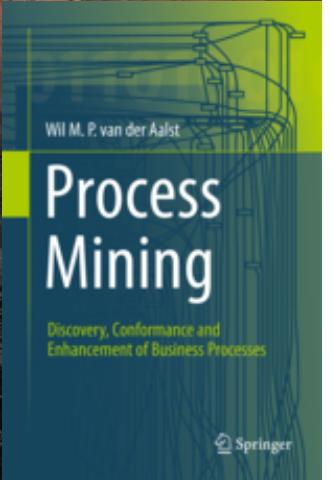
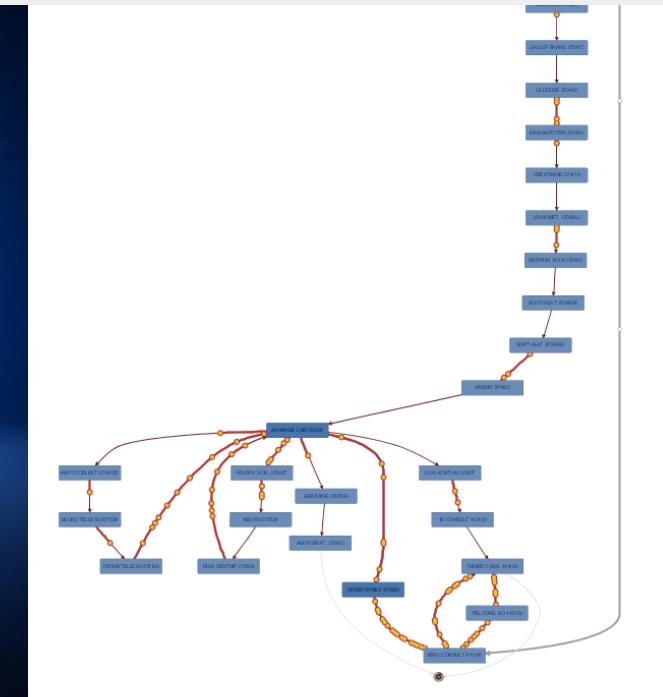
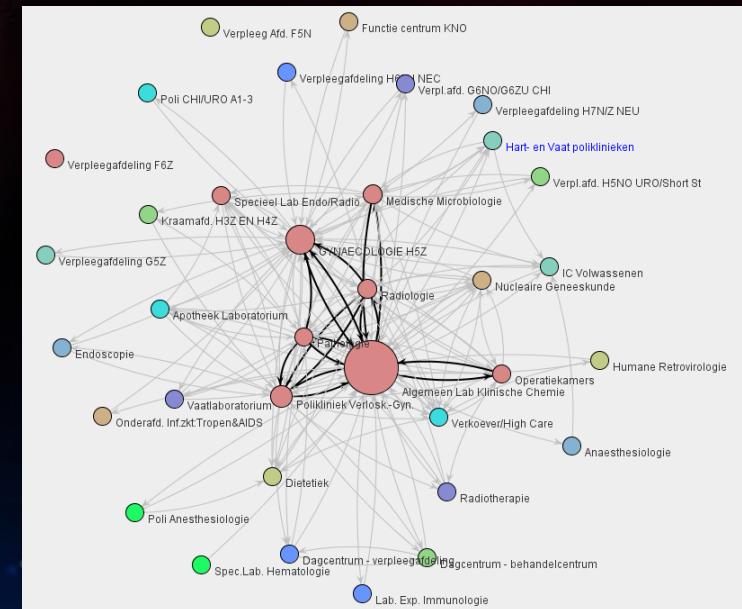
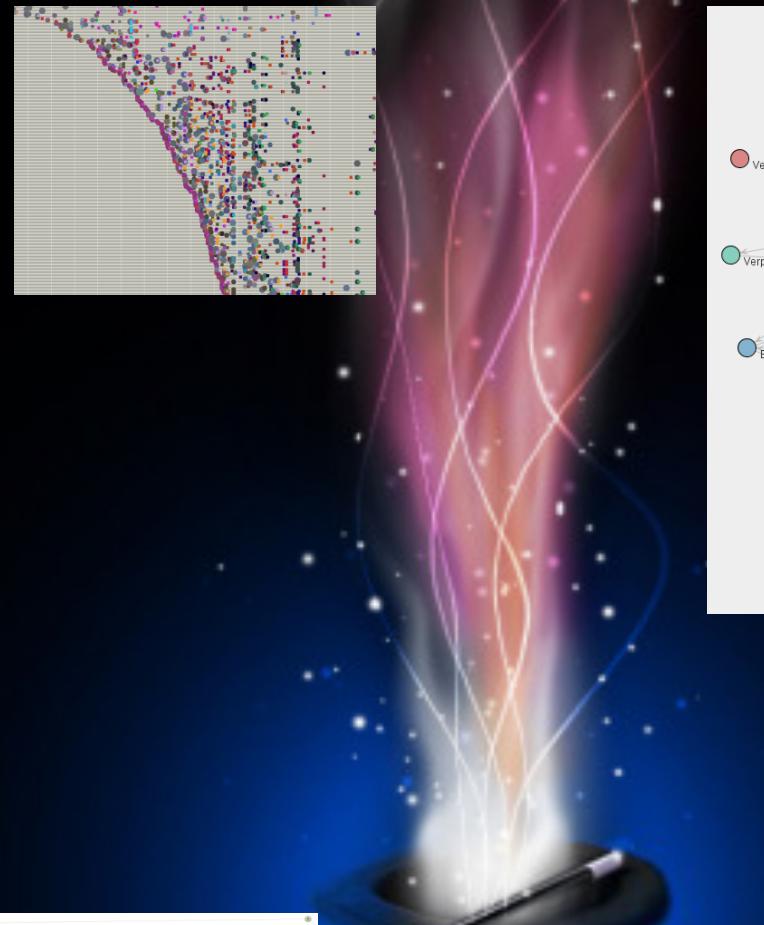
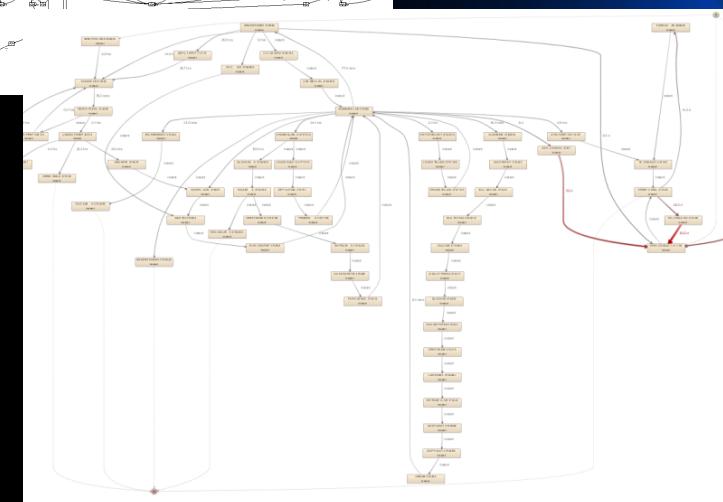
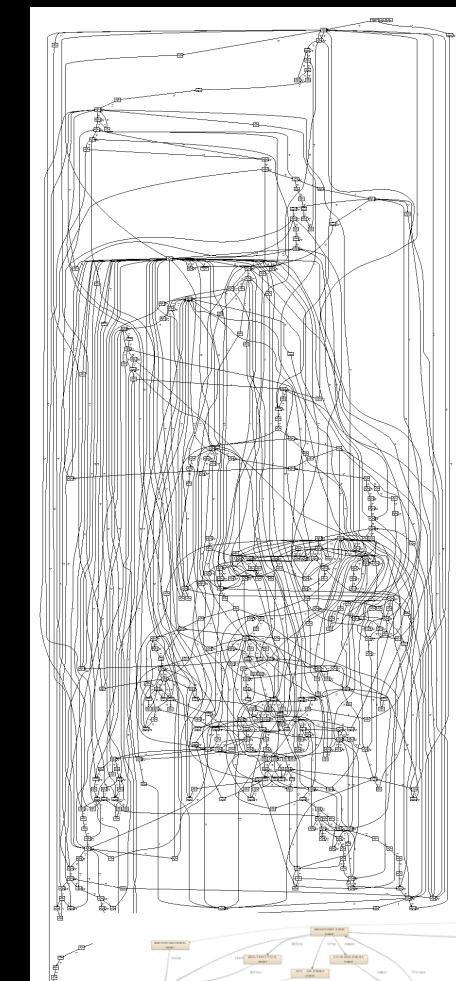


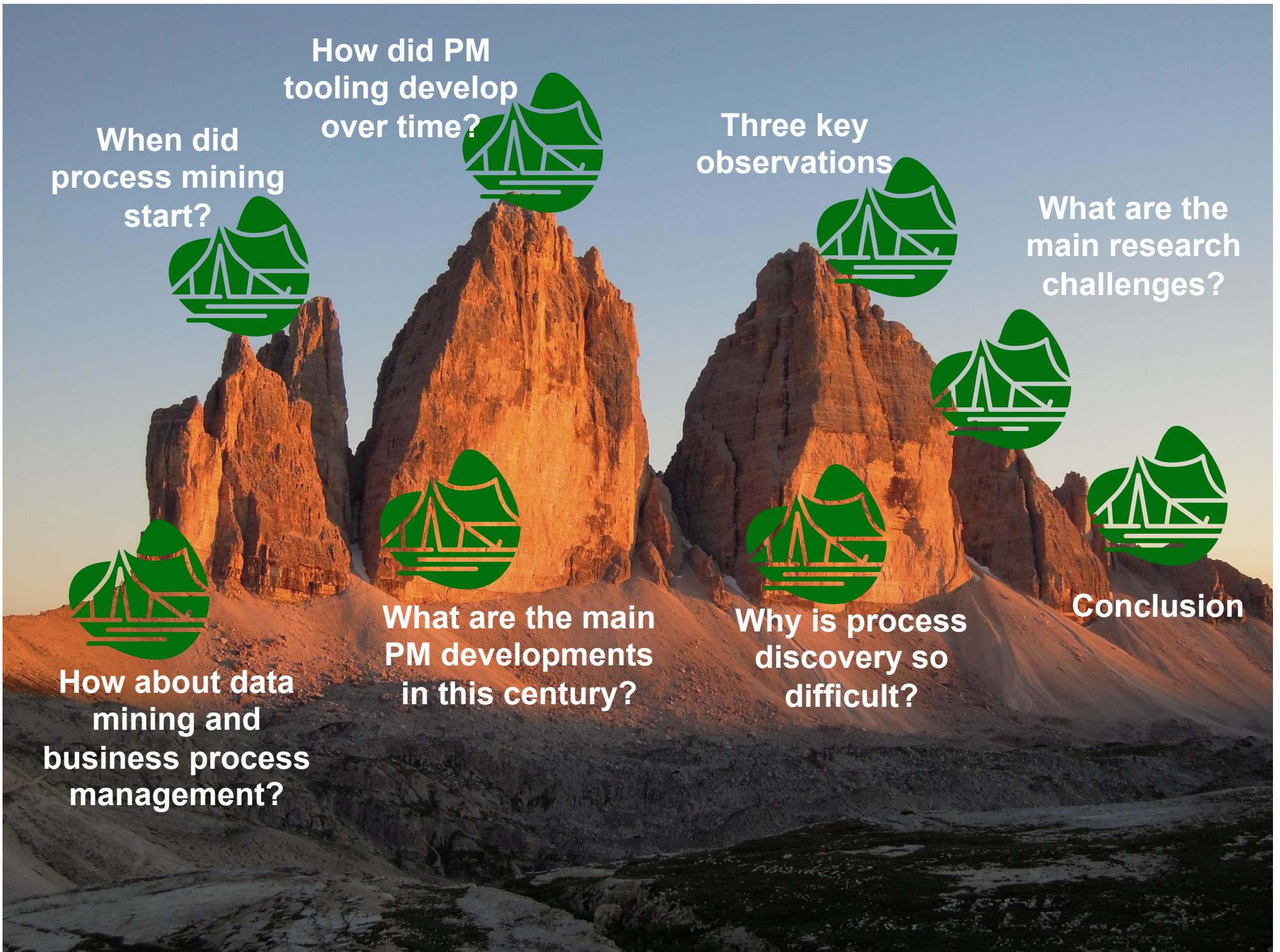
Process Mining: A historical perspective

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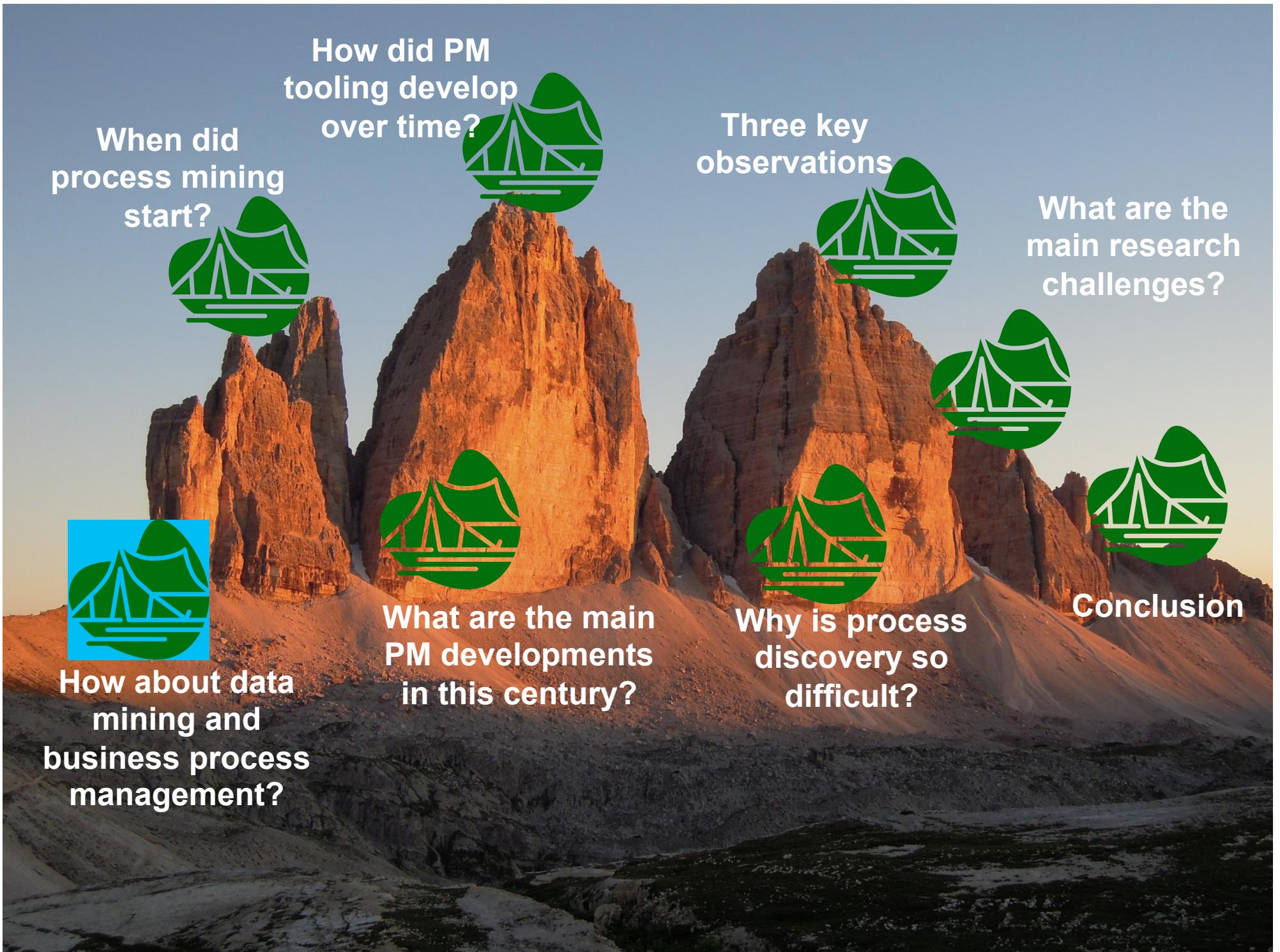
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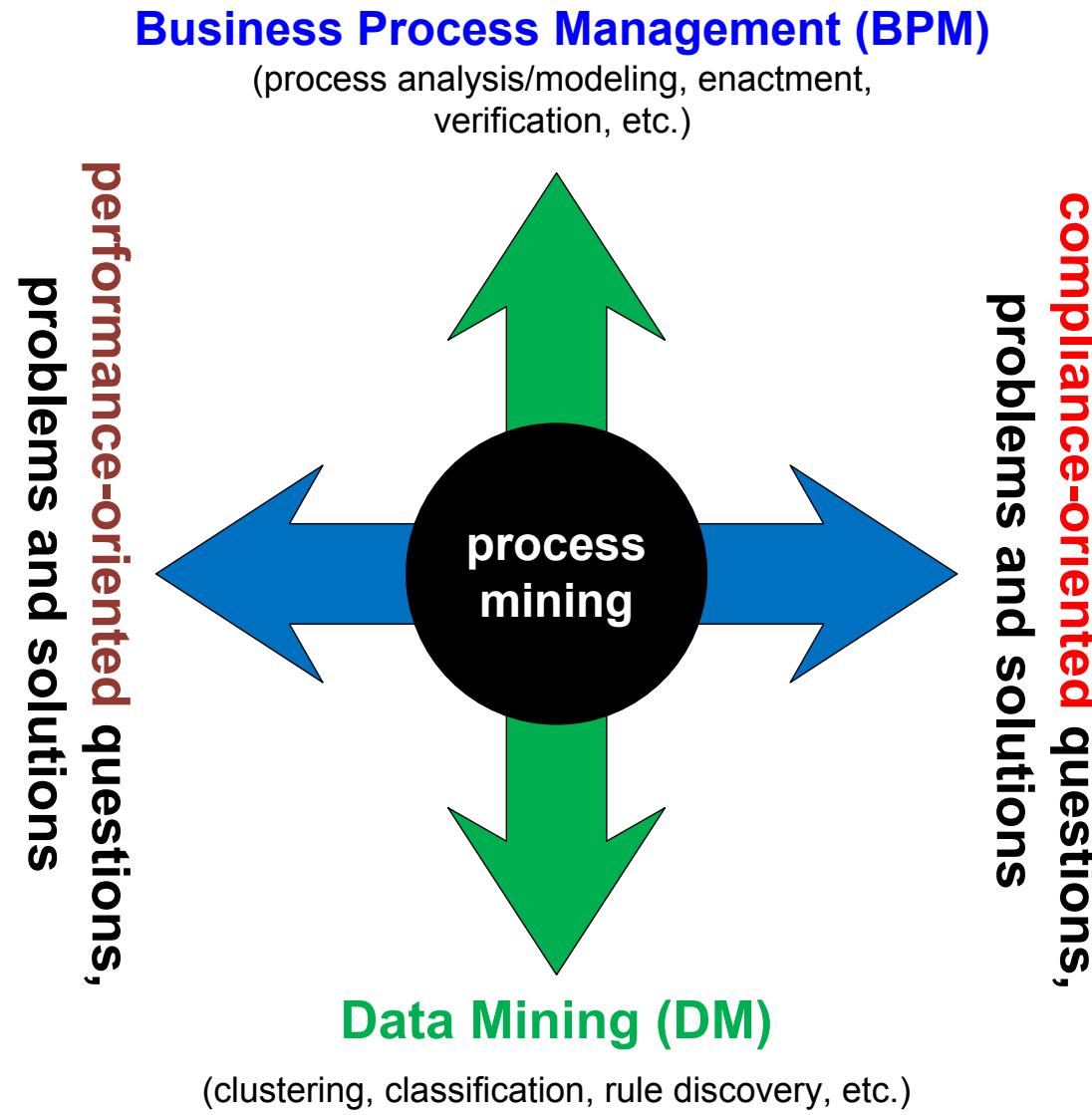
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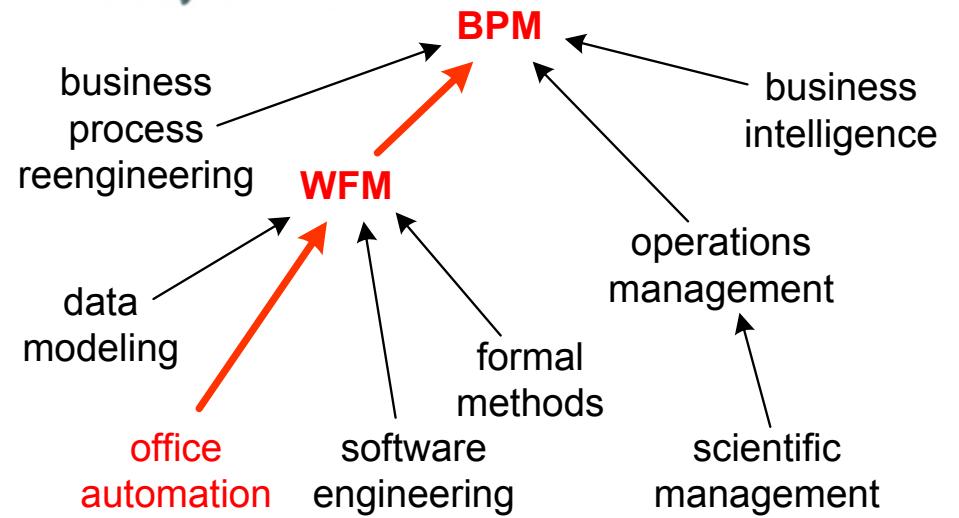
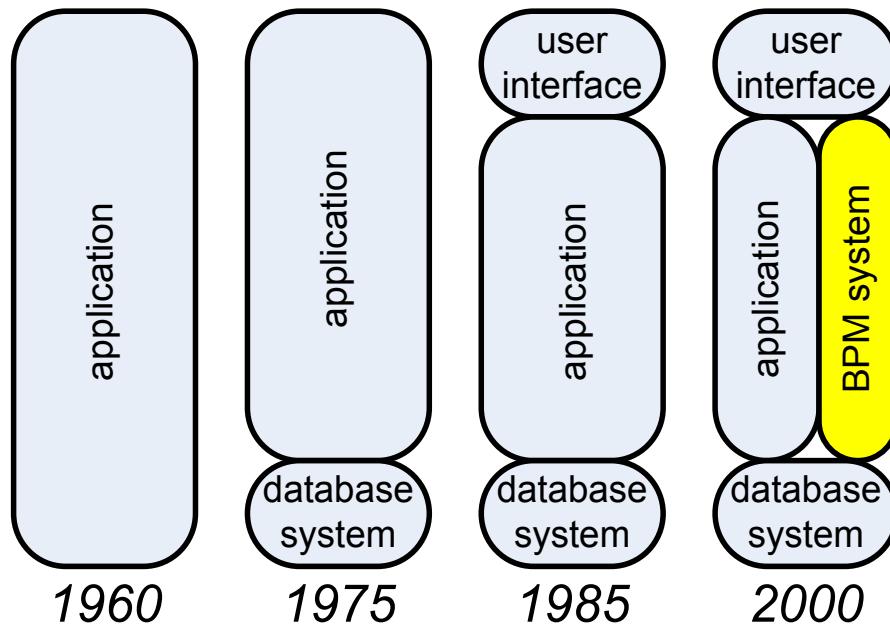
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Positioning Process Mining

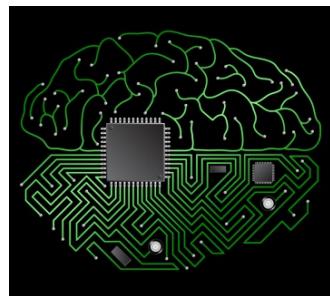


History and Origins of BPM



History and Origins of Data Mining

Classical statistics (since 500 BC):
descriptive statistics (e.g., sample mean)
statistical inference (e.g., confidence interval, regression, hypothesis testing).

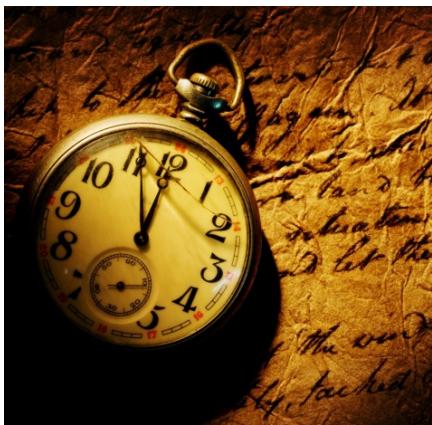


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Score is } y &= b_0 + b_1 x \\ s_e &= t_{0.02} \cdot s_e \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{n(\sum x^2) - (\bar{x})^2}} \\ s_e &= 3.169 \cdot 3.22 \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{12(4 - 3.22)^2}{12(12 - 4)}} \end{aligned}$$

data dredging, data fishing, data snooping

Artificial intelligence (since 1950): making intelligent machines by applying human-thought-like processing to statistical problems.

Machine learning (since 1950): construction and study of systems that can learn from data.



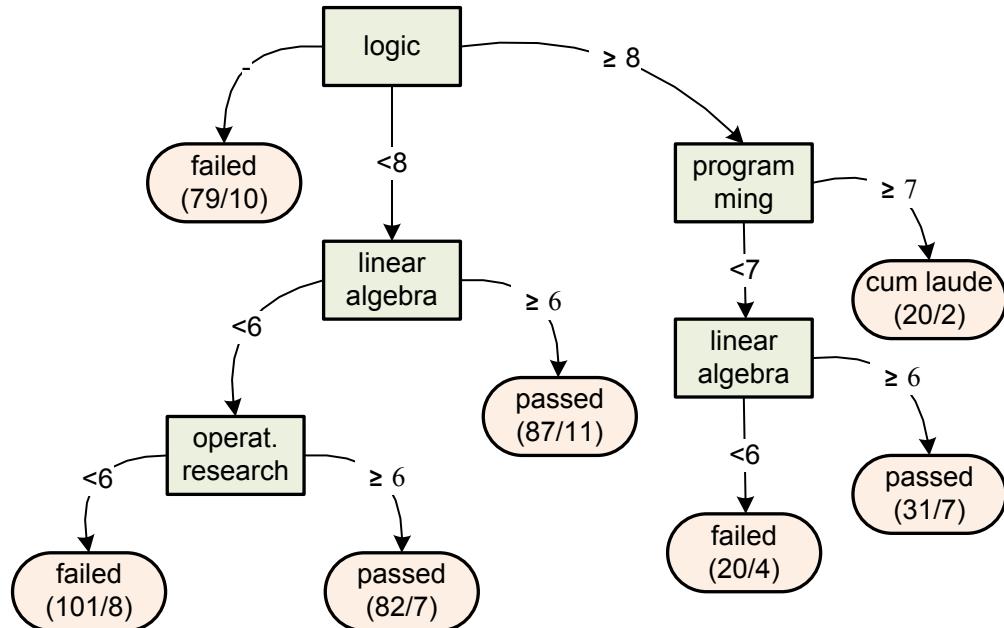
Many other terms: knowledge discovery, (predictive) analytics, ...



Data Mining: Supervised Learning

- Labeled data, i.e., there is a **response variable** that labels each instance.
- Goal: explain **response variable** (dependent variable) in terms of **predictor variables** (independent variables).
- **Classification techniques** (e.g., decision tree learning) assume a categorical response variable and the goal is to classify instances based on the predictor variables.
- **Regression techniques** assume a numerical response variable. The goal is to find a function that fits the data with the least error.

Example: Decision tree learning



Unsupervised Learning

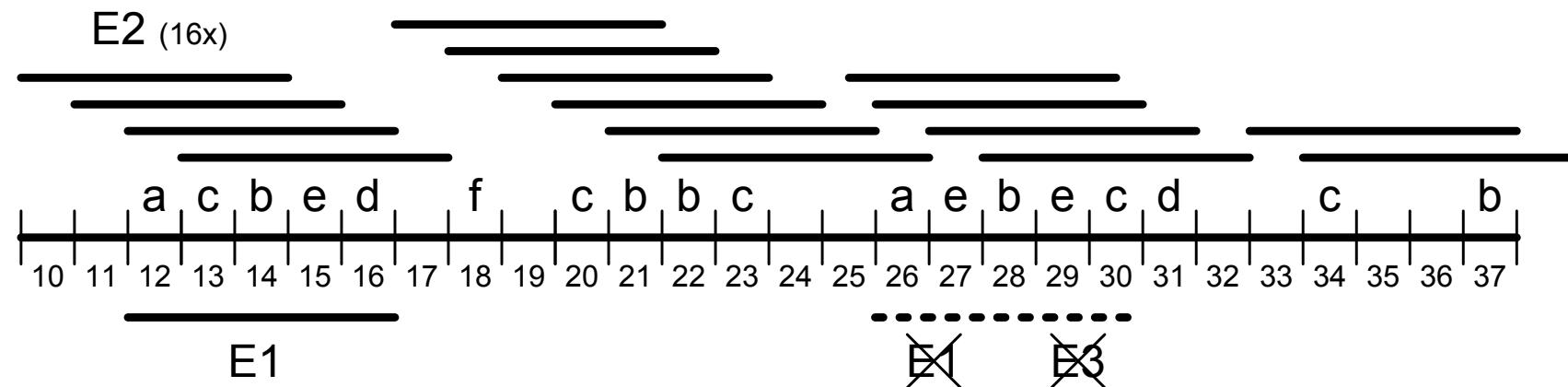
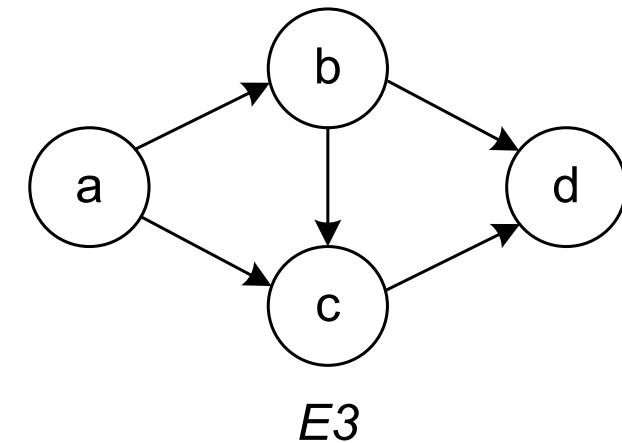
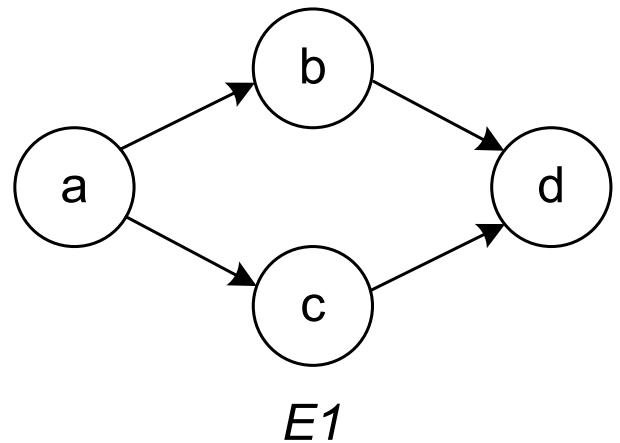
- Unsupervised learning assumes **unlabeled** data, i.e., the variables are not split into response and predictor variables.
- Examples: **clustering** (e.g., k-means clustering and agglomerative hierarchical clustering) and **pattern discovery** (association rules)

Example: Association rules

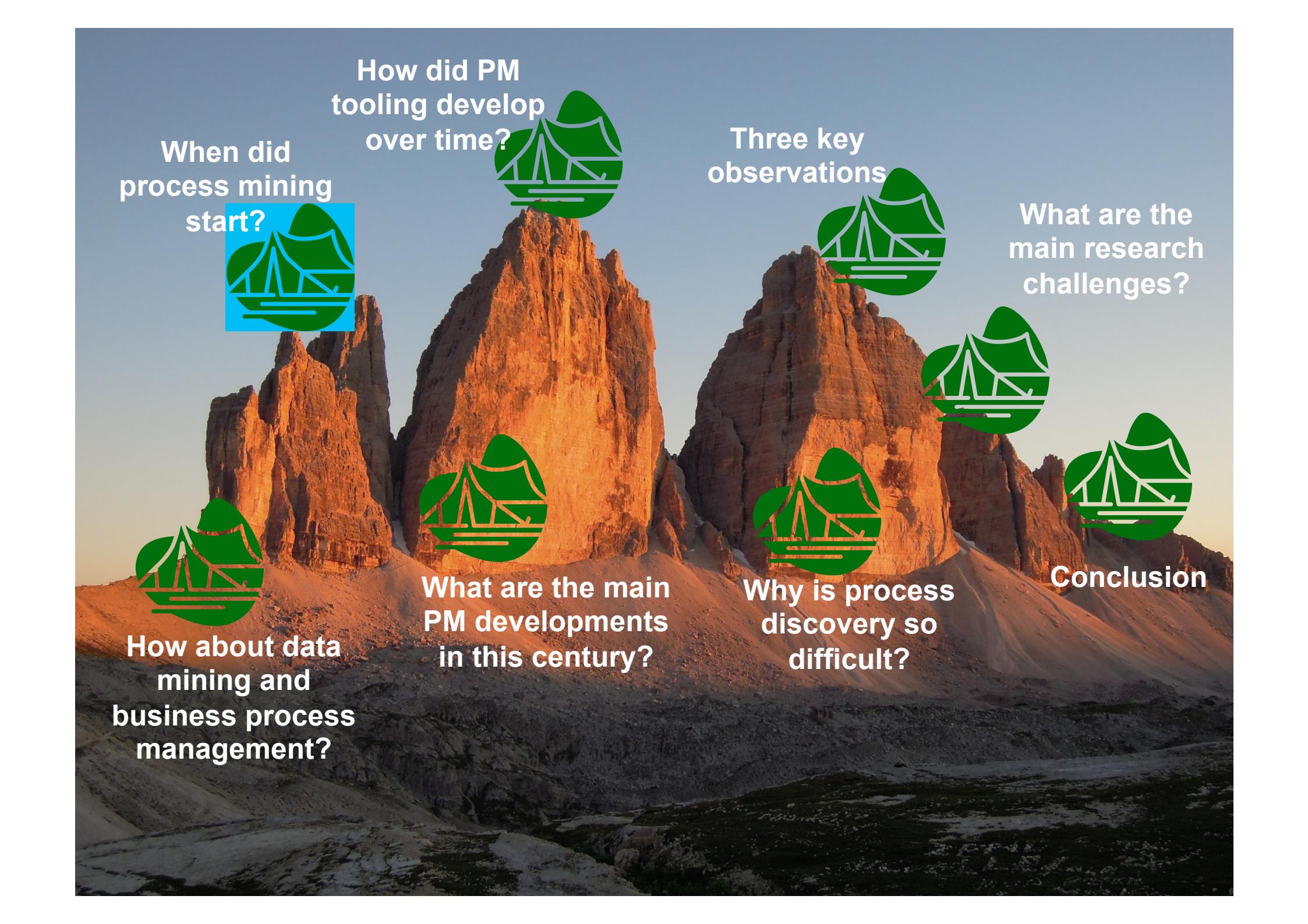
cappuccino	latte	espresso	americano	ristretto	tea	muffin	bagel
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0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
...

$$tea \wedge latte \Rightarrow muffin$$
$$tea \Rightarrow muffin \wedge bagel$$

Example: Episode Mining



$E2 \Rightarrow E1$ has a confidence of $1/16$



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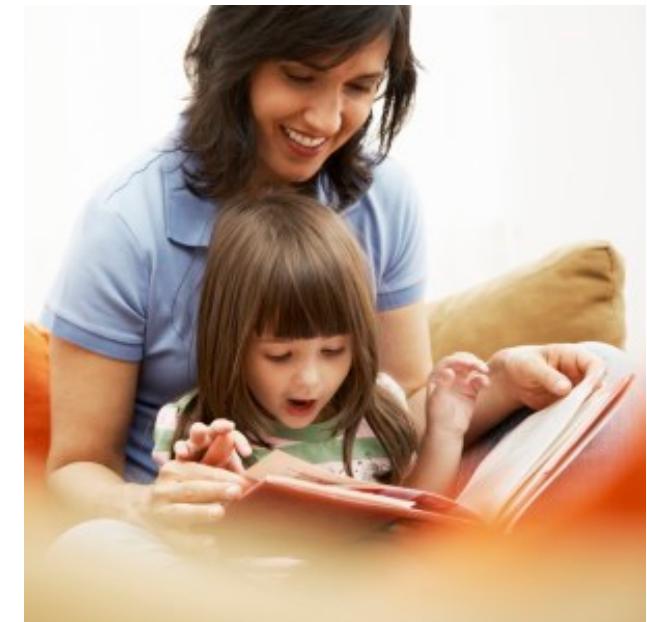
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Language identification in the limit (Mark Gold 1967)

- Mother uses sentences from some language {aab, ab, ab, abc, ...}.
- "Perfect child" listens to mother and hypothesizes what the full language is like (given all sentences so far).
- Eventually the perfect child's hypothesis is correct and never changes again (without knowing), i.e., only finitely many wrong hypotheses are generated.
- A language is **learnable in the limit** if such a perfect child exists.



Language identification in the limit (E. Mark Gold 1967)

- Gold showed that most languages cannot be learned in the limit (including the most simple ones like regular languages ($ab^*(c|d)$)).
- He noted that it matters whether the child gets **positive** and negative examples (corrections), whether the mother is evil, etc.
- Frequencies matter!
- Representational bias matters!



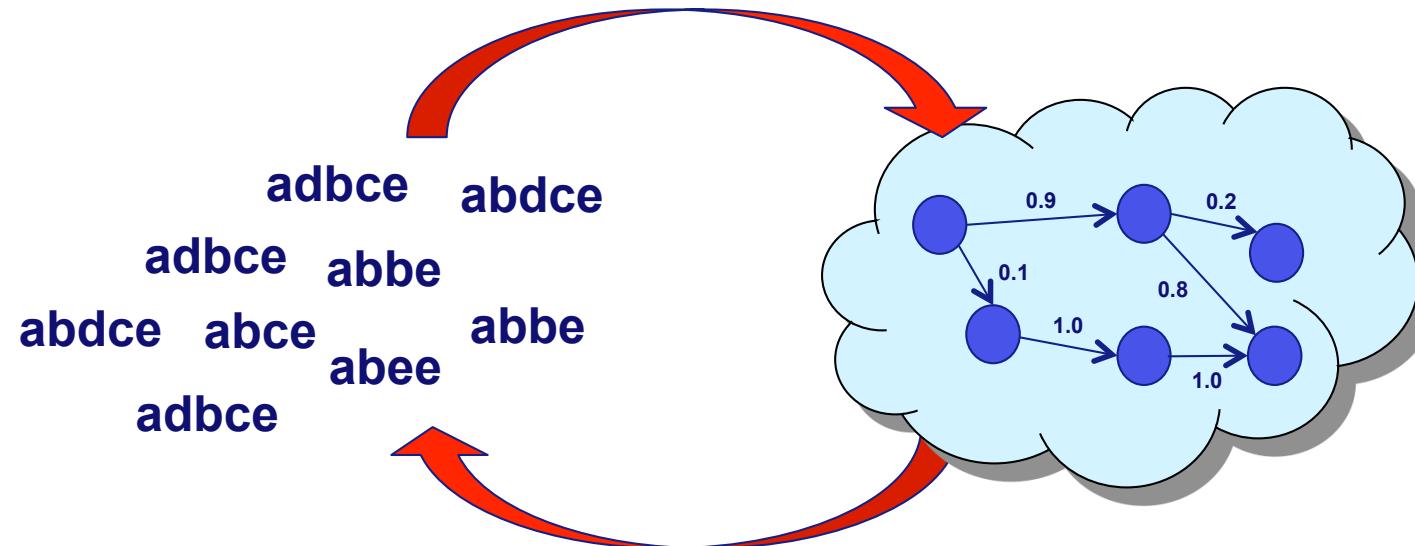
sentence \cong trace in event log

language \cong process model

Myhill-Nerode Theorem (1958) and the Biermann/Feldman Algorithm (1972)

- There is a **unique minimal** deterministic finite automaton recognizing a **regular language L** (shown by John Myhill and Anil Nerode in 1958).
- The equivalence classes defined by \cong determine the states of the automaton: $x \cong y$ if there is no z such that $xz \notin L$ and $yz \in L$.
- Cannot be applied to example traces: overfitting and no generalization.
- Alan W. Biermann and Jerome A. Feldman propose in 1972 techniques to learn finite state machines from examples (e.g., considering k-tails).

Baum–Welch (1970) and Viterbi (1967) Algorithms to learn Hidden Markov Models



- The **Viterbi algorithm** finds the most likely sequence of hidden states – called the **Viterbi path** – that results in a sequence of observed events (Andrew Viterbi, 1967).
- The **Baum–Welch algorithm** is an expectation–maximization algorithm that constructs a HMM (Leonard E. Baum and Lloyd R. Welch, 1970).

Where/when did process mining start?

- Myhill/Nerode (1958)?
- Gold (1967)?
no concurrency
- Baum/Welch (1968)?
unable to handle noise
- Biermann/Feldman (1972)?
unable to handle noise
- Rakesh Agrawal (1993)?
 - Apriori algorithm for frequent patterns
 - limited to sequences, episodes, ...
- Jonathan Kok and Alexander Wolf (1998)?
 - "Covering Models of Software Processes from Event-Based Data"
 - using techniques similar to Biermann/Feldman (k-tails) and Baum/Welch (Markov models)
unable to handle incompleteness
- Rakesh Agrawal, Dimitrios Gunopulos, Frank Leymann?
 - "Mining Process Models from Workflow Logs" (1998)
 - Flowmark process models without ordering type of splits and joins, no loops, etc.
- Anindya Datta (1998)?
 - Automating the Extraction of Semantics of AS-IS Business Process Models
 - Biermann/Feldman style work, embedded in BPM
informal, no precise semantics

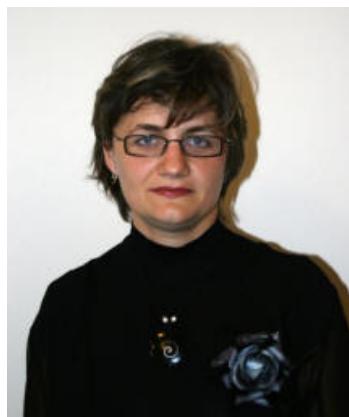


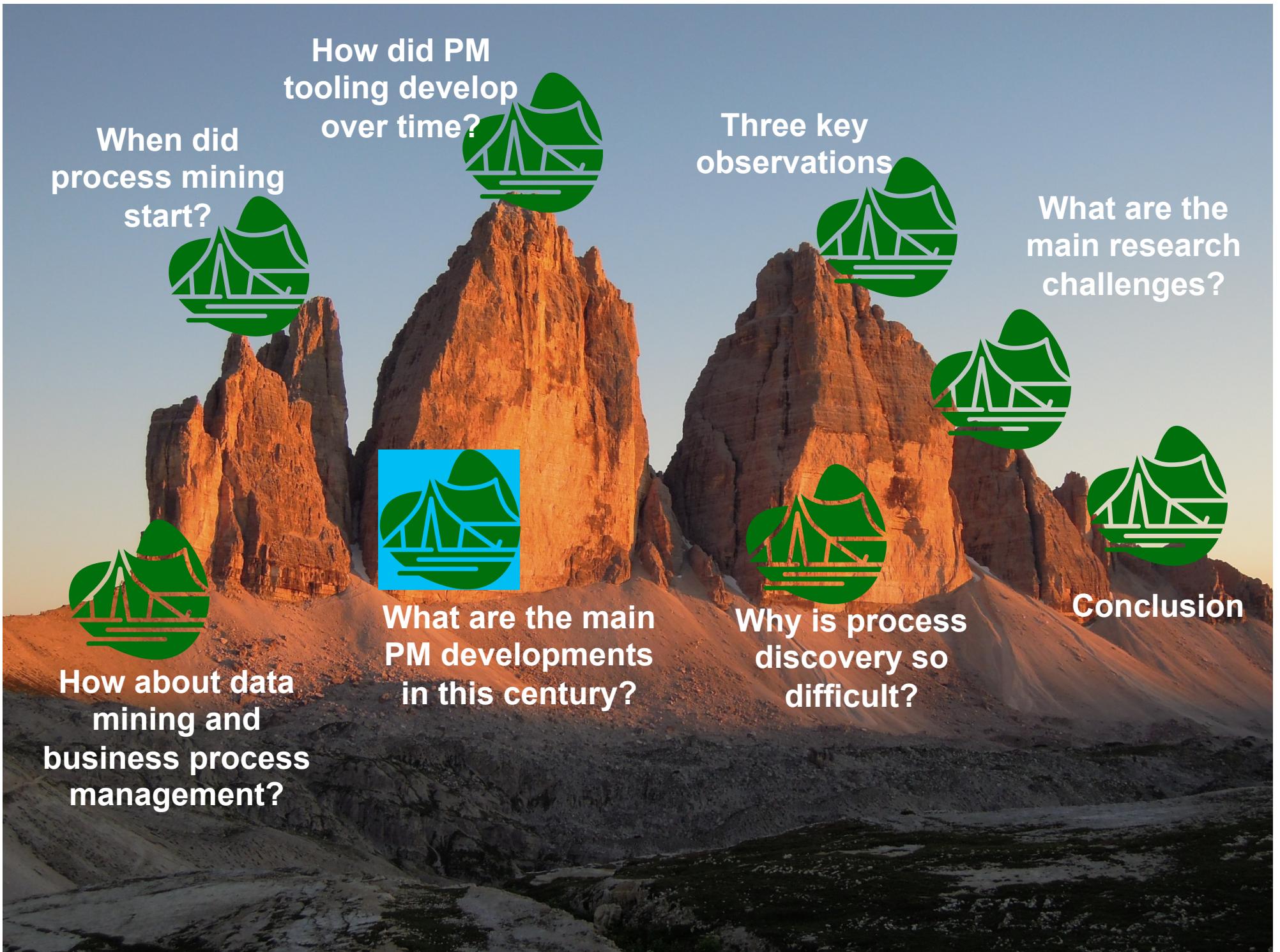
How did process mining start at TU/e?

- Paper and research proposal: "**Process Design by Discovery: Harvesting Workflow Knowledge from Ad-hoc Executions**" (1999)
 - Upcoming move to Technology Management department to lead the IS group (working at CU-Boulder at the time).
 - Collaboration with Ton Weijters stimulated by BETA (linking Petri nets and workflow to Ton's expertise in machine learning).
- First PhDs on process mining (many followed):
 - Laura Maruster
 - Ana Karla Alves de Medeiros
 - Boudewijn van Dongen
- Initial work on **alpha algorithm** (formal limits) and **heuristic and genetic mining** (dealing with noise).

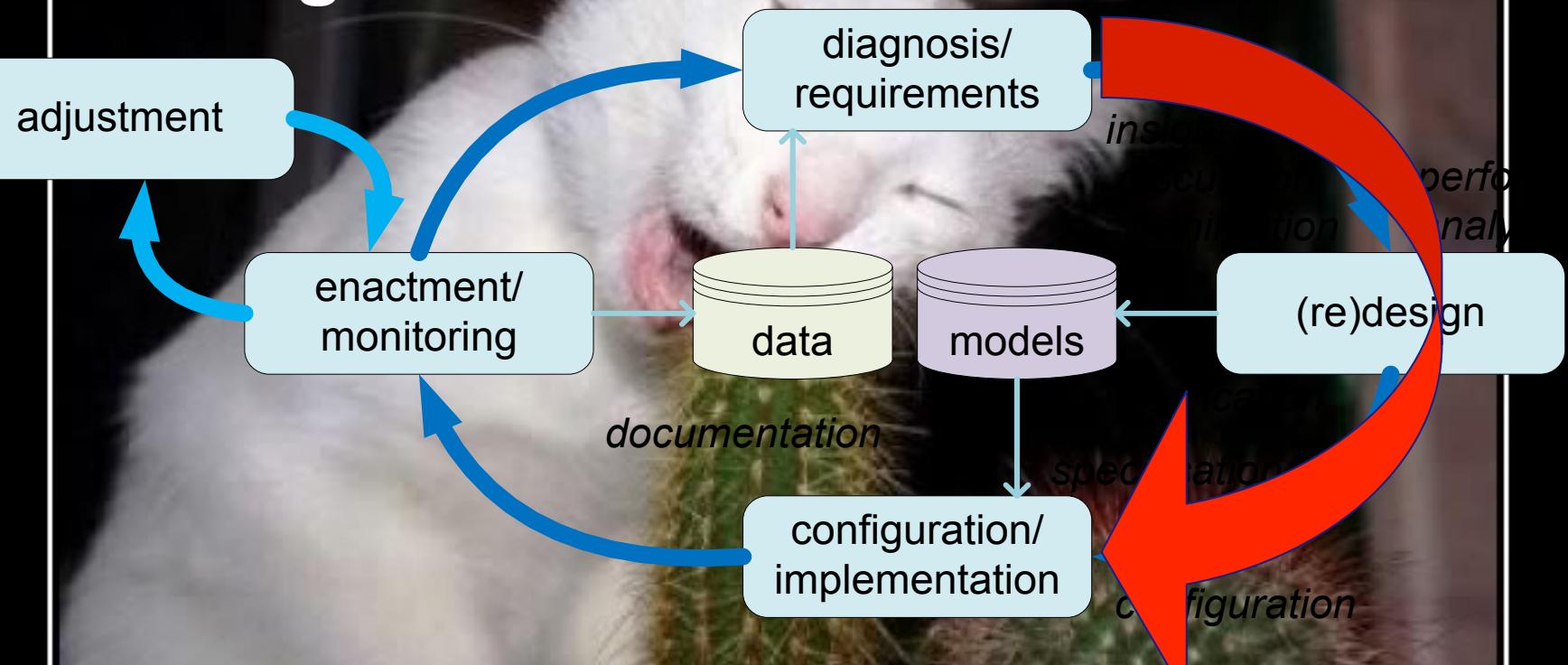


Initial team





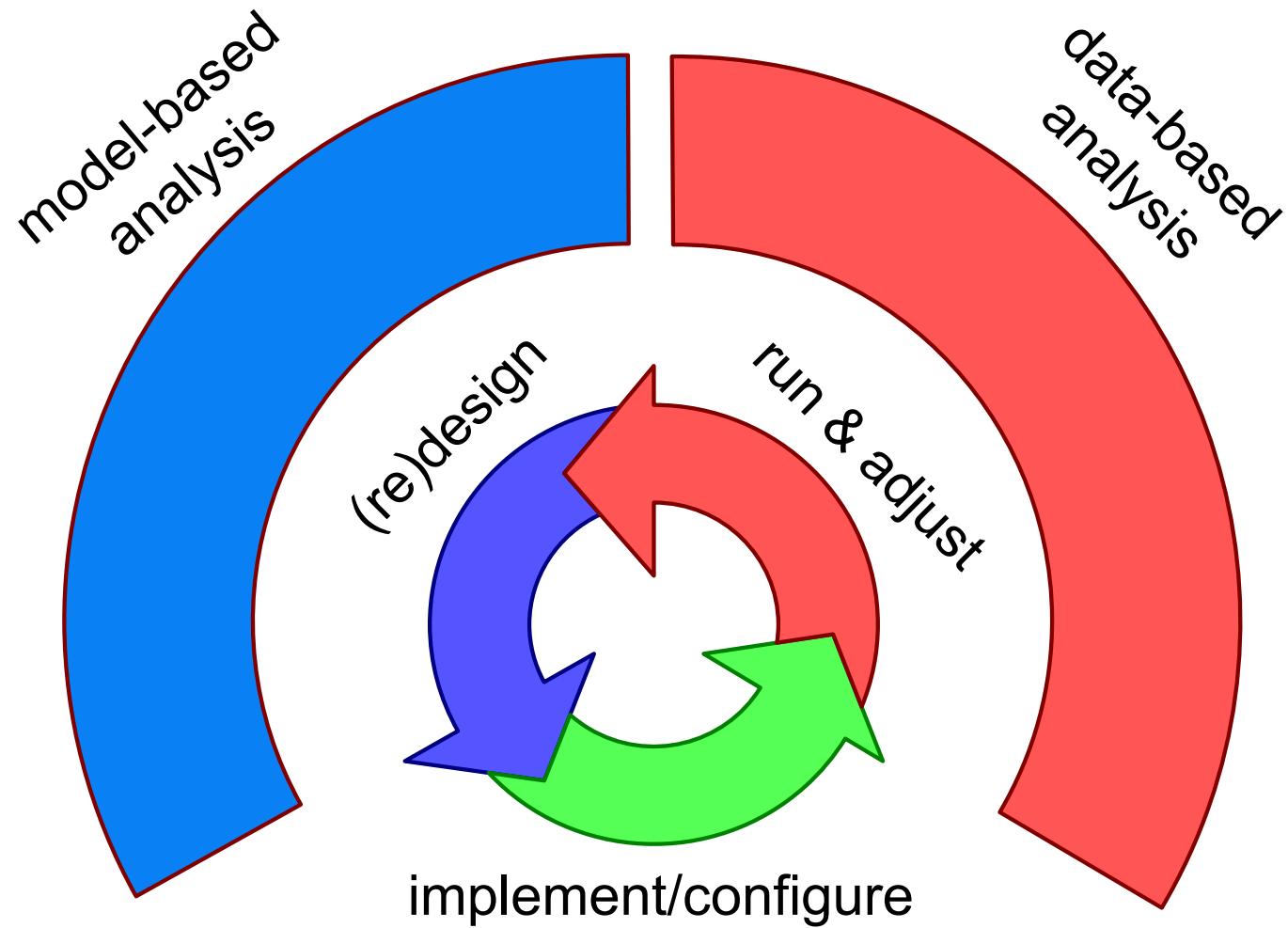
Workflow Mining



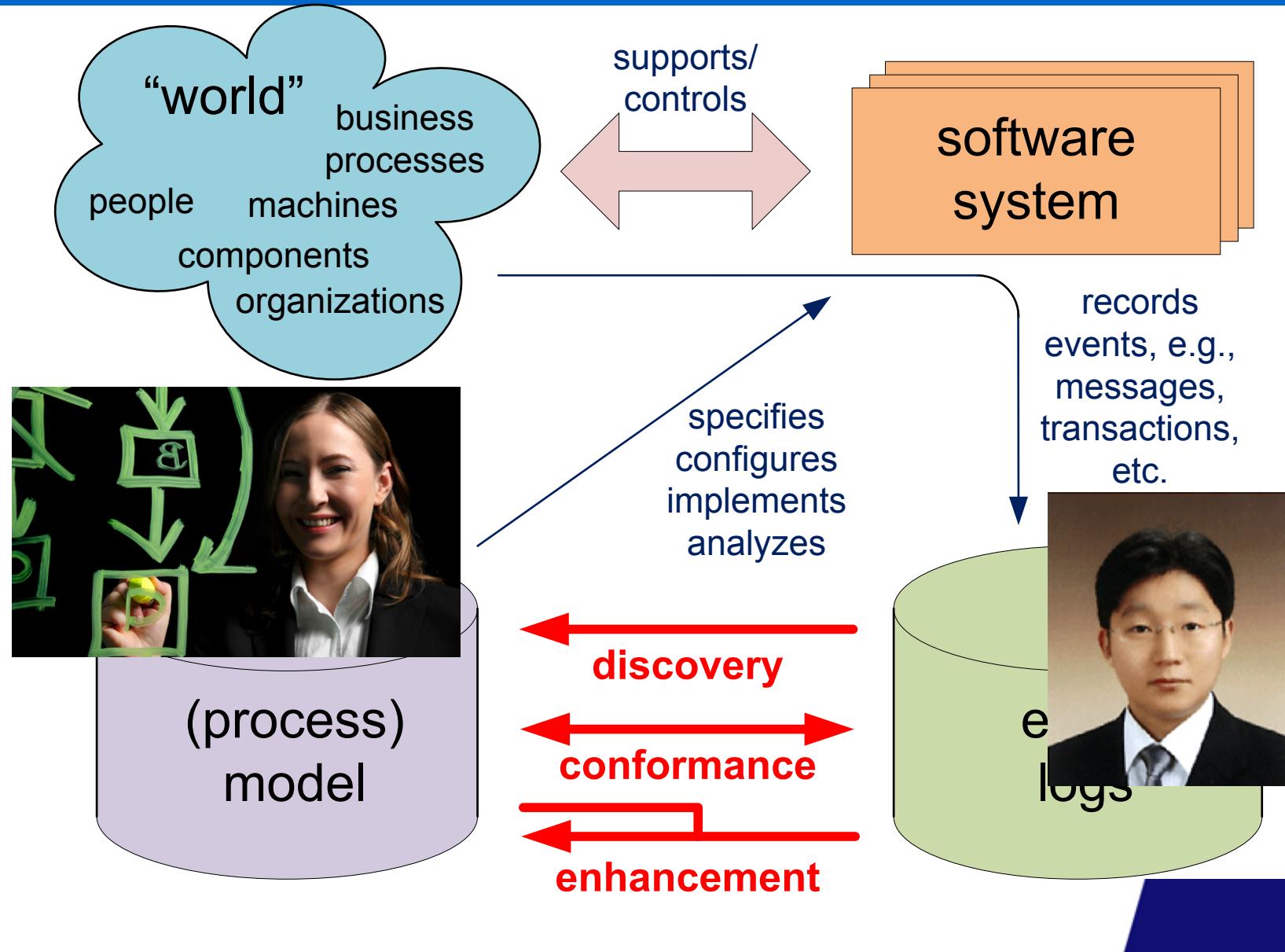
BAD IDEAS

We All Have Them

Models, data, and systems coexist



Process mining spectrum in 2007: Beyond control-flow discovery



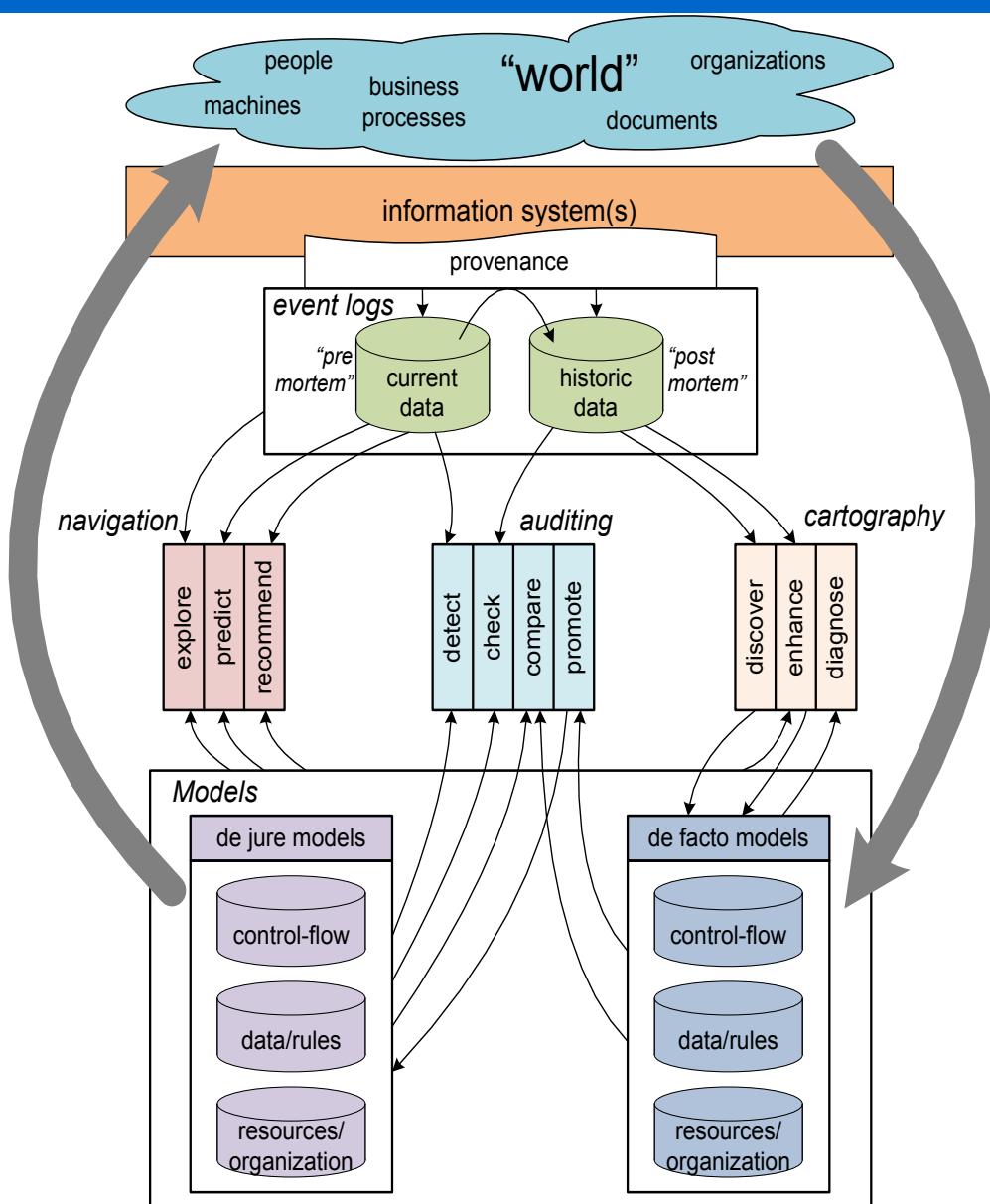
Team in November 2007

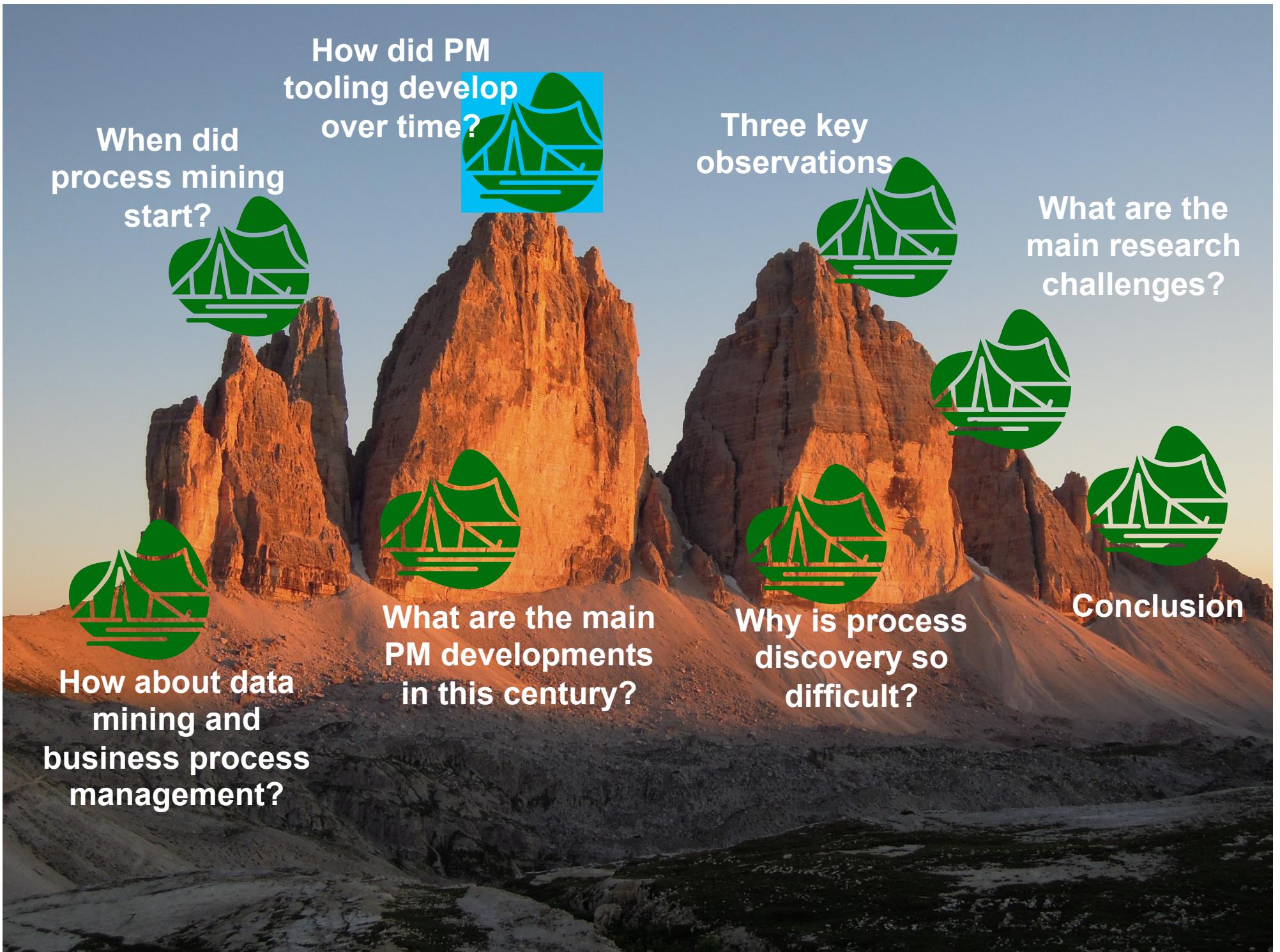


Some people are missing, e.g., Peter van den Brand.

Current process mining spectrum

(including alignments, operational support, and multiple perspectives)





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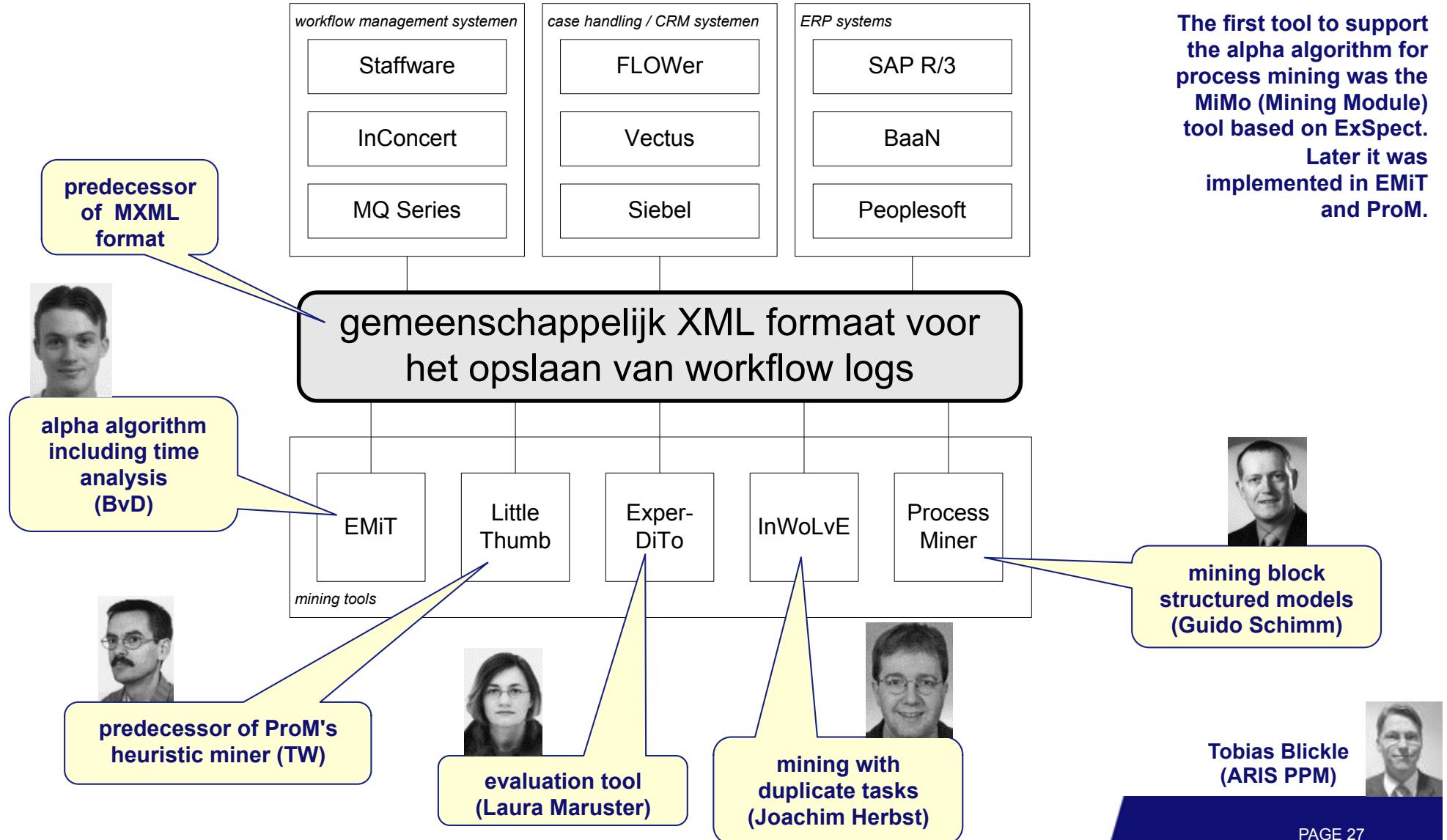
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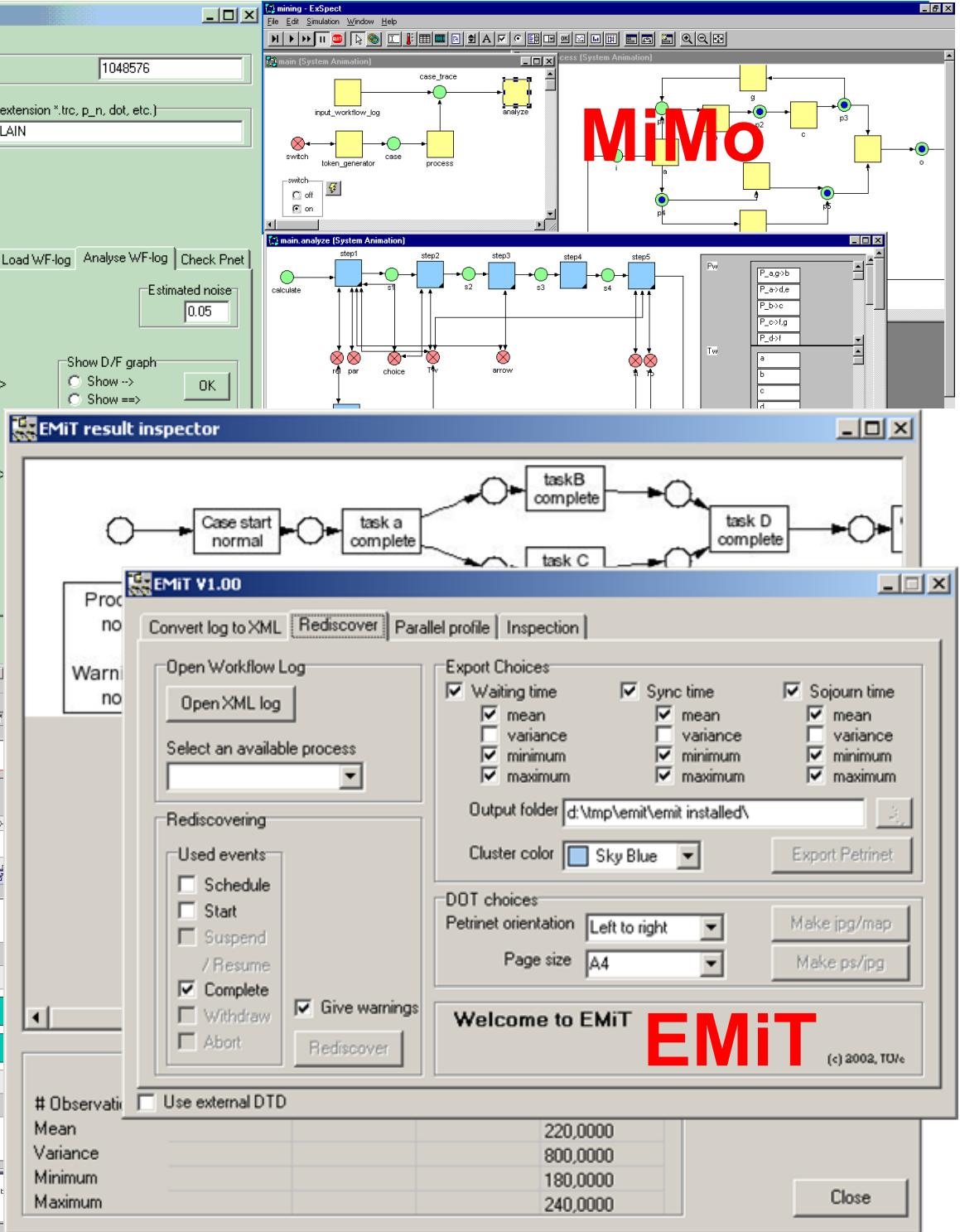
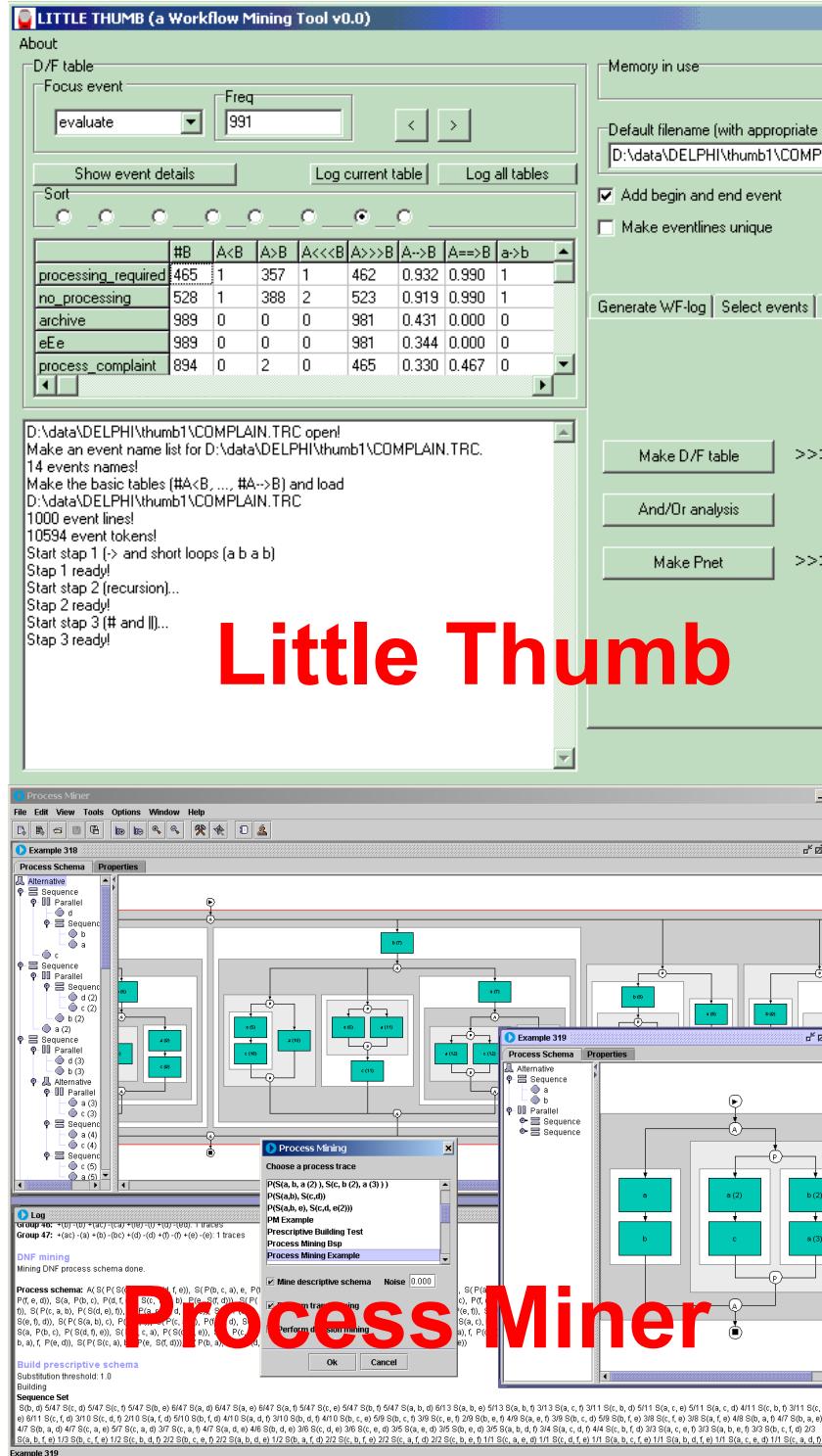
Pre-ProM

(figure from March 2002!)

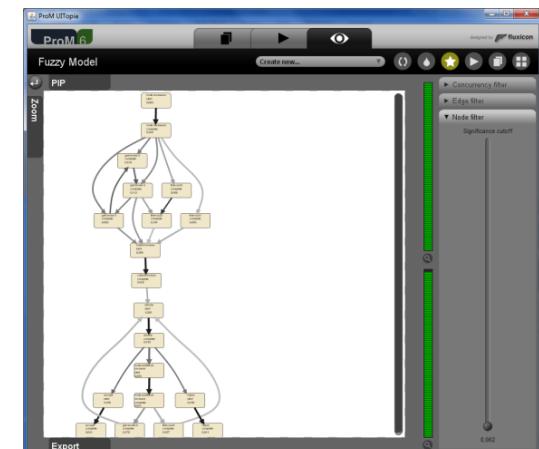
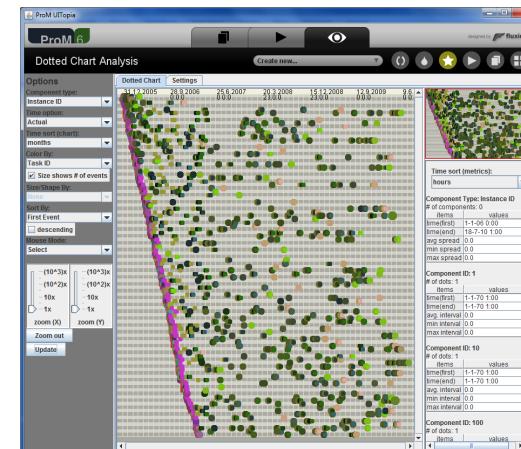
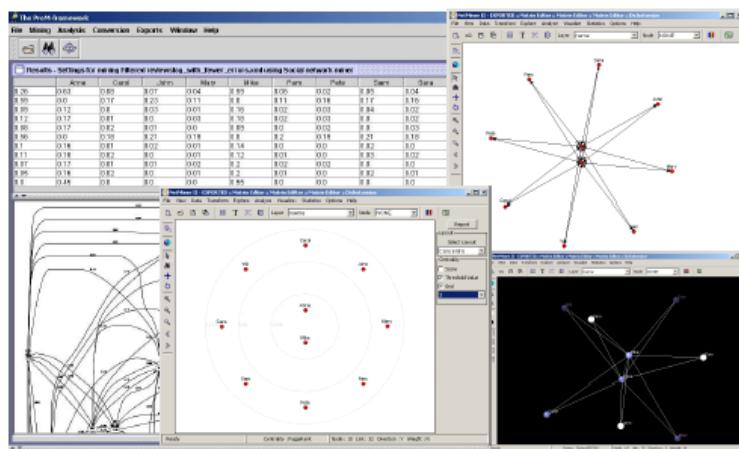
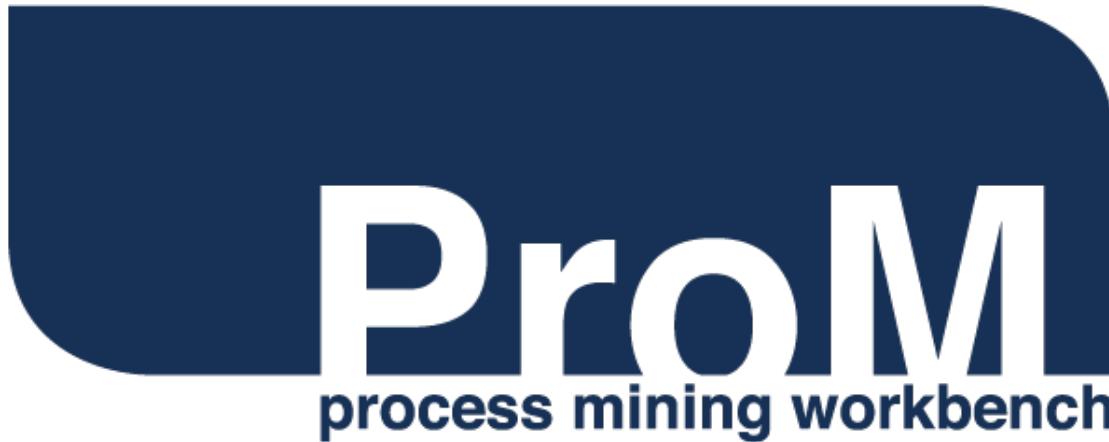


The first tool to support the alpha algorithm for process mining was the MiMo (Mining Module) tool based on ExSpect. Later it was implemented in EMiT and ProM.



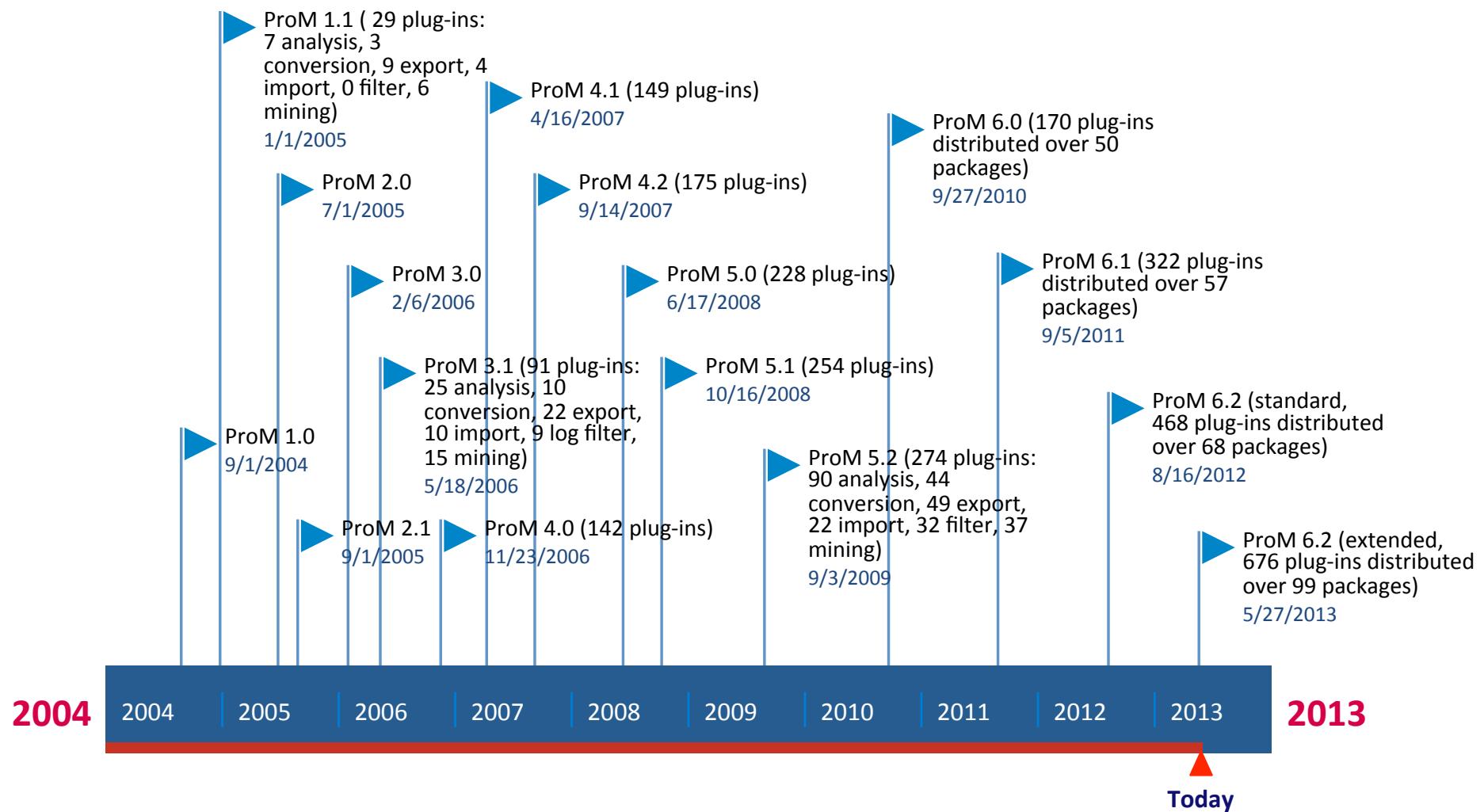


ProM (2004 – now)

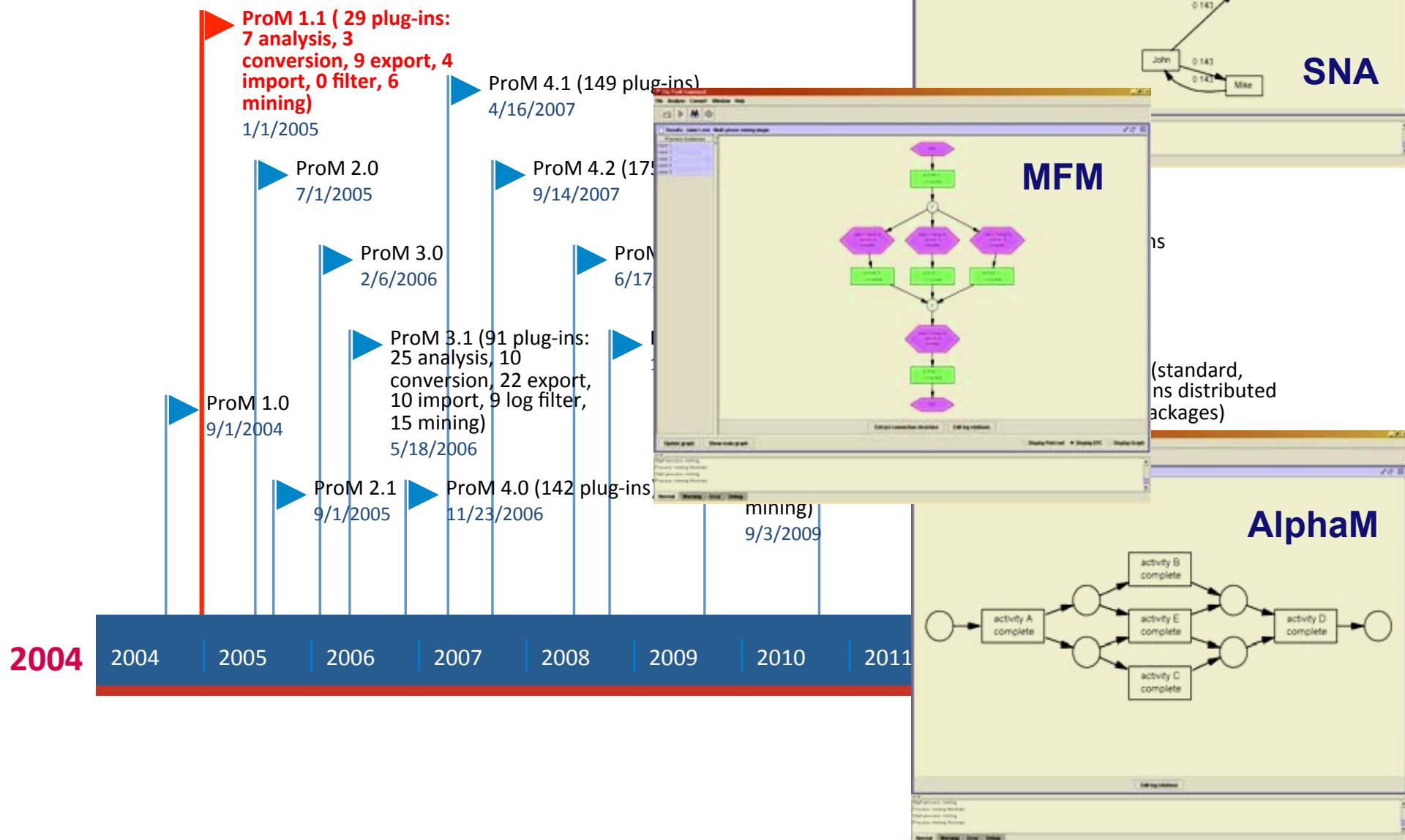


See www.processmining.org

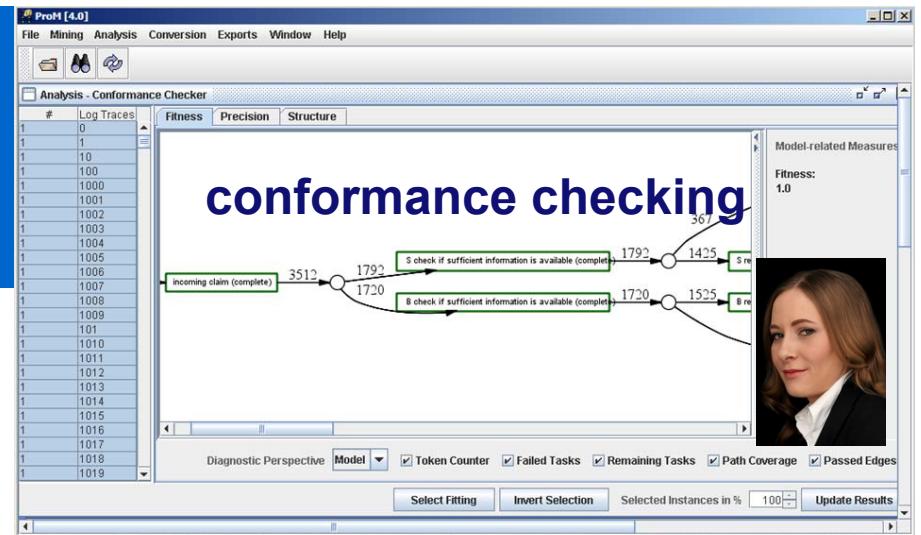
Overview of ProM releases



ProM 1.1



ProM 4.0



ProM 1.1 (29 plug-ins:
7 analysis, 3
conversion, 9 export, 4
import, 0 filter, 6
mining)
1/1/2005

ProM 2.0
7/1/2005

ProM 3.0
2/6/2006

ProM 3.1 (91 plug-ins:
25 analysis, 10
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10 import, 9 log filter,
15 mining)
5/18/2006

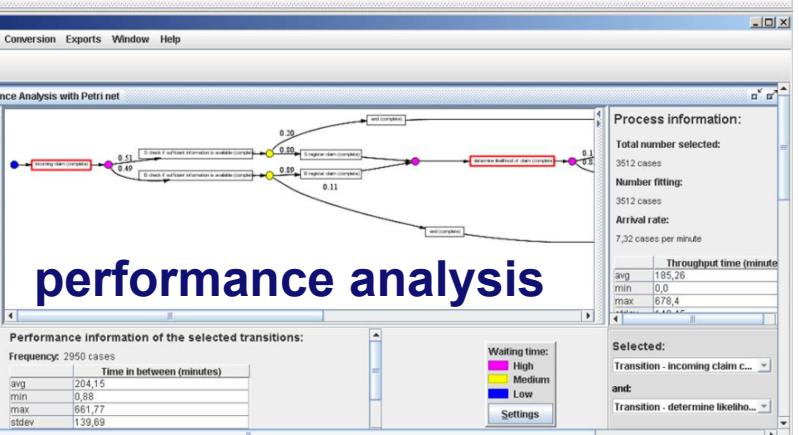
ProM 4.1 (149 plug-ins)
4/16/2007

ProM 4.2 (175 plug-ins)
9/14/2007

ProM 5.0 (228)
6/17/2008

ProM 5.1 (

10/16/2008)



22 conversion, 49 export,
22 import, 32 filter, 37
mining)
9/3/2009

ProM 6.2 (extended,
676 plug-ins distributed
over 99 packages)
5/27/2013

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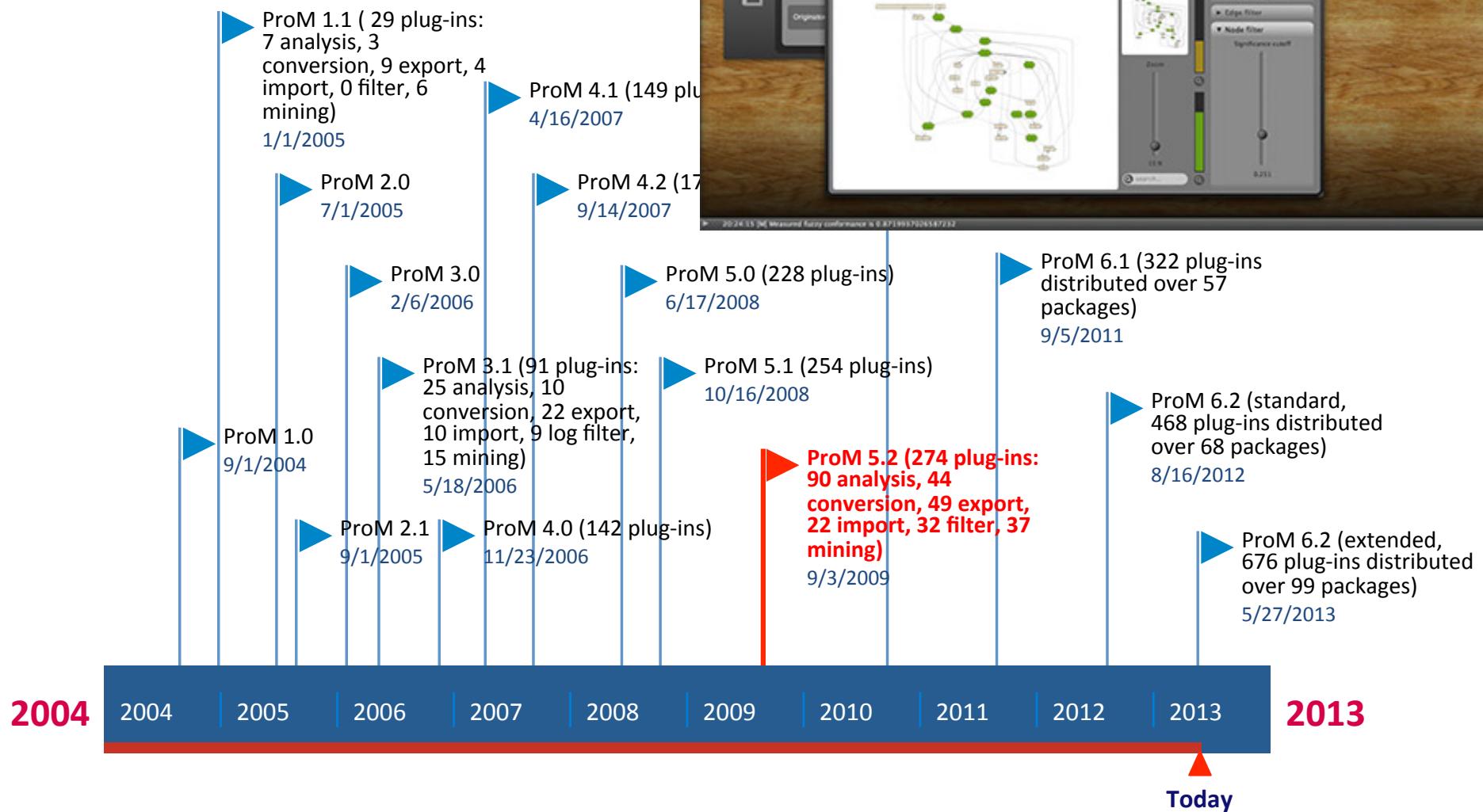
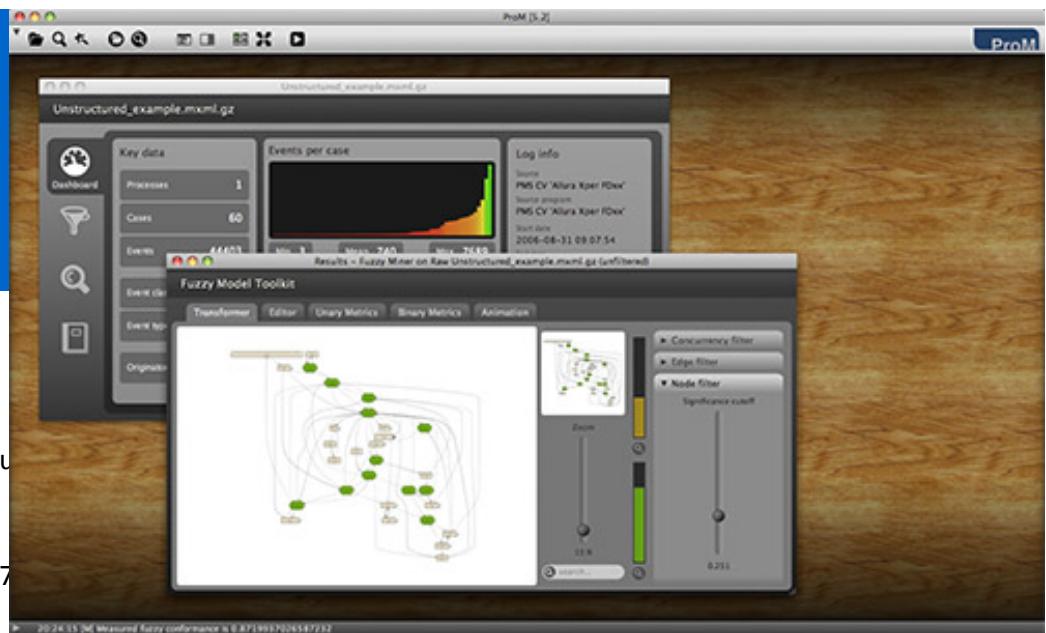
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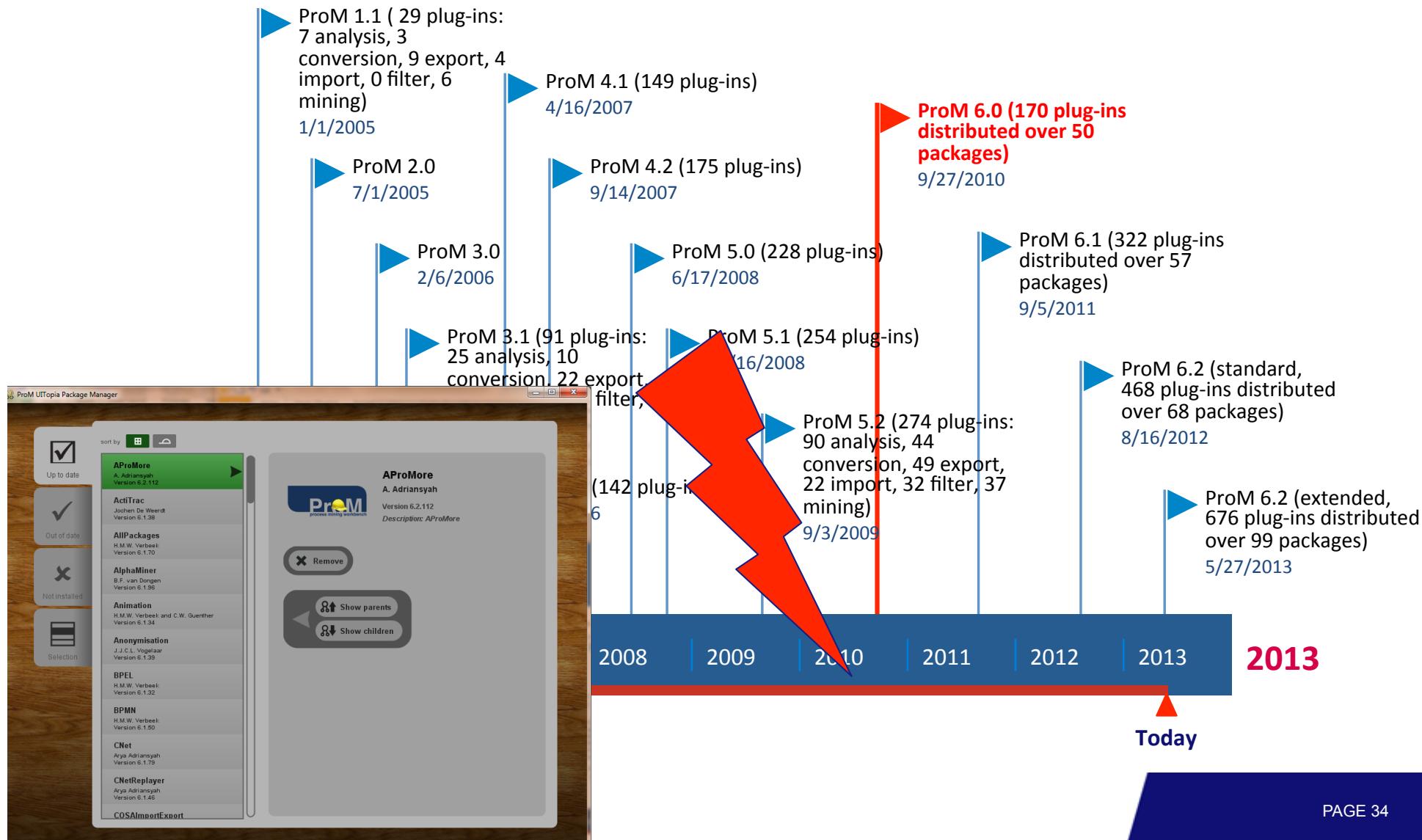
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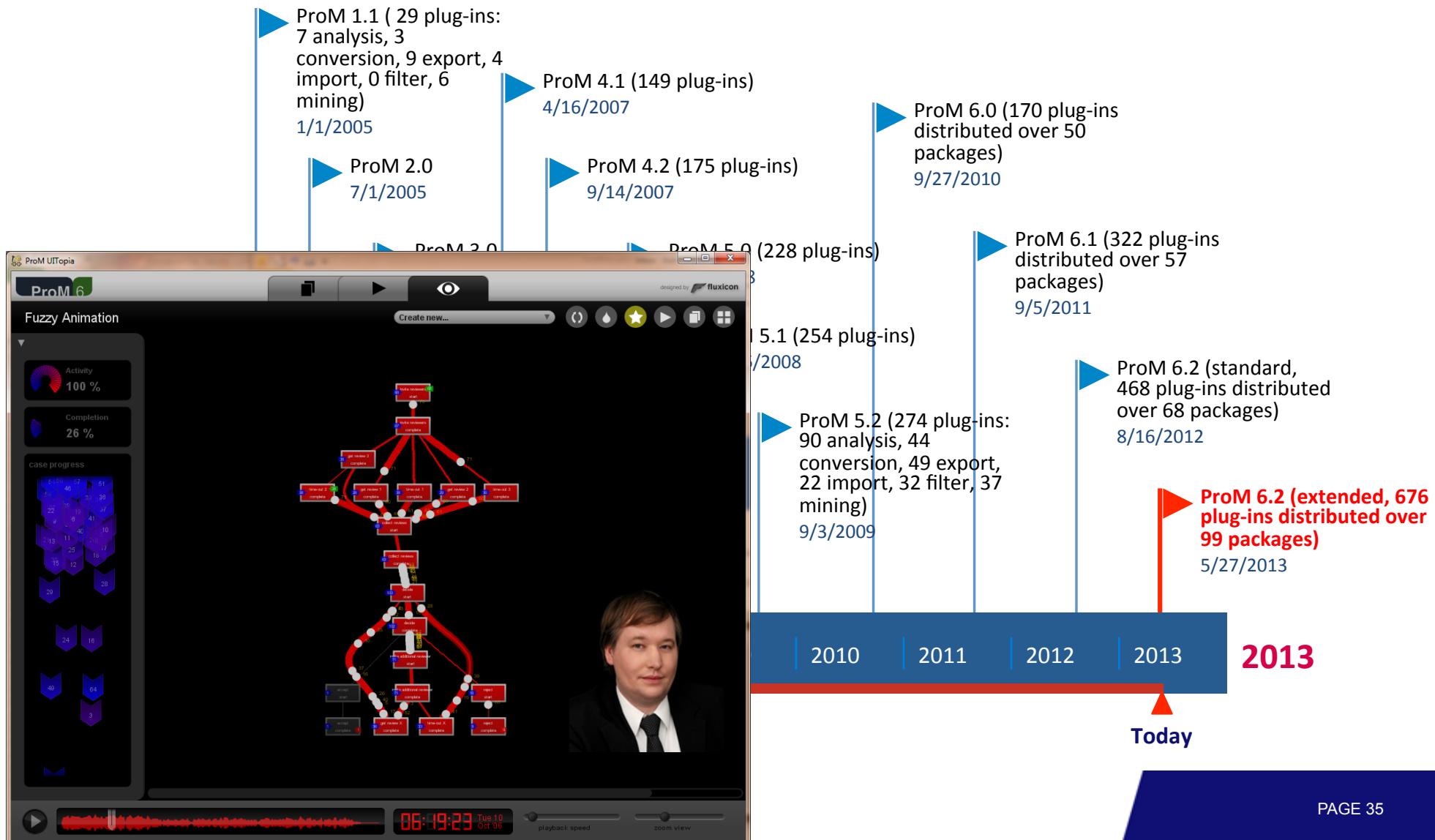
ProM 5.2



ProM 6.0: A new start ...



ProM Today

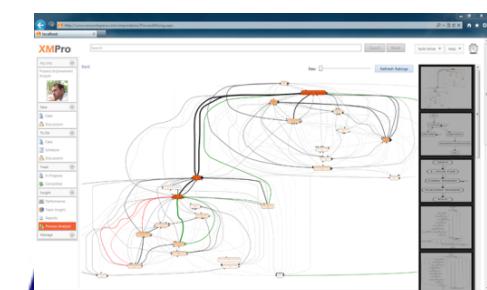
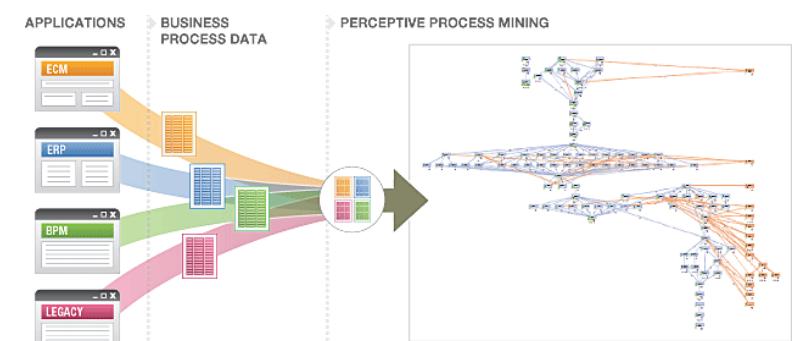
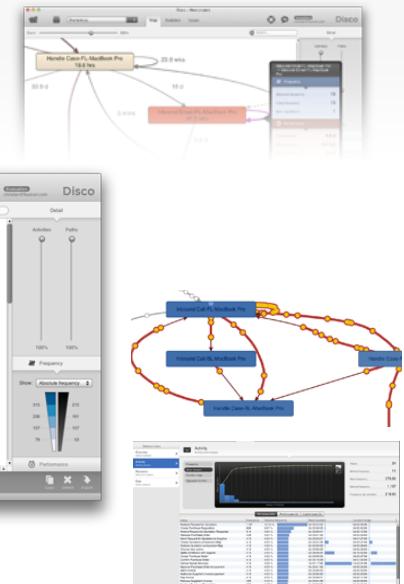


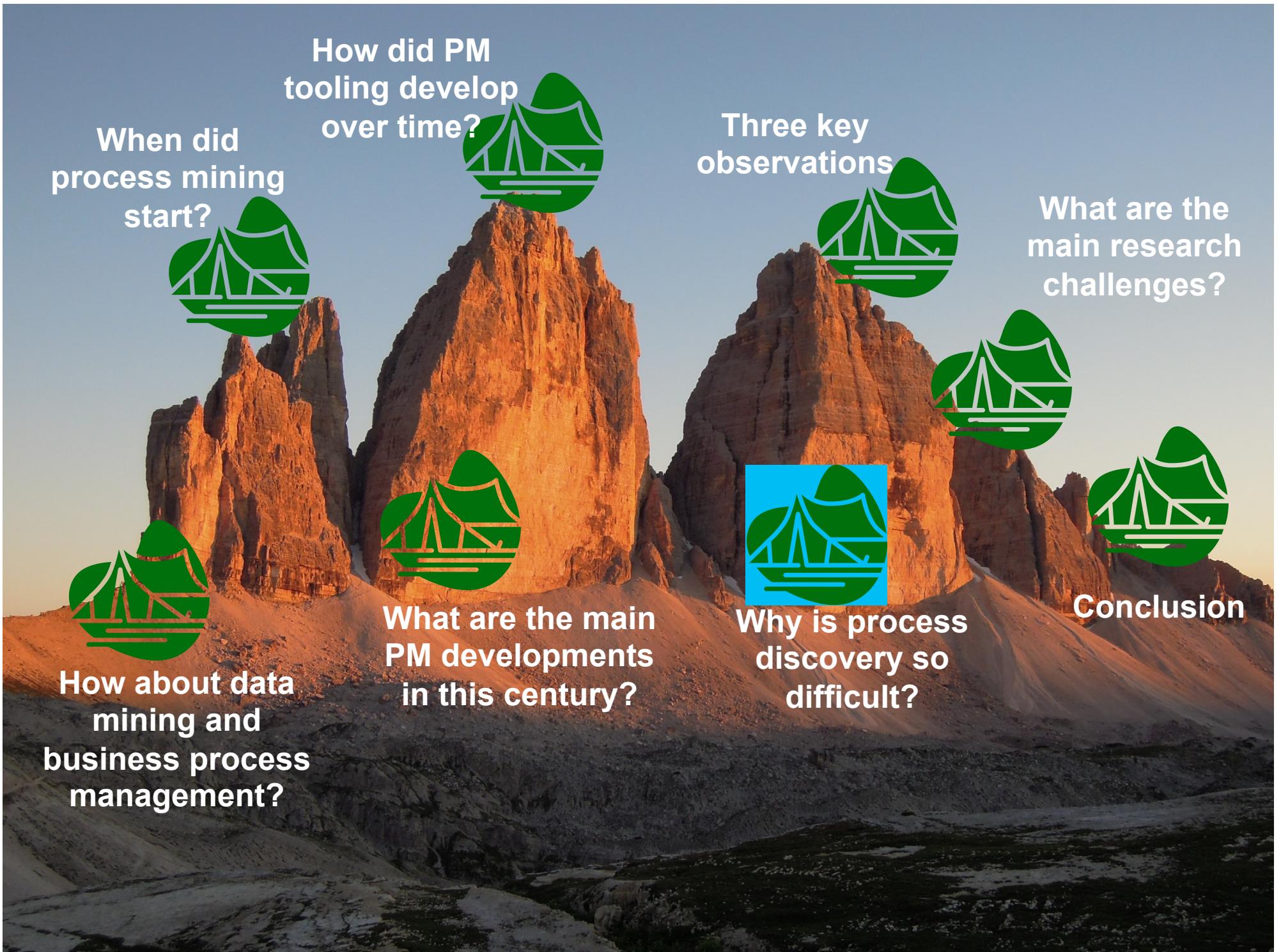
Commercial PM tools

- **Disco (Fluxicon)**
- **Perceptive Process Mining**
(before Futura Reflect and BPM|one)
- **ARIS Process Performance Manager**
- **QPR ProcessAnalyzer**
- **Interstage Process Discovery**
(Fujitsu)
- **Discovery Analyst (StereoLOGIC)**
- **XMAalyzer (XMPro)**
- ...

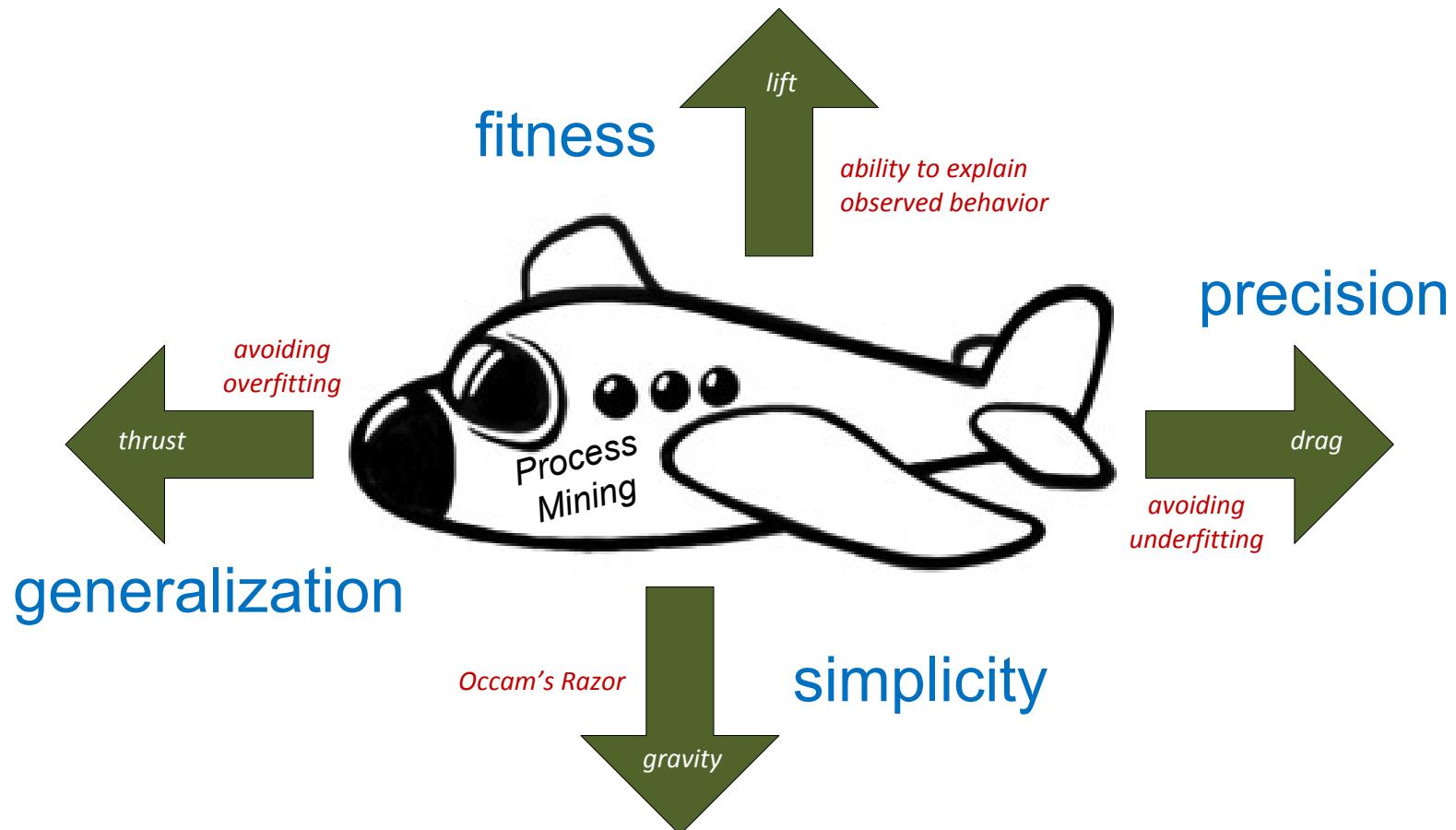


Process Mining has arrived.
Finally.



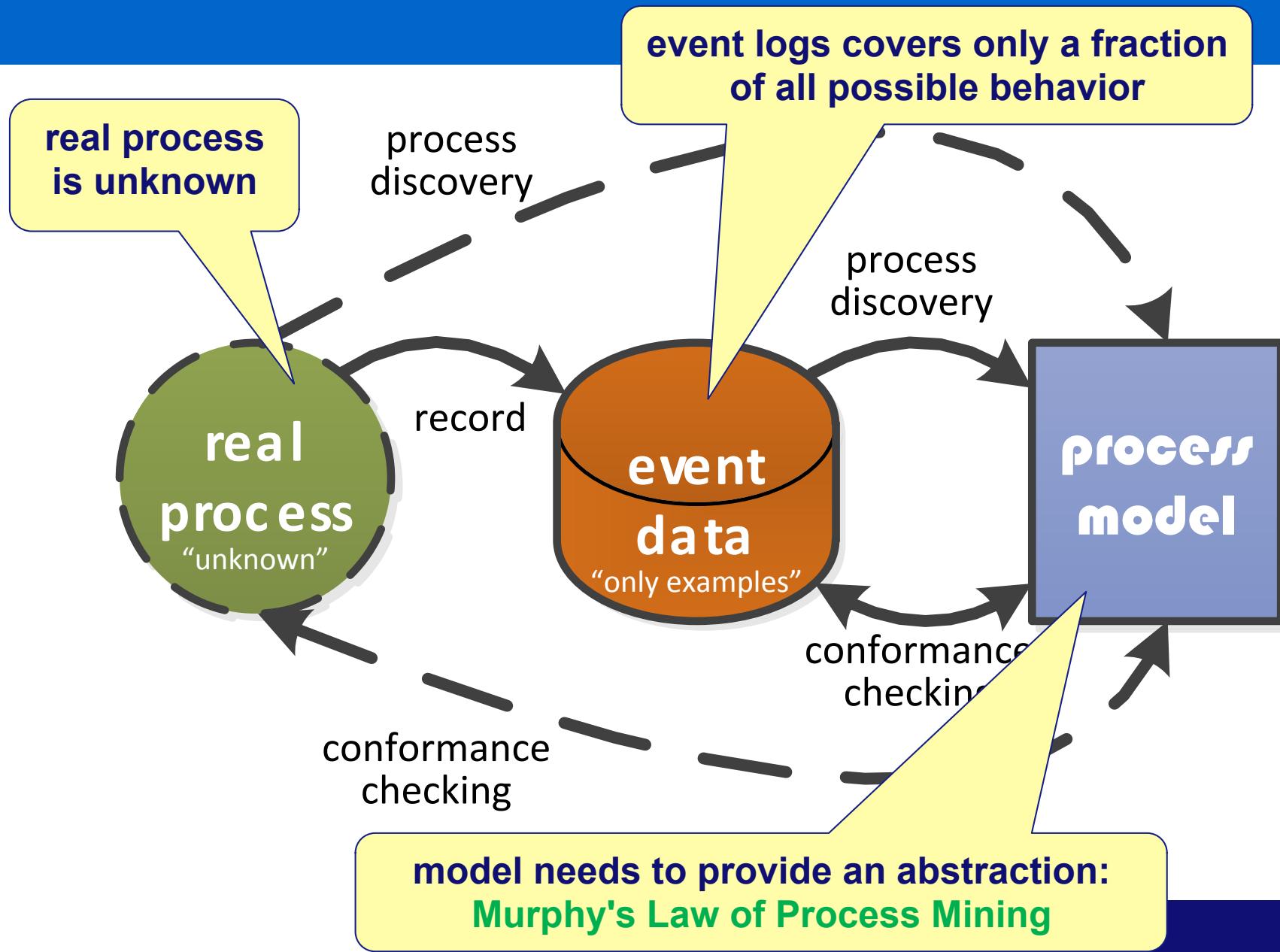


How good is my model: Four forces



Leaving out one of these dimensions during discovery will lead to degenerate cases!

Problem





1

formal (not
just a
picture)

2

fast
(should not
take years)

ability to balance
all conformance
dimensions
(fitness, precision,
generalization, and
simplicity) incl.
noise

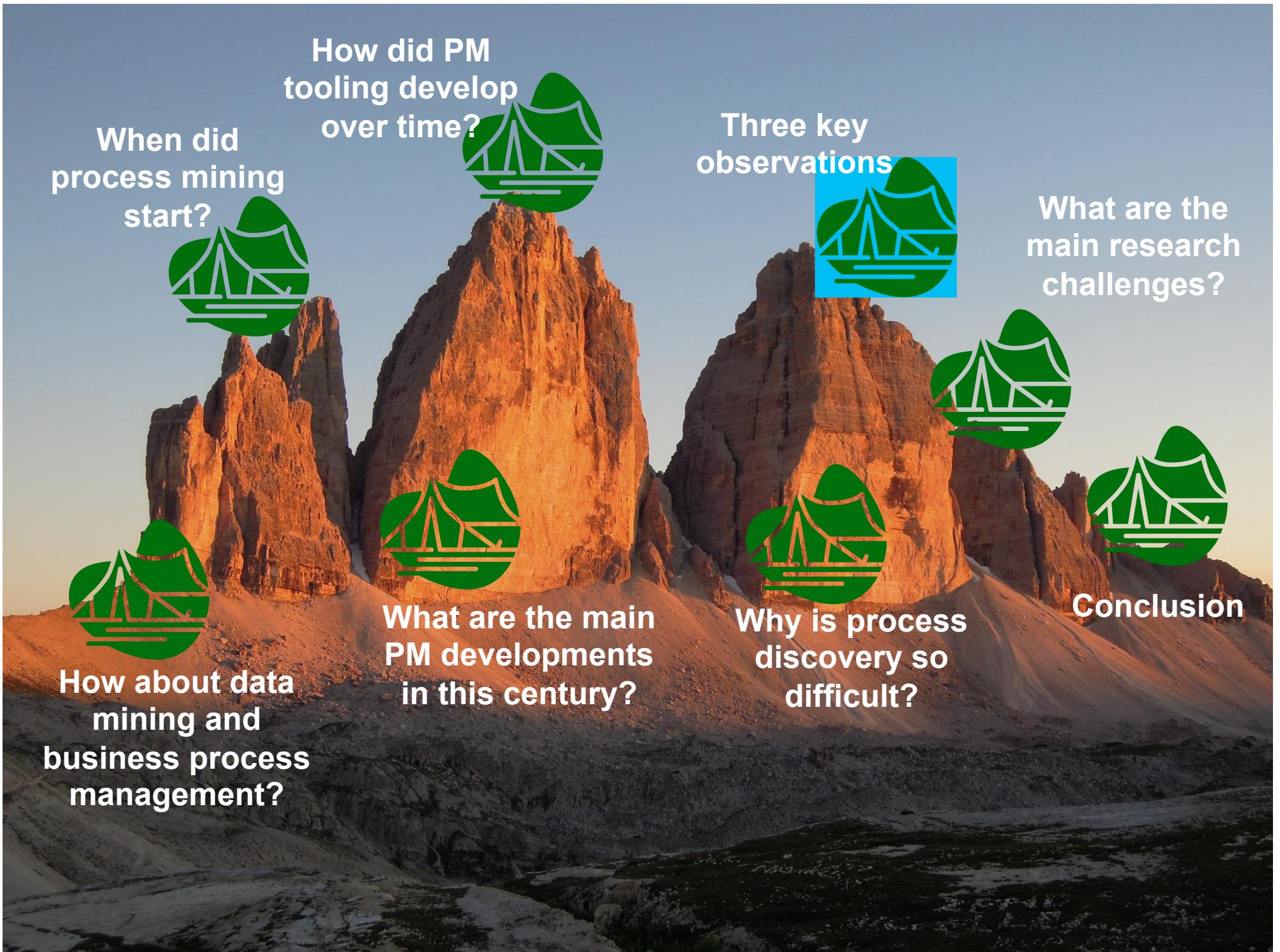
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provide
guarantees
(not just a best
effort)

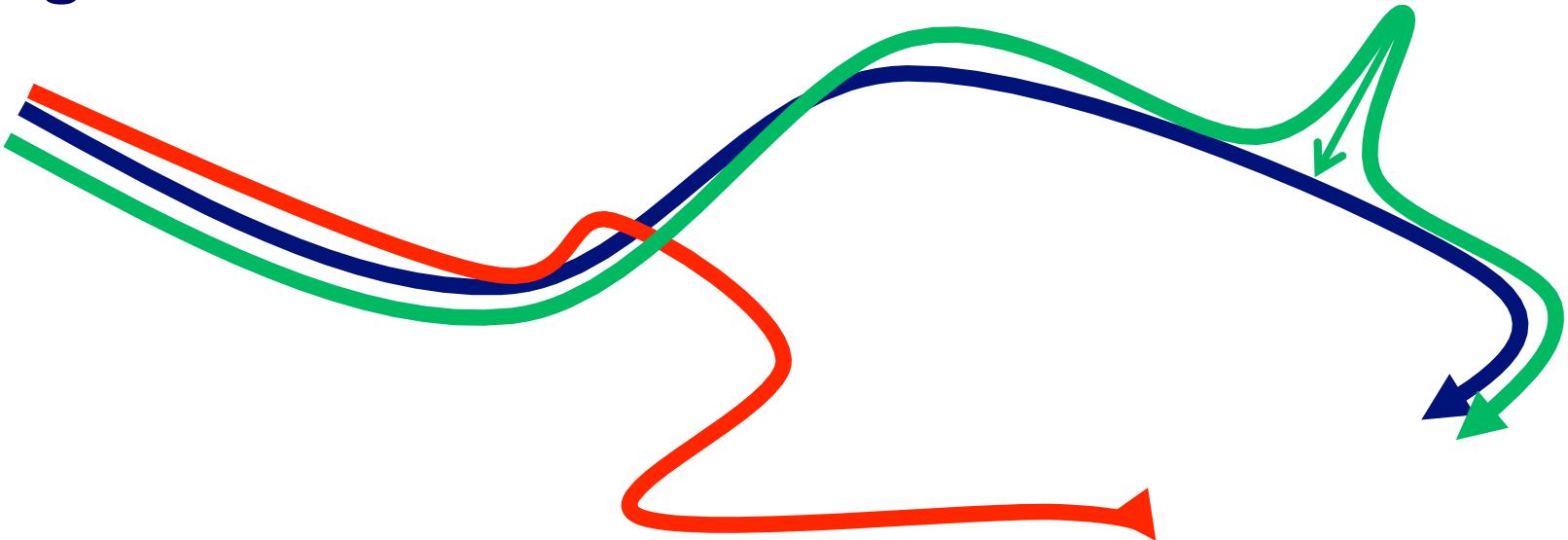
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sound
(result should
at least be free
of deadlocks,
etc.)

5



#1 Alignments are essential!

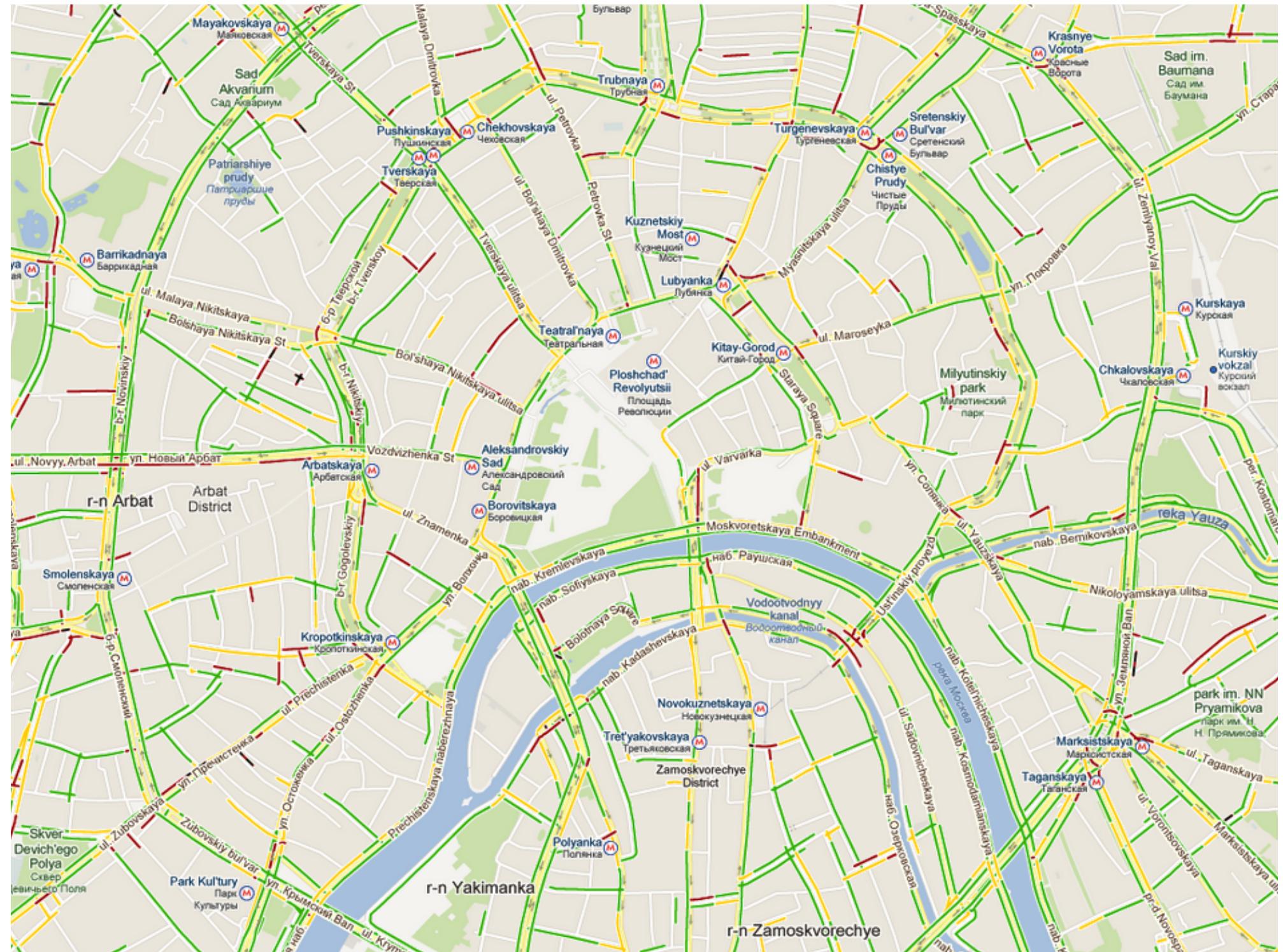


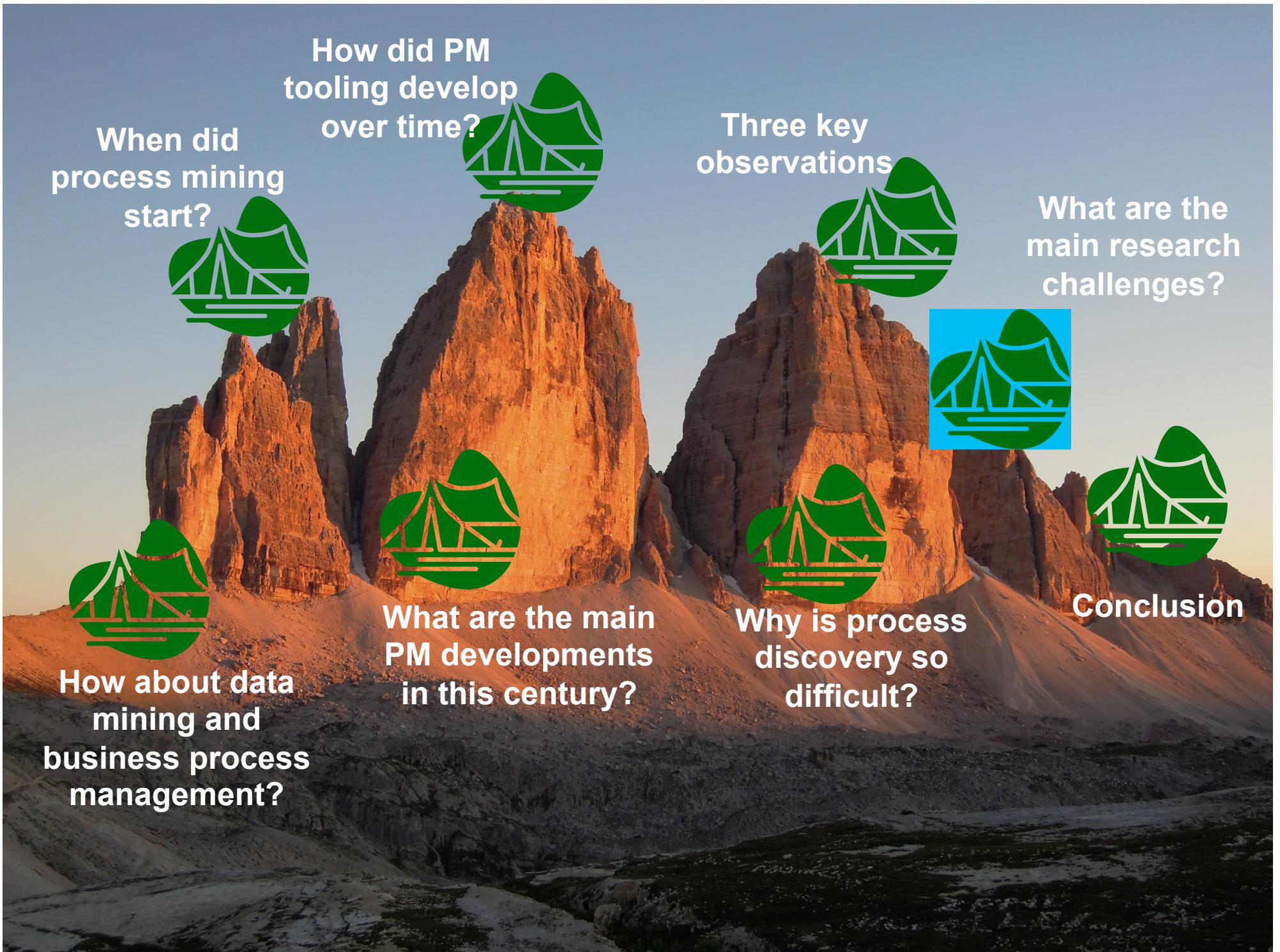
- **conformance checking to diagnose deviations**
- **squeezing reality into the model to do model-based analysis**

a	c	\gg	d	\gg	f	\gg
a	c	b	d	τ	\gg	h
$t1$	$t4$	$t3$	$t5$	$t7$		$t10$

#2 Models are like the glasses required to see and understand event data!









Finding
sheep with
five legs

we are getting close...



**Distributing
process
mining
problems to
cope with
big data**

On-the-fly process mining



Operational support

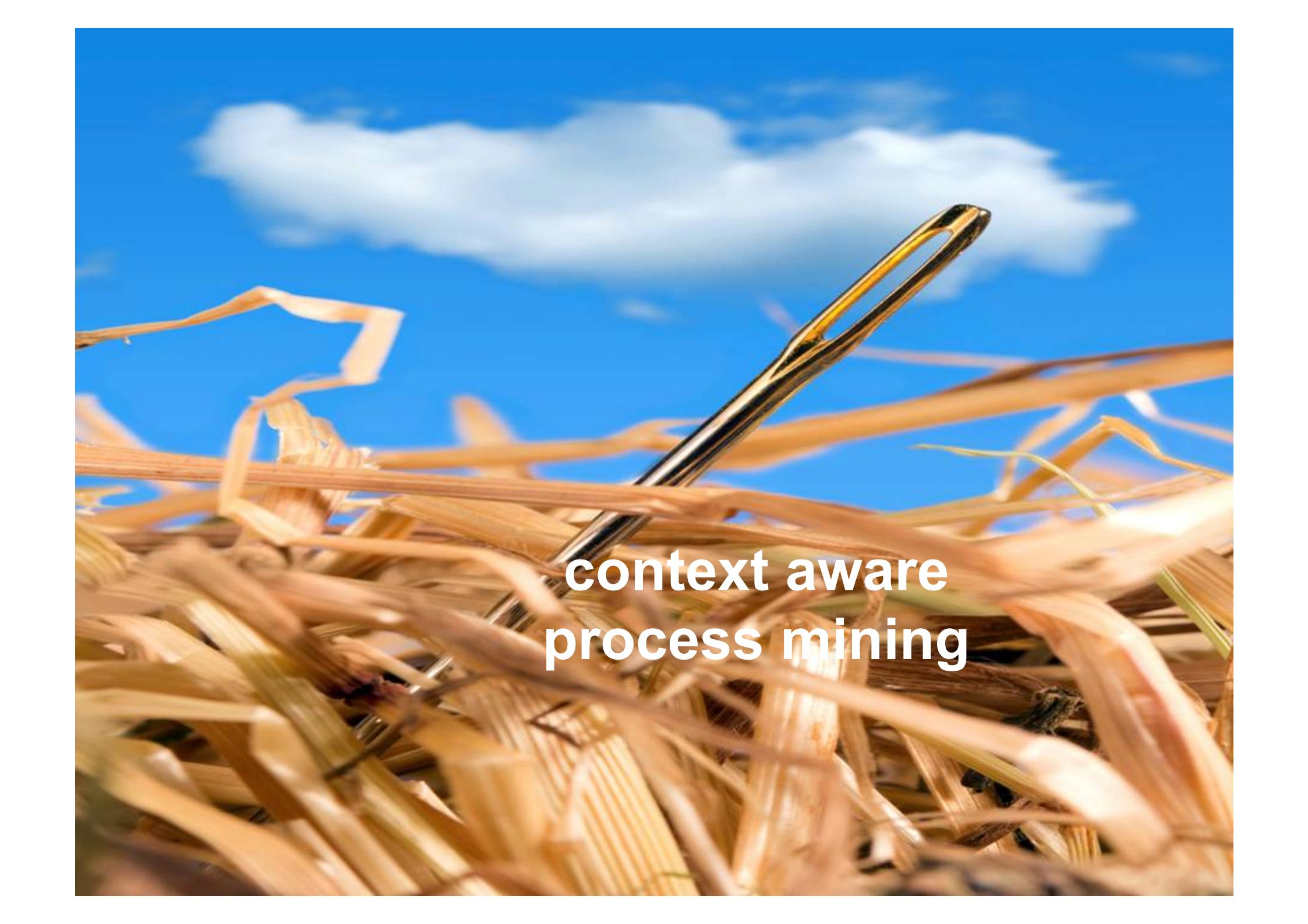
A photograph of a group of people on a grassy field carrying a large soccer goal. There are six individuals visible: four in red uniforms (three adults and one child) and two in blue uniforms (one adult and one child). They are carrying the goal horizontally between them. In the background, there are houses, trees, and a cloudy sky.

Concept drift



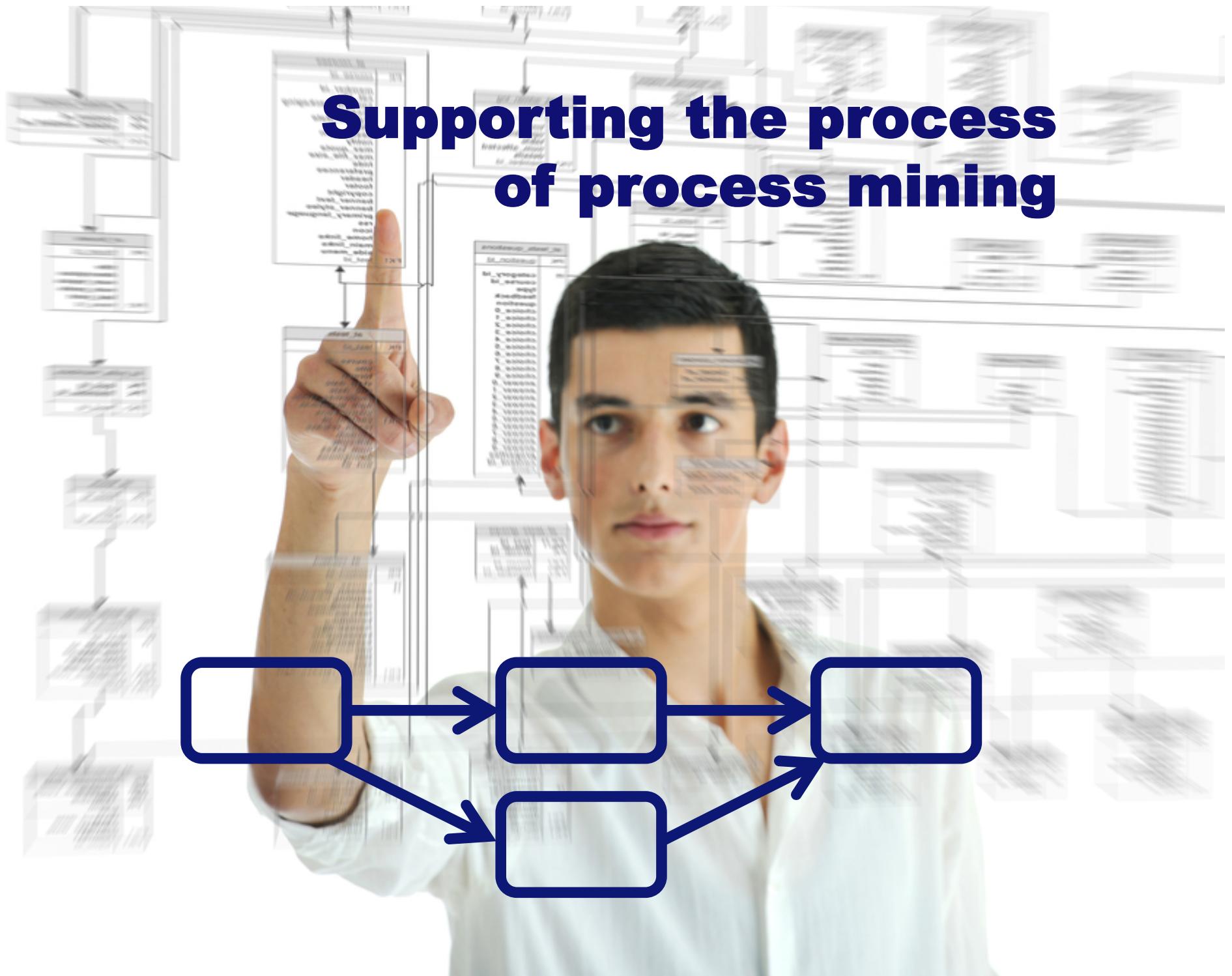
cross-organizational / comparative process mining

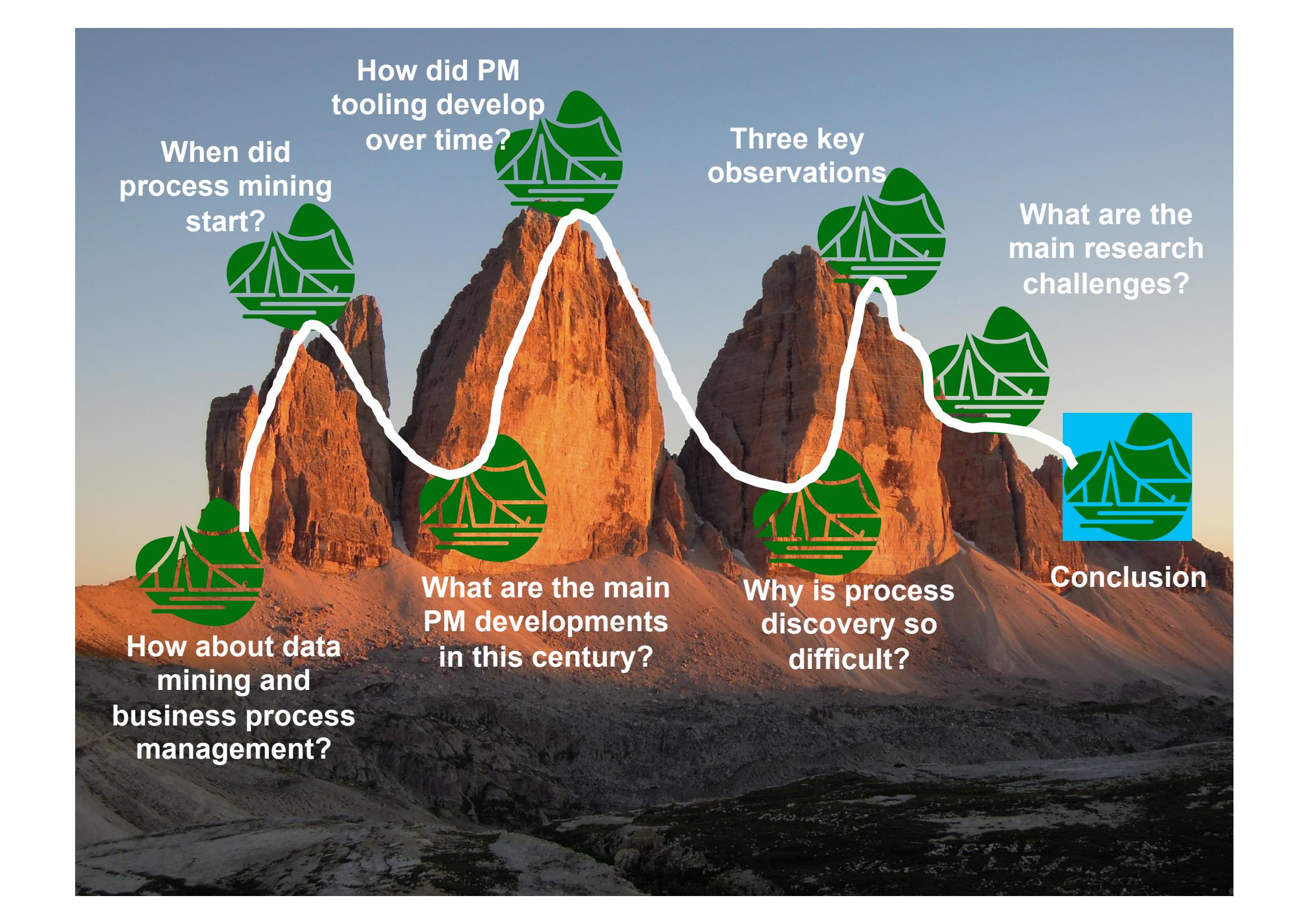


A photograph of a golden-colored needle stuck diagonally into a large pile of dry, yellowish-brown straw. The straw is scattered across the frame, with some strands crossing in front of the needle. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds.

**context aware
process mining**

Supporting the process of process mining





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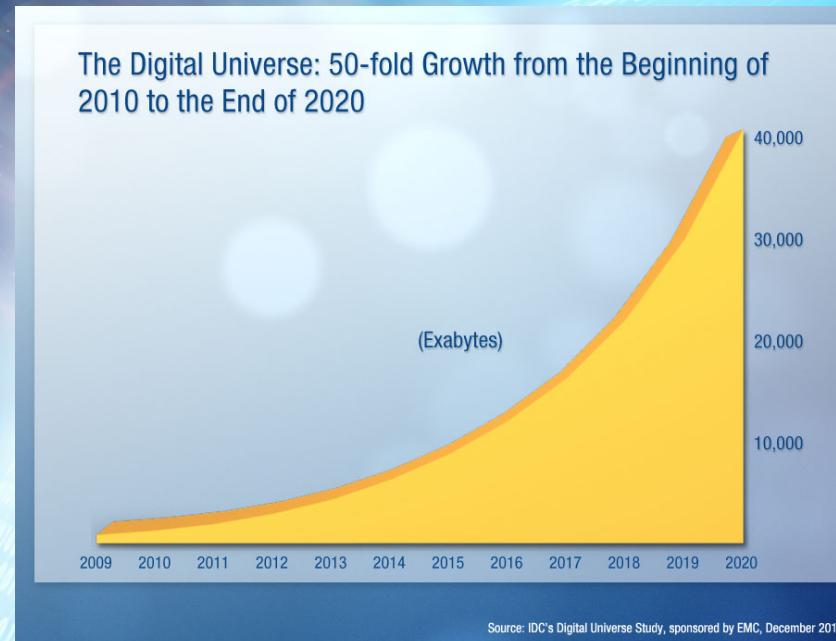
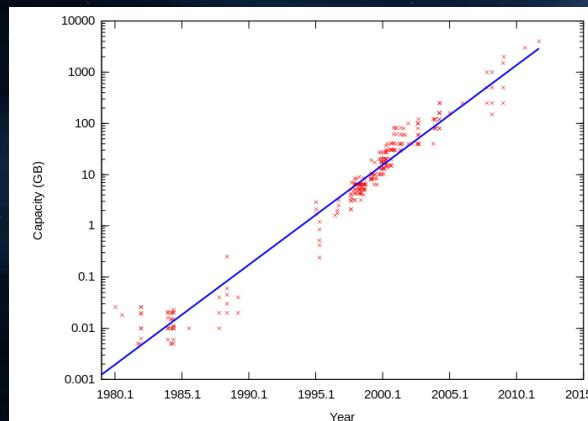
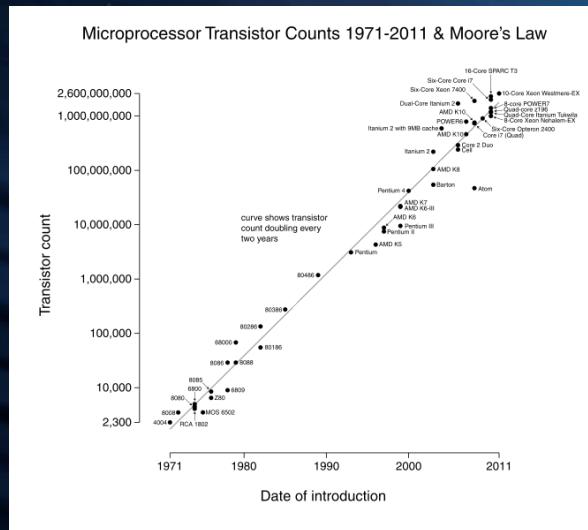
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Moore's Law

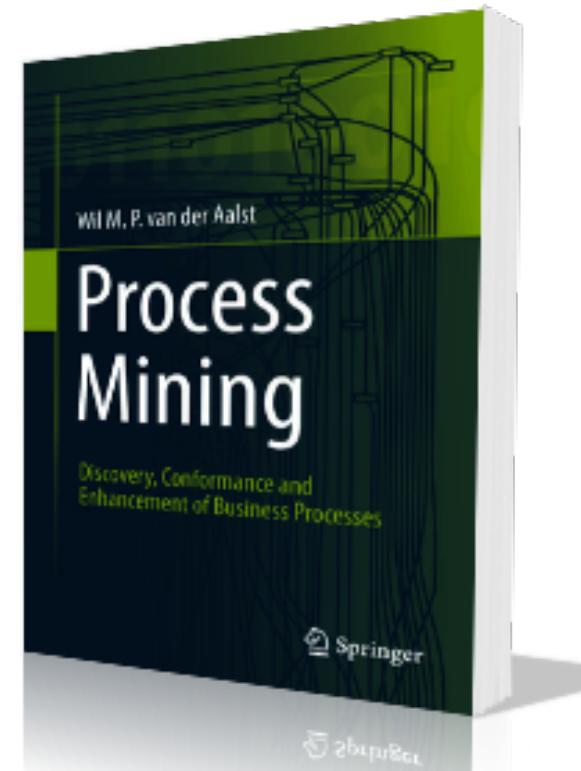
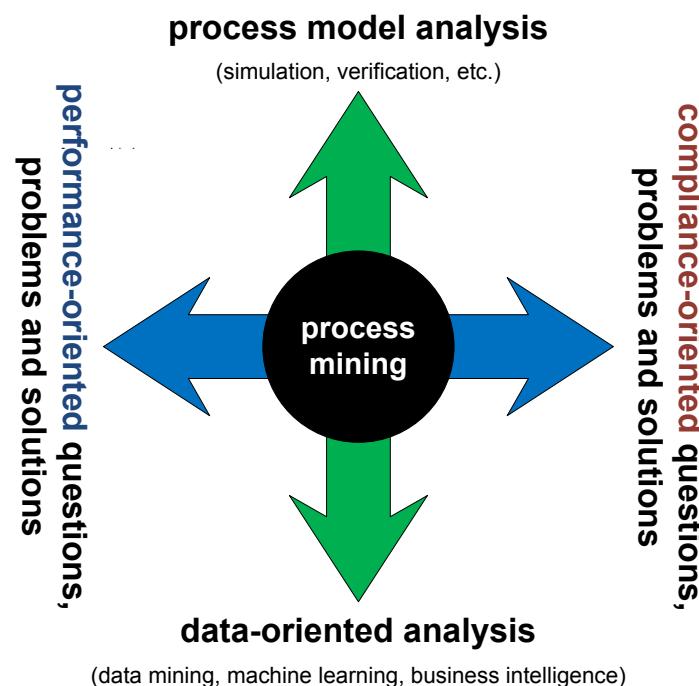


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