Process Mining with Exogenous Data

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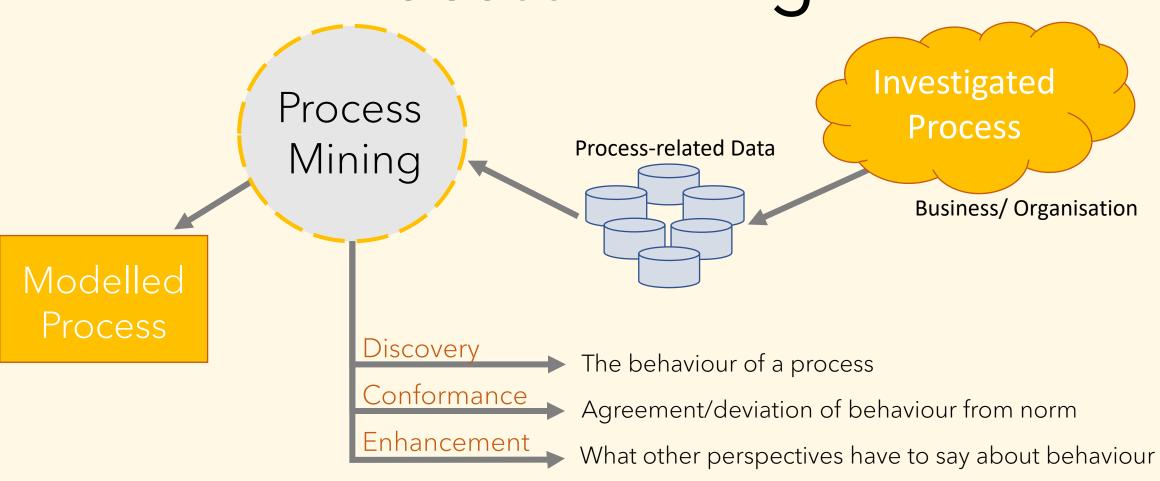
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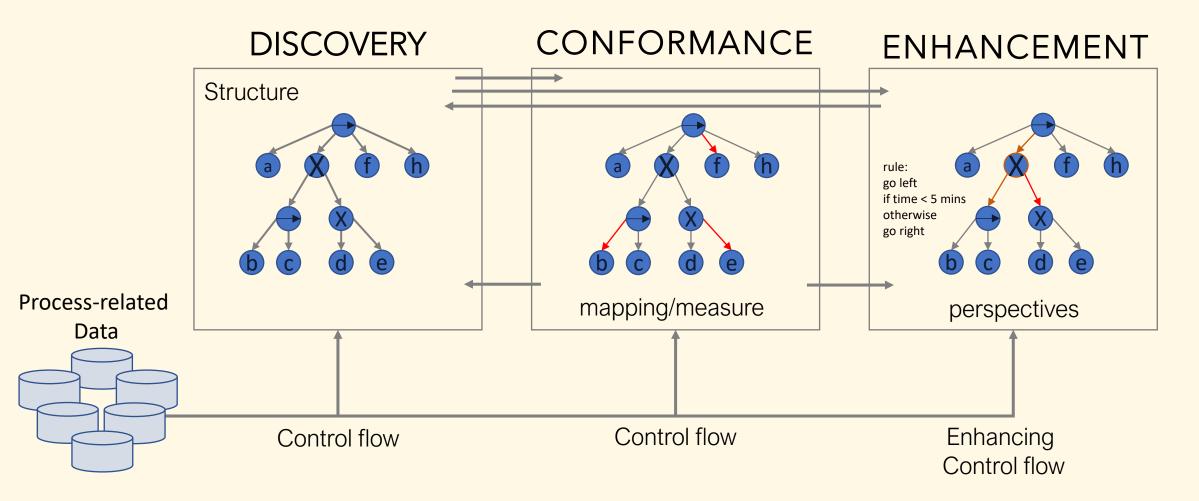
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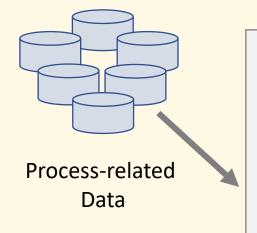


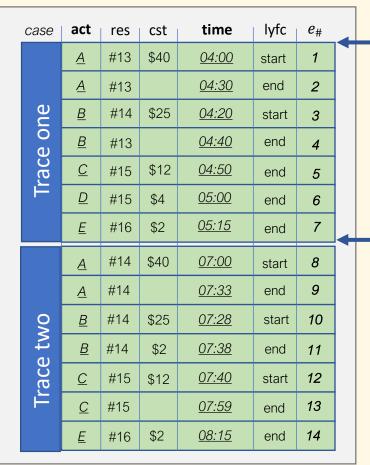
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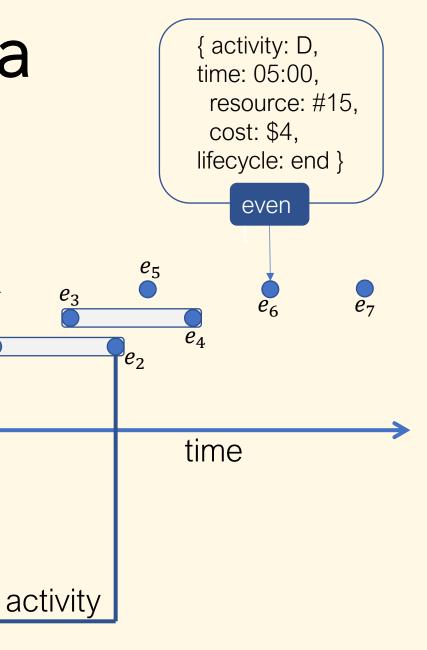




Event log



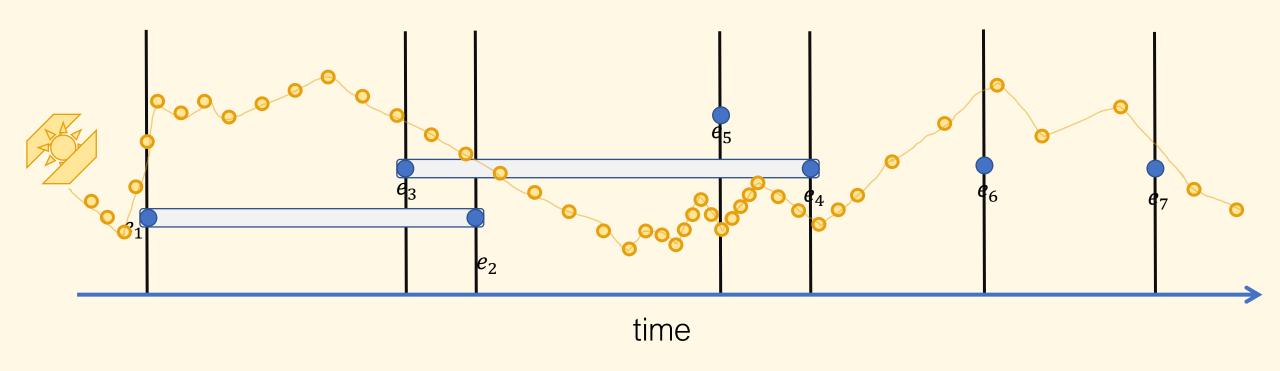




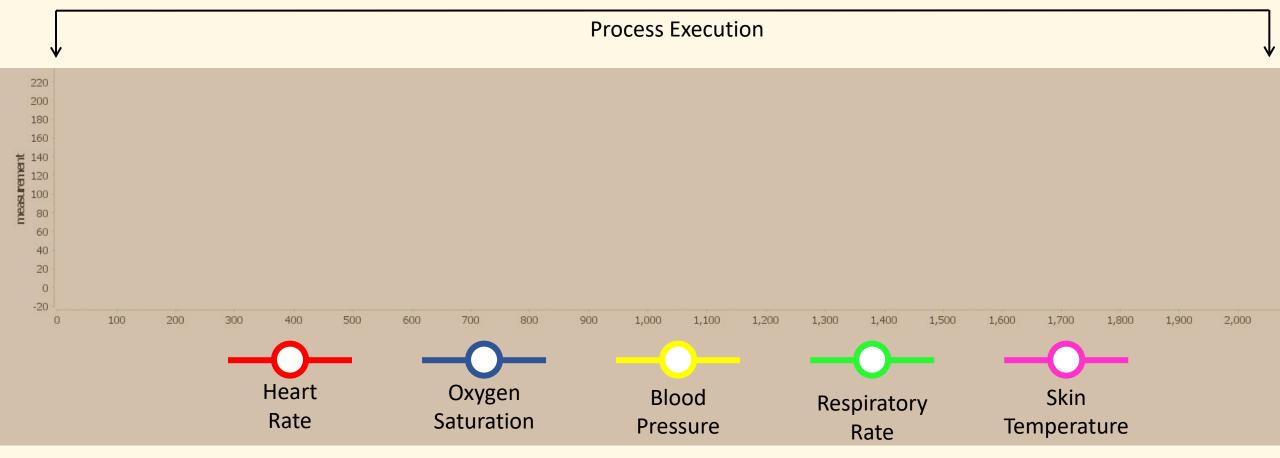
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RQ One Topic **RQ** Two **RQ** Three Plan

Exogenous Data



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Research Gaps

Only event attributes are considered...

- Data Source types around processes:
 Roseman et al (2008) [1] & van der Aalst and Dustdar (2012) [2]
- Intra/inter-trace attributes: Senderovich et al (2019) [3]
- Intra trace temporal attributes: Pourbafrani et al (2021) [4]
- Contextual events: Dees et al (2020) [5]
- Mutli-level processes based on event attributes: Leemans et al (2020) [6]
- Data expression restrictions on behaviour: Shraqa et al (2019) [7]
- Challenges for process mining adoption: Munoz-Gama et al (2021) et al [8]

Process-decision rules only consider logical operators consisting of {=,≠,<,>}
No temporal operators...

- Decision Miner: Rozinat (thesis) (2010) [9]
- Alignment based Decision Miner: De Leoni and van der Aalst (2013) [10]
- Linear equalities with multiple variables for decision expressions: De Leoni et al (2013) [11]
- Non-exclusive decision mining: Mannhardt et al (2016) [12]
- Conformance measures to correct for decision expressions: Mannhardt (thesis) (2018) [13]
- Variable to variable expressions (read/written): Felli et al (2019) [14]

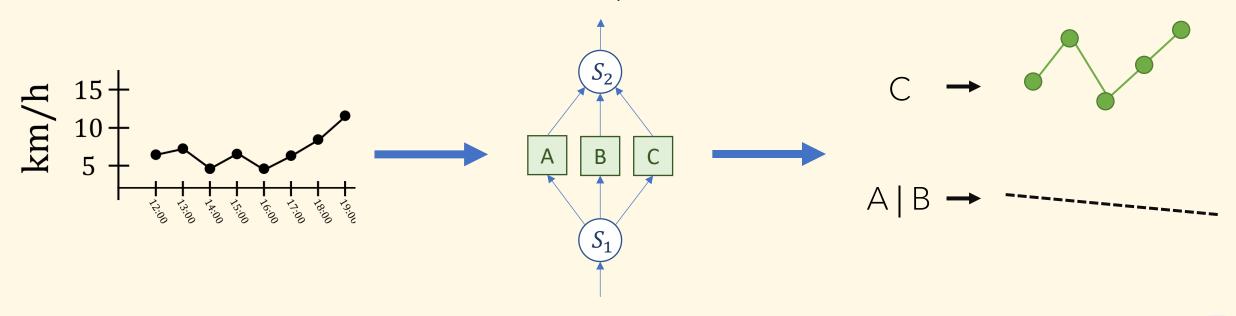
No studies were found that focus on the temporal changes of decision-making...

- Global decision making: Winter and Rinderle-Ma (2017) [15] and Winter et al (2020) [16]
- Declarative constraints: Pesic et al (2007)
 [17] and Leno et al (2020) [18]
- Temporal changes to intermediately available data: van Zelst (thesis) (2019) [19]
- Temporal changes to structure of process behaviour: Stertz et al (2020) [20] and Brockhoff et al (2020) [21]
- High velocity of events requiring abstractions: Mannhardt et al (2018) [22] and Smedt et al (2021) [23]

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Research Aim

How can analysts study the influence of exogenous data on decisions in processes?



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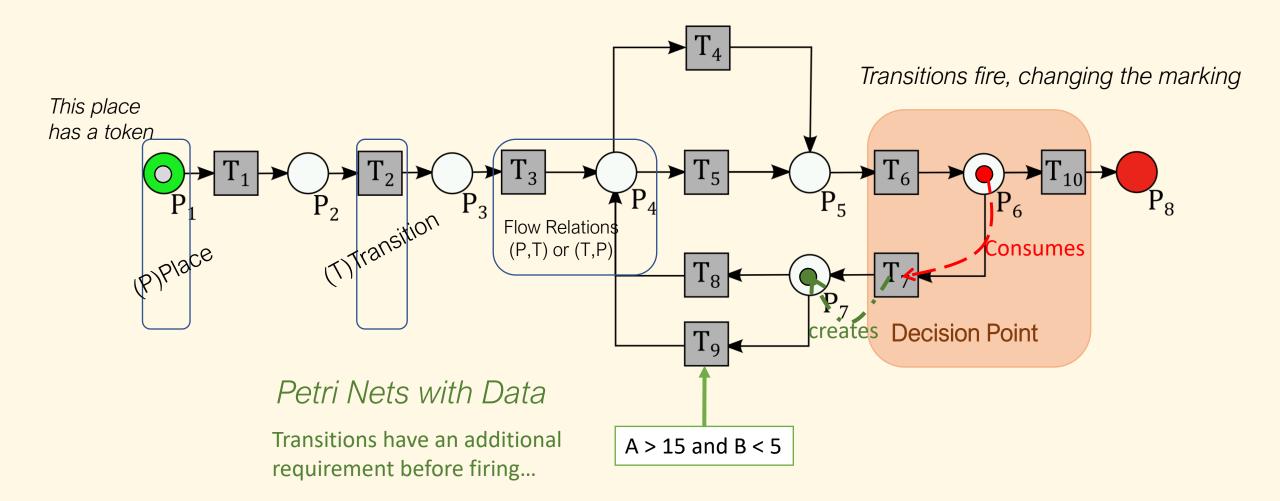
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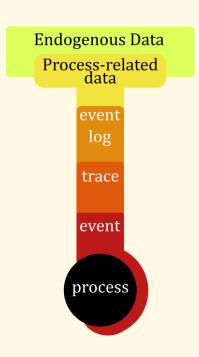
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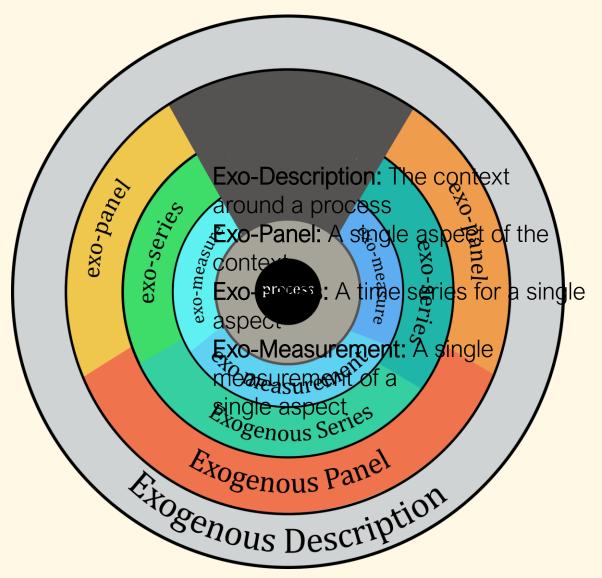
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Exogenous Data



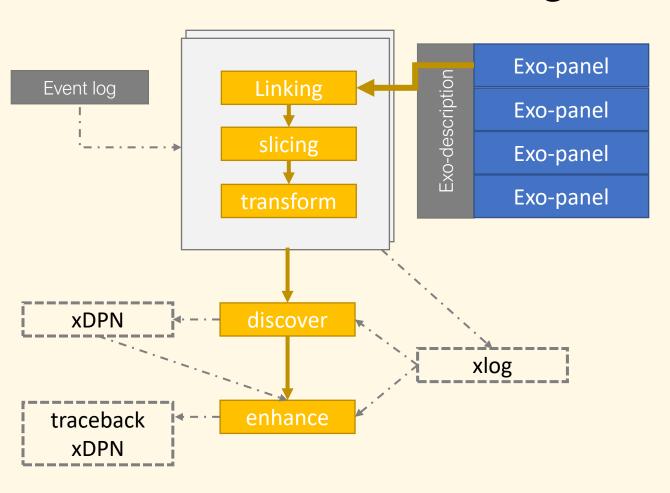


Exogenous Data

RQ ONE

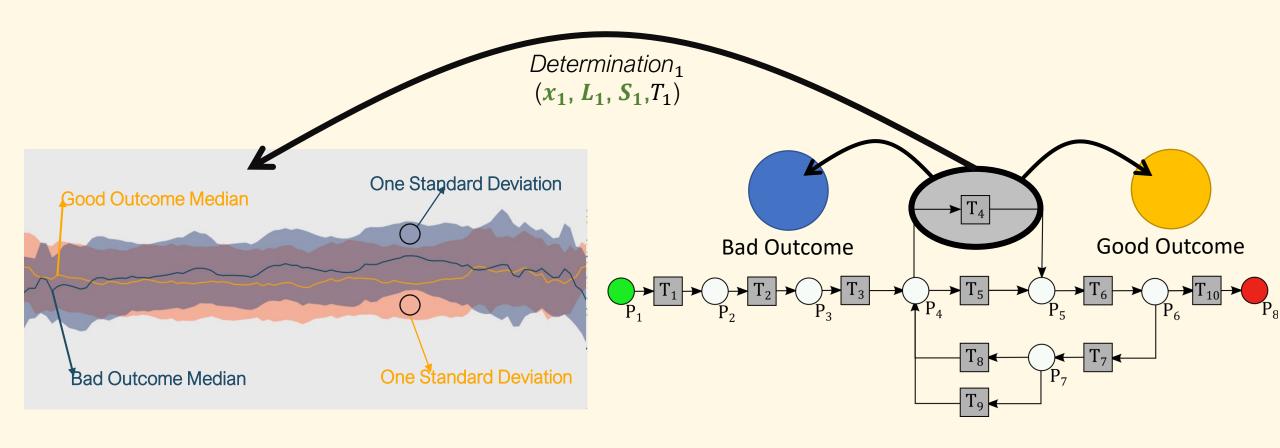
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xPM Framework for process mining with exogenous data

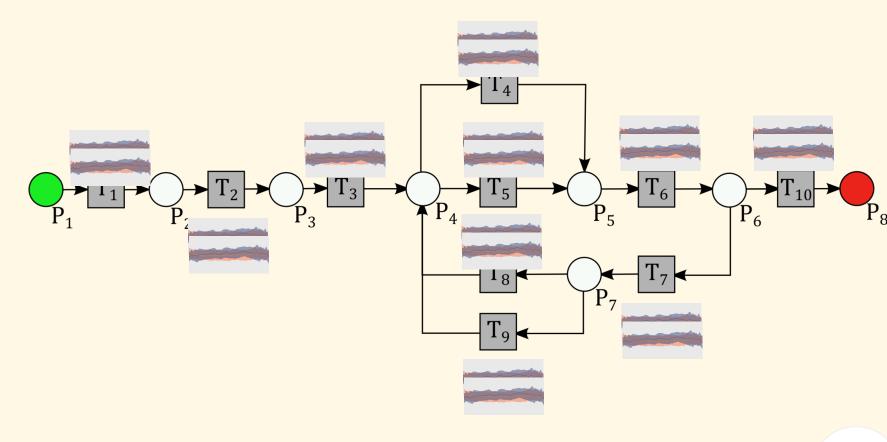


- By applying several determinations, we describe the possible influences affecting process behaviour
- Determinations are tuples of (x, L, S, T), consisting of:
 - an exogenous data source (exo-panel or x),
 - a linking function to connect a trace and an data source, to find a time series (exo-series or L),
 - a slicing function to create a subset of an exo-series (slice) for an event (S),
 - a transformation function to create transformed attributes for an event (T).

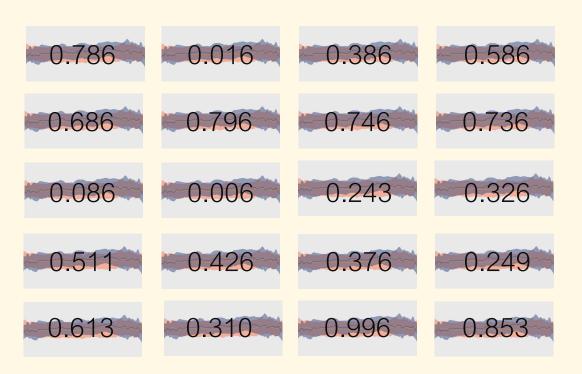
Explorative Exogenous Series Analysis (EESA)



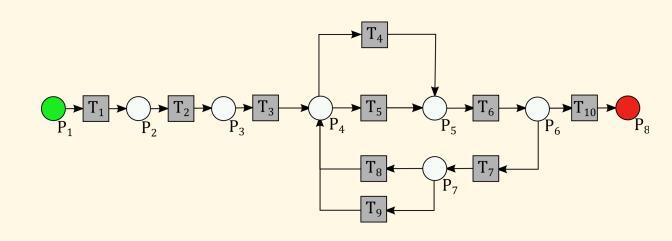
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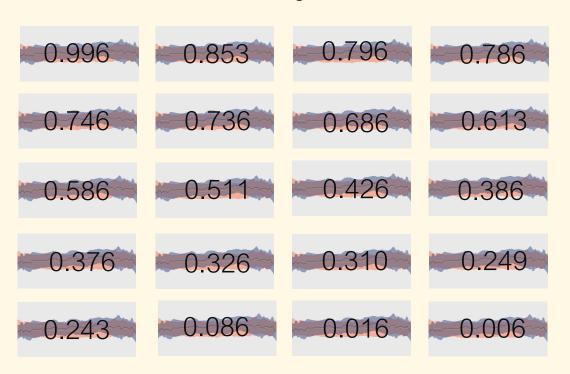
Applying Dynamic Time Warping between median trend lines for outcomes



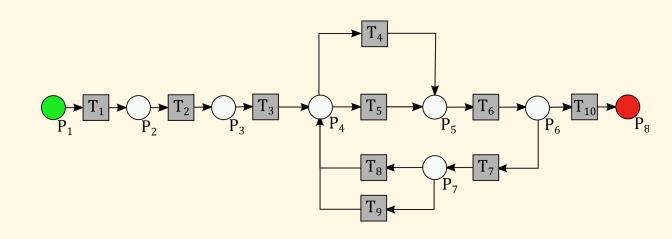
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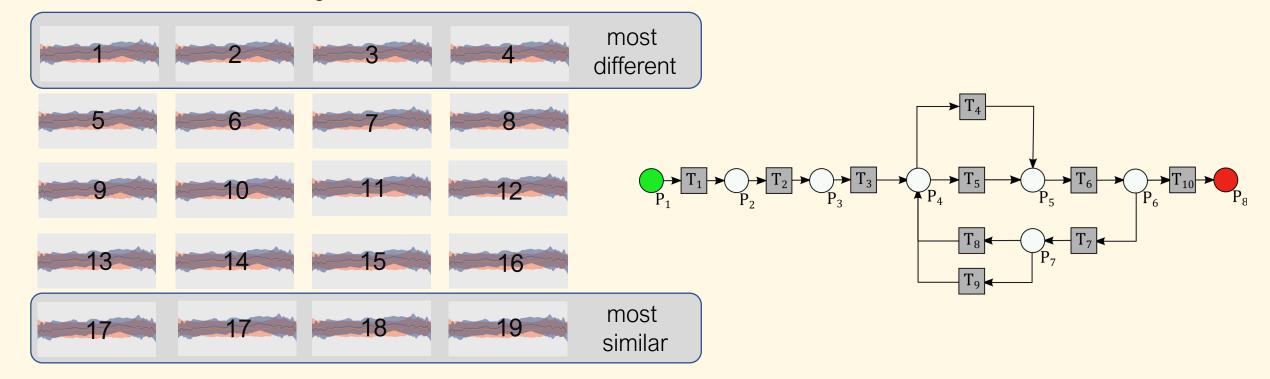


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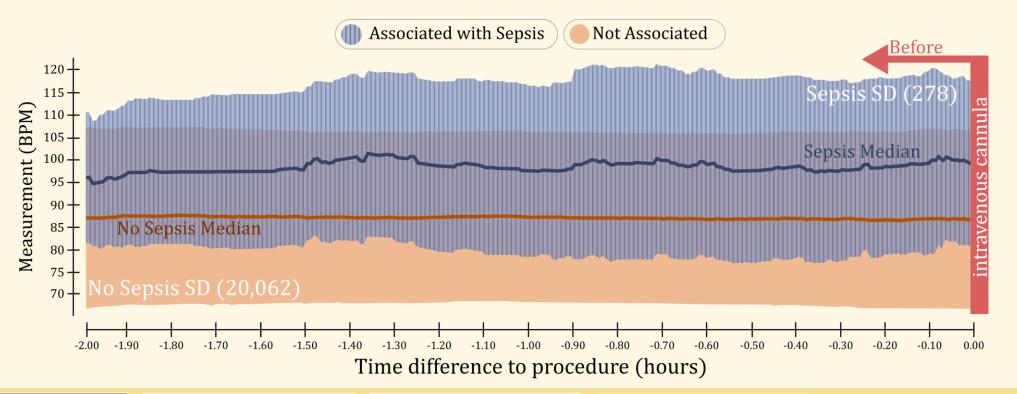
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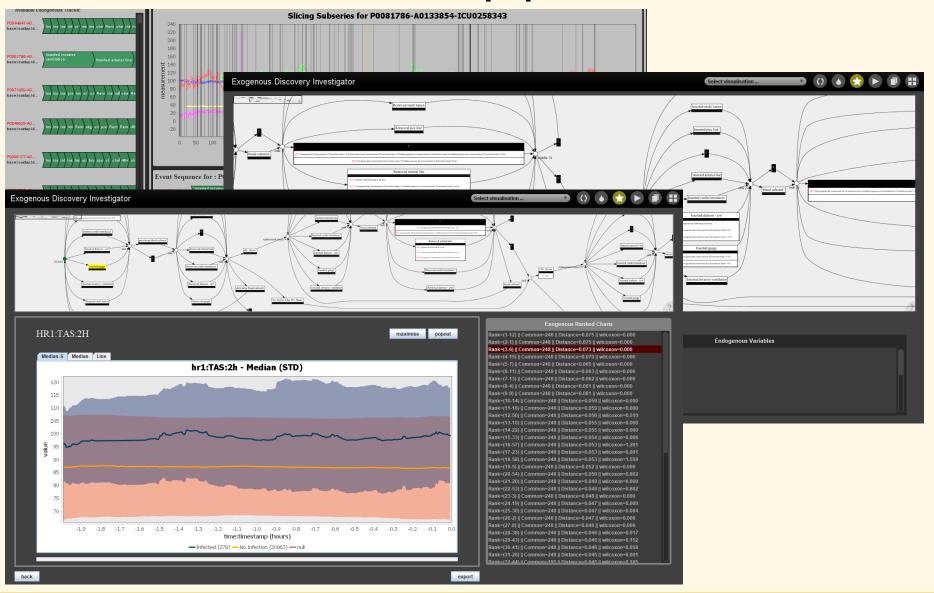


xPM for Healthcare

- Used the publicly available dataset, MIMIC-III [27]
- Published workshop paper [26], at Event Data and Behaviour Analysis workshop, co-located at ICPM2021
- Worked with healthcare domain experts to investigate:
 - Recognising patients with early or incubating infections and/or predicting those who will develop subsequent infections/sepsis.
- Submission to special issue for the Journal of Artificial Intelligence for Medicine (Q1)



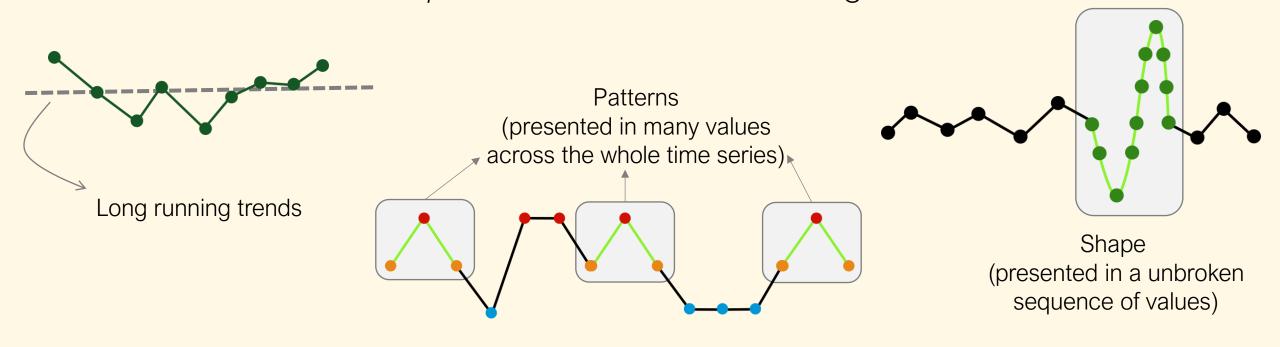
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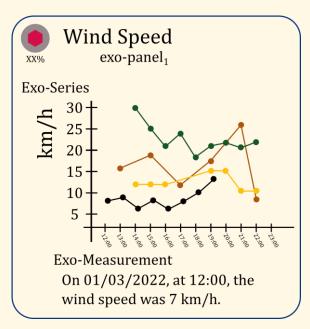


Patterns & Artefacts

RQ TWO

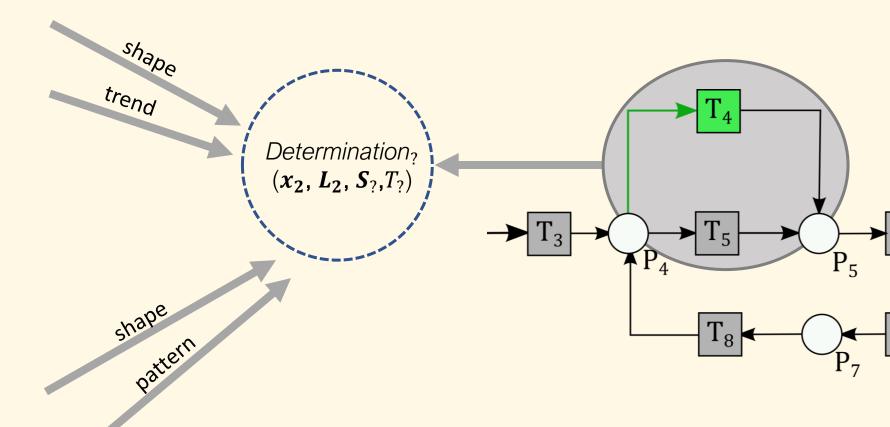
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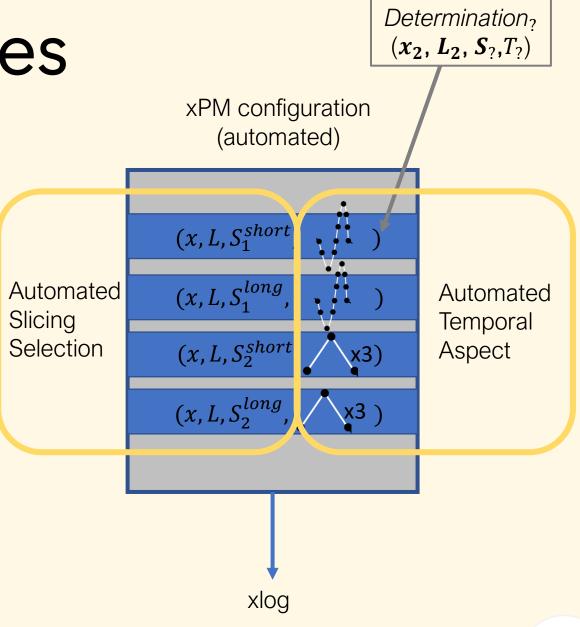


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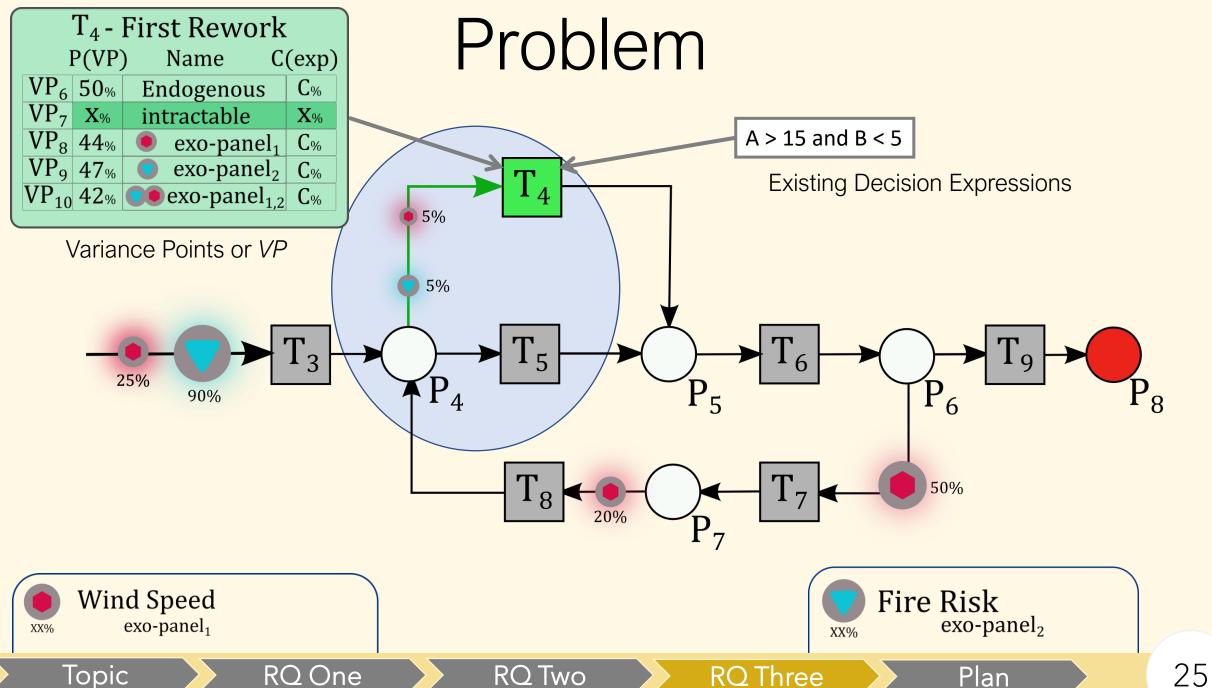
Planned Outcomes

- Automated analysis of finding process-relevant determinations
 - For transforms functions with guarantees
 - a shape operator
 - a sequential/pattern operator
 - a trend operator
 - For slicing functions with guarantees
 - uses the least amount of data [just in time detection]
 - uses the most amount of data [early detection]
- Automatic construction of an xPM configuration.



Decision-Making Variance

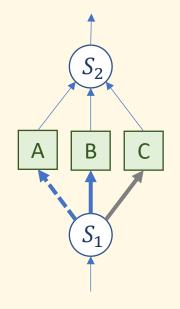
RQ THREE
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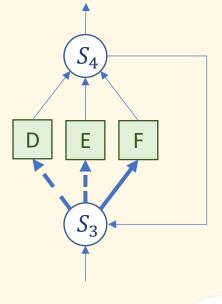
- A explicit understanding of discovered decision expressions
- Variance points are not static elements
 - Analysis for 'decision decay'; does a decision expression change if a decision is repeated within an execution or has decision-making changed over time
 - Understanding of how decision-making occurs in contextual situations based on exogenous data



endogenous informed

exogenous informed

exogenous decision decay



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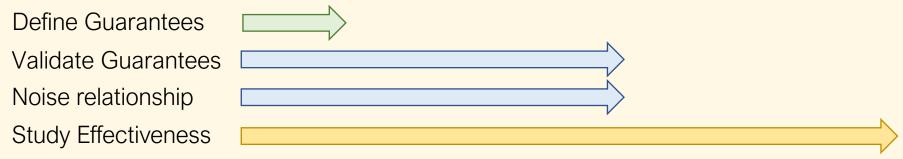
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Project Design

Our research approach generally follows design science research methodology [24]

Rigor Design Relevance Review literature Design prototype Test prototype on Identify existing work Validating prototype unknown processes Benchmark addresses Usefulness and effectiveness for Present research gap objectives Consider objectives Comparing with domain uses existing techniques objectives kept?

Incorporating guidelines for presenting process mining algorithms with guarantees [25]



Progress to Date

22/02/2021

11/05/2021



- Initial design of framework (xPM)
- Initial thesis review
- Stage Two

17/09/2021

- ICPM2021
- Developed xPM
- Article Submission
 - EDBA 2021 Successful
 - xPM accepted
- Started
 Developing Tool
 Support

Contacted Domain Experts

 Worked through MIMIC-III data to find exemplar

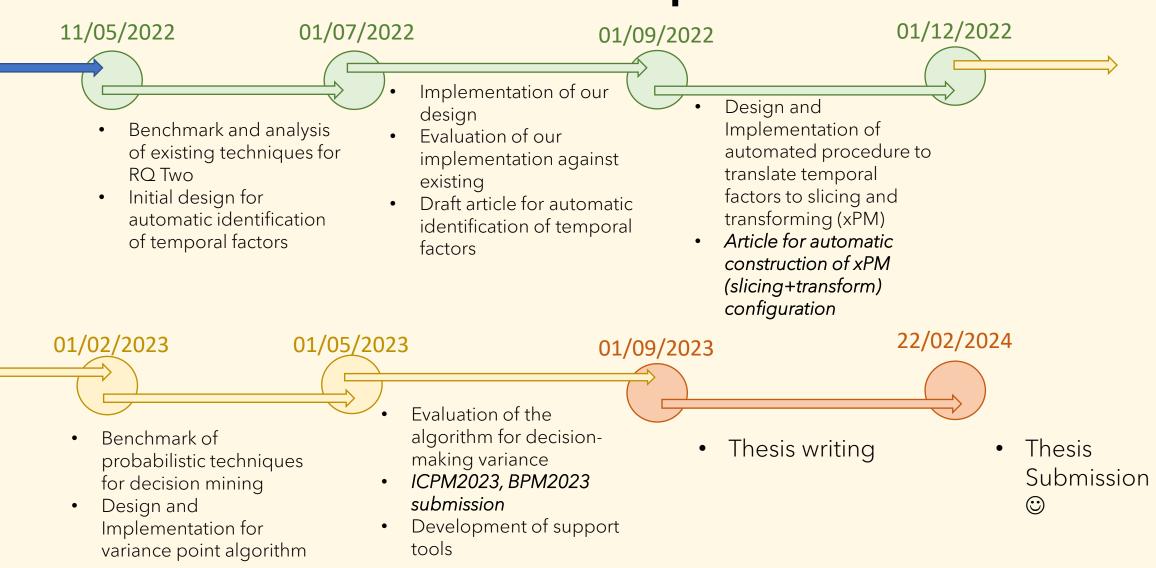
20/12/2021

- Extension of workshop paper
 - Design and development of visualisation technique (EESA)
 - Evaluation of xPM and EESA
- Workshop
 Presentation at EDBA,
 ICPM2021

22/03/2022

- Refinement of submission for special issue
 - Submitted 11th April
- Quantitively feedback on approach was received positively
 - Being able to reason about the relevant time series data for decisions

Next Steps



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