 09:40:39	[990074]	{}	{}	{Tobias Brockhoff}	{Kindle,Echo,iPad,Kindle Paperwhite}	808.98	2.241
2523	assign vacancy	2019-07-1648	confirm order	2019-06-03 09:51:39	[990083]	{}	{}	{Seran Uysal}	{iPad Air,Echo Plus}	630.99	1.72
		649	pick item	2019-06-03 10:08:21	{}	{880325}	{}	{}	{Kindle}	79.99	0.483
		650	create package	2019-06-03 10:08:21	{}	{880245,880244}	{660031}	{Luis Santos}	{iPhone X,iPhone 11}	1498.0	0.338
		651	reorder item	2019-06-03 10:14:55	{}	{880285}	{}	{}	{iPad mini}	449.0	0.28
		652	pick item	2019-06-03 10:15:37	{}	{880294}	{}	{}	{iPhone X}	699.0	0.172
		653	pick item	2019-06-03 10:19:07	{}	{880321}	{}	{}	{iPhone 11 Pro}	1149.0	0.188
		654	create package	2019-06-03 10:19:07	{}	{880132,880187,880147}	{660032}	{Seran Uysal}	{Echo Show 5,iPhone 11 Pro,iPad}	1733.99	1.551
		655	pick item	2019-06-03 10:27:22	{}	{880319}	{}	{}	{Echo Plus}	149.99	1.28
		656	pay order	2019-06-03 10:32:50	[990054]	{}	{}	{Christine Dobbert}	{Echo Studio,Kindle Paperwhite,Echo Studio}	533.98	3.455
		657	reorder item	2019-06-03 10:50:41	{}	{880090}	{}	{}	{iPhone 11}	799.0	0.166
		658	place order	2019-06-03 10:57:16	[990084]	{880338,880339,880340}	{}	{Mohammadreza Fani Sani}	{Kindle Paperwhite,iPad Air,Echo Dot}	639.99	1.315
		659	pick item	2019-06-03 11:03:04	{}	{880289}	{}	{}	{iPad mini}	449.0	0.28
		660	pick item	2019-06-03 11:11:23	{}	{880254}	{}	{}	{iPad Air}	476.0	0.44
		661	create package	2019-06-03 11:11:23	{}	{880234,880238,880076,880205,880210,880233,880235,880236,880298,880237}	{660033}	{Claudia Graf}	{Fire Stick 4K,Echo Plus,iPad,iPhone X,Echo Show 5,MacBook Pro,iPad mini,Echo Plus,iPhone 6300.96}	6.423	
		662	pick item	2019-06-03 11:24:44	{}	{880337}	{}	{}	{Echo Plus}	149.99	1.28
		663	pay order	2019-06-03 11:30:13	[990059]	{}	{}	{Tobias Brockhoff}	{Echo Dot,iPhone 8,iPhone 11,Kindle Paperwhite}	1491.99	1.251
		664	confirm order	2019-06-03 11:32:14	[990078]	{}	{}	{Mahsa Bafarani}	{Echo Plus,iPad Pro,iPhone 11 Pro,Echo Show 8}	2532.98	2.931
		665	send package	2019-06-03 11:33:10	{}	{}	{660030}	{Christina Rensinghof}	{}	10155.94	11.479
		666	pick item	2019-06-03 11:34:04	{}	{880316}	{}	{}	{Echo Studio}	199.99	1.48
		667	pick item	2019-06-03 11:35:07	{}	{880328}	{}	{}	{iPad Air}	476.0	0.44
		668	confirm order	2019-06-03 11:45:40	[990079]	{}	{}	{Christina Rensinghof}	{Kindle Paperwhite,Kindle}	213.99	0.978



Five Object Types (packages, items, orders, customers, and products)



Process Schema Events Objects Network Analysis Machine Learning Advanced Filtering Statistics Conformance Download Log

Options Filters

OCPM (Alessandro Berti) is implemented in ProM and Web/Python, see www.ocpm.info

Statistics

N. Events:

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N. Unique Objects:

11219/11219

N. Total Objects:

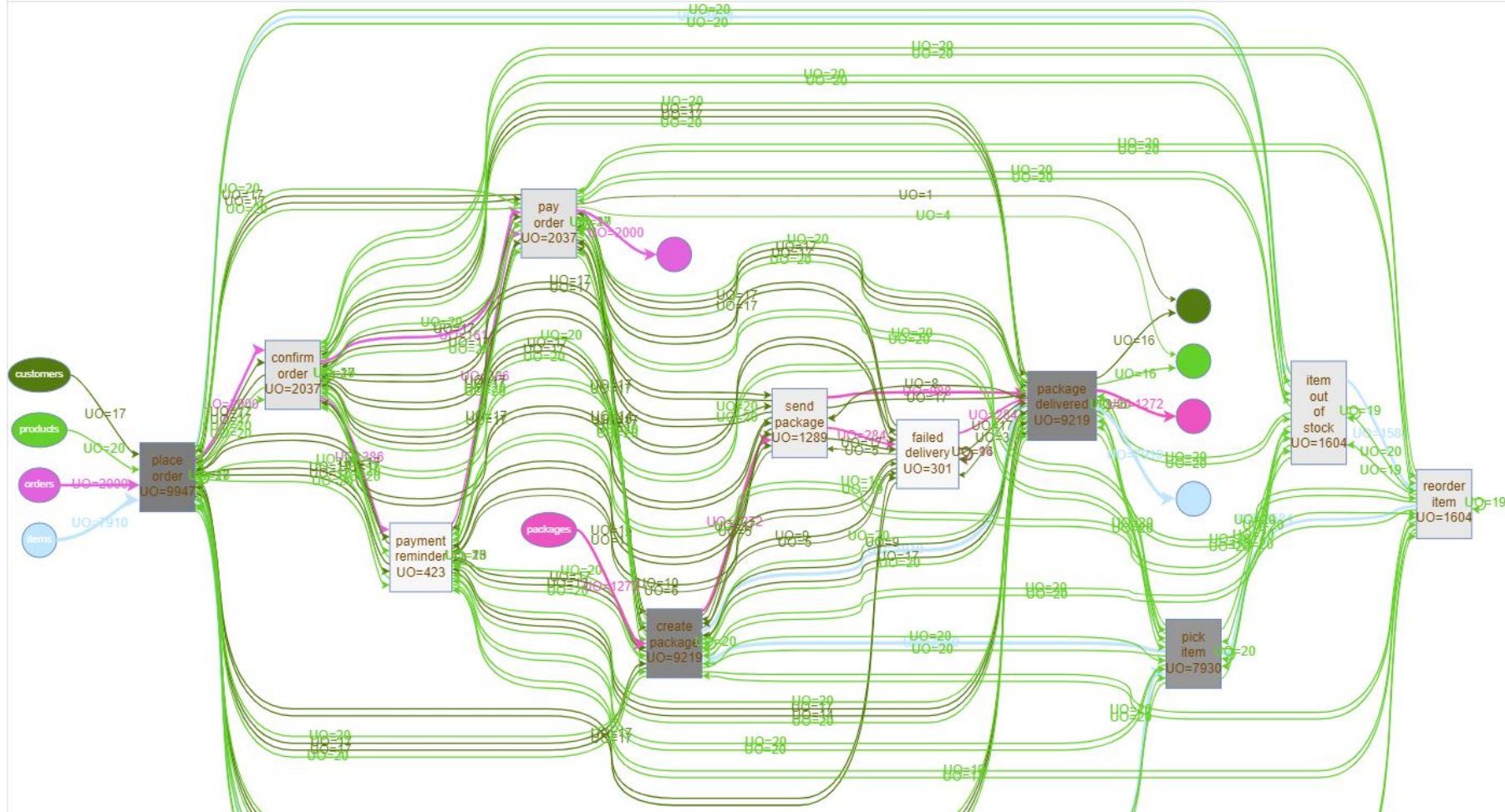
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Sliders

% of Activities:

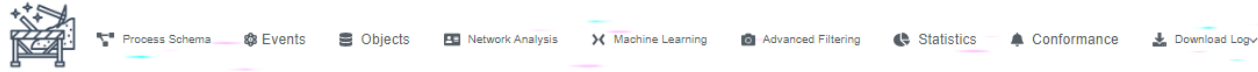
% of Paths:

Apply Sliders



Chair of Process
and Data Science

Three Object Types (packages, items, and orders)



Options Filters

Statistics

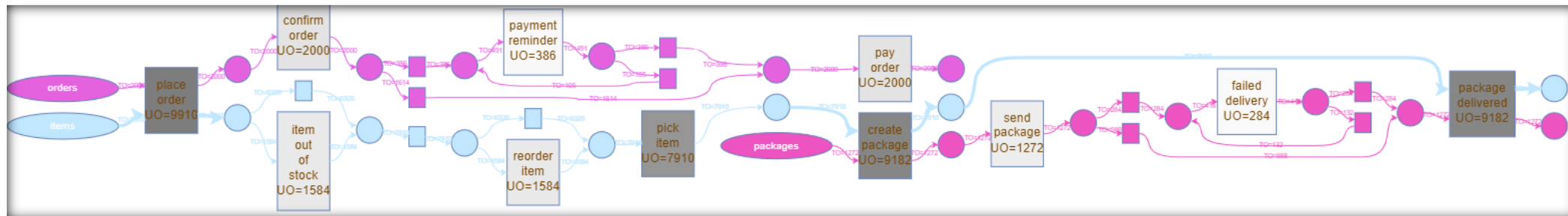
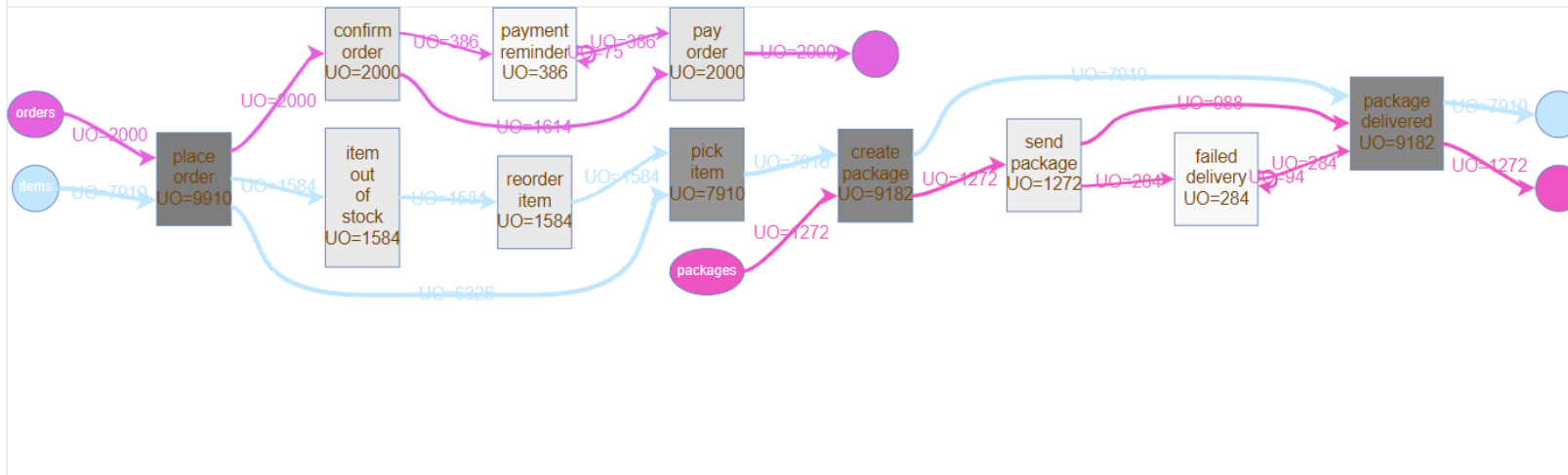
N. Events:
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N. Unique Objects:
11182/11219
N. Total Objects:
45531/108787

Sliders

% of Activities:

% of Paths:

Apply Sliders



Exploring variants using Oct π (developed Jan Niklas Adams)



obj-centr-log.jsonocel ▾

Upload a new Log: obj-centr-log.jsonocel

Discover Petri net

Object-Centric Petri Net

Submit Changes

Log Settings

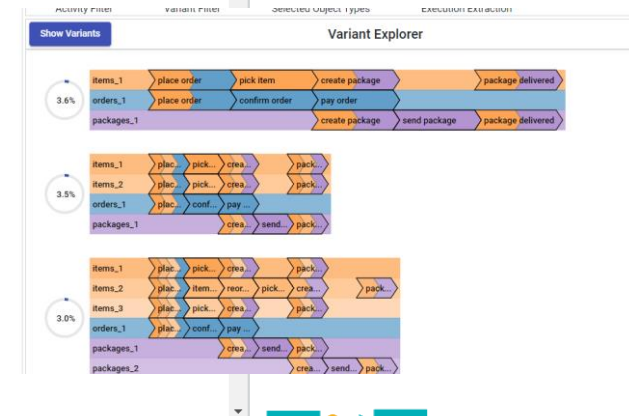
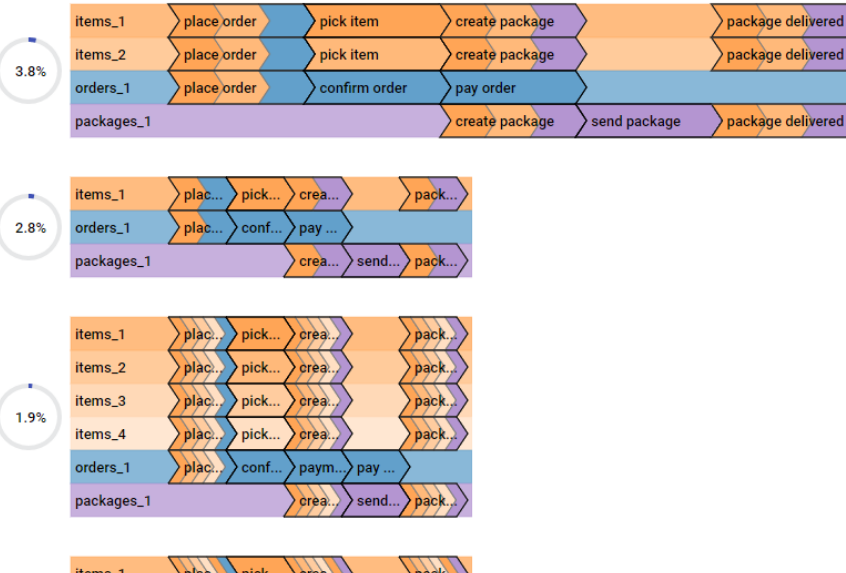
Activity Filter
Variant Filter

☒ orders
☒ items
☐ customers
☐ products
☒ packages
Selected Object Types

☒ Coherent Objects
☐ Leading Object Type
Execution Extraction

Show Variants

Variant Explorer



Another example (handling applications)

obj-centr-log.jsonocel ▾
Upload a new Log: obj-centr-log.jsonocel

Discover Petri net

Object-Centric Petri Net

Submit Changes

Log Settings

☒ vacancies
☐ managers
☐ applicants
☐ applications
☐ recruiters
☐ offers

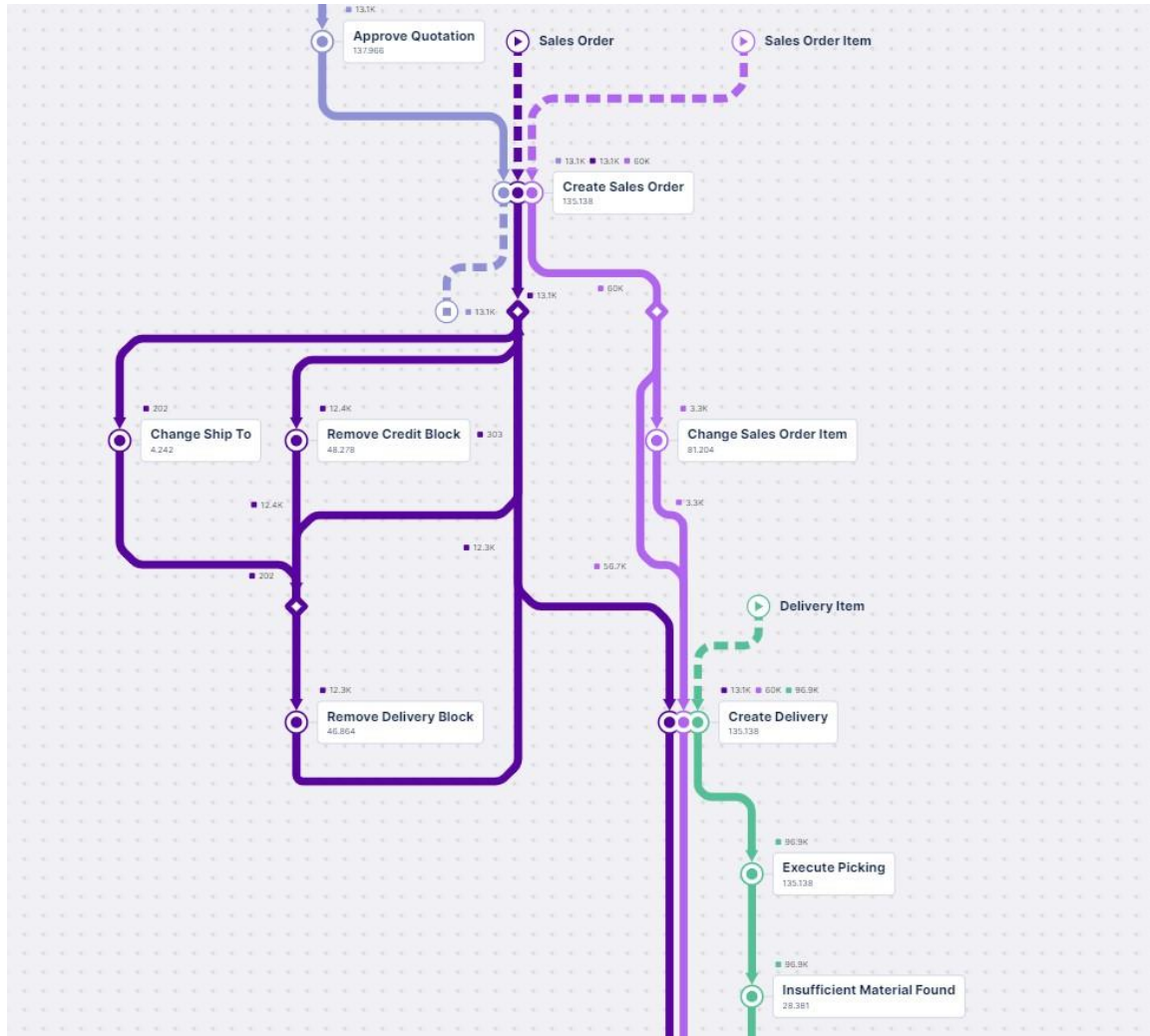
Coherent Objects
Leading Object Type

Show Variants

Variant Explorer

Variant	Sequence of Events
applications_1	subm... assi... firs... send...
applications_2	subm... assi... firs... cons... chec... invi... cond...
applications_3	subm... assi... firs... chec... cons... send...
applications_4	subm... assi... assi... firs... chec... cons... send...
applications_5	subm... assi... firs... chec... cons... send...
applications_6	subm... assi... assi... firs... chec... cons...
applications_7	subm... assi... firs... cons... chec... invi...
applications_8	subm... assi... assi... firs... chec... cons... send...
applications_9	subm... assi... assi... firs... cons... chec...
applications_10	subm... assi... firs... cons... chec... invi... cond... make...
applications_11	subm... assi... assi... firs... send...
offers_1	make...
offers_2	
vacancies_1	open... subm... subm... assi... subm... subm... subm... clos... assi... assi... invi... assi... assi... invi... cond...

Celonis Process Sphere



Process discovery is not a solved problem!

- **Challenges:**

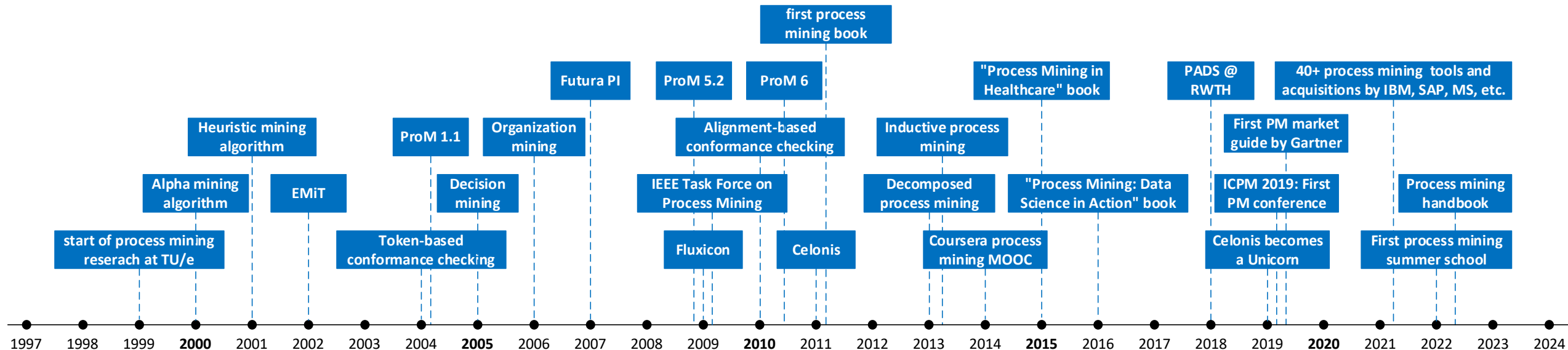
- Only example observations, typically covering a negligible fraction of possible process executions.
- No negative observations.
- Infrequent behavior.

- **Dimensions:**

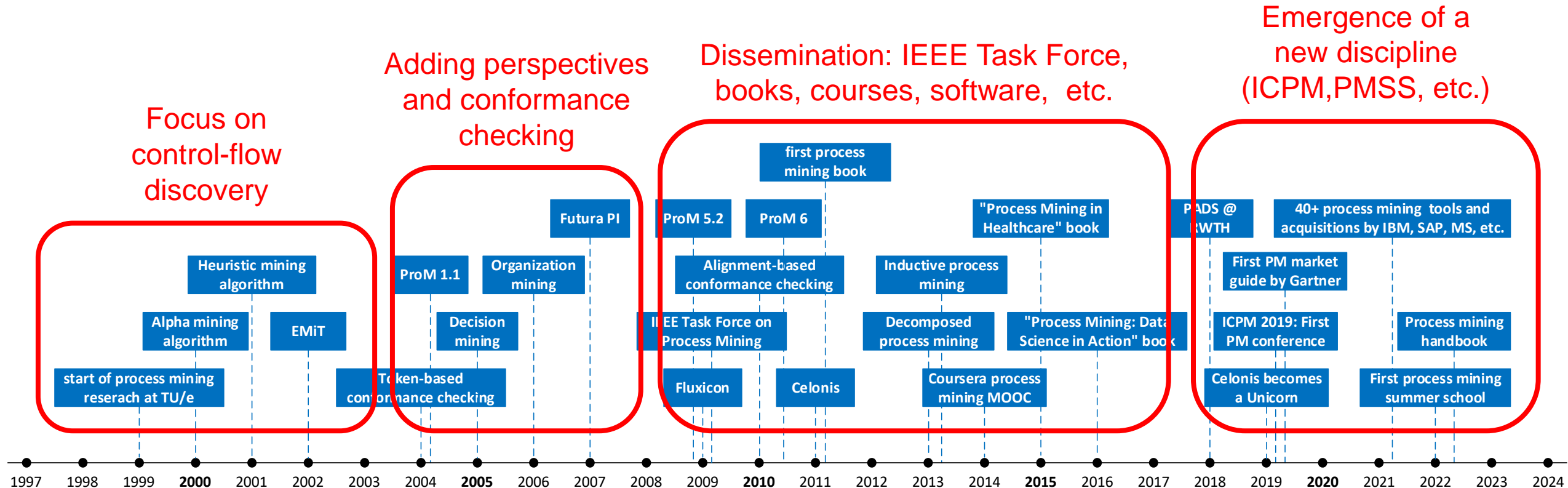
- Concurrency and loops
- Skip activities
- Duplicate activities
- Long term-dependencies
- Multiple object types
- Etc.

A bit of history

Timeline of Process Mining



Timeline of Process Mining

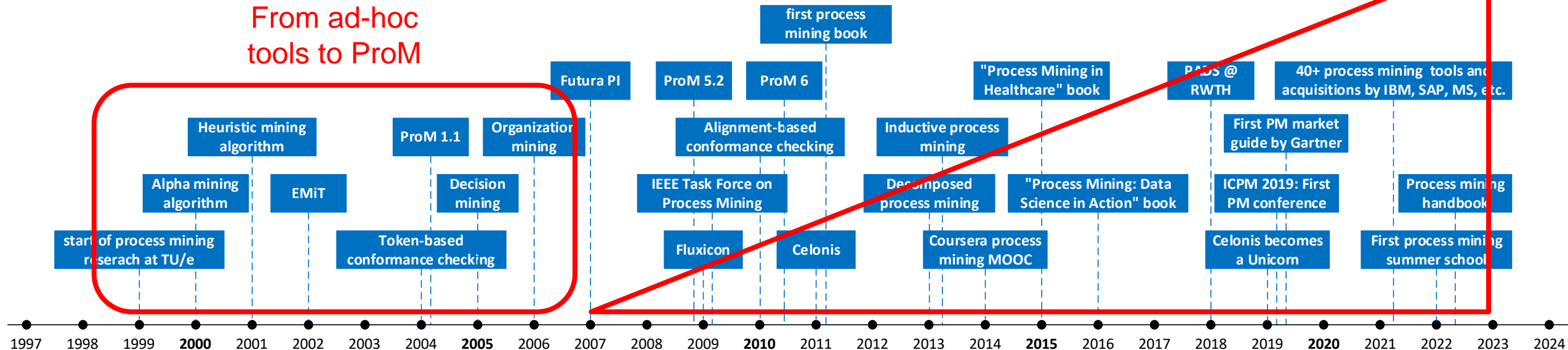


Timeline of Process Mining

The large software vendors are trying to catch up, and today many see the symbiosis between mining and automation.

Growing number of commercial tools

From ad-hoc tools to ProM

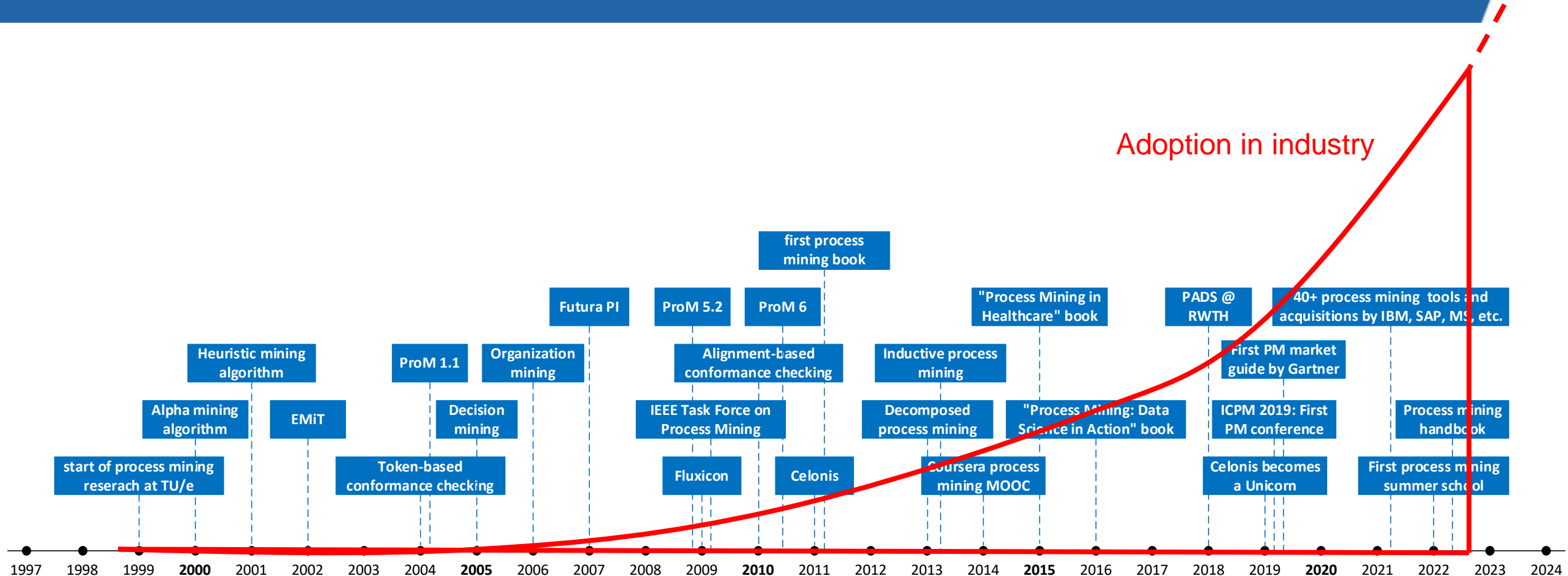


Many process mining tools are available

Vendor	Tool	Website	Acad. ver.
Abbyy	ABBYY Timeline	www.abbyy.com	No
Appian (Lana Labs)	LANA Process Mining	lanalabs.com	No
Apromore	Apromore Enterprise Edition	apromore.org	Yes
bupaR	bupaR	bupar.net	Yes
businessOptix	businessOptix	businessoptix.com	Yes
Celonis	Celonis EMS	celonis.com	Yes
Datricks	Datricks	datricks.com	Yes
DCR	DCR Portal	www.dcrsolutions.net	Yes
Deloitte	Process X-ray	processxray.deloitte.com	No
EverFlow	EverFlow	everflow.ai	No
Fluxicon	Disco	fluxicon.com	Yes
FortressIQ	FortressIQ	fortressiq.com	No
Fraunhofer FIT	PM4Py	pm4py.fit.fraunhofer.de	Yes
Hyland	Onbase	www.hyland.com	No
IBM (myInvenio)	myInvenio	my-invenio.com	No
Integris	Explora Process	integris.it	No
Kofax	Kofax Insight	www.kofax.com	No
livejourney	livejourney	www.livejourney.com	No
Logpickr	Logpickr Process Explorer 360	www.logpickr.com	No
Mavim	Mavim	www.mavim.co	No
Mehrwerk GmbH	MPM	mpm-processmining.com	No
Mindzie	mindzie	mindzie.com	Yes
Minit (Microsoft)	Minit	www.minit.io	Yes
Nintex UK Ltd	Nintex	www.nintex.com	No
Oniq	IQ/A	www.oniq.com	No
PAFnow (Celonis)	PAFnow	pafnow.com	No
Process.science	process.science	www.process.science	No
ProcessDiamond	ProcessDiamond	processdiamond.com	Yes
ProcessM	PmBI	processm.com	Yes
Puzzle Data	ProDiscovery	www.puzzledata.com	No
QPR Software	QPR ProcessAnalyzer	www.qpr.com	No
SAP (Signavio)	SAP Signavio	www.signavio.com	Yes
Skan AI	Skan	www.skan.ai	No
Software AG	Aris	aris-process-mining.com	Yes
Soroco	Scout Platform	soroco.com	No
StereoLogic	StereoLogic Process Mining	www.stereologic.com	No
TU/e	ProM	www.promtools.org	Yes
TU/e	RapidProM	www.rapidprom.org	Yes
UI Path	UI Path Process Mining	www.uipath.com	Yes
UltimateSuite	UltimateSuite TM/RPA	www.ultimatesuite.com	No
Upflux	Upflux	upflux.net	No
Worksoft	Worksoft	www.worksoft.com	No

www.processmining.org

Timeline of Process Mining



Process mining is used in all domains

- **finance and insurance** (Rabobank, Wells Fargo, Hypovereinsbank, Caixa General, ADAC, APG, Suncorp, VTB, etc.),
- **logistics and transport** (Uber, Deutsche Bahn, Lufthansa, Airbus, Schukat, Vanderlande, etc.),
- **production** (ABB, Siemens, BMW, Fiat, Bosch, AkzoNobel, Bayer, Neste, etc.),
- **healthcare, biomedicine, and pharmacy** (Uniklinik RWTH Aachen, Charite University Hospital, GE Healthcare, Philips, Medtronic, Pfizer, Bayer, AstraZeneca, etc.),
- **telecom** (Deutsche Telekom, Vodafone, A1 Telekom Austria, Telekom Italia, etc.),
- **food and retail** (Edeka, MediaMarkt, Globus, Zalando, AB InBev, etc.),
- **energy** (Uniper, Chevron, Shell, BP, E.ON, etc.),
- **IT services** (Dell, Xerox, IBM, Nokia, ServiceNow, etc.), and
- **consultancy** (Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG, PwC, etc.)!

You can do
anything with
~~numbers~~ *events*



Example: some of Celonis's customers

Technology



Financial Services & Insurance



Life Sciences & Chemicals



Consumer & Retail



Manufacturing



Telecommunications & Media



Energy & Utilities

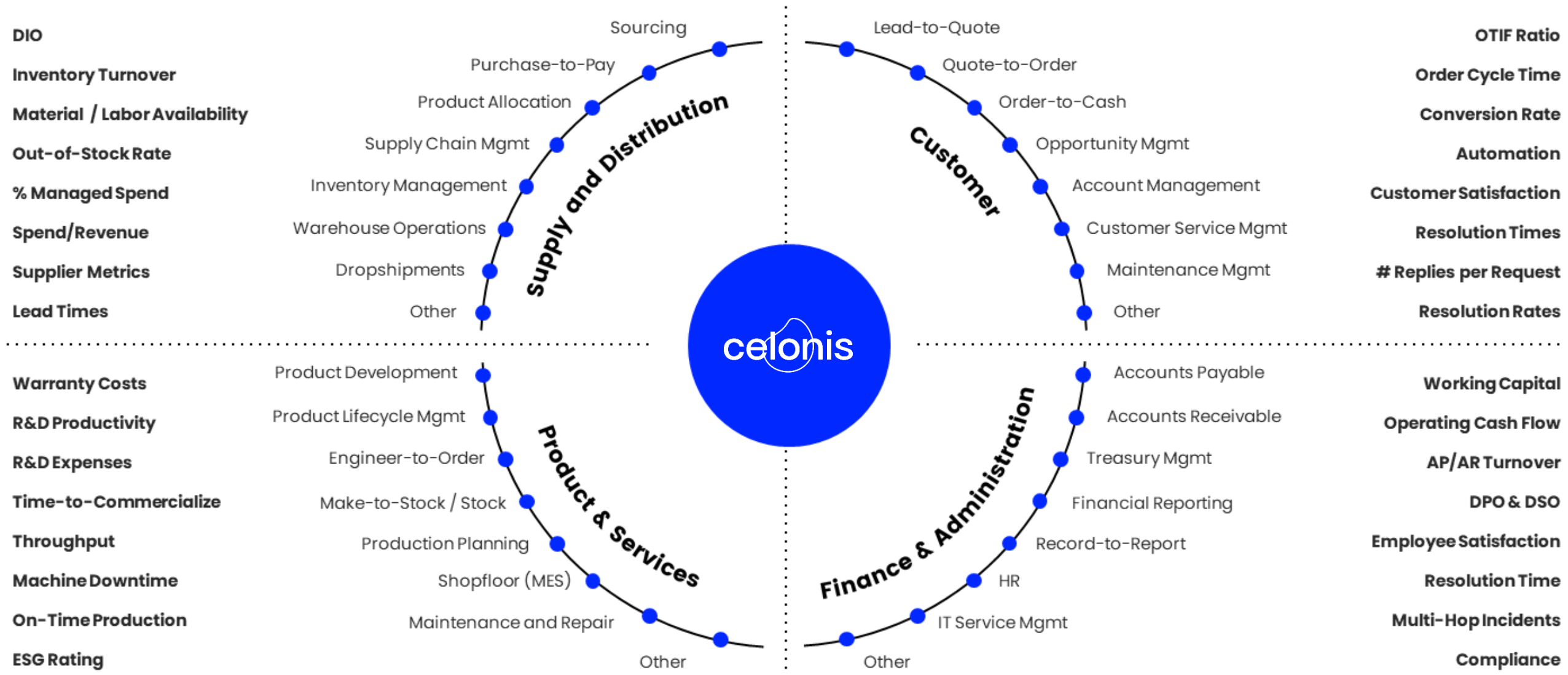


Oil & Gas



Thousands of large organizations are using Celonis (approx. 50% of Fortune 500) and in some of these there are thousands of active users (e.g., Siemens, BMW, etc.)

For any process in the organization!



My personal journey

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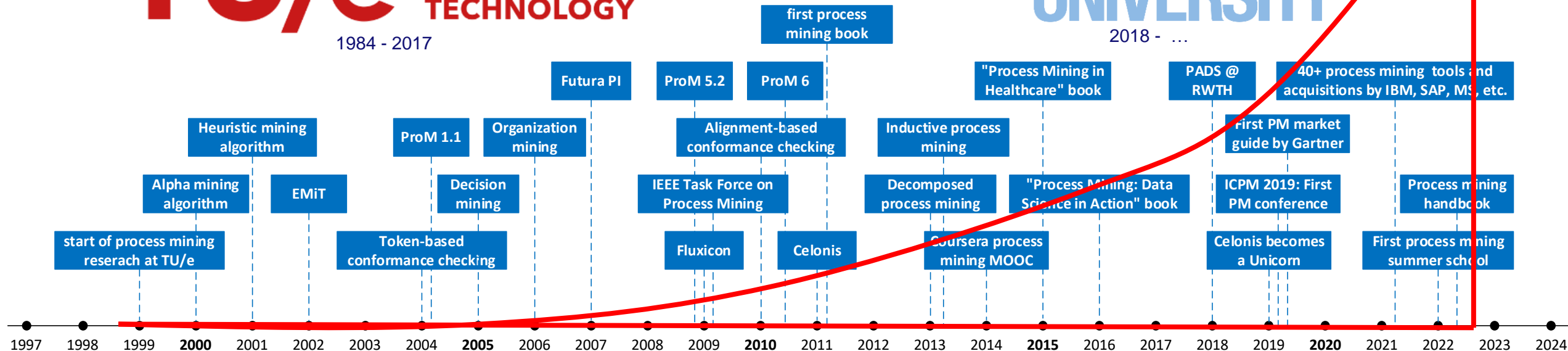
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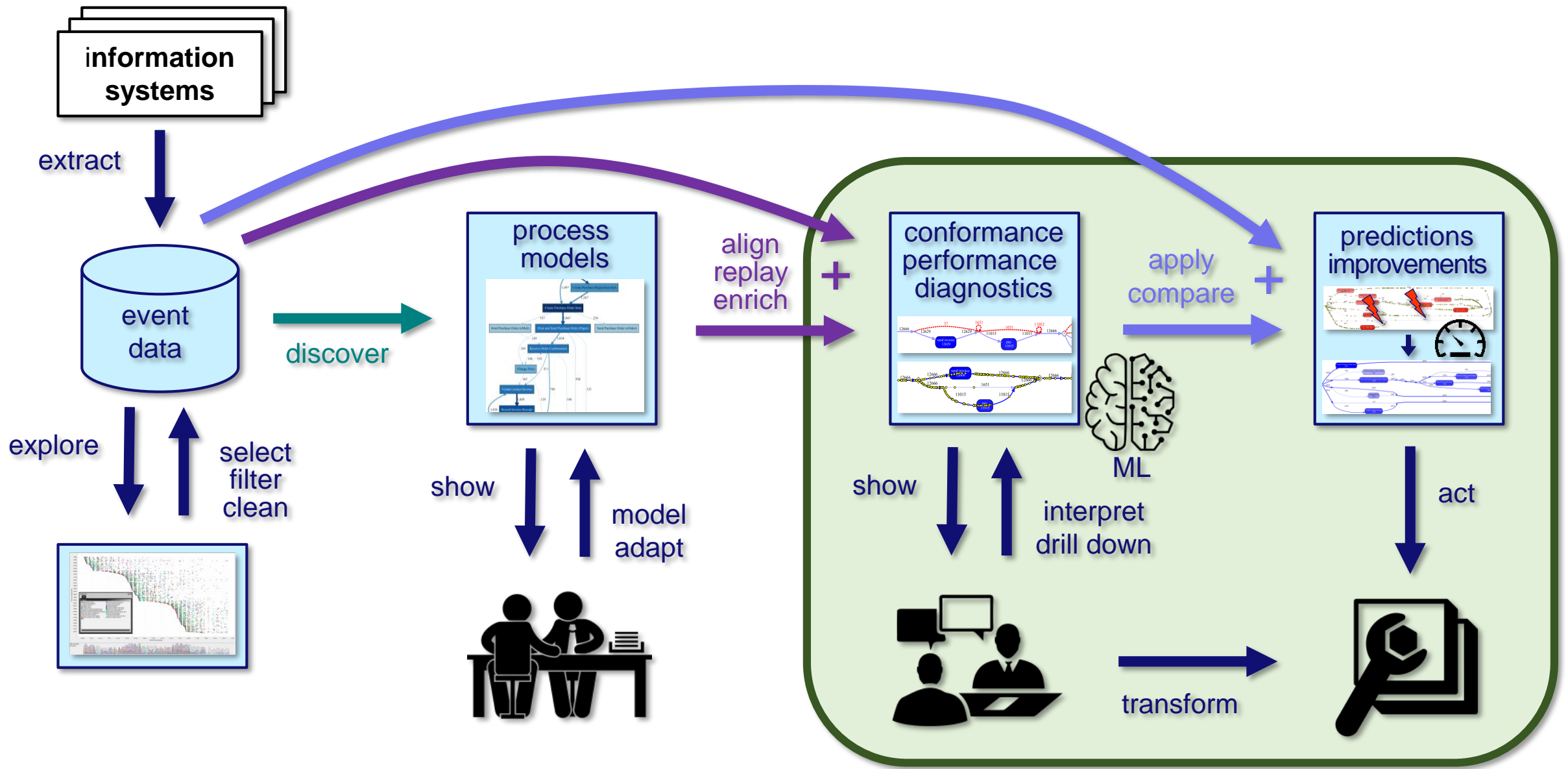
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2018 - ...

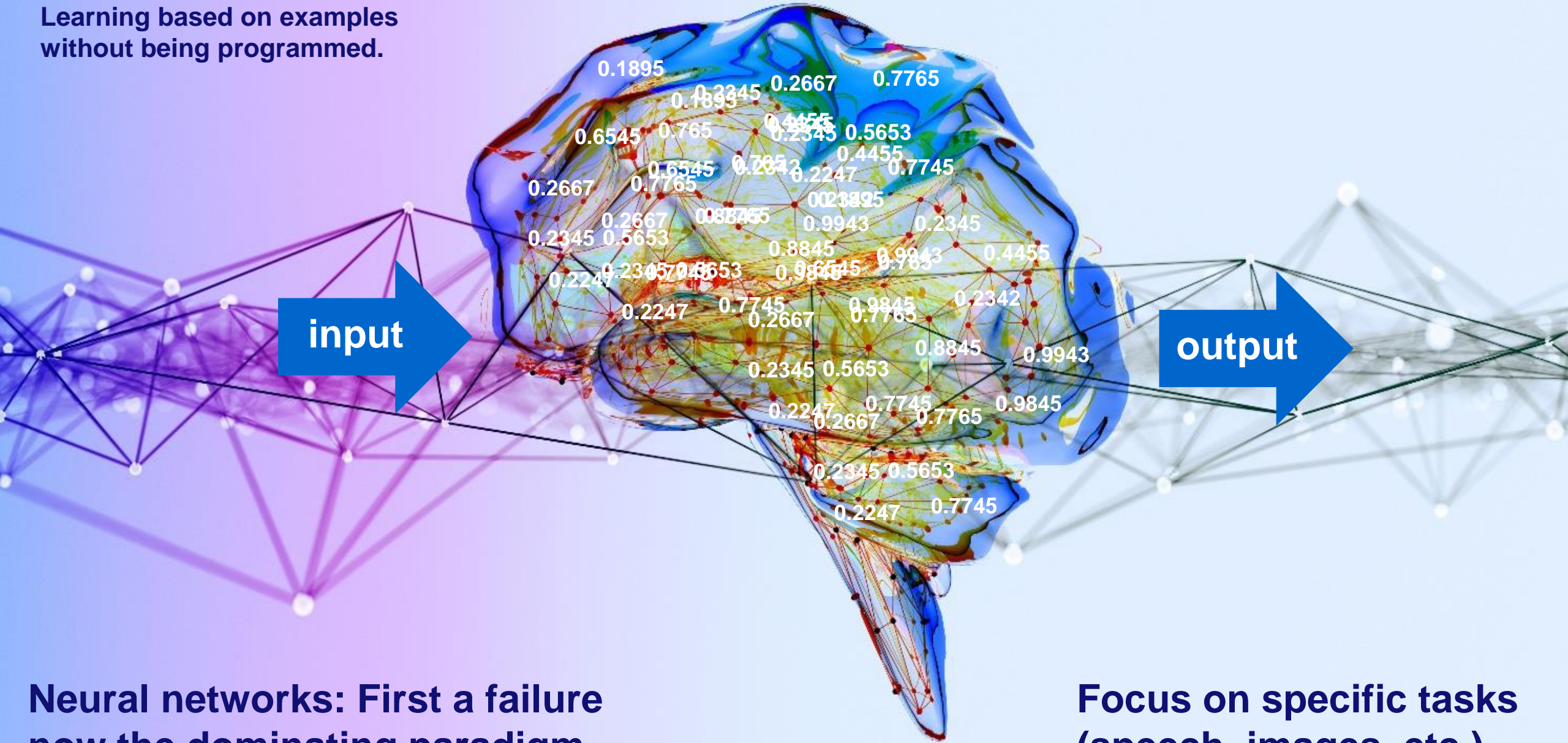


The Enabler for Evidence-Based Automation, AI and ML!



ML, AI, Automation

Machine Learning =
Learning based on examples
without being programmed.



**Neural networks: First a failure
now the dominating paradigm**

**Focus on specific tasks
(speech, images, etc.).**

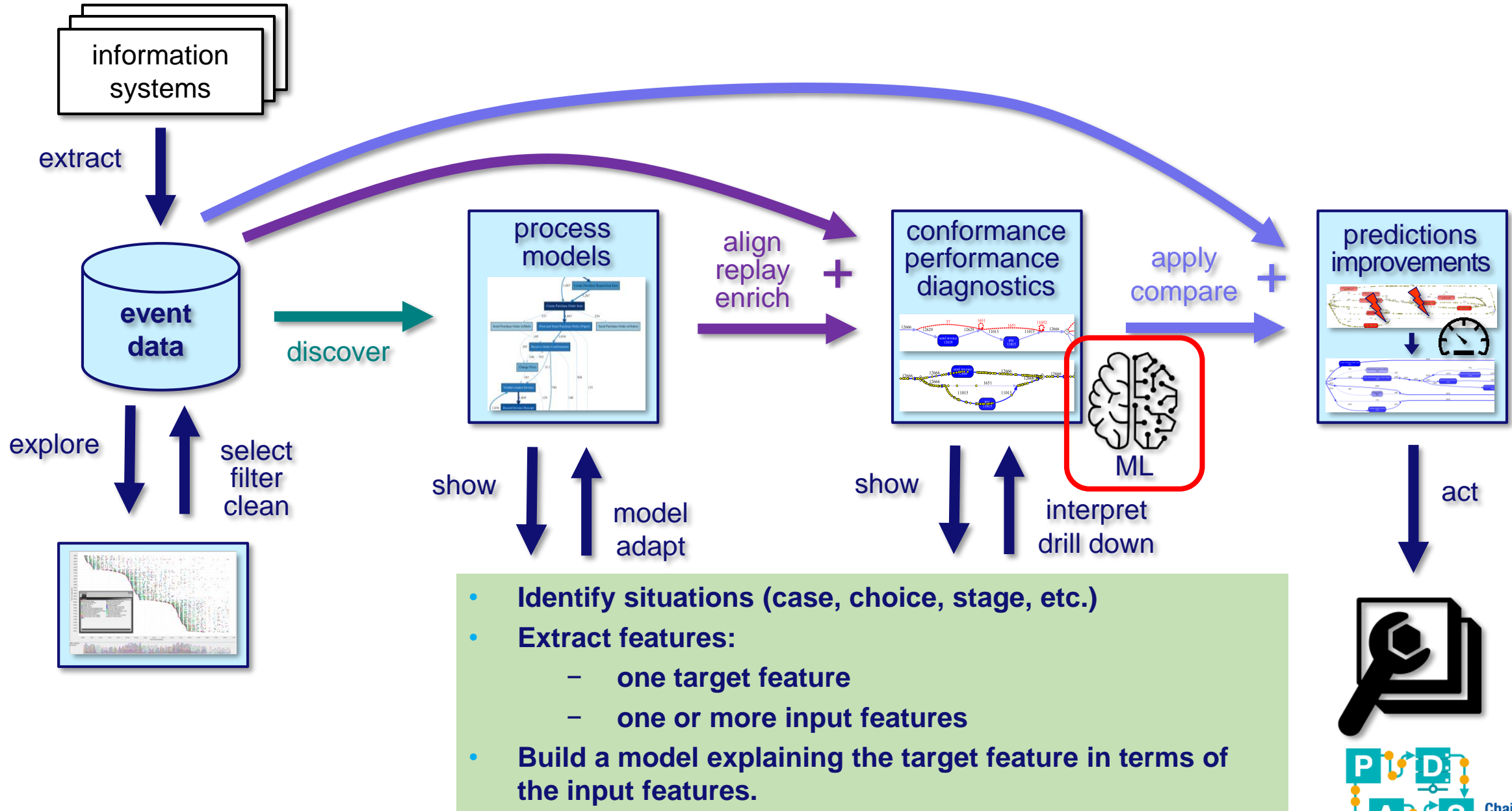
How about managing and improving operational processes?

We need process models that are understandable!

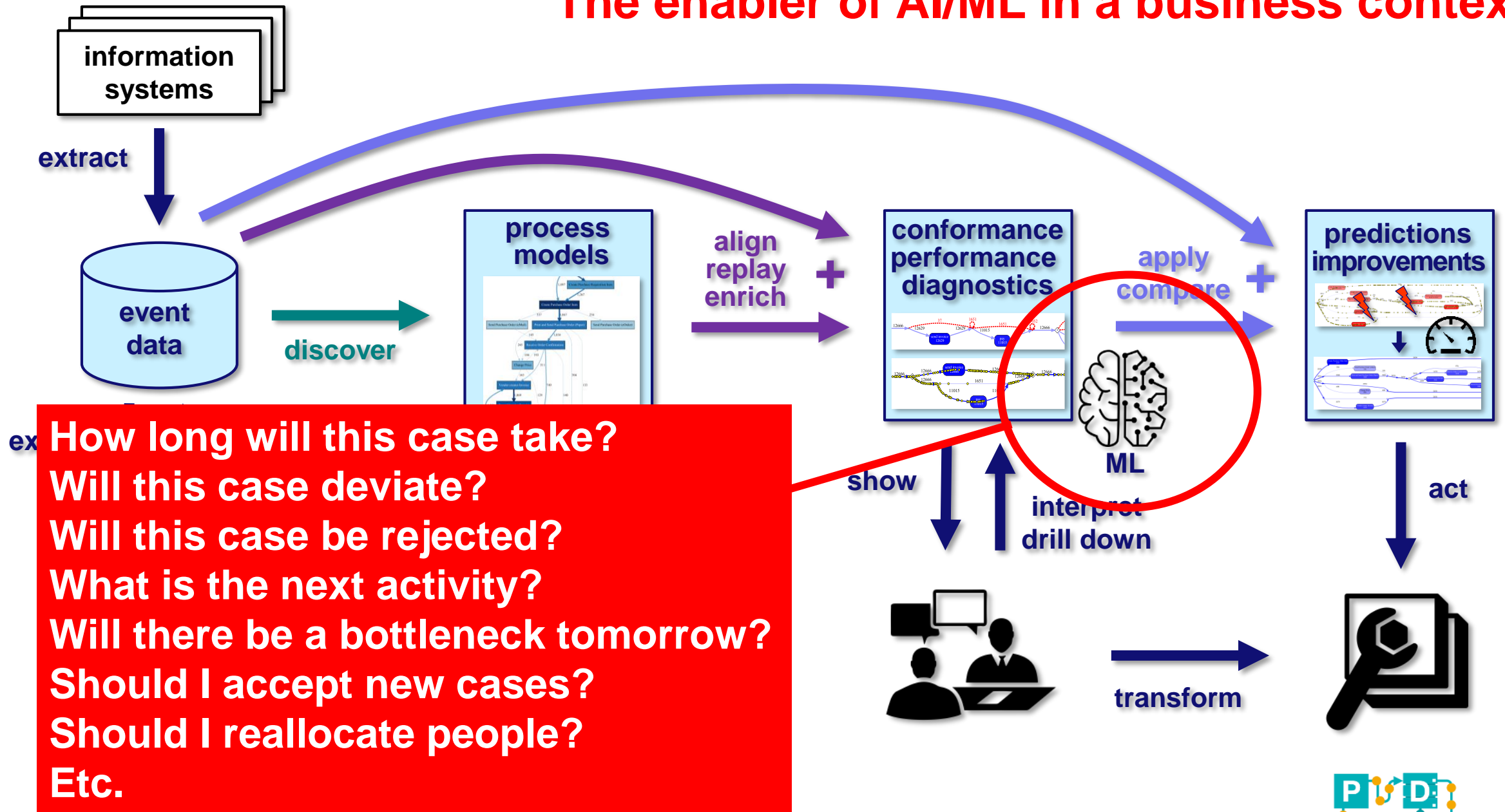
We are interested in improving end-to-end performance and compliance (not a single task)!

We do not have labeled data, we have SAP, Salesforce, Oracle, Microsoft, Infor, etc. (holding thousands of tables)!

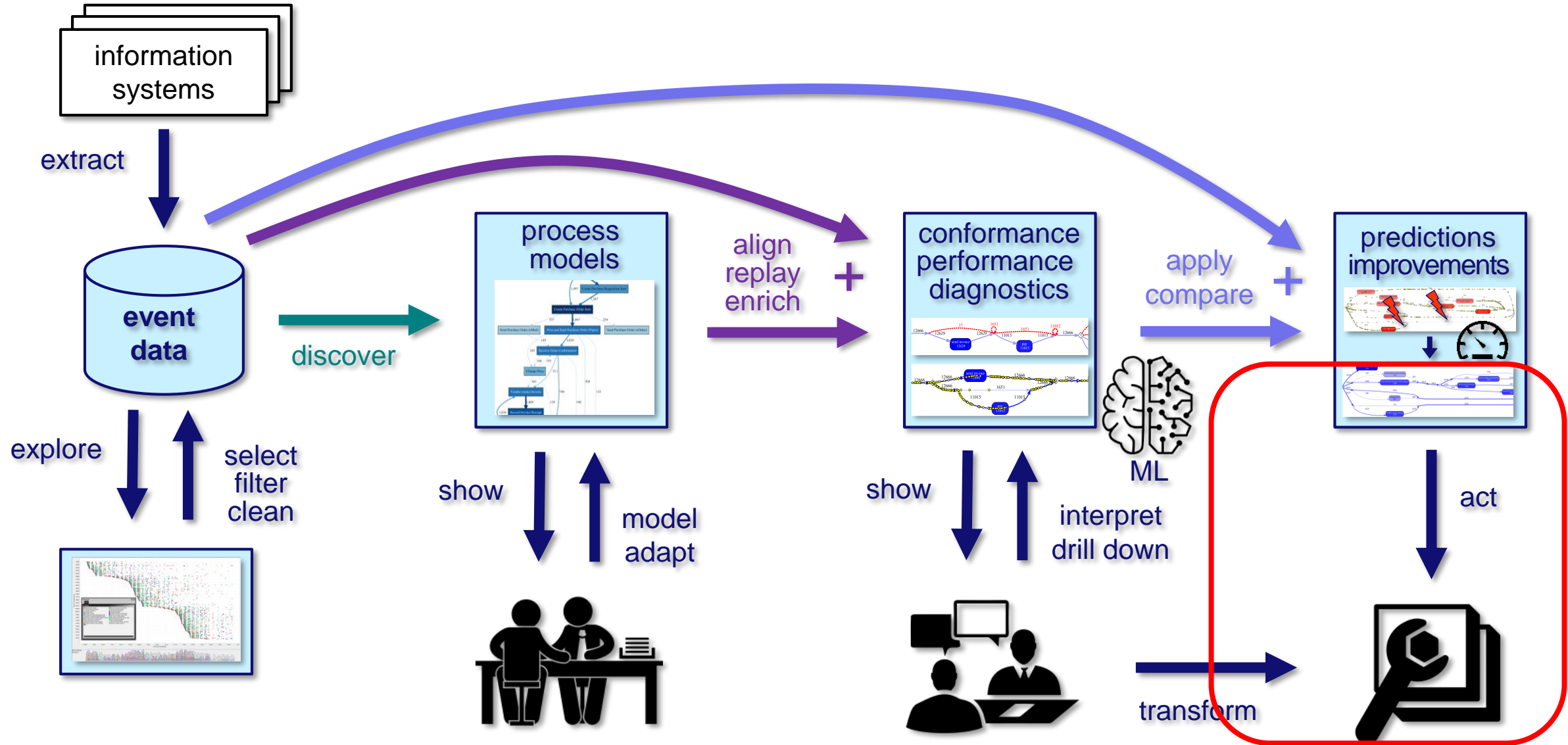




The enabler of AI/ML in a business context!



Link to Automation



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Default

Action Flows (1.0.1)

Publish Package

Create Package

Action Flows

Smart Order Prioritization

Automation Monitor

Smart Order Prioritization

smart-order-prioritization

Save Version Control Explain Flow Auto-Align Help Settings Blueprint

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graph LR; C1[Celonis 3 Watch Sales Orders] --> C2[Celonis 12 Analyze Pattern]; C2 --> S[Salesforce 13 Get Customer Priority]; S --> CP[Customer Priority 6]; CP -- "High Priority" --> S14[SAP 14 Confirm Delivery Date]; CP -- "Standard Priority" --> S15[SAP 15 Update Delivery Date];
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Celonis 3 Watch Sales Orders

Celonis 12 Analyze Pattern

Salesforce 13 Get Customer Priority

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SAP 14 Confirm Delivery Date

SAP 15 Update Delivery Date

Action-oriented process mining

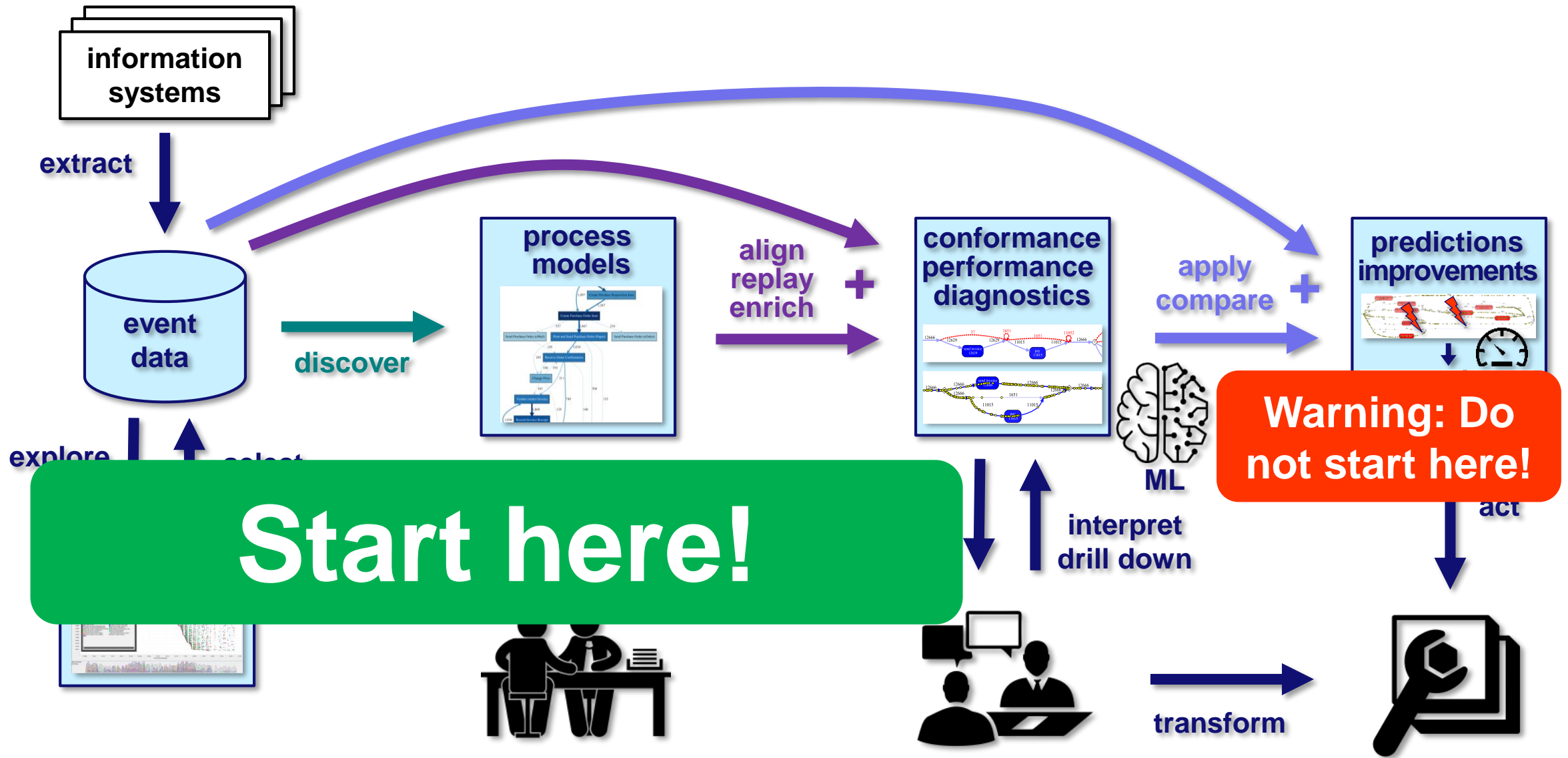
Tools

Favorites

Automation

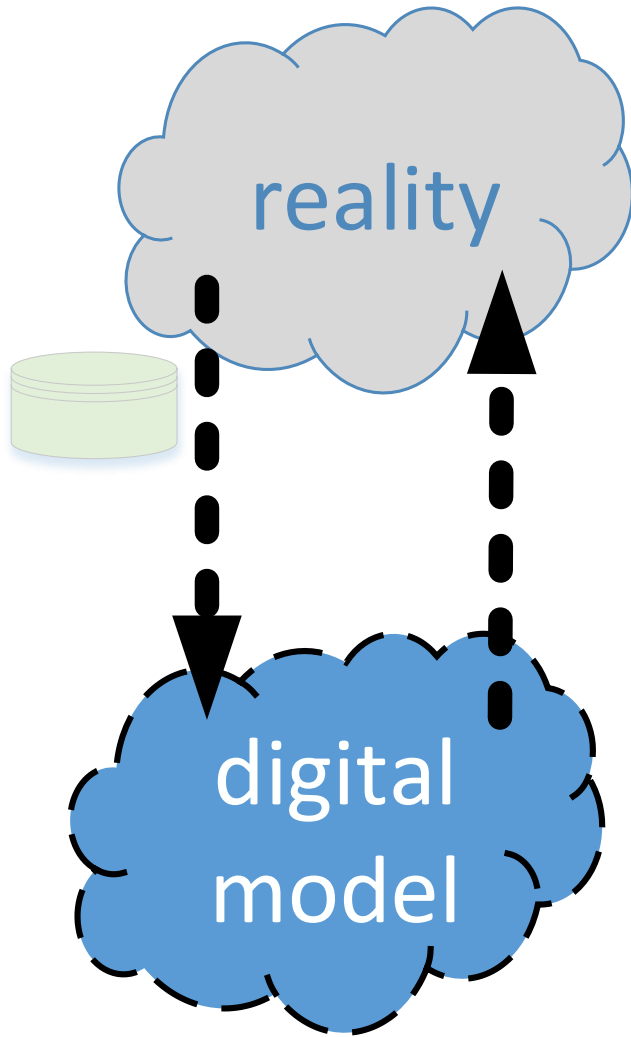
About Automation

- It is very **naïve** to replace existing software with something “fresh” (cf. # applications and # tables).
- Process mining helps to see the **main problems** and can **trigger** actions/workflows.
- Focus on the “**pain points**” and not on the whole to ensure a good ROI.
- **Low-code automation** (e.g., Make/Integromat) and **Robotic Process Automation (RPA)** help to interface with existing systems.



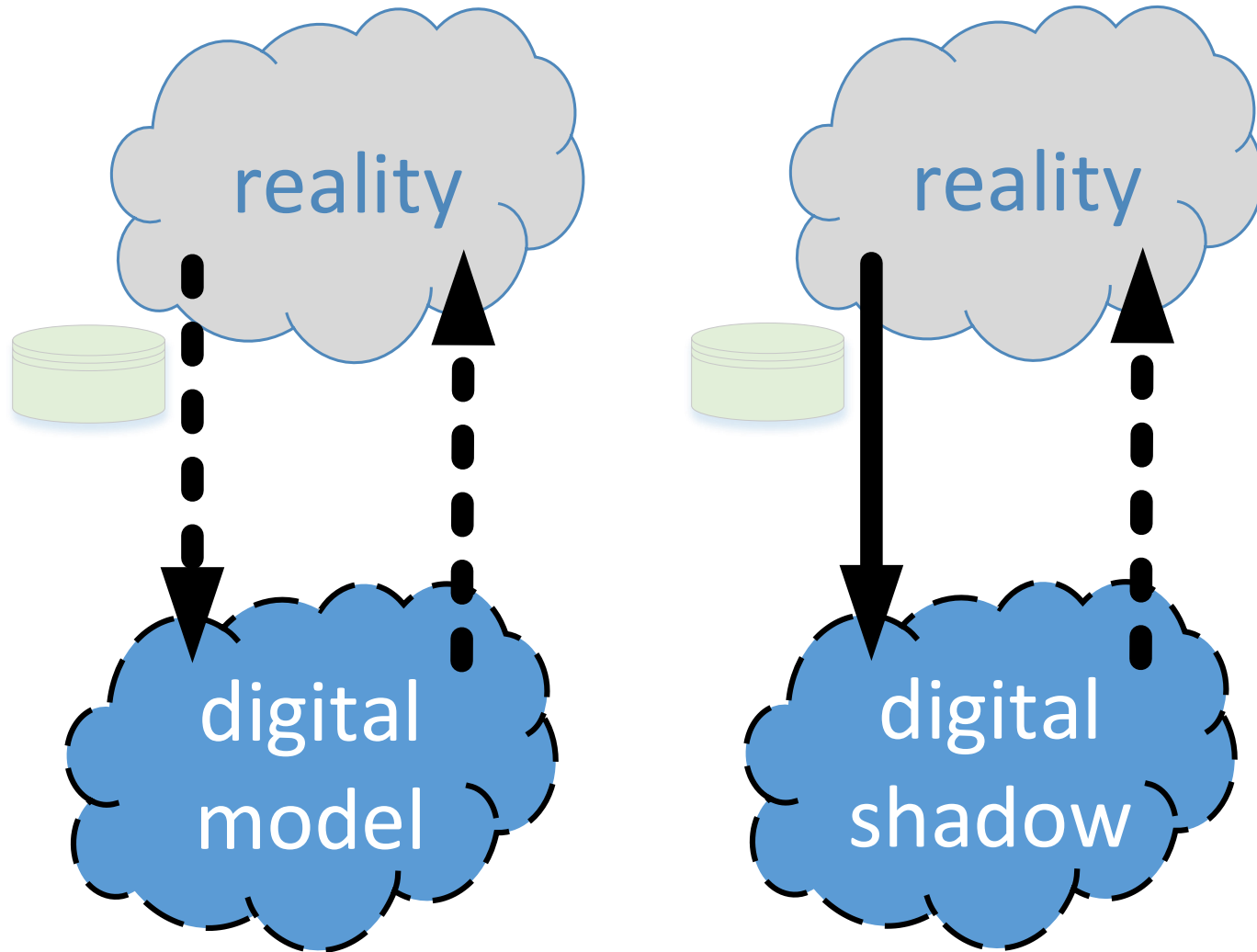
The Dream

Towards a Digital Twin of an Organization (DTO)



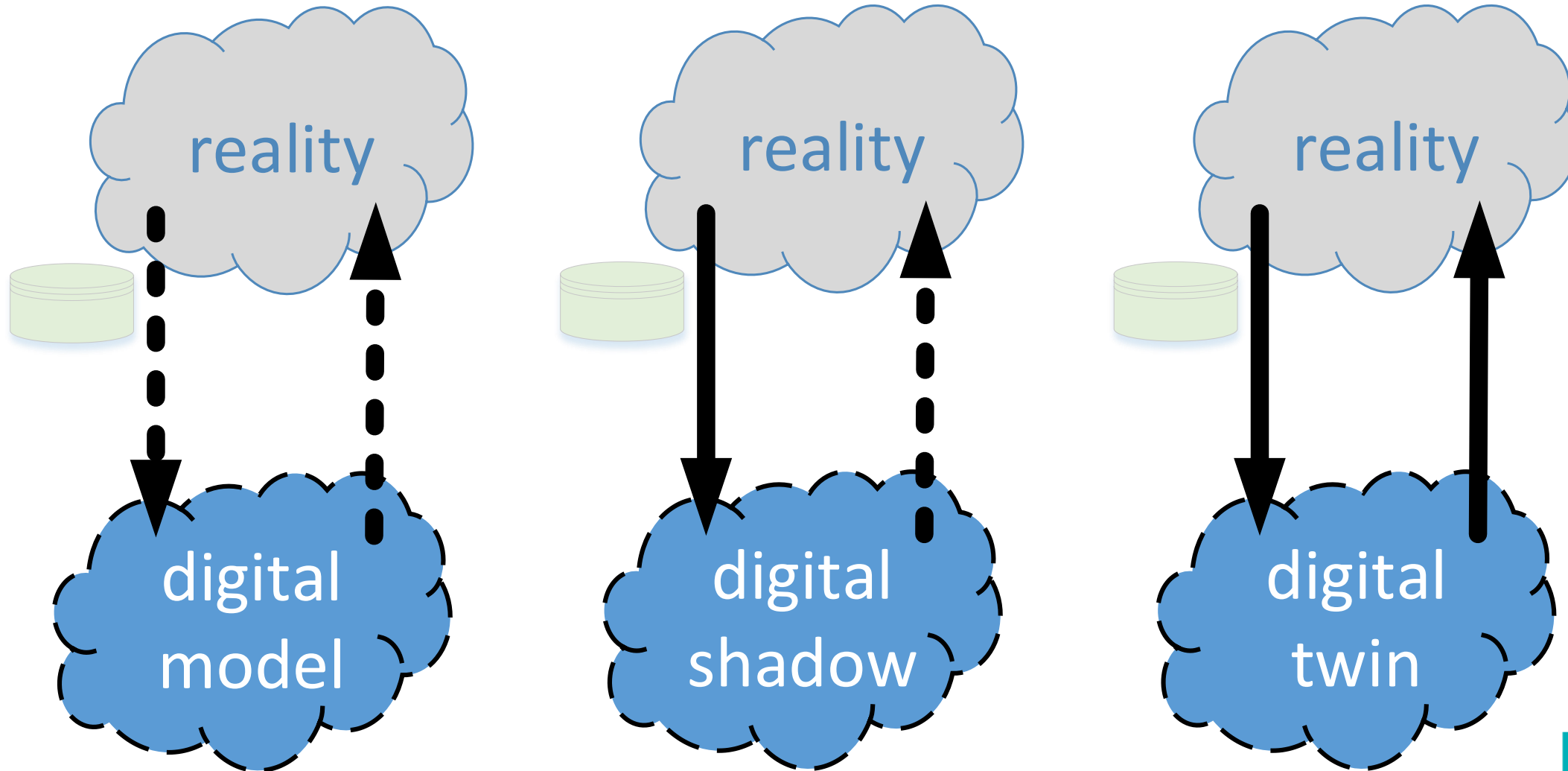
Examples: business process modeling, discrete event simulation, etc.

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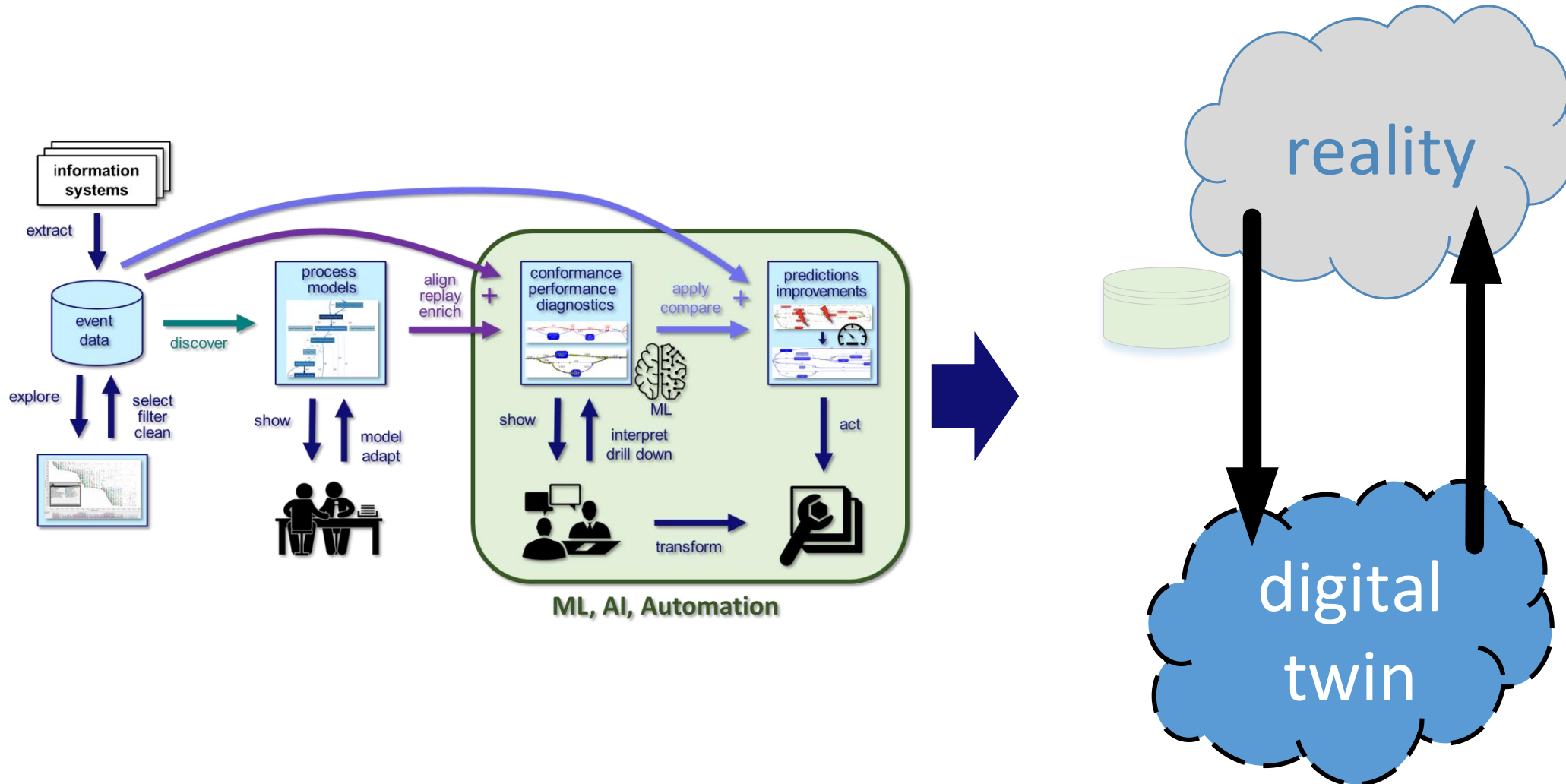


Process mining is a key technology to create a digital shadow. 15 years ago we were already able to automatically create simulation models based on event data only!

Towards a Digital Twin of an Organization (DTO)



Process mining as the enabler of DTOs



Compare Autonomous Automation to Autonomous Driving ...

Levels defined by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
<https://www.sae.org/>

SAE LEVEL 0	SAE LEVEL 1	SAE LEVEL 2	SAE LEVEL 3	SAE LEVEL 4	SAE LEVEL 5
You are driving whenever these driver support features are engaged – even if your feet are off the pedals and you are not steering			You are not driving when these automated driving features are engaged – even if you are seated in “the driver’s seat”		
You must constantly supervise these support features; you must steer, brake or accelerate as needed to maintain safety			When the feature requests, you must drive	These automated driving features will not require you to take over driving	
These are driver support features			These are automated driving features		
These features are limited to providing warnings and momentary assistance	These features provide steering OR brake/acceleration support to the driver	These features provide steering AND brake/acceleration support to the driver	These features can drive the vehicle under limited conditions and will not operate unless all required conditions are met	This feature can drive the vehicle under all conditions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• automatic emergency braking• blind spot warning• lane departure warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lane centering OR• adaptive cruise control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lane centering AND• adaptive cruise control at the same time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• traffic jam chauffeur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• local driverless taxi• pedals/steering wheel may or may not be installed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• same as level 4, but feature can drive everywhere in all conditions

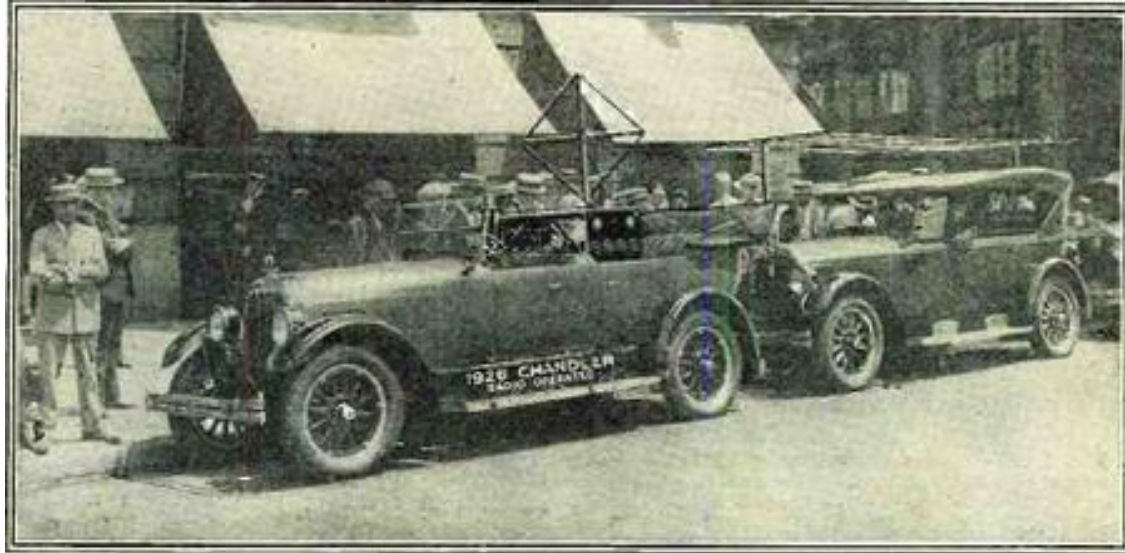


Mercedes-Benz S-class and EQS: First level 3 internationally certified car on sale since May 2022.

Wil van der Aalst, Six Levels of Autonomous Process Execution Management (APEM), 2022, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.11328>

	SAE levels for autonomous driving	Levels of autonomous process execution management
Level 0	A human is driving, and features are limited to breaking assistance, blind-spot warning, lane departure warning, etc.	There is no PEMS. All orchestration and management are done by humans. Features are limited to dashboards, reporting, key performance indicators, hard-coded workflows, and manually created simulations to conduct what-if analysis.
Level 1	A human is driving, but the car provides steering or brake/ acceleration support, e.g., lane centering or adaptive cruise control.	The PEMS is able to detect and quantify known and unknown performance and compliance problems. Features include process discovery and conformance checking. The PEMS may create alerts. However, humans need to interpret the diagnostics and, if needed, select appropriate actions.
Level 2	A human is driving, but the car provides steering and brake/ acceleration support. The difference with Level 1 is the combination of systems.	The PEMS is able to detect and quantify known and unknown performance and compliance problems. Moreover, the PEMS is able to recommend actions in case of detected known performance and compliance problems (execution gaps) and support the user in triggering corresponding actions. These actions may be automated, but in-the-end a human decides.
Level 3	Under selected circumstances, the car is driving. However, the driver needs to be alert and ready to take over control at any time.	The PEMS automatically responds to performance and compliance problems by taking appropriate actions. However, this is limited to a subset of problems and humans need to be alert and ready to take over control.
Level 4	Under selected circumstances, the car is driving. If the conditions are not met, the vehicle stops. The driver does not need to constantly monitor the situation.	The PEMS automatically responds to performance and compliance problems by taking appropriate actions. In principle, all management and orchestration decisions are made by the PEMS. Humans do not need to constantly monitor the PEMS, but the system may decide to call on the help of humans in case of diverging or unexpected behaviors.
Level 5	The car can drive itself under all circumstances (comparable to a human driver).	The PEMS functions fully autonomous also under diverging or unexpected circumstances.

Yet a long way to go ...



1925: first “driverless” car by Houdina



“Autonomous cars will definitely be a reality. A Tesla car next year will probably be 90 percent capable of autopilot. Like, so 90 percent of your miles can be on auto. For sure highway travel.” (Elon Musk, 2014)

2022: Tesla is still at level 2

Level 5 Autonomous Process Execution Management (APEM) will take a few years, but the lower levels are already in reach.

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A Few Pointers and Conclusion

Websites

- www.processmining.org
- www.process-mining-summer-school.org
- www.tf-pm.org
- www.promtools.org
- www.celonis.com/academic-signup
- xes-standard.org
- ocel-standard.org
- www.pads.rwth-aachen.de
- www.vdaalst.com



Online courses

- **Coursera course**
“**Process Mining: Data science in Action**”
Register via coursera.org/learn/process-mining
(152.345 participants since 2015).
- **Celonis/RWTH course**
“**Process Mining: From Theory to Execution**”
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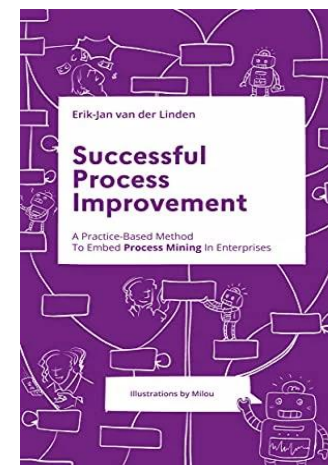
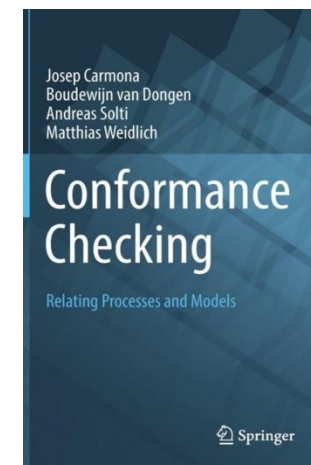
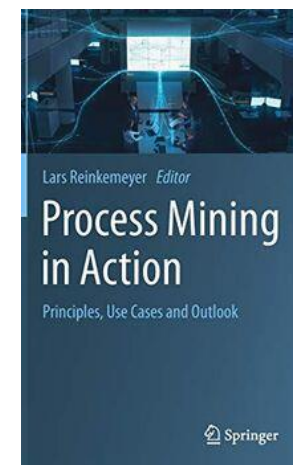
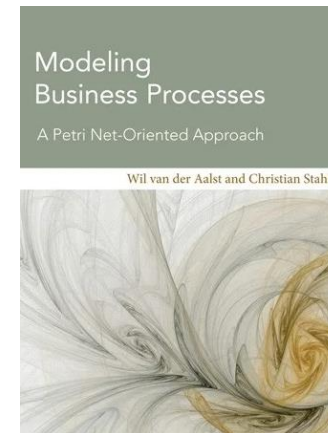
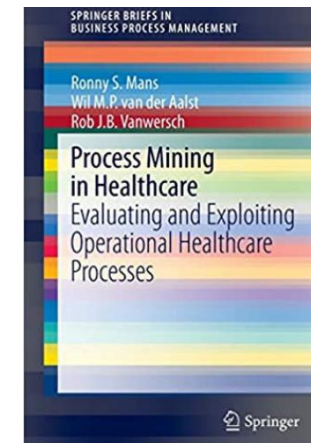
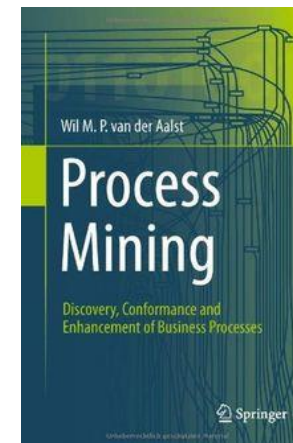
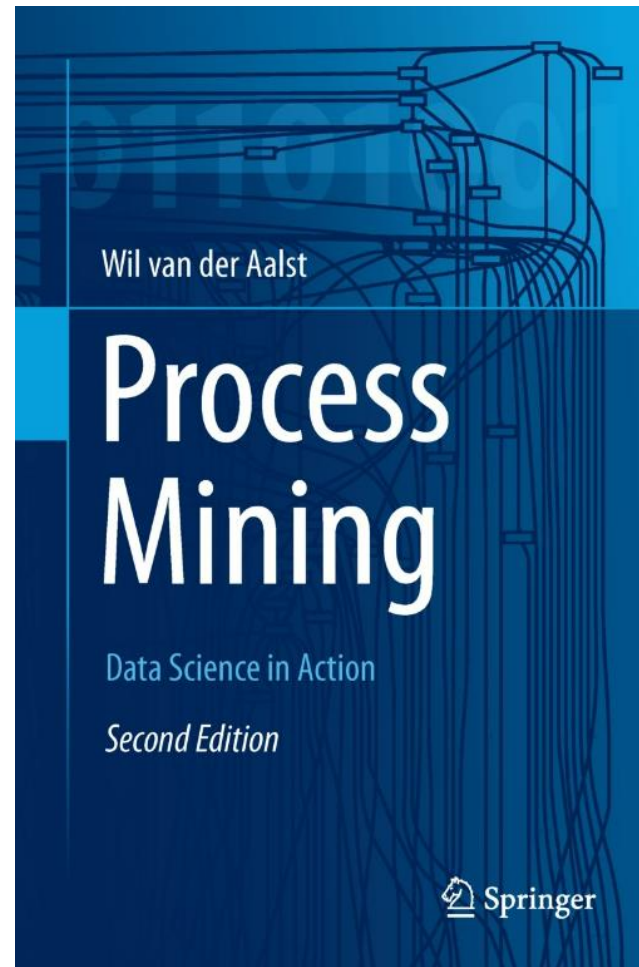
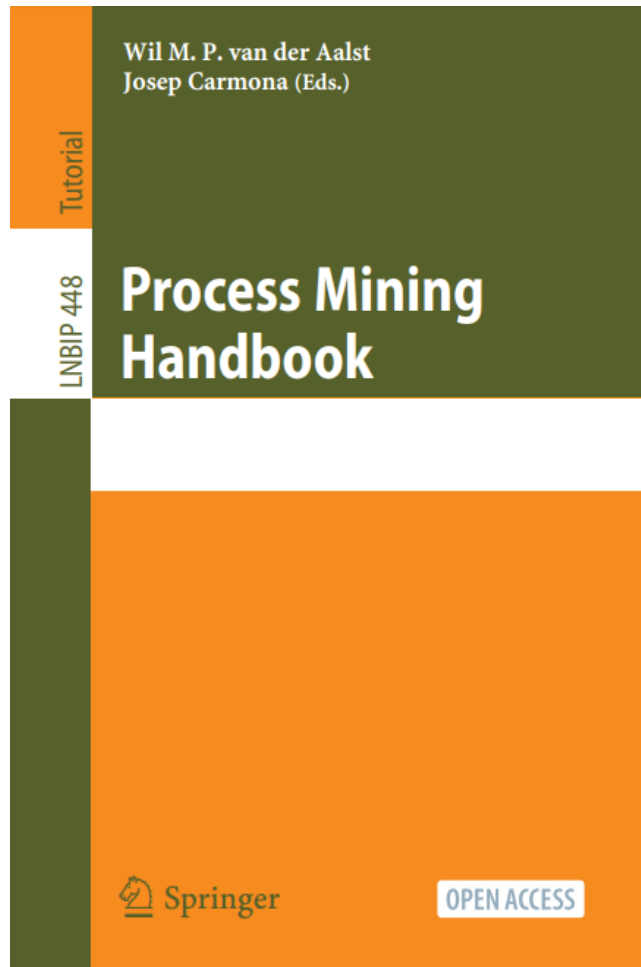
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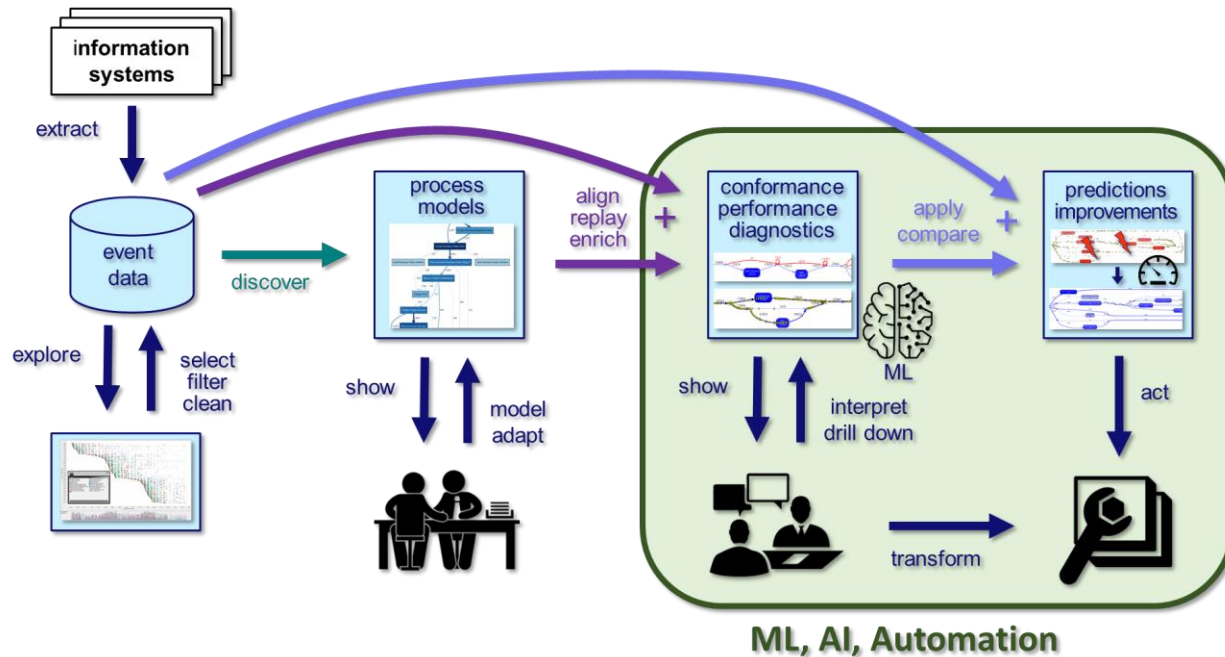
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Books (not intended to be complete)



Conclusion



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