Artificial intelligence techniques for trustworthy information systems

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850+ students, 40+ professors, 50+ researchers, 5 bachelor programmes,

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KRDB research centre for Knowledgebased Artificial Intelligence Part of the CS and AI institute

- Strong focus on research excellence (foundational and applied) and collaborative projects
- Wide network of collaborations on Al (technical, CS-oriented approach)
- Some key facts: Diego Calvanese PC Chair of IJCAI 2026, Chiara Ghidini vice-president of AIxIA, Marco Montali General Chair of AIxIA 2024
- AI-lab (funded by FESR-EFRE with 1M €): AI-based services for the territory

Trustworthiness as "technical robustness" Al systems operating under "provable guarantees"

- and automated reasoning, knowledge graphs, semantic technologies
- (BPM/process mining), temporal reasoning, automated planning and scheduling
- of learning, simulation, and reasoning

Initial focus: Al for data management, knowledge representation

Then expanded towards dynamic systems: Al for process science

 Recently: increasing focus on nesy integration, explainability, predictive/prescriptive techniques with guarantees, integration



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artificial intelligence

In all its flavours: symbolic, connectionist, nesy





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Process science







"All happens through processes, and all happens in processes"

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Business process management

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Process mining



Business process







organisation



Business process







Business process





A business process is a collection of related events, activities and decisions, that involve a number of *actors and objects*, and that collectively lead to an outcome that is of value to an organization or its customers



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Model-driven process management 1. process discovery via conceptual modelling



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Model-driven process management 2. share and understand



Model-driven process management 3. use models

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quantitative analysis/simulation



execution support



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Difference between models and reality 1/3: process execution data are essential

actual traces



Difference between models and reality 1/3: process execution data are essential

actual traces


Real example... **Credits: SEE-lab, Technion**

Patients Flow, HomeHospital January 2005



Difference between models and reality 2/3: reality is often more complex than expected







Simplicity cannot be obtained by sweeping complexity under the carpet





Difference between models and reality 3/3: domain experts find their own way



Difference between models and reality 3/3: domain experts find their own way









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knowledge workers



event logs



Event logs

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Case id	Activity	Timestamp	Transaction type	Resource	•••
• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	•••	
253	ER Triage	04–13-2021	complete	Nurse 1	•••
		11:33:50			
255	Release A	04–13-2021	complete	Physician	• • •
		11:35:05		02	
259	Lactic Acid	04–13-2021	complete	Nurse 4	• • •
		11:38:55			
254	Leucocytes	04–13-2021	complete	Nurse 5	• • •
		11:41:23			
256	Lactic Acid	04–13-2021	complete	Nurse 4	• • •
		11:52:35			
257	ER Triage	04–13-2021	complete	Nurse 7	• • •
		11:53:16			
258	ER	04–13-2021	complete	Nurse 8	• • •
	Registration	11:54:47			
253	Admission	04–13-2021	complete	Physician	• • •
	NC	11:55:26		02	
259	Admission IC	04–13-2021	complete	Physician	• • •
		11:58:30		03	
260	CRP	04–13-2021	complete	Nurse 07	• • •
		12:01:12			
261	Release B	04–13-2021	complete	Physician	• • •
		12:02:00		03	
253	IV Liquid	04–13-2021	complete	Nurse 2	• • •

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Event logs

subject/instance what ______Case Activity id

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258	ER	04
	Registration	11
253	Admission	04-
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259	Admission IC	04
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		12
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From traces to temporal graphs **Research frontier...**











data-driven process management



Process mining: "data science in action"

Wil van der Aalst

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Process Mining Handbook







A manifesto is a "public declaration of principles and intentions" by a group of people. This manifesto is written by members and supporters of the IEEE Task Force on Process Mining. The goal of this task force is to promote the research, development, education, implementation, evolution, and understanding of process mining.

Process mining is a relatively young research discipline that sits between computational intelligence and data mining on the one hand, and process modeling and analysis on the other hand. The idea of process mining is to discover, monitor and improve real processes (i.e., not assumed processes) by extracting knowledge from event logs readily available in today's (information) systems. Process mining includes (automated) process discover (i.e., extracting process models from an event log), conformance checking (i.e., monitoring deviations by comparing model and log), social network/ organizational mining, automated construction of simulation models

model extension, model repair, case prediction, and history-based recommendations.

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Process mining techniques are able to extract knowledge from event logs commonly available in today's information systems. These techniques provide new means to discover, monitor, and improve processes in a variety of application omains. There are two main drivers for the growing interest in process mining. On the one hand, more and more events are being recorded, thus, providing detailed information about the history of processes. On the other hand, there is a need to improve and support business processes in competitive and rapidly changing environments. This manifesto is created by the IEEE Task Force on Process Mining and aims to promote the topic of process mining. Moreover, by defining a set of guiding principles and listing important challenges, this manifesto hopes to serve as a guide for software developers, scientists, consultants, business managers, and end-users. The goal is to increase the maturity of process mining as a new tool to improve the (re)design, control, and support of operational business processes.





https://www.tf-pm.org

The process mining framework Original picture by Wil van der Aalst



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Play in: automated discovery Model learning from trace data - typically, with positive examples only

Case	Activity	Timestamp	Resourc
432	register travel request (a)	18-3-2014:9.15	John
432	get support from local manager (b)	18-3-2014:9.25	Mary
432	check budget by finance (d)	19-3-2014:8.55	John
432	decide (e)	19-3-2014:9.36	Sue
432	accept request (g)	19-3-2014:9.48	Mary
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Play out: synthetic event log generation Synthesis of meaningful event data from a model



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Replay: enhancement Data augmentation of the model

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Replay: conformance checking Behaviour recognition, deviation analysis

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Al-augmentation along the BPM lifecycle Credits: Marlon Dumas

How do my processes look like? Where are the bottlenecks, wastes, compliance violations, positive and negative deviances?

(descriptive) process mining Automated process discovery **Conformance checking** Performance mining Variant analysis



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When should I adapt my process and how? Where can I add most value to a process?

What can I do to improve my process? When should I trigger an intervention? Which process changes should I implement?

prescriptive process improvement

How will my process look like in the future, if I leave it as-is, or make a change? What is the impact of automation or change?

predictive process mining

How do my processes look like? Where are the bottlenecks, wastes, compliance violations, positive and negative deviances?

(descriptive) process mining

augmented BPM

Adaptive self-driving processes **Conversational process** optimizers

> Prescriptive process monitoring Automated process improvement

> > Predictive process monitoring What-if digital process twins

> > > Automated process discovery **Conformance checking** Performance mining Variant analysis



Al-augmented Business Process Management Systems: A Research Manifesto

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Abstract

Al-augmented Business Process Management Systems (ABPMSs) are an emerging class of process-aware information systems, empowered by trustworthy AI technology. An ABPMS enhances the execution of business processes with the aim of making these processes more adaptable, proactive, explainable, and context-sensitive. This manifesto presents a vision for ABPMSs and discusses research challenges that need to be surmounted to realize this vision. To this end, we define the concept of ABPMS, we outline the lifecycle of processes within an

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> **An ABPMS is a process-aware** information system that relies on trustworthy Al technology to reason and act upon data, within a set of <u>restrictions</u>, with the aim to continuously adapt and improve a set of business processes with respect to one or more performance indicators.



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explainability



conversational actionability



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What is a process? A possibly infinite set of finite traces



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Framing in Al-augmented process science



Key question: how to capture this set?







Generalisation








Flexibility is everywhere









Simplicity cannot be obtained by sweeping complexity under the carpet







Compact specification

Reality





procedural specification

process







procedural specification

process

declarative specification



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declarative specification



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The "Declare" approach [Pesic et al, EDOC 2007] [___,Springer Book 2010] [___,TWEB 2011]

A set of temporal constraints

templates grounded on the activities of interest

- execution trace
- Compositional approach by conjunction

Constraints have to be all satisfied over a complete

Which constraints are useful?

Patterns in Property Specifications for Finite-State Verification*

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pick item



pay

close order

cancel order

precedence

pick item order

> To close an order, you must first pick an item

pay









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Representation question How to characterise the set of traces in the specification?





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Patterns in Linear Temporal Logic [Pnueli, SFSC197]

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$\Box(\texttt{close} \rightarrow \texttt{pay})$

Atomic propositions are activities A Declare specification is the conjunction of its constraint formulae



Each state contains a single activity

> $\Box(\texttt{close} \rightarrow \texttt{pay})$ ∧(¬close)‴item $\wedge \square (cancel \rightarrow \neg \square pay)$



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Traces of a Declare specification formally defined:



pick item

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An unconventional use of logics (In process science)

From ... Temporal logics for specifying (un)desired properties of a dynamic system

.... to

Temporal logics for specifying the dynamic system itself





Al for Declare/LTLf-based processes An incomplete picture...



Al for Declare/LTLf-based processes An incomplete picture...

strategies

Synthesis from data

ASP

Inductive logic programming

SAT

rule mining

SMT

Conformance checking

At runtime

Abductive logic program

Temporal logics

Automata











Thanks to finite traces: good old finite-state automata

From...







Vision realised!



Thanks to finite traces: good old finite-state automata

conformance monitoring

interest

- Goal: Detect and report fine-grained feedback and deviations
- Complementary to predictive monitoring!



Track a running process execution to check conformance with properties of





(Anticipatory) conformance monitoring

interest

- Goal: Detect and report fine-grained feedback and deviations also <u>considering the possible future continuations</u>
- Complementary to predictive monitoring!



Track a running process execution to check conformance with properties of



Fine-grained feedback



- Refined analysis of the "truth value" of a property
- looking into (all) possible futures

Fine-grained feedback



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Consider a partial trace **t**, and an LTLf formula φ ...





RV-LTL(f) truth values [BauerEtAl,InfCom2010] [___,BPM2011] [___,TOSEM2022]

- φ permanently satisfied by t
- **t** satisfies φ
- no matter how **t** continues, φ stays satisfied

φ currently satisfied by t

- **t** satisfies φ
- there is a continuation of **t** that violates φ







RV-LTL(f) truth values [BauerEtAl,InfCom2010] [___,BPM2011] [___,TOSEM2022]

- φ permanently violated by t
- t violates φ
- no matter how **t** continues, φ stays violated

φ currently violated by t

- **t** violates φ
- there is a continuation of **t** that satisfies φ







From...








trace 1



close order



trace 2





pick item











Fully implemented in the RuM toolkit rulemining.org

<>pay -> <>acc				
1	temp.sat	temp.viol	perm.sat	
!(<>get /\ <>cancel)				
1	temp.sat			
Contextual absence: get task forbidden while <>				
1	temp.sat		perm.sat	
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970	20	119	19	
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Ongoing research





Data-LTLf: constrain the evolution of data variables over time (modulo theories) G(x' > x)

$$\kappa) \wedge \mathsf{F}(x=2)$$

Current developments Data-awareness on multiple objects and relations ___,DL2017][___,BPM2019][___,IJCAI2022]



FO-LTLf and **temporal description logics** to constrain events and objects over time (temporal constraints over data models)



Current developments Uncertainty

In the specification



In the event data



probabilistic events _____,BPM2022][____,EAAI2023]



LTLf over fuzzy event logs [_____,BPM2024]



Current developments Conversational systems for declarative process mining [____, BPMDemo2023]

C-4PM

You can ask me multiple things, for example:

- Describe the process
- List the activities in the process
- Can you give me some conformant traces?
- Is it possible that ER Triage occurs before IV Liquids?
- Can activity IV Antibiotics be performed before activity Admission NC?
- In which cases ER Triage occurs right after ER Registration?
- Will IV Antibiotics eventually happen twice?

The specification allows for that behavior. Here are some cases in which, If AdmissionNC happens at least once then IVAntibiotics has to happen or happened before AdmissionNC.

ER Registration, Leucocytes, CRP, LacticAcid, ER Triage, ER Sepsis Triage, IV Liquid, IV Antibiotics, Admission NC, CRP, Leucocytes, Leucocytes, CRP, Leucocytes, CRP, CRP, Leucocytes, Leucocytes, CRP, CRP, Leucocytes, Release A

ER Registration, ER Triage, CRP, LacticAcid, Leucocytes, ER Sepsis Triage, IV Liquid, IV Antibiotics, Admission NC, CRP, CRP, Release A

Can activity IV Antibiotics be performed before activity Admission NC?





guarantees [,AAAl2025]

Starting point

- Counterfactual explanations key XAI technique (e.g., to suggest changes to input data that could alter predictions towards better outcome)
- Input data in process science: execution traces (discrete time sequences)

Observation: in a process, **not all traces make sense** • **Temporal constraints** as background knowledge that separates the possible from the impossible

Learning, explainability, reasoning - combined Counterfactual generation for explainability under temporal logical

Result: genetic algorithms for counterfactual trace generation infused with temporal reasoning to ensure that only conforming traces can be proposed

Conclusions

Connection between AI and process science

for the analysis of system dynamics

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