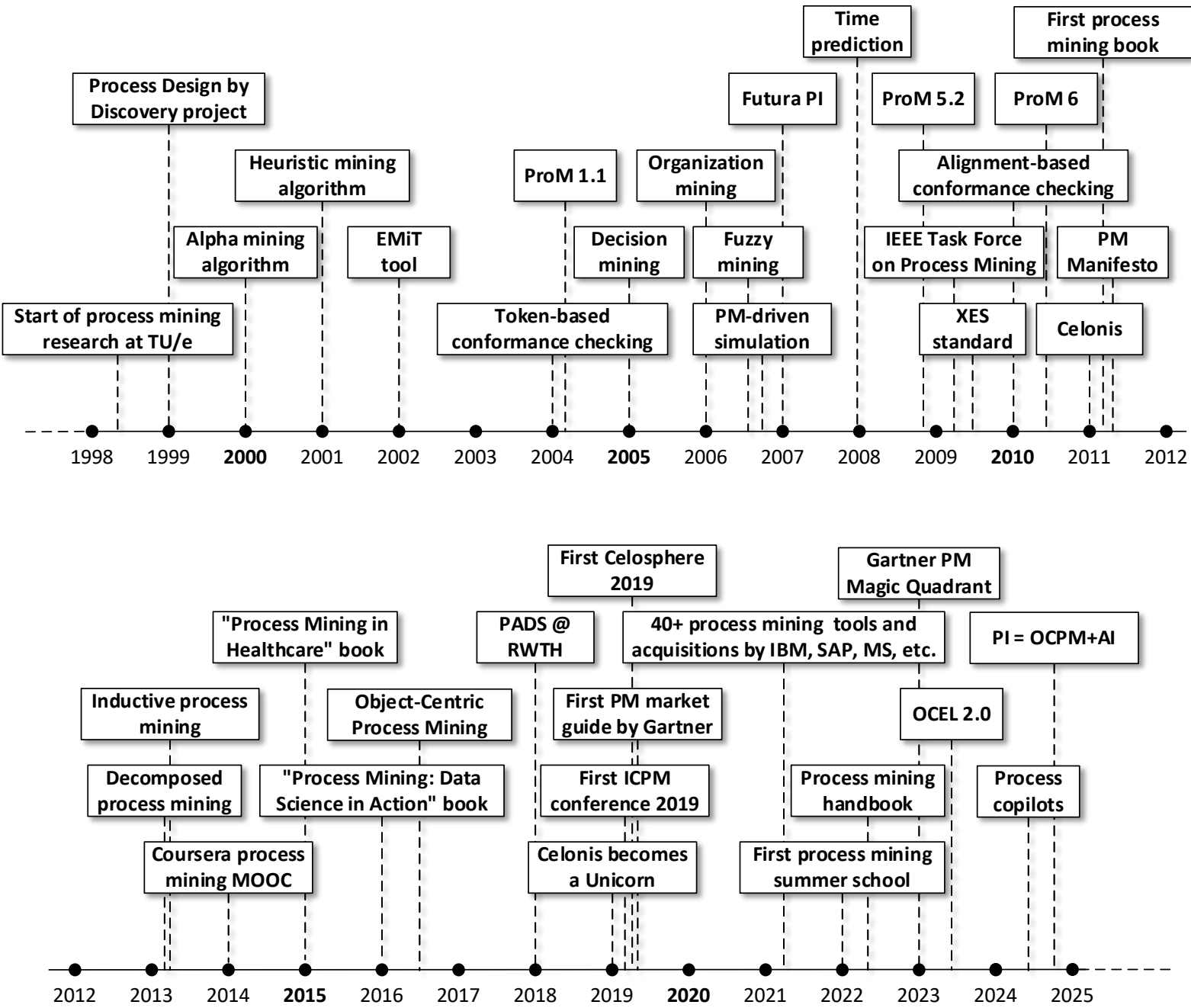


# Process Mining Demystified

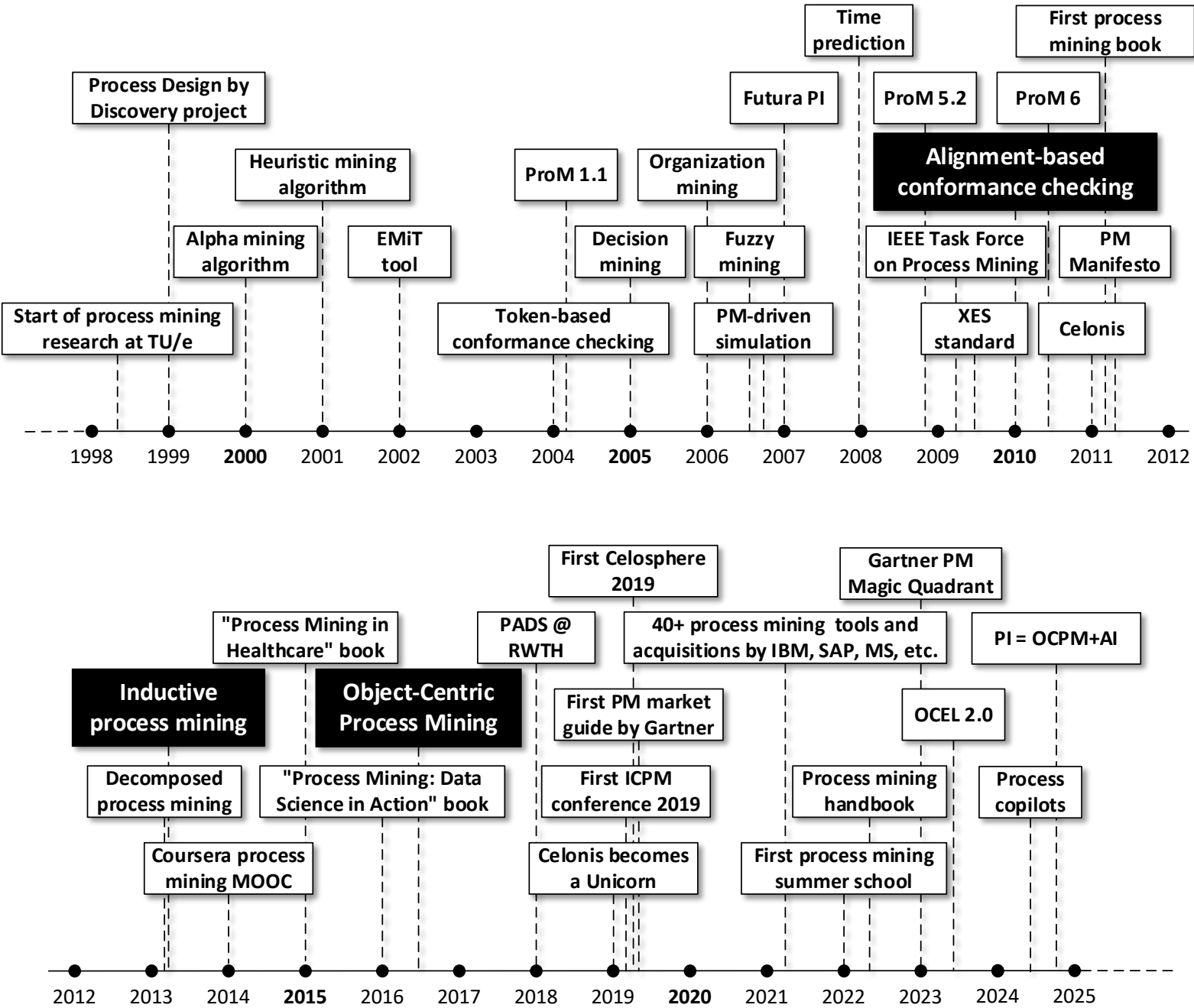
How Does it Really Work?

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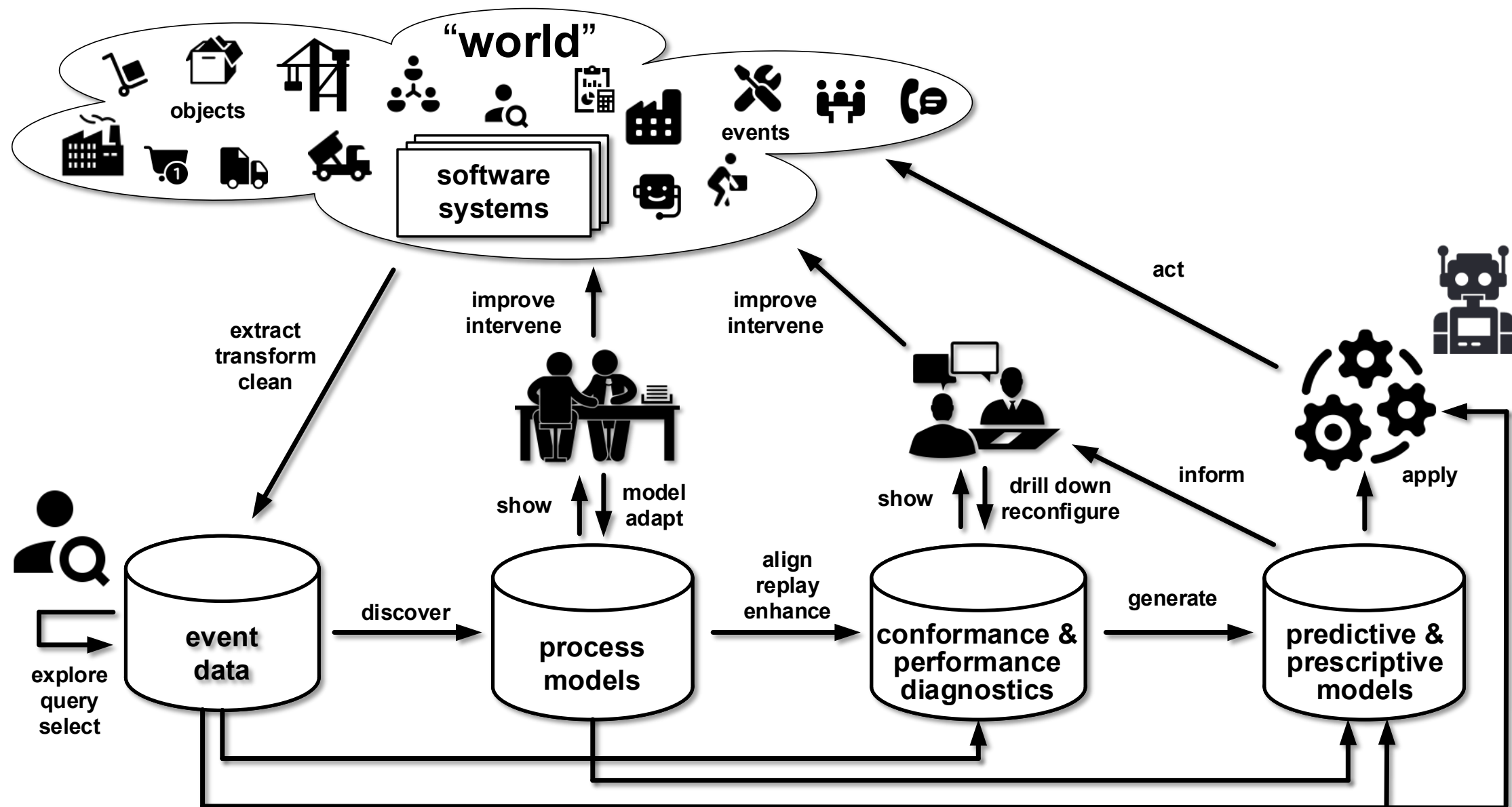
# Timeline



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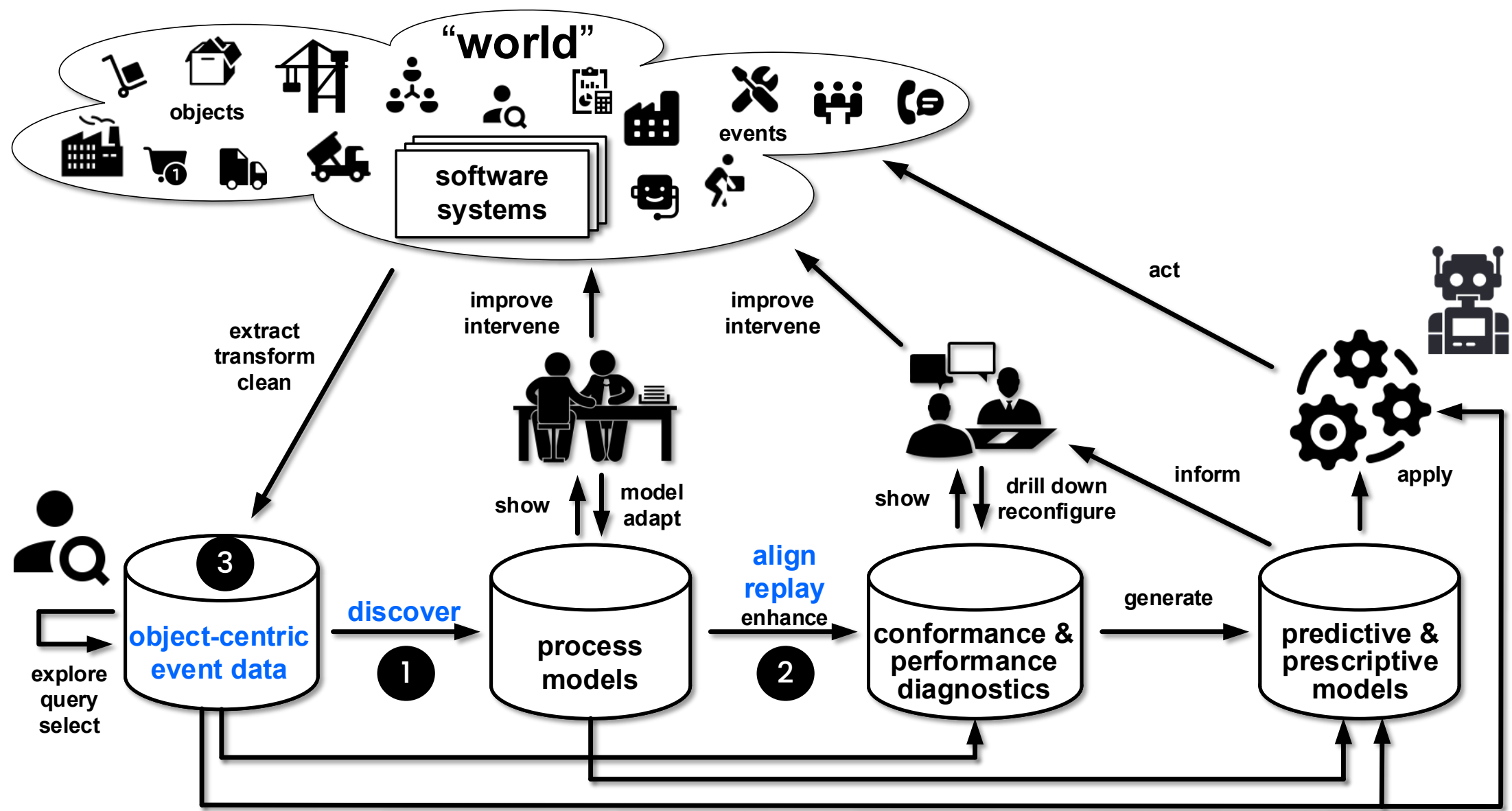


# Overview





# Focus of today









# Example Event Data (Case-Centric)

Case	Activity	Time
1	take order	2025-11-04 14:21
1	create base	2025-11-04 14:32
1	add tomato	2025-11-04 14:34
1	add salami	2025-11-04 14:34
1	add cheese	2025-11-04 14:35
1	bake in oven	2025-11-04 14:36
1	eat pizza	2025-11-04 14:40
1	clean kitchen	2025-11-04 14:48
2	take order	2025-11-04 19:07
2	create base	2025-11-04 19:18
2	add tomato	2025-11-04 19:19
2	add mushrooms	2025-11-04 19:19
2	add cheese	2025-11-04 19:19
2	bake in oven	2025-11-04 19:21
2	clean kitchen	2025-11-04 19:25
3	take order	2025-11-04 21:01
3	create base	2025-11-04 21:11
3	add cheese	2025-11-04 21:13
3	add mushrooms	2025-11-04 21:13
3	add tomato	2025-11-04 21:14
3	bake in oven	2025-11-04 21:16
3	eat pizza	2025-11-04 21:19
3	clean kitchen	2025-11-04 21:35
4	take order	2025-11-05 13:30
4	create base	2025-11-05 13:36
4	add cheese	2025-11-05 13:36
4	add tomato	2025-11-05 13:36
4	add salami	2025-11-05 13:37

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Case	Activity	Time
1,275	add cheese	2026-08-15 20:39
1,275	bake in oven	2026-08-15 20:41
1,275	clean kitchen	2026-08-15 20:55
1,276	take order	2026-08-15 20:39
1,276	create base	2026-08-15 20:48
1,276	add mushrooms	2026-08-15 20:49
1,276	add cheese	2026-08-15 20:51
1,276	add tomato	2026-08-15 20:52
1,276	bake in oven	2026-08-15 20:55
1,276	eat pizza	2026-08-15 22:02
1,276	clean kitchen	2026-08-15 22:29
1,277	take order	2026-08-15 21:40
1,277	create base	2026-08-15 21:47
1,277	add salami	2026-08-15 21:49
1,277	add cheese	2026-08-15 21:49
1,277	add tomato	2026-08-15 21:51
1,277	bake in oven	2026-08-15 21:54
1,277	eat pizza	2026-08-15 23:01
1,277	clean kitchen	2026-08-15 23:13
1,278	take order	2026-08-15 23:38
1,278	create base	2026-08-15 23:56
1,278	add cheese	2026-08-15 23:57
1,278	add cheese	2026-08-15 23:58
1,278	add mushrooms	2026-08-15 23:58
1,278	add tomato	2026-08-16 00:56
1,278	bake in oven	2026-08-16 00:59
1,278	eat pizza	2026-08-16 02:04
1,278	clean kitchen	2026-08-16 08:13

1278

cases

10,404

events

9

activities

134

variants

# Example Event Data (Case-Centric)

Case	Activity	Time
1	take order	2025-11-04 14:21
1	create base	2025-11-04 14:32
1	add tomato	2025-11-04 14:34
1	add salami	2025-11-04 14:34
1	add cheese	2025-11-04 14:35
1	bake in oven	2025-11-04 14:36
1	eat pizza	2025-11-04 14:40
1	clean kitchen	2025-11-04 14:48
2	take order	2025-11-04 19:07
2	create base	2025-11-04 19:18
2	add tomato	2025-11-04 19:19
2	add mushrooms	2025-11-04 19:19
2	add cheese	2025-11-04 19:19
2	bake in oven	2025-11-04 19:21

...

Case	Activity	Time
1,275	add cheese	2026-08-15 20:39
1,275	bake in oven	2026-08-15 20:41
1,275	clean kitchen	2026-08-15 20:55
1,276	take order	2026-08-15 20:39
1,276	create base	2026-08-15 20:48
1,276	add mushrooms	2026-08-15 20:49
1,276	add cheese	2026-08-15 20:51
1,276	add tomato	2026-08-15 20:52
1,276	bake in oven	2026-08-15 20:55
1,276	eat pizza	2026-08-15 22:02
1,276	clean kitchen	2026-08-15 22:29
1,277	take order	2026-08-15 21:40
1,277	create base	2026-08-15 21:47
1,277	add salami	2026-08-15 21:49

Event = Case + Activity + Timestamp + ..

3	add cheese	2025-11-04 21:13
3	add mushrooms	2025-11-04 21:13
3	add tomato	2025-11-04 21:14
3	bake in oven	2025-11-04 21:16
3	eat pizza	2025-11-04 21:19
3	clean kitchen	2025-11-04 21:35
4	take order	2025-11-05 13:30
4	create base	2025-11-05 13:36
4	add cheese	2025-11-05 13:36
4	add tomato	2025-11-05 13:36
4	add salami	2025-11-05 13:37

1,277	eat pizza	2026-08-15 23:01
1,277	clean kitchen	2026-08-15 23:13
1,278	take order	2026-08-15 23:38
1,278	create base	2026-08-15 23:56
1,278	add cheese	2026-08-15 23:57
1,278	add cheese	2026-08-15 23:58
1,278	add mushrooms	2026-08-15 23:58
1,278	add tomato	2026-08-16 00:56
1,278	bake in oven	2026-08-16 00:59
1,278	eat pizza	2026-08-16 02:04
1,278	clean kitchen	2026-08-16 08:13

# Example Event Data (Case-Centric)

Case Id	# of Activities	Throughput Time	First Activity	First Activity Timestamp <span>1</span>	Last Activity	Last Activity Timestamp	⋮
1	8	27 min	take order	11/04/25 14:21:34	clean kitchen	11/04/25 14:48:27	
2	7	19 min	take order	11/04/25 19:07:09	clean kitchen	11/04/25 19:25:48	
3	8	34 min	take order	11/04/25 21:01:05	clean kitchen	11/04/25 21:35:02	
4	7	11 min	take order	11/05/25 13:30:25	clean kitchen	11/05/25 13:41:11	
5	8	1 h	take order	11/05/25 18:35:38	clean kitchen	11/05/25 19:50:34	
6	9	3 h	take order	11/05/25 20:58:03	clean kitchen	11/06/25 00:08:20	
7	8	21 min	take order	11/06/25 14:03:57	clean kitchen	11/06/25 14:24:52	
8	8	24 min	take order	11/06/25 18:05:07	clean kitchen	11/06/25 18:29:00	
9	8	28 min	take order	11/06/25 19:21:25	clean kitchen	11/06/25 19:48:58	
10	7	1 h	take order	11/06/25 20:54:02	clean kitchen	11/06/25 22:06:13	
11	7	14 min	take order	11/07/25 13:16:53	clean kitchen	11/07/25 13:31:00	
12	8	1 h	take order	11/07/25 14:37:26	clean kitchen	11/07/25 16:05:09	
13	9	21 min	take order	11/07/25 18:37:33	clean kitchen	11/07/25 18:58:57	
14	8	28 min	take order	11/07/25 20:08:29	clean kitchen	11/07/25 20:36:52	
15	8	18 min	take order	11/07/25 21:12:15	clean kitchen	11/07/25 21:30:01	
16	9	25 min	take order	11/08/25 12:14:16	clean kitchen	11/08/25 12:39:10	
17	9	1 h	take order	11/08/25 12:56:59	clean kitchen	11/08/25 14:11:16	
18	8	10 min	take order	11/08/25 14:16:50	clean kitchen	11/08/25 14:27:01	
19	10	2 h	take order	11/08/25 14:59:33	clean kitchen	11/08/25 16:56:56	
20	8	19 min	take order	11/08/25 18:17:49	clean kitchen	11/08/25 18:36:30	
21	8	19 min	take order	11/08/25 18:39:10	clean kitchen	11/08/25 18:58:26	
22	8	18 min	take order	11/08/25 19:39:42	clean kitchen	11/08/25 19:57:18	
23	8	18 min	take order	11/08/25 20:40:45	clean kitchen	11/08/25 20:58:25	

Case details: 1

Search

Q

Activities

8 Items

take order

11/04/25 14:21:34

create base

11/04/25 14:32:37

+11m

▼

add tomato

11/04/25 14:34:02

+12m

▼

add salami

11/04/25 14:34:36

+13m

▼

add cheese

11/04/25 14:35:01

+13m

▼

bake in oven

11/04/25 14:36:41

+15m

▼

eat pizza

11/04/25 14:40:08

+19m

▼

clean kitchen

11/04/25 14:48:27

+27m

▼

# Three example cases

<div>Case details: 1090</div> <div><div>Search</div><div>Q</div></div> <div><div>Activities</div><div>7 Items</div><div><div><div></div><div>take order</div><div>7/09/26 19:29:11</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>create base</div><div>7/09/26 19:42:11</div><div>+13m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add tomato</div><div>7/09/26 19:43:51</div><div>+15m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add cheese</div><div>7/09/26 19:43:55</div><div>+15m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add salami</div><div>7/09/26 19:43:58</div><div>+15m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>bake in oven</div><div>7/09/26 19:46:26</div><div>+17m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>clean kitchen</div><div>7/09/26 19:52:06</div><div>+23m</div><div></div></div><div></div></div></div>	<div>Case details: 1262</div> <div><div>Search</div><div>Q</div></div> <div><div>Activities</div><div>8 Items</div><div><div><div></div><div>take order</div><div>8/14/26 13:02:42</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>create base</div><div>8/14/26 13:09:36</div><div>+7m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add tomato</div><div>8/14/26 13:11:18</div><div>+9m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add cheese</div><div>8/14/26 13:11:57</div><div>+9m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add mushrooms</div><div>8/14/26 13:12:37</div><div>+10m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>bake in oven</div><div>8/14/26 13:15:24</div><div>+13m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>eat pizza</div><div>8/14/26 13:25:49</div><div>+23m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>clean kitchen</div><div>8/14/26 13:36:07</div><div>+33m</div><div></div></div><div></div></div></div>	<div>Case details: 1278</div> <div><div>Search</div><div>Q</div></div> <div><div>Activities</div><div>9 Items</div><div><div><div></div><div>take order</div><div>8/15/26 23:38:26</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>create base</div><div>8/15/26 23:56:24</div><div>+18m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add cheese</div><div>8/15/26 23:57:34</div><div>+19m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add cheese</div><div>8/15/26 23:58:42</div><div>+20m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add mushrooms</div><div>8/15/26 23:58:48</div><div>+20m</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>add tomato</div><div>8/16/26 00:56:48</div><div>+1h</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>bake in oven</div><div>8/16/26 00:59:46</div><div>+1h</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>eat pizza</div><div>8/16/26 02:04:50</div><div>+2h</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>clean kitchen</div><div></div><div>+9h</div><div></div></div></div></div>
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# A case corresponds to a sequence of activities (trace)

Case details: 1272	
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Activities 8 Items	
take order 8/15/26 18:15:33	▼
create base 8/15/26 18:22:40	+7m ▼
add cheese 8/15/26 18:23:45	+8m ▼
add tomato 8/15/26 18:25:13	+10m ▼
add salami 8/15/26 18:27:05	+12m ▼
bake in oven 8/15/26 18:28:44	+13m ▼
eat pizza 8/15/26 18:37:42	+22m ▼
clean kitchen 8/15/26 19:44:15	+1h ▼

to

cb

ac

at

as

bo

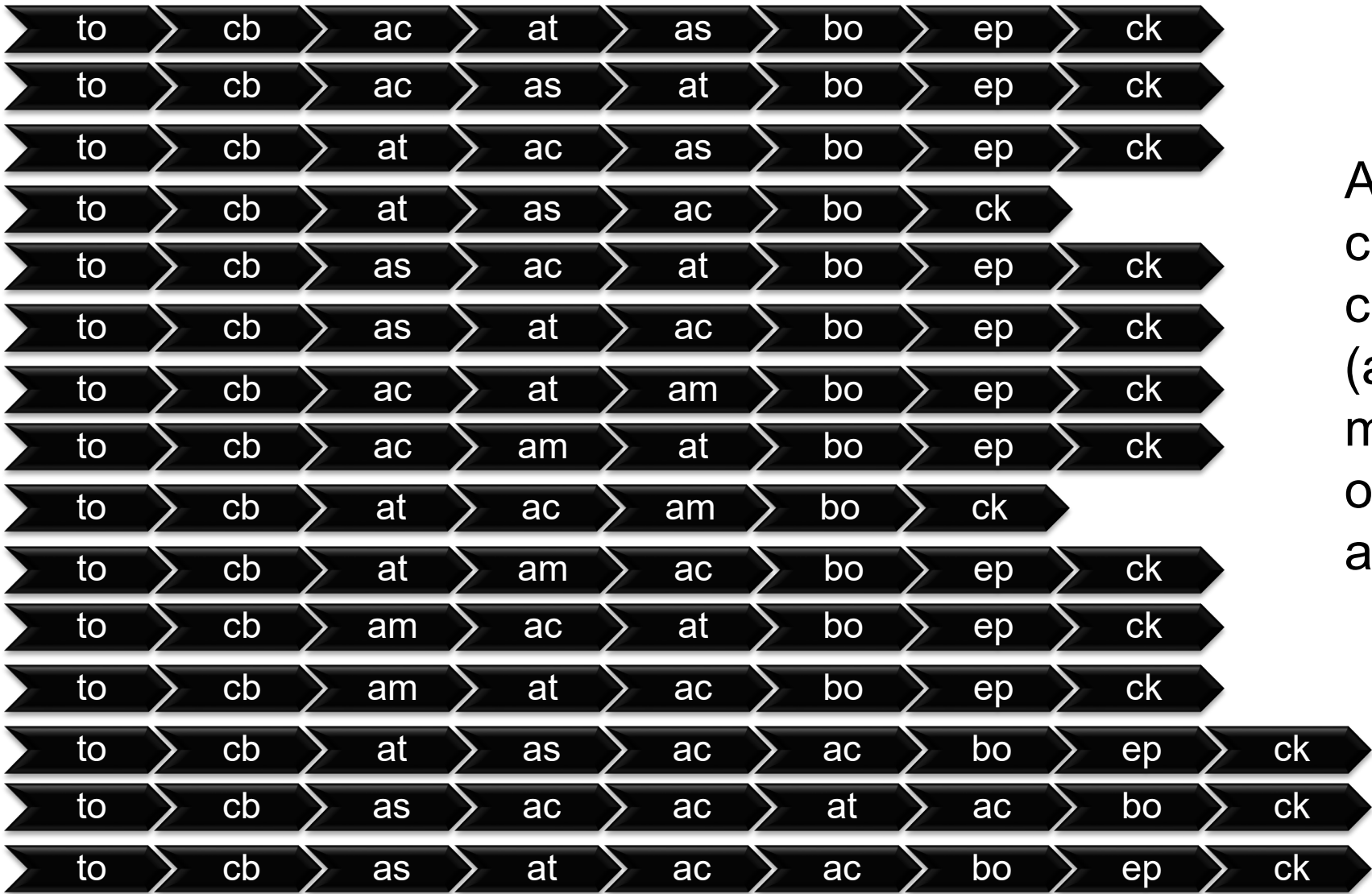
ep

ck

Activities: take order (to), create base (cb), add cheese (ac), add tomato (at), add salami (as), add mushrooms (am), bake in oven (bo), eat pizza (ep), and clean kitchen (ck).

to > cb > ac > at > as > bo > ep > ck

# Some of the 134 unique variants



Activities: take order (to), create base (cb), add cheese (ac), add tomato (at), add salami (as), add mushrooms (am), bake in oven (bo), eat pizza (ep), and clean kitchen (ck).

# Variant explorer only shows 111 variants

Variant Explorer

6%

cases covered

1 of 111 variant

72 of 1.28K cases

Apply Filter

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Collapse Controls



Variant Explorer

1%

cases covered

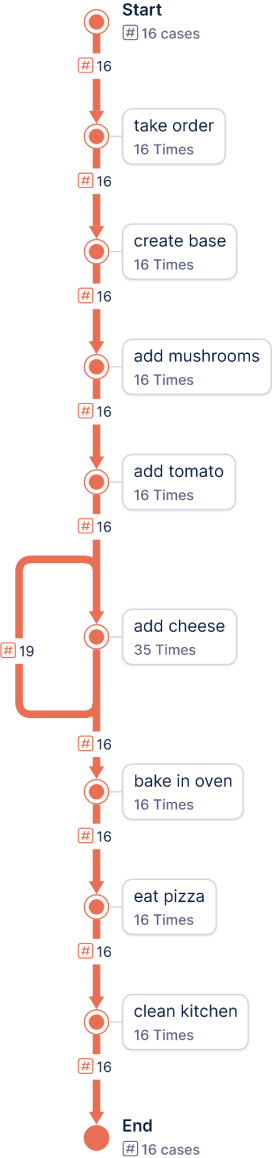
1 of 111 variant

16 of 1.28K cases

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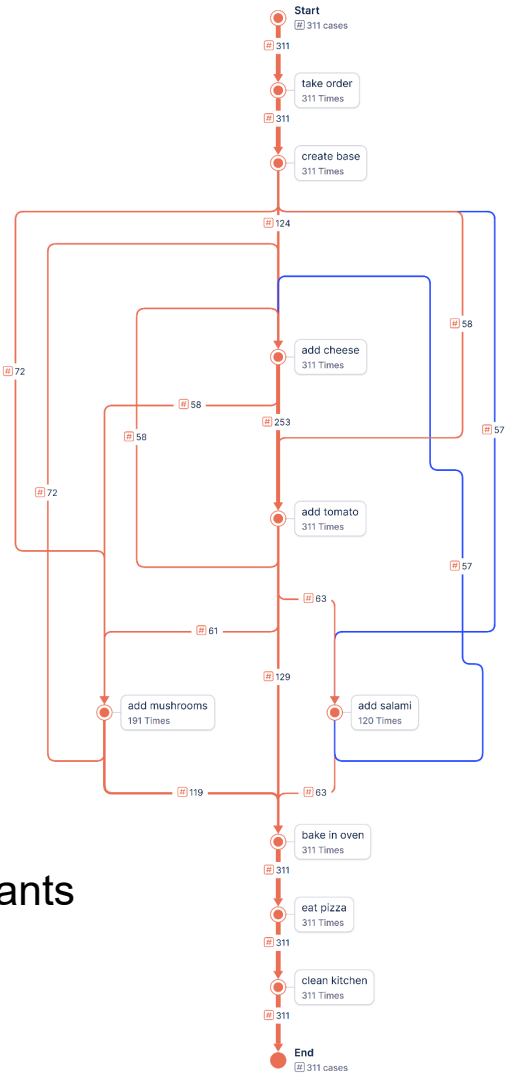
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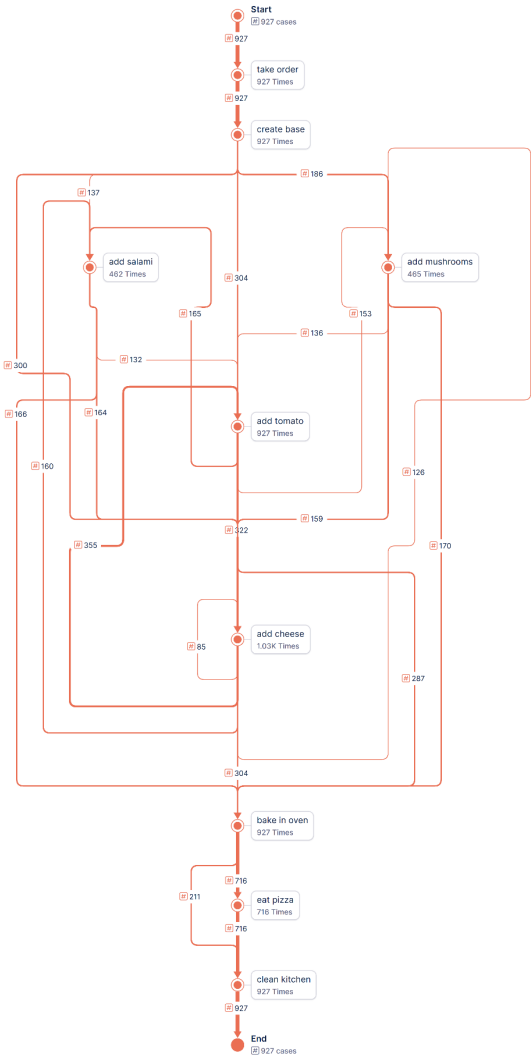
# Visualizing multiple variants



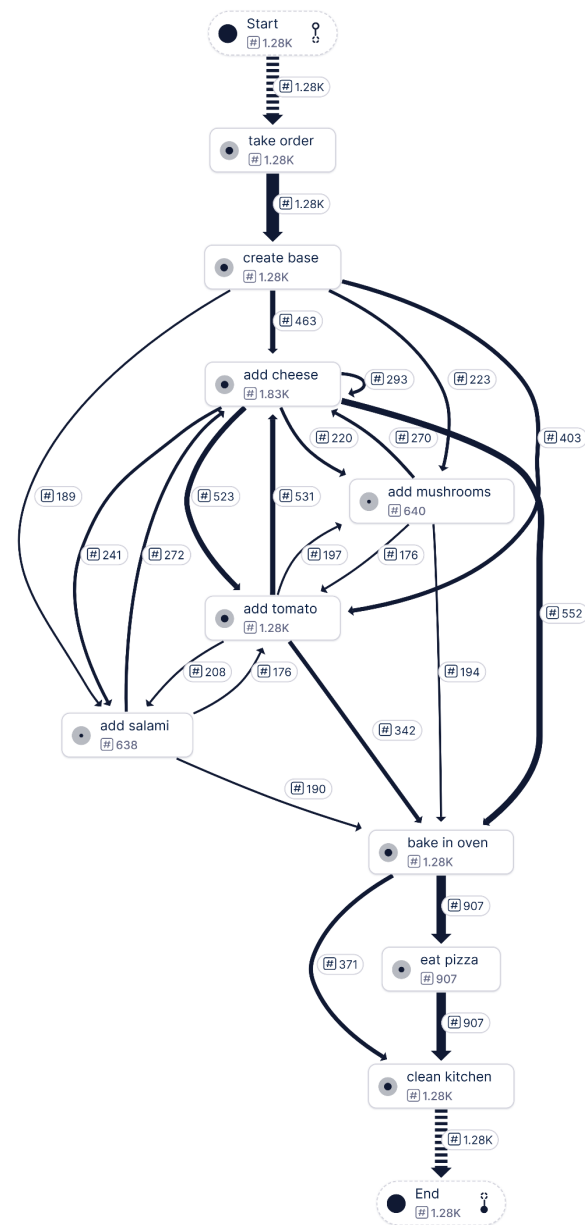
top 5 variants



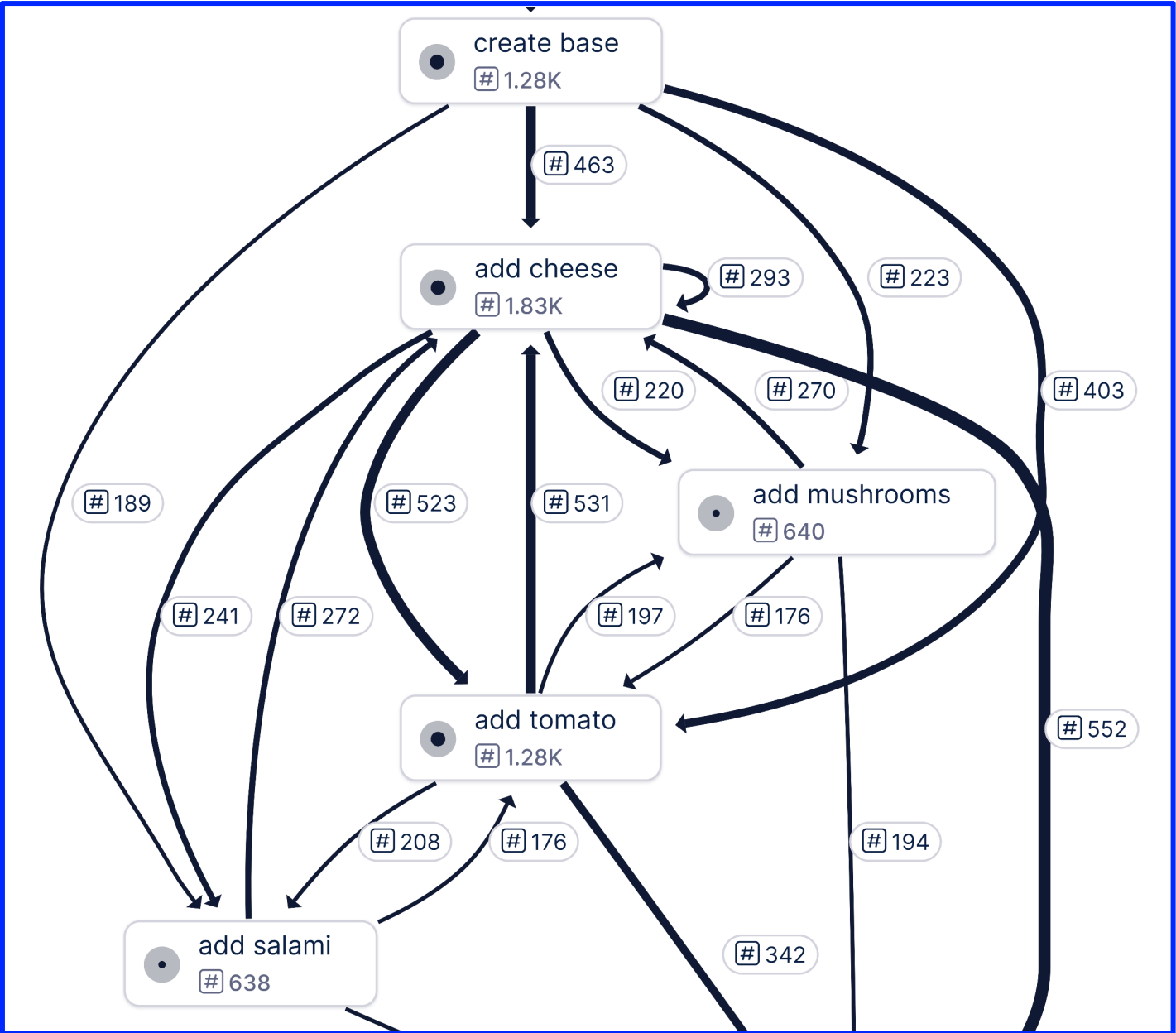
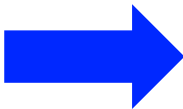
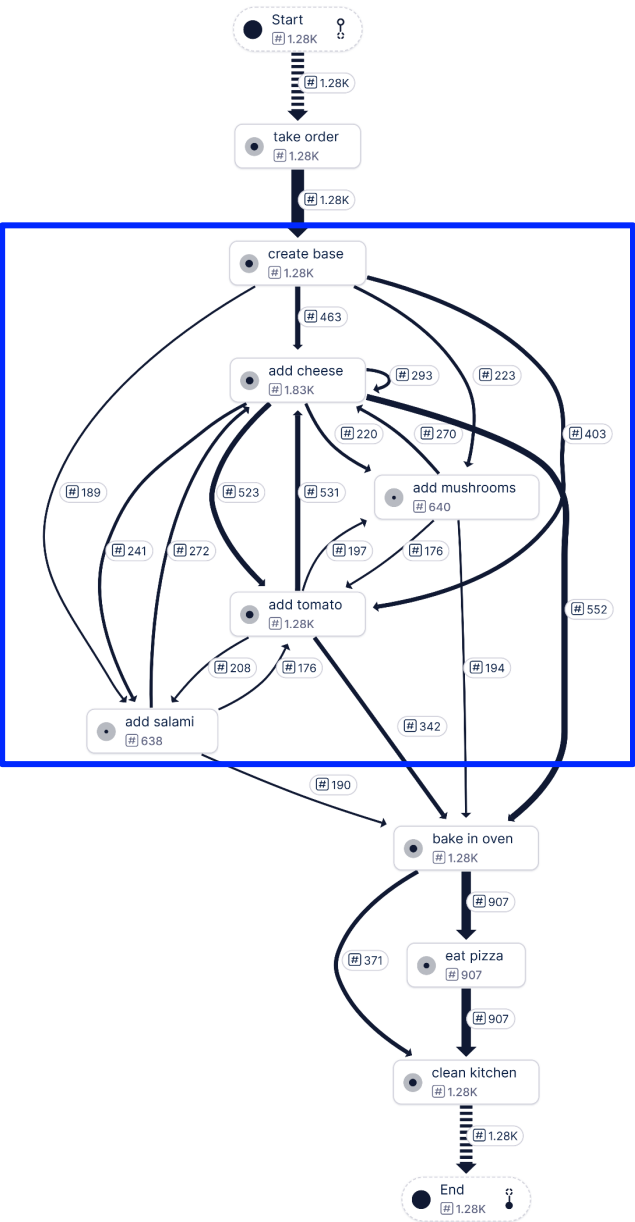
top 25 variants



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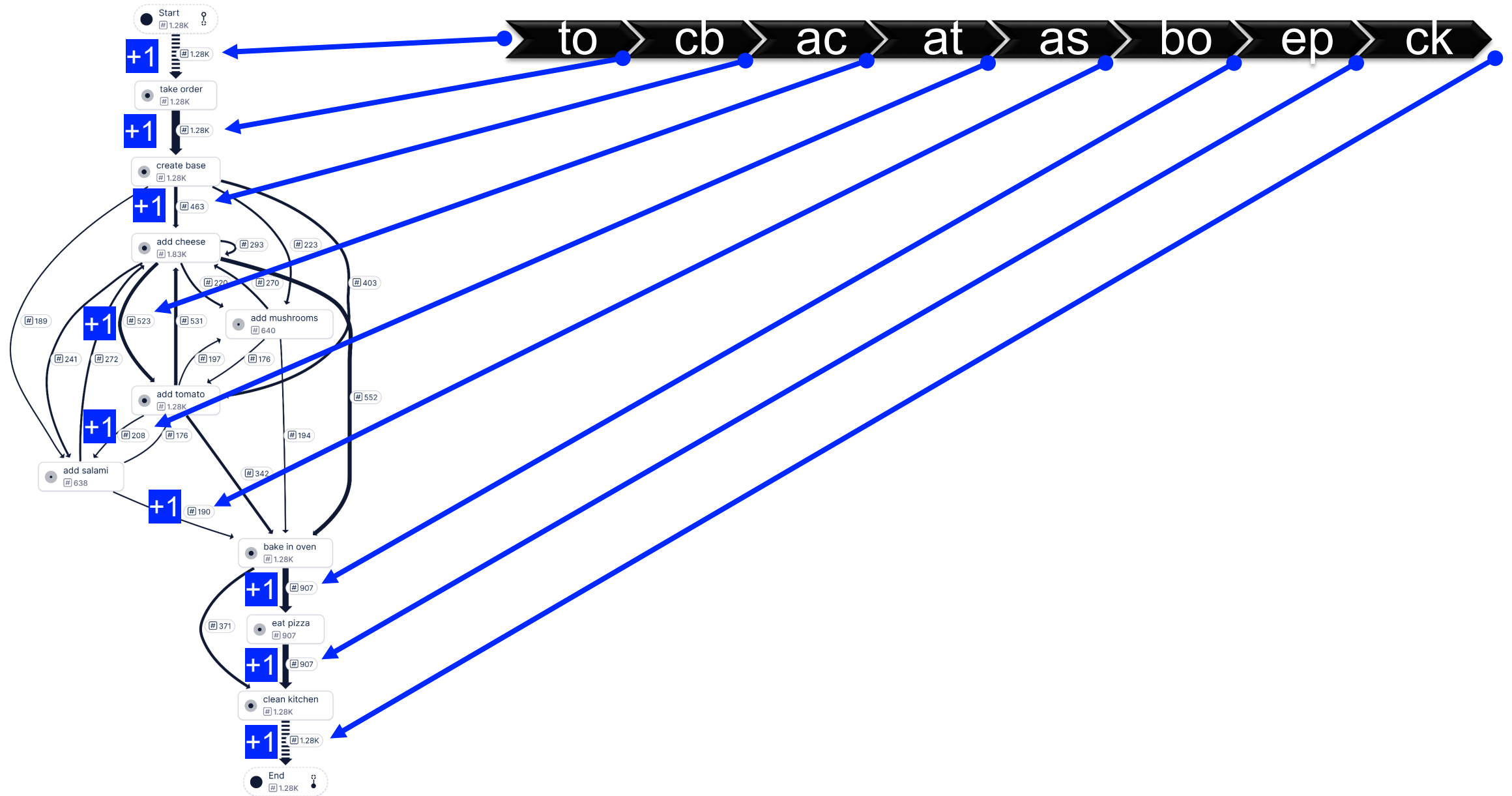


# The corresponding Directly-Follows Graph (DFG)





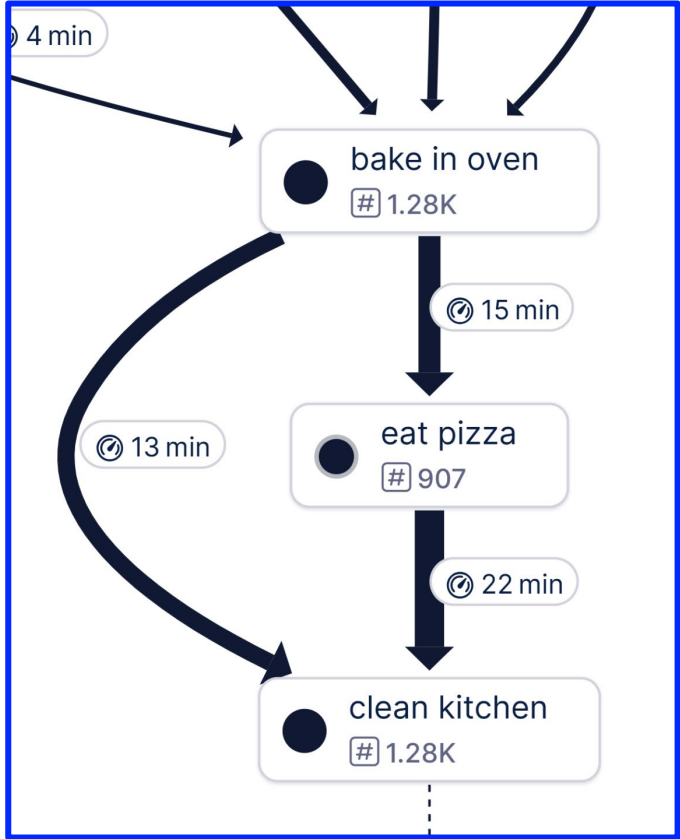
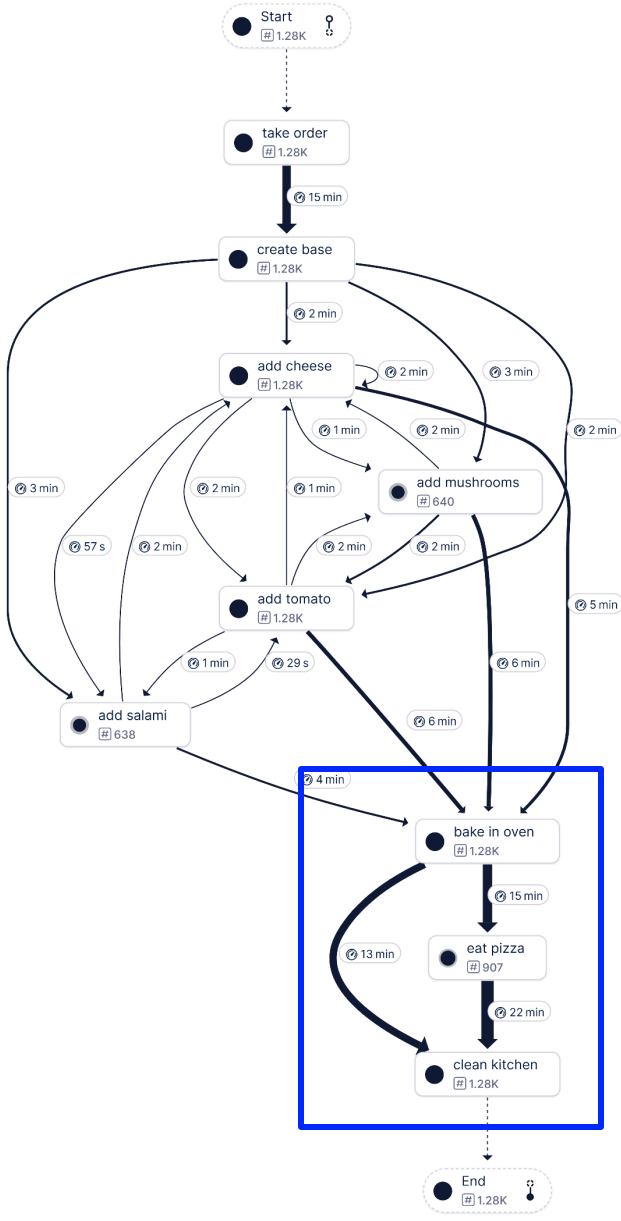
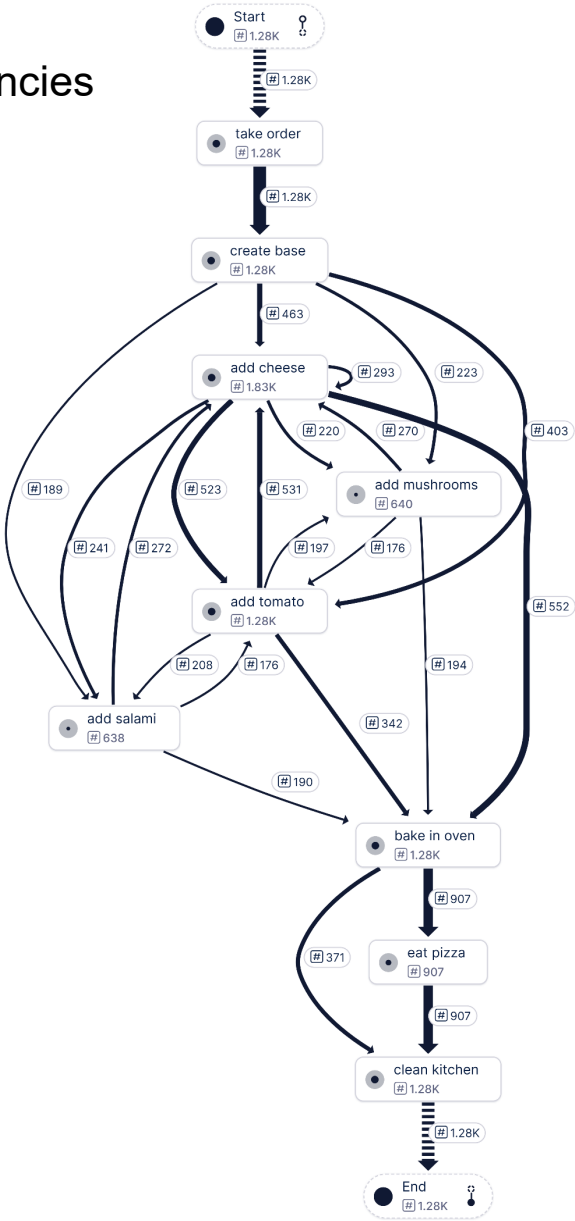
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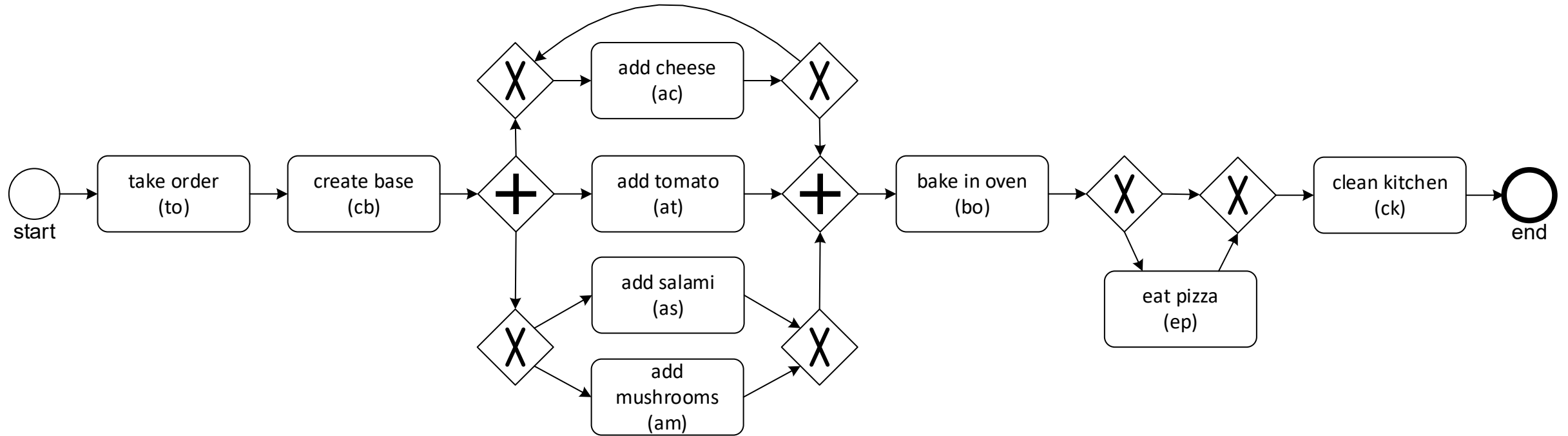
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frequencies

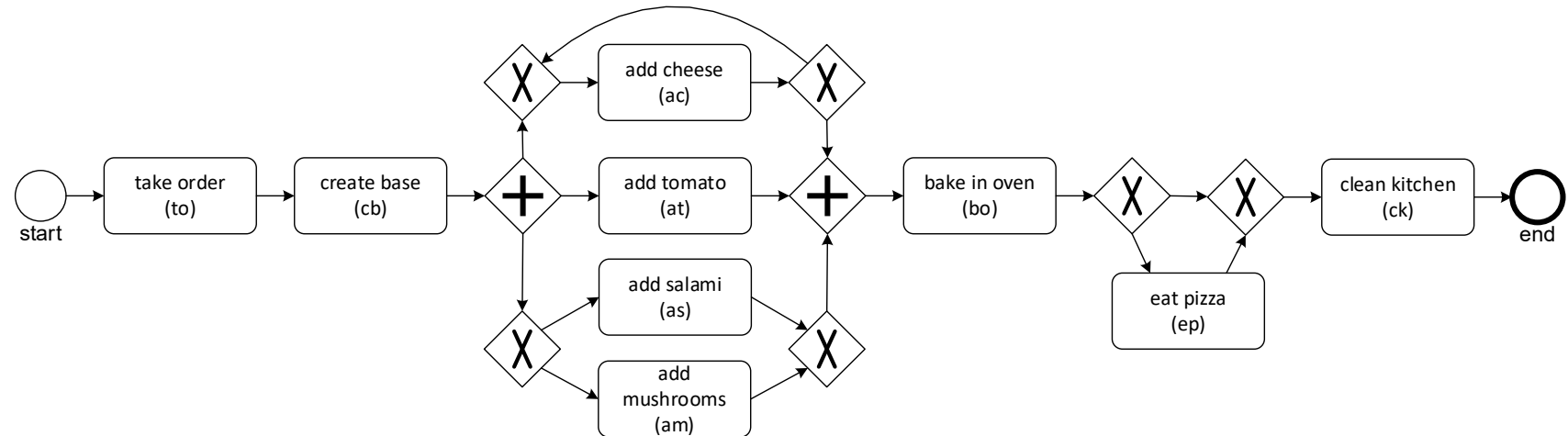
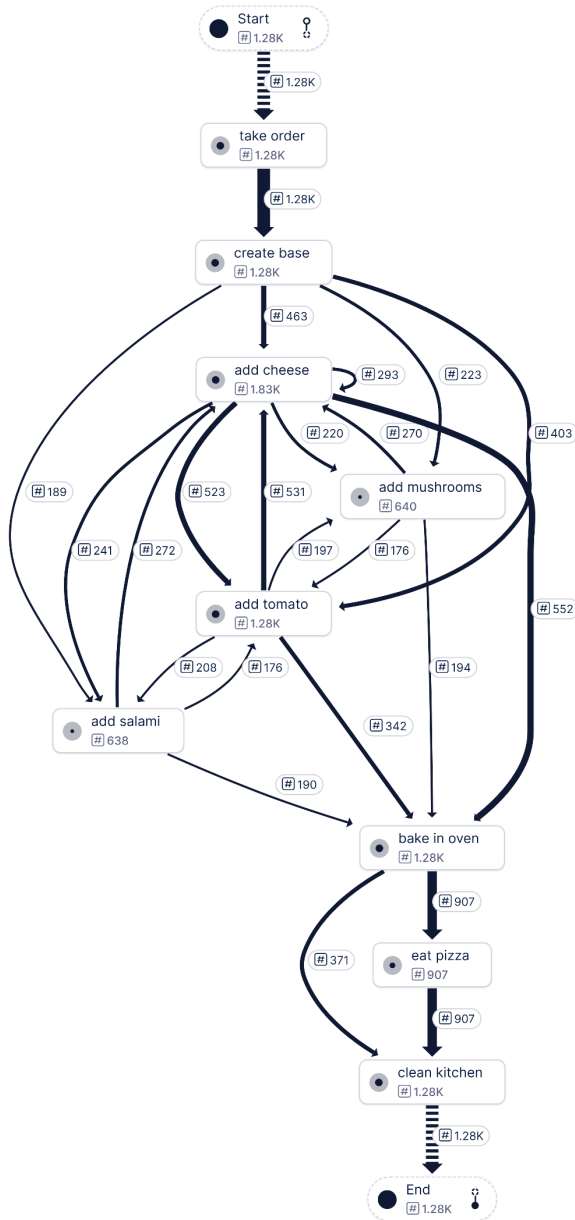
time



Using Inductive Mining (IM) we can automatically discover this BPMN model !

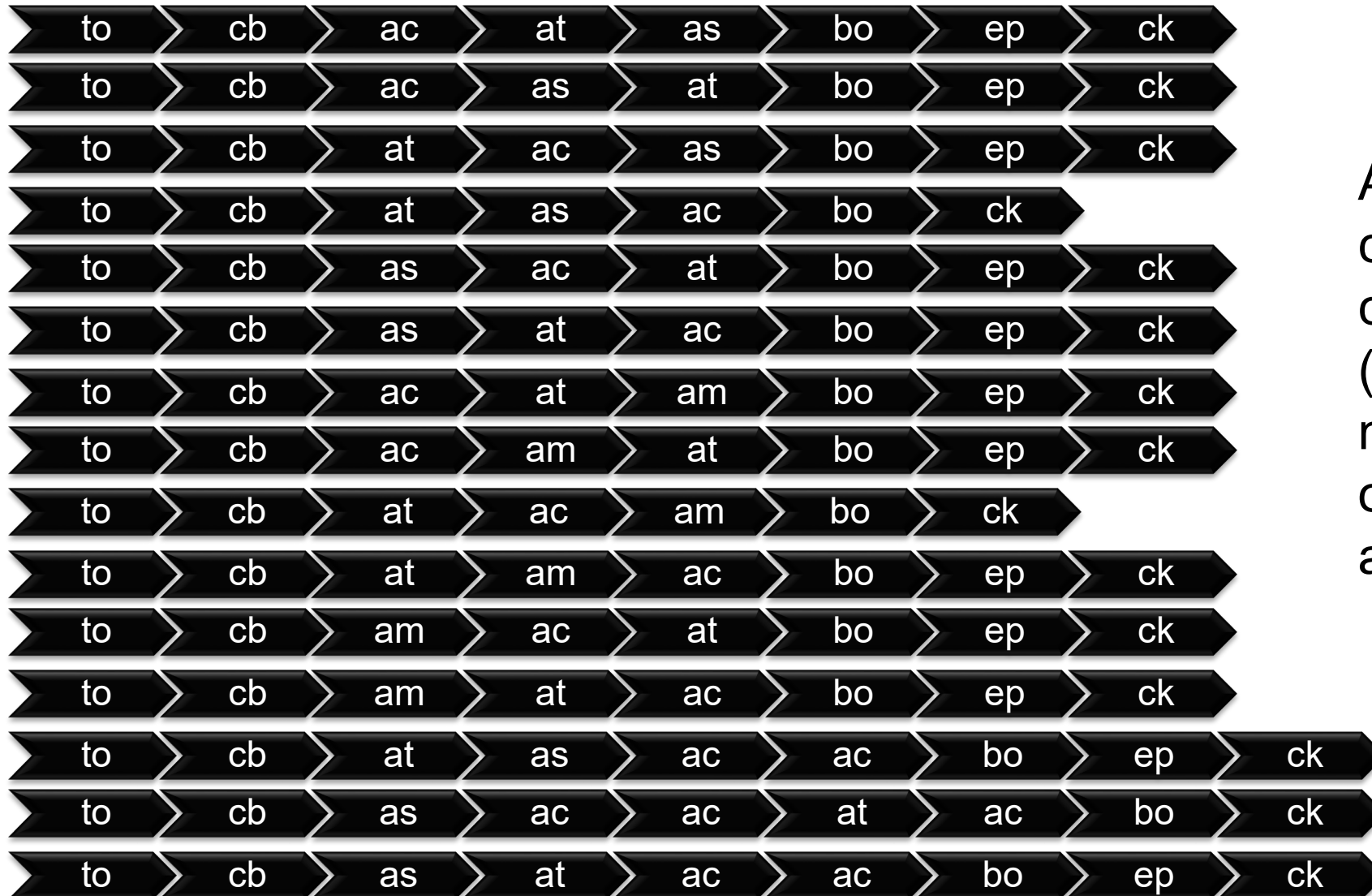


# The BPMN model is easier to understand and more precise!



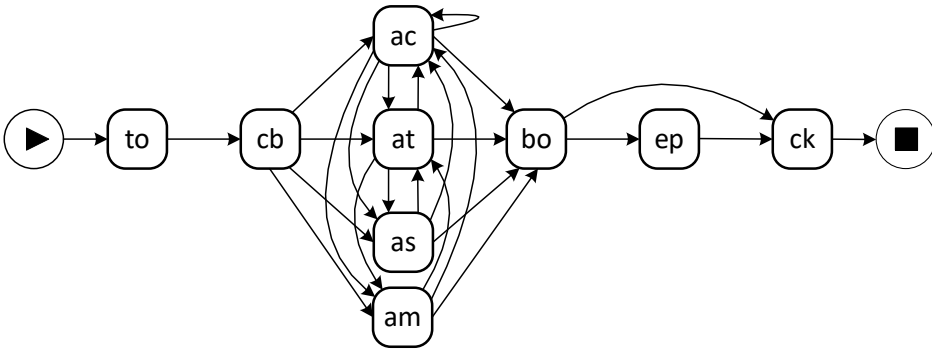
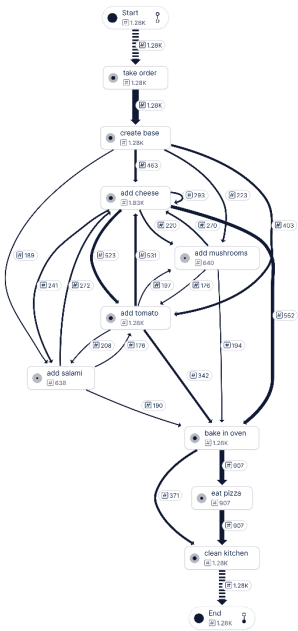
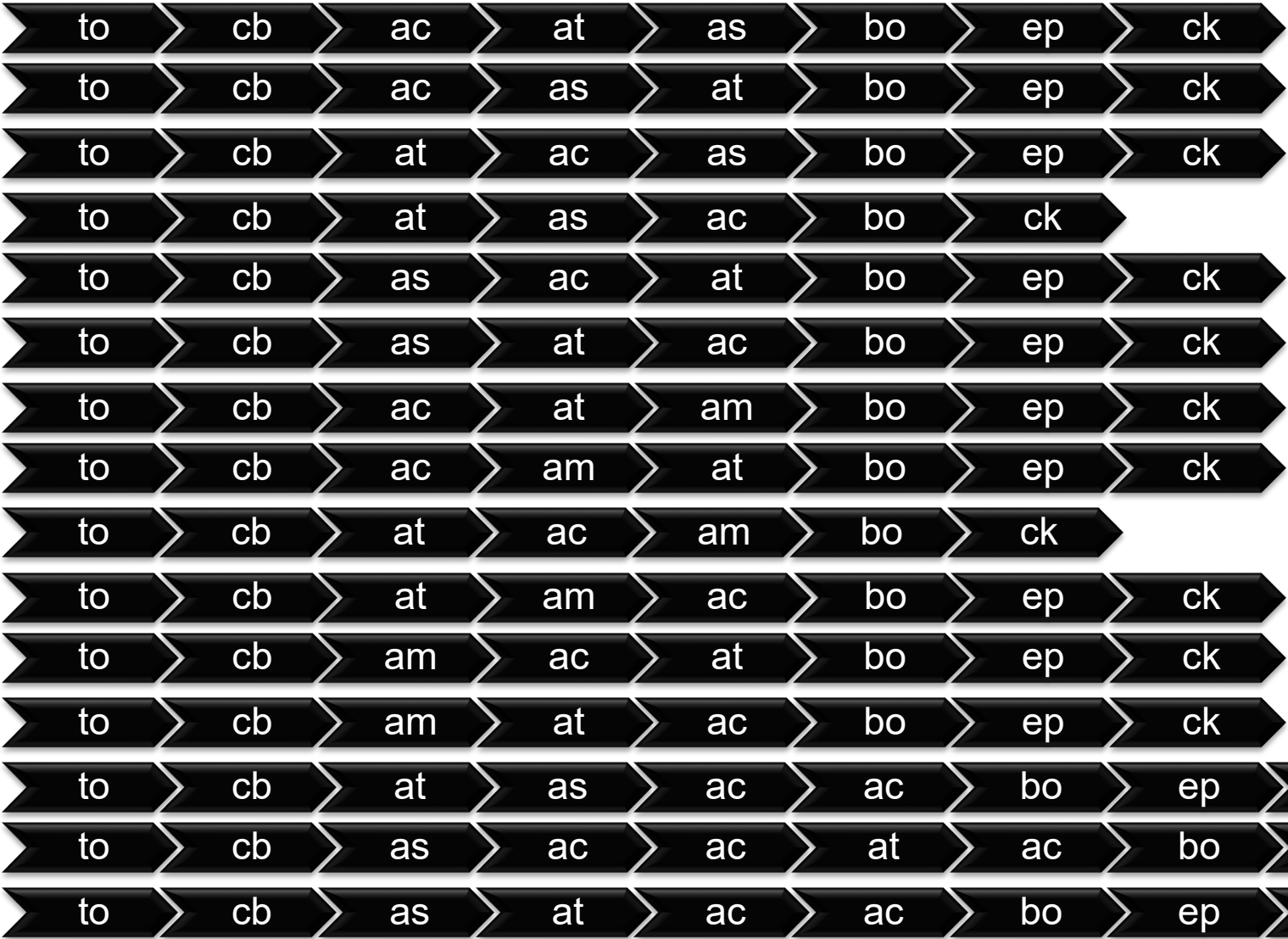
- There was no pizza with both salami and mushrooms.
- There was no pizza with multiple portions of tomato, salami, or mushrooms.
- There was no pizza without tomato.
- Etc.

How does it work? Start with the event data.



Activities: take order (to), create base (cb), add cheese (ac), add tomato (at), add salami (as), add mushrooms (am), bake in oven (bo), eat pizza (ep), and clean kitchen (ck).

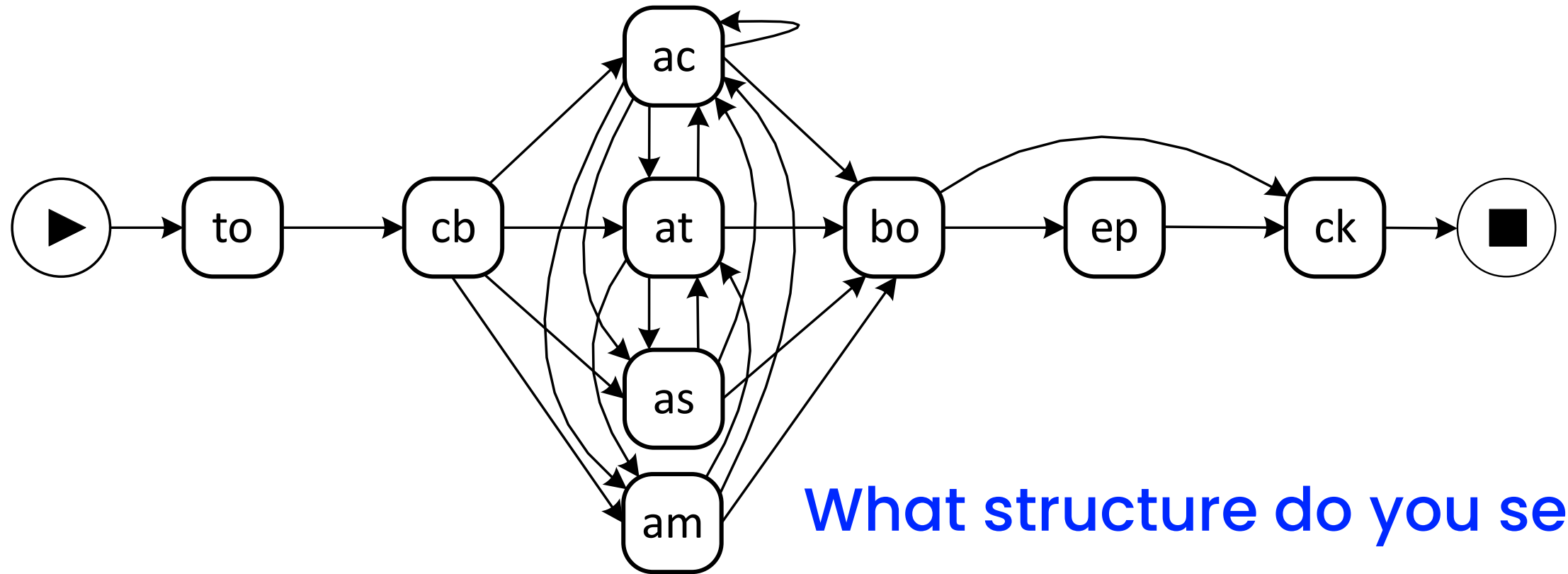
# Create the DFG



frequencies omitted and layout improved for readability

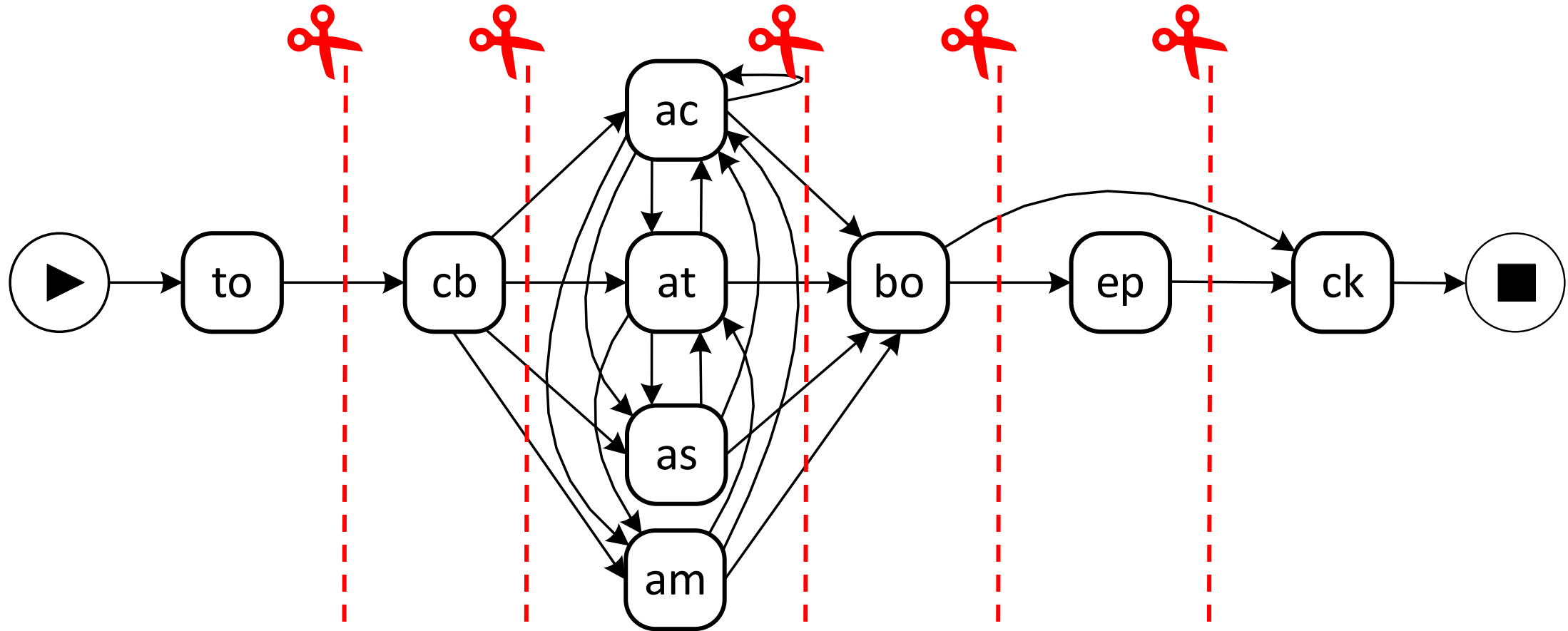


We want to use a divide-and-conquer strategy.



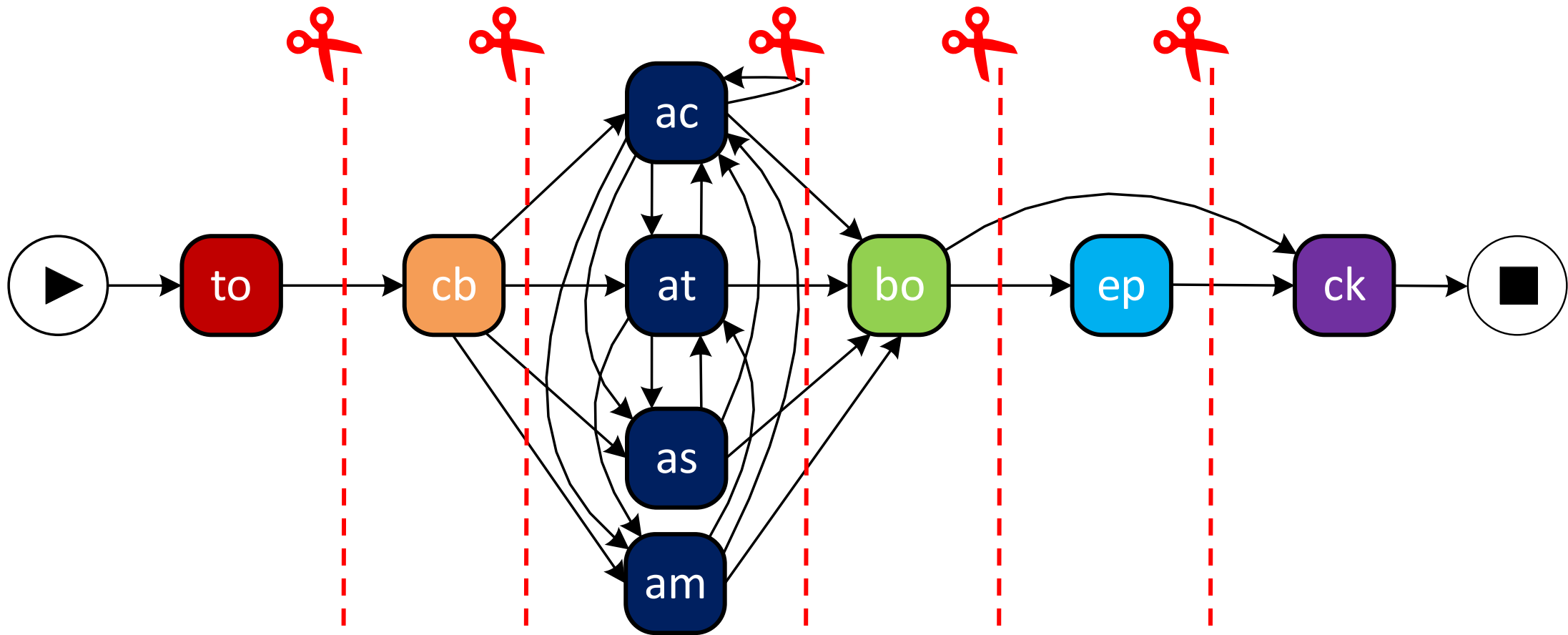
What structure do you see?

Apply a sequence cut

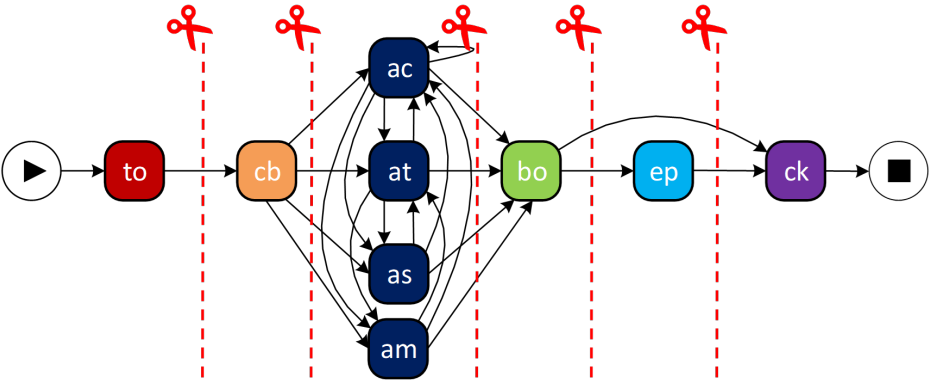


There is a sequence cut when the DFG can be split into sequential parts where only “forward connections” are possible. Note that we need to use the non-reflexive transitive closure.

Sequence cut partitions activities in six subsets



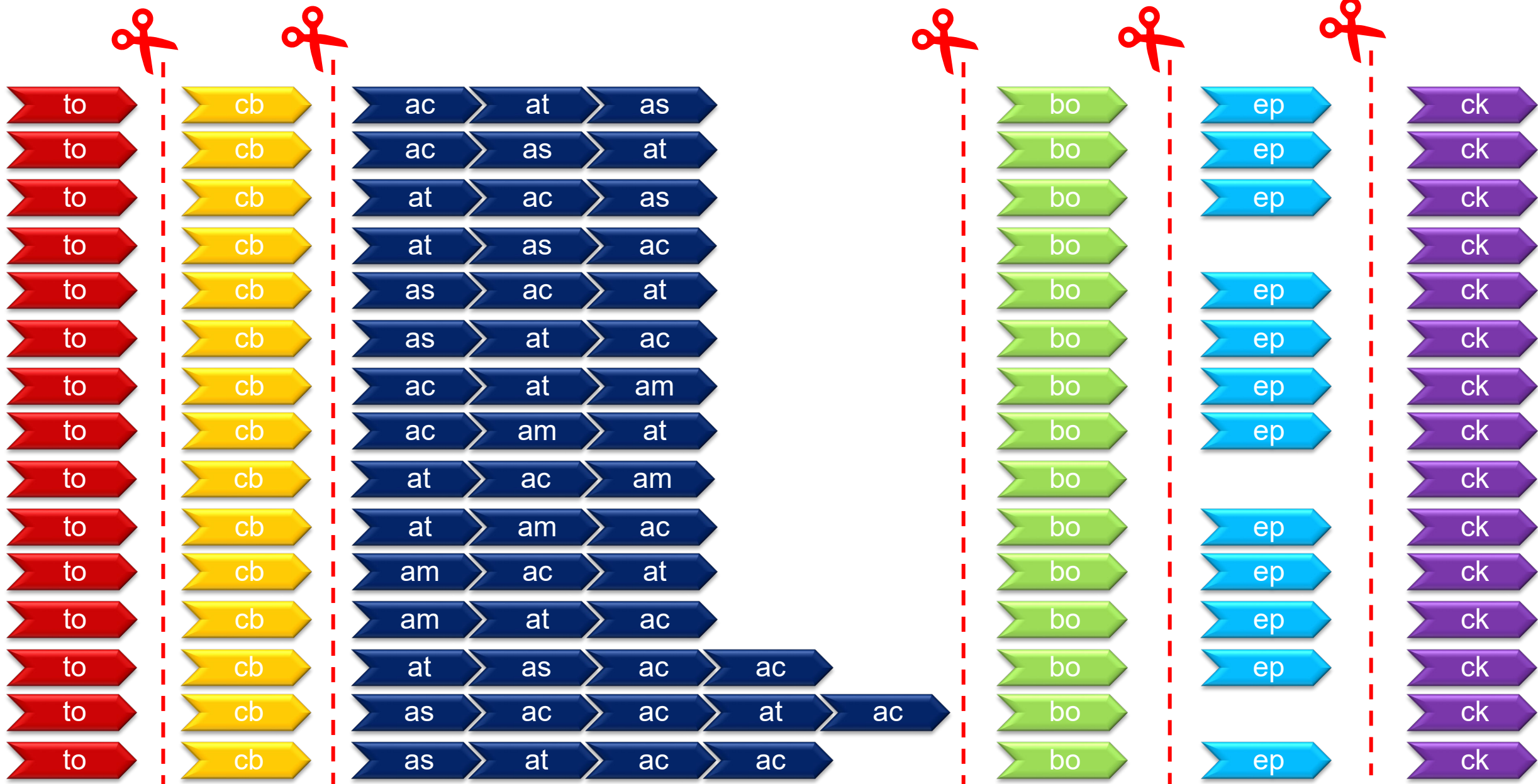
# Color the events based on the partitioning



# Split the events based on the coloring

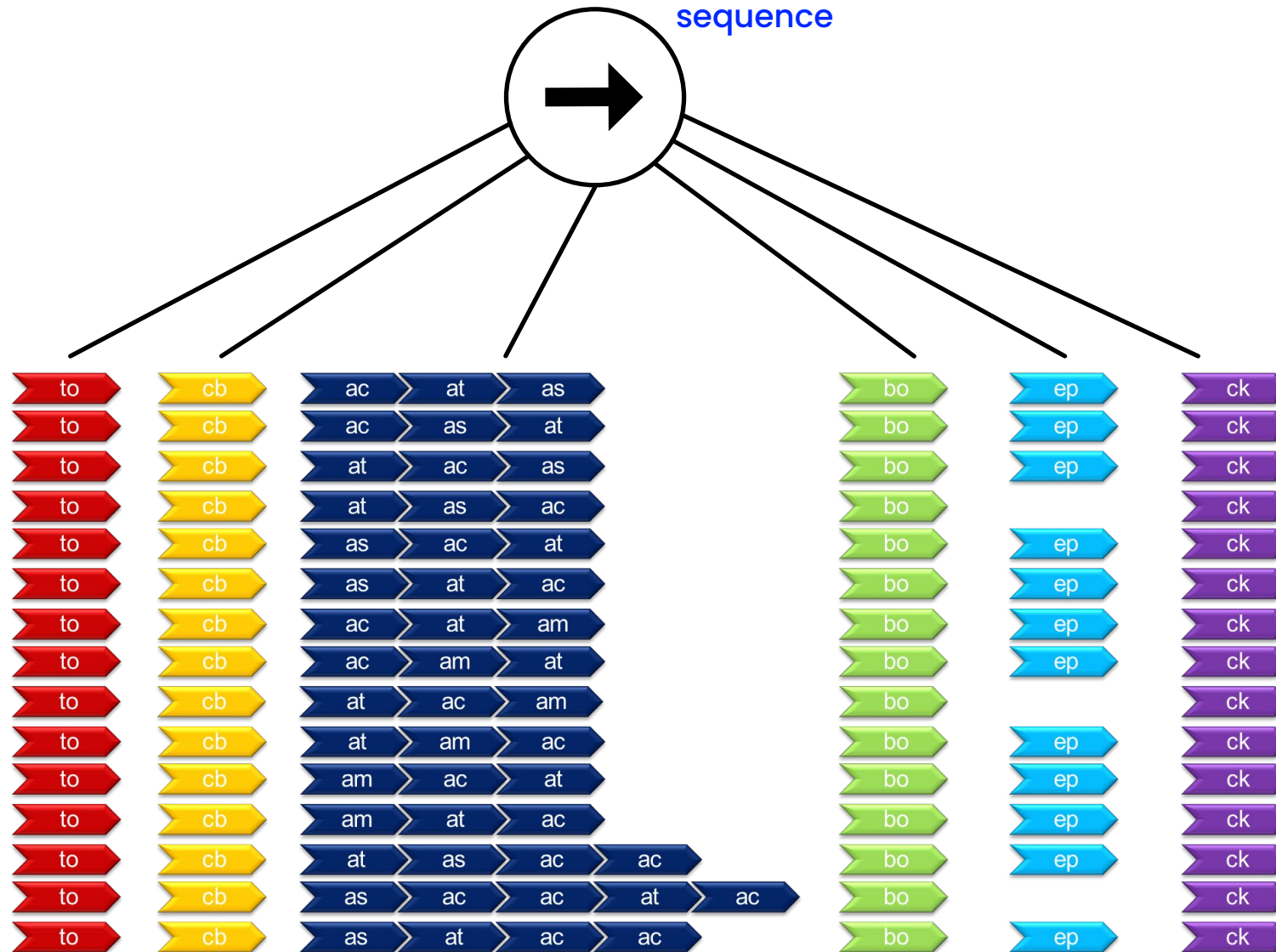


Create six new event logs



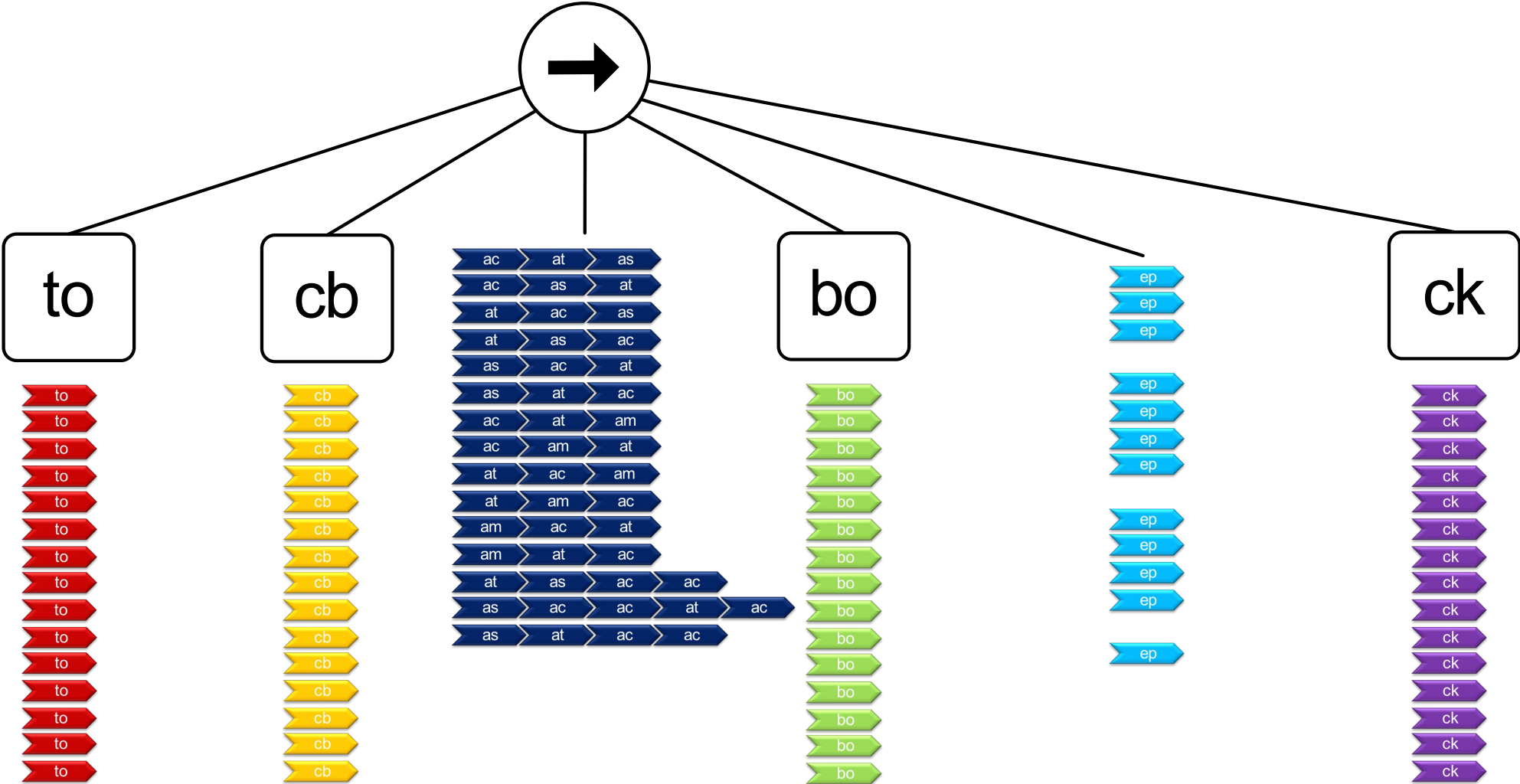


## Connect the subprocesses using a process tree starting with a sequence node

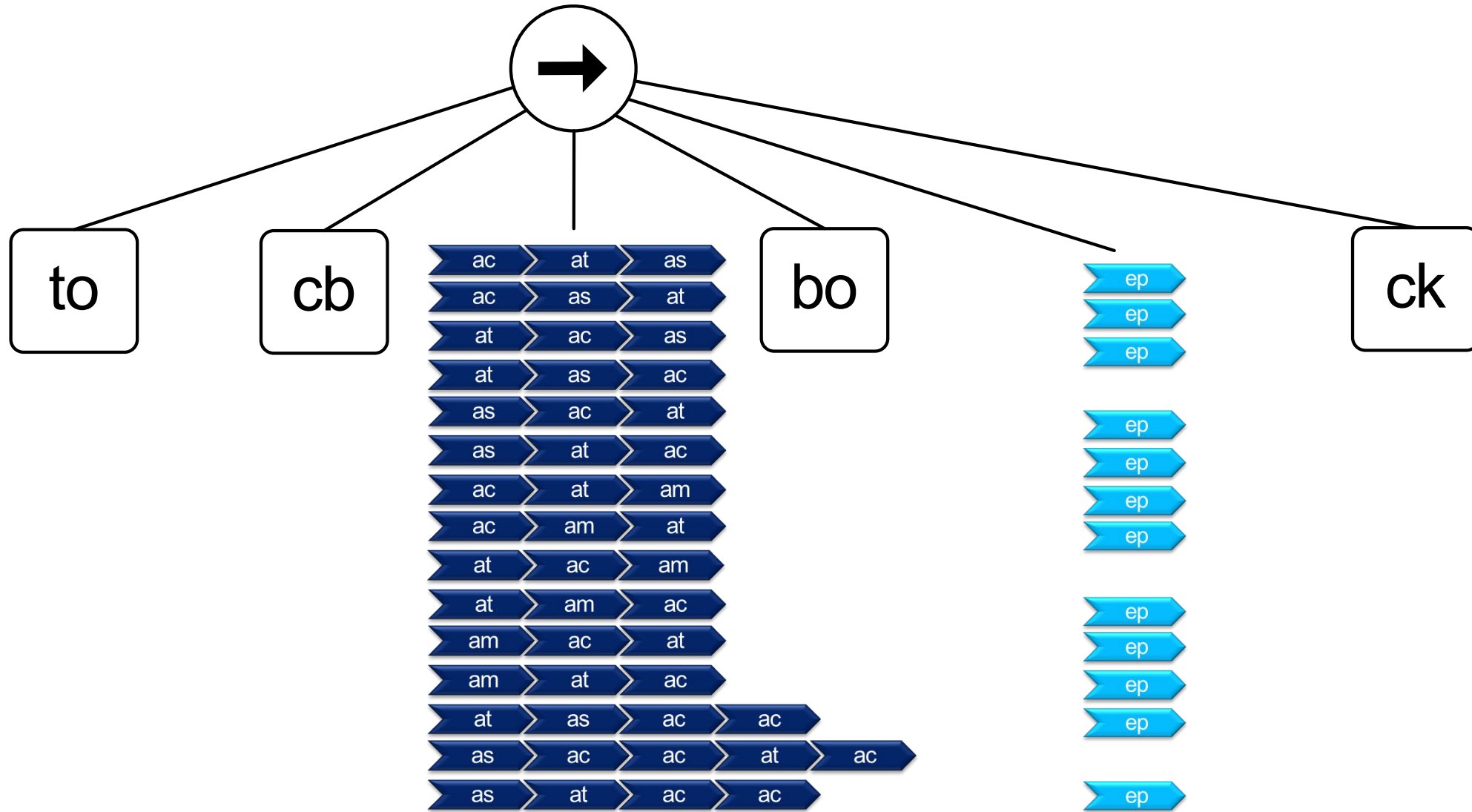


Five of the projected event logs refer to a single activity (base case).

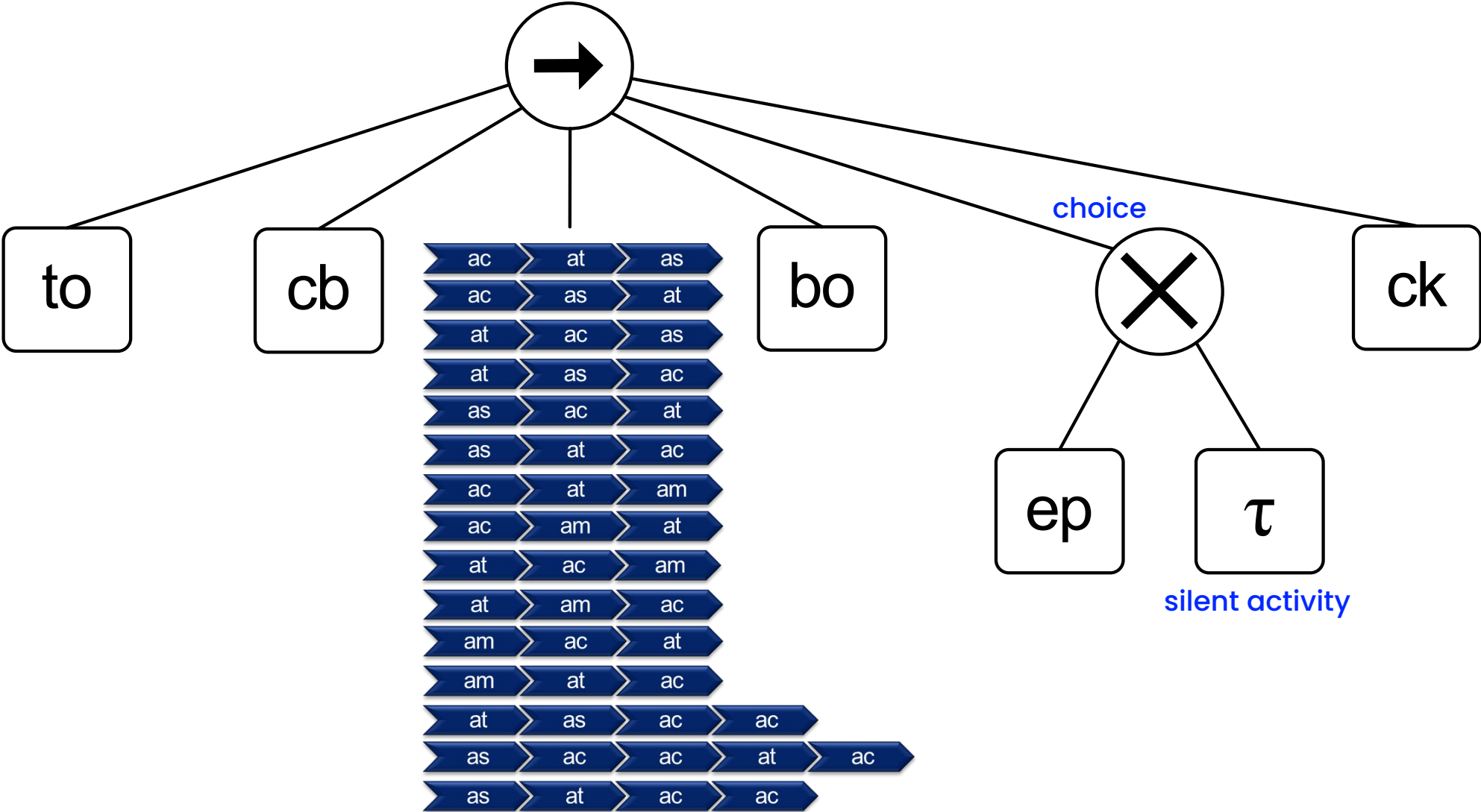
First, handle the event logs where one activity happens precisely once



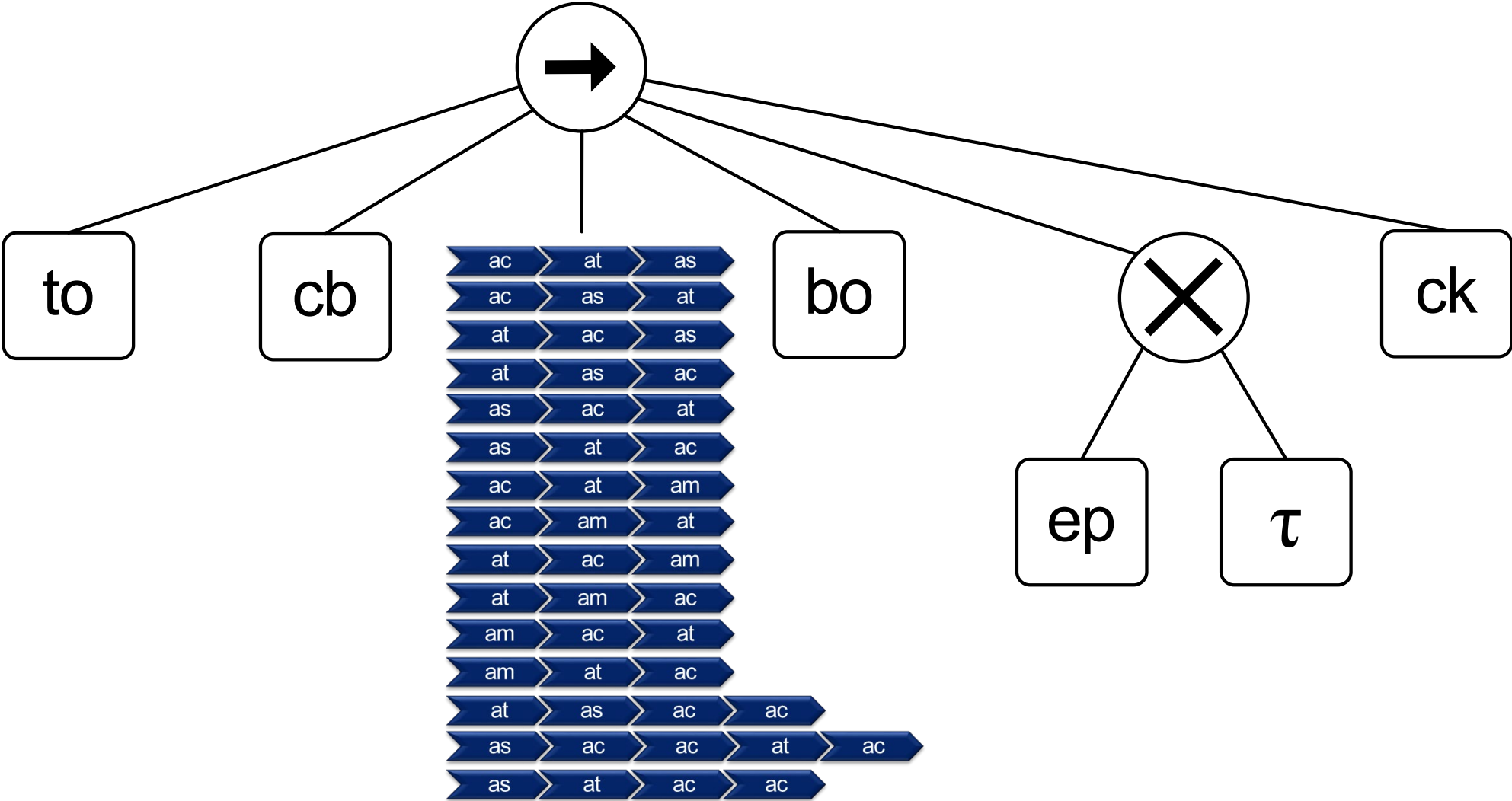
Two sub logs remain. Any log with just one unique activity can be handled easily.



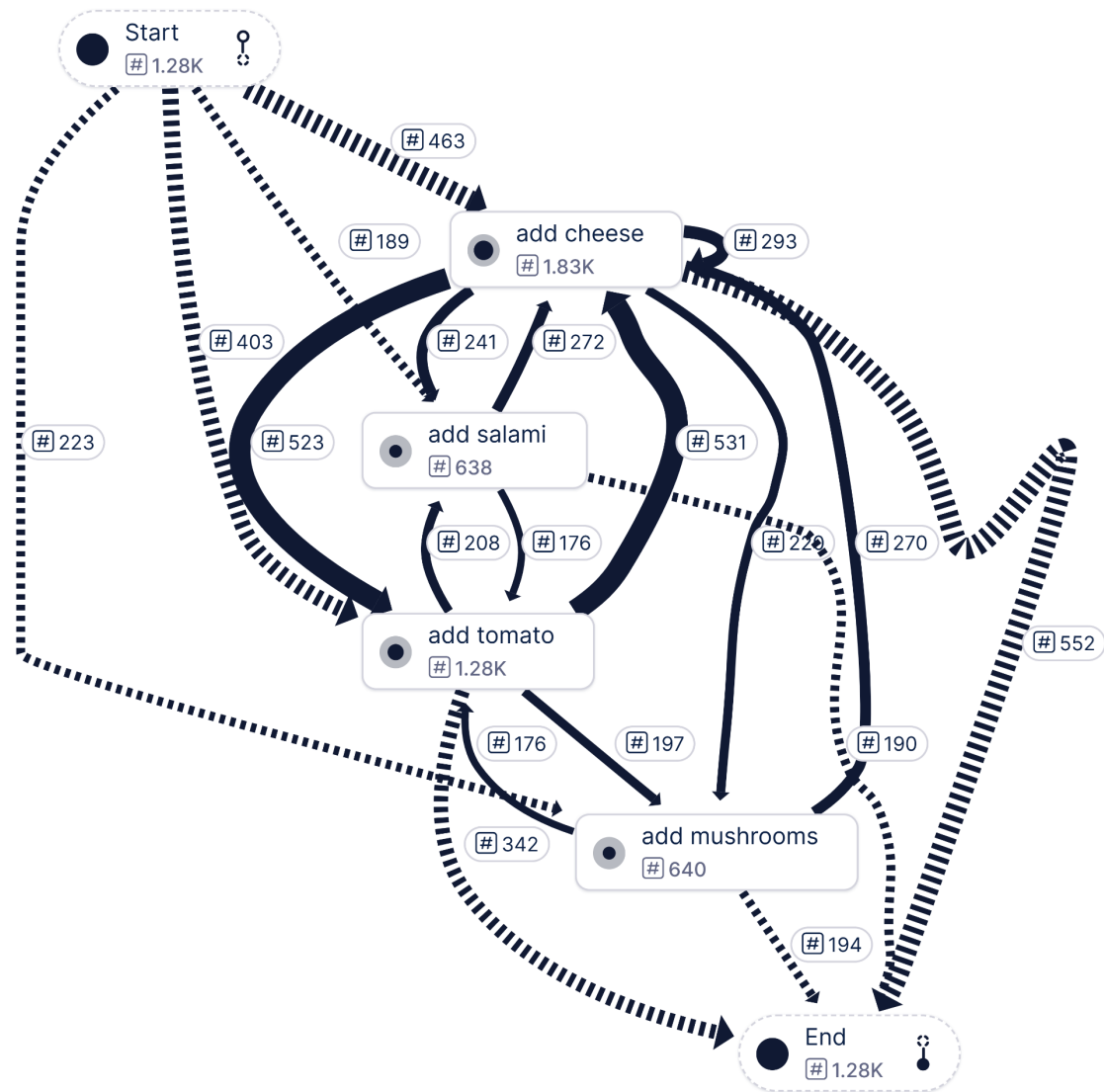
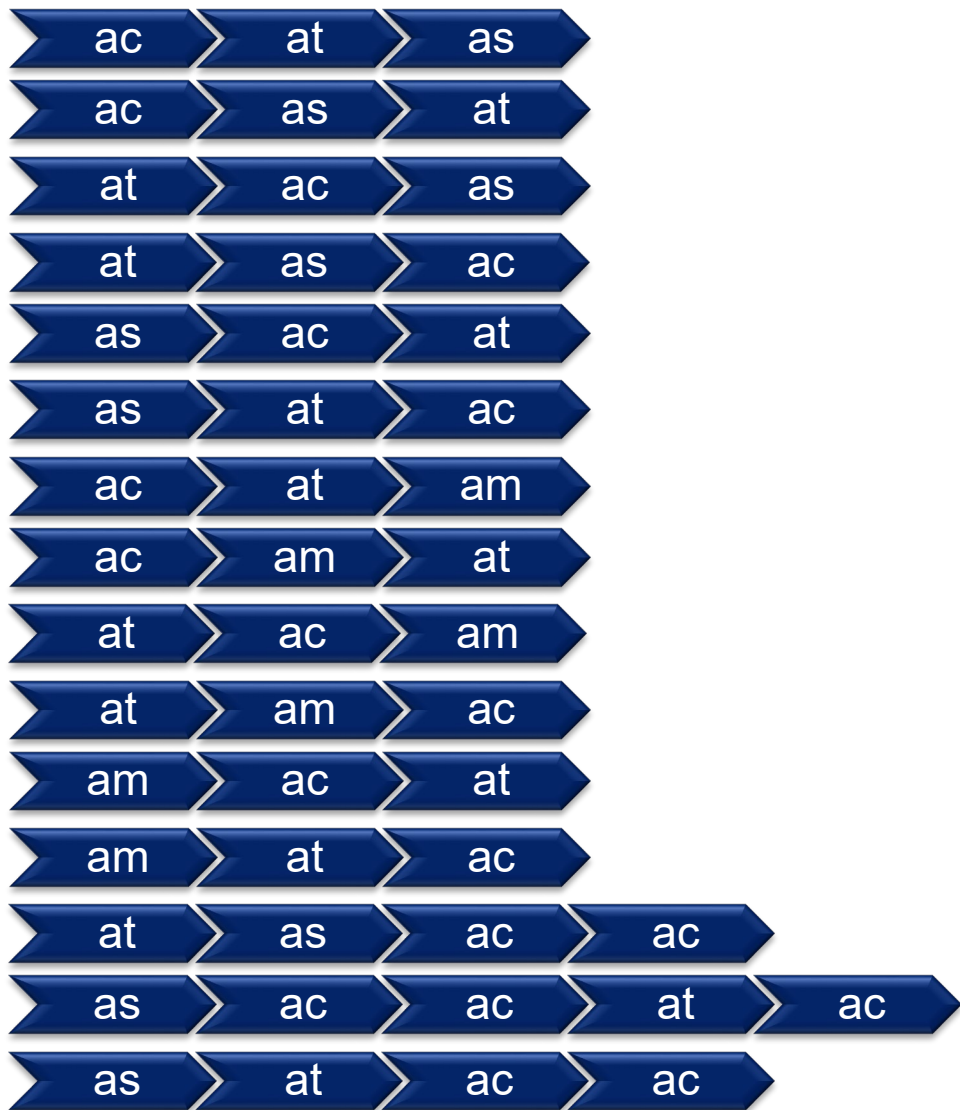
Eat pizza (ep) can be skipped: Use choice node and “silent activity”



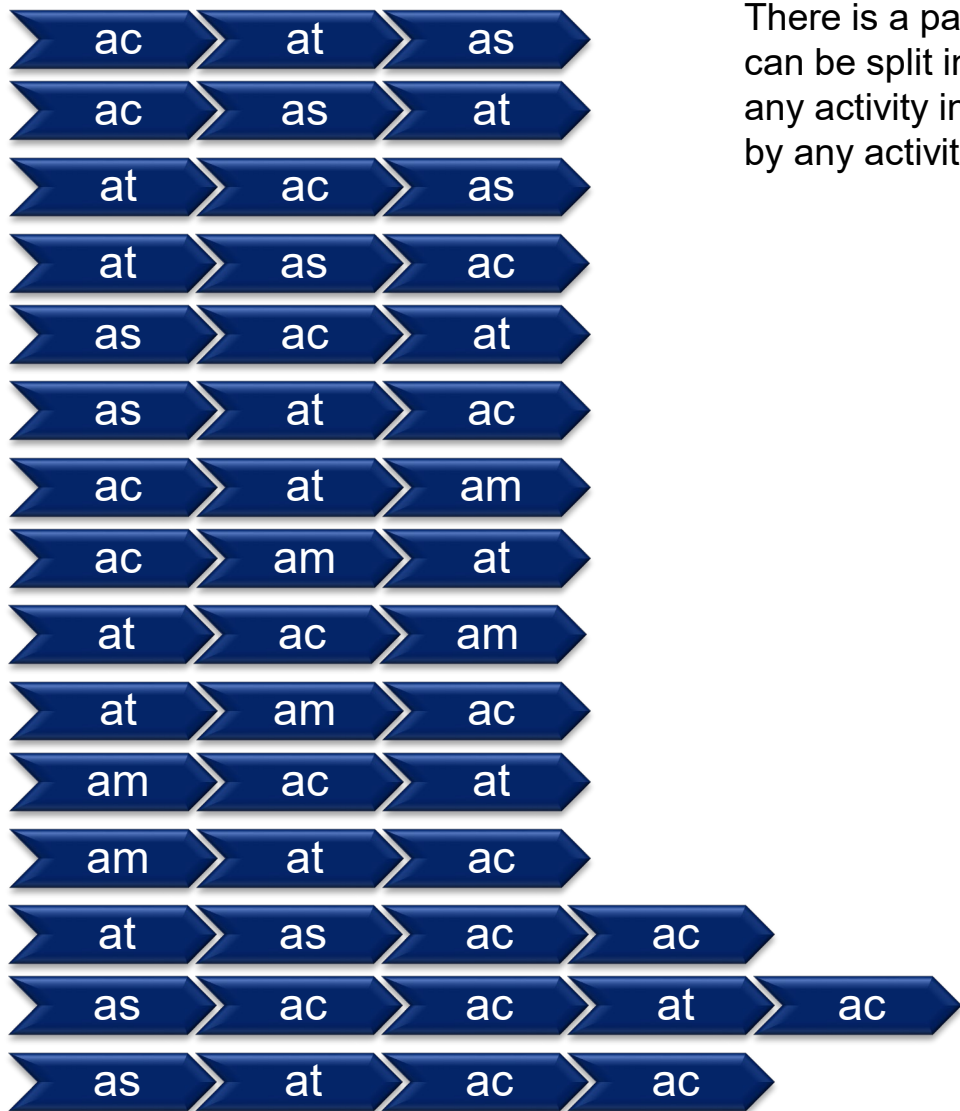
Only the blue event log remains



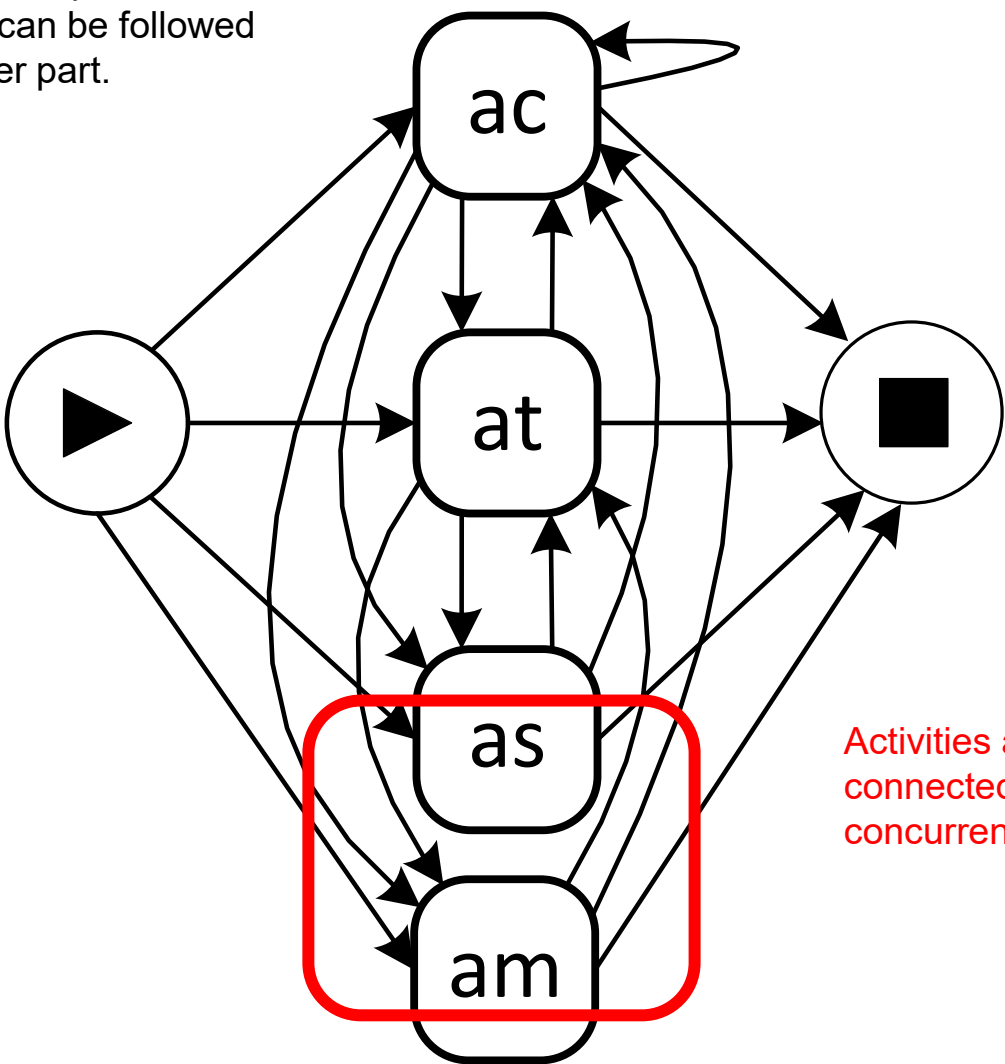
Continue with the blue event log: Repeat the process and create a DFG



# Continue with the blue event log: Repeat the process

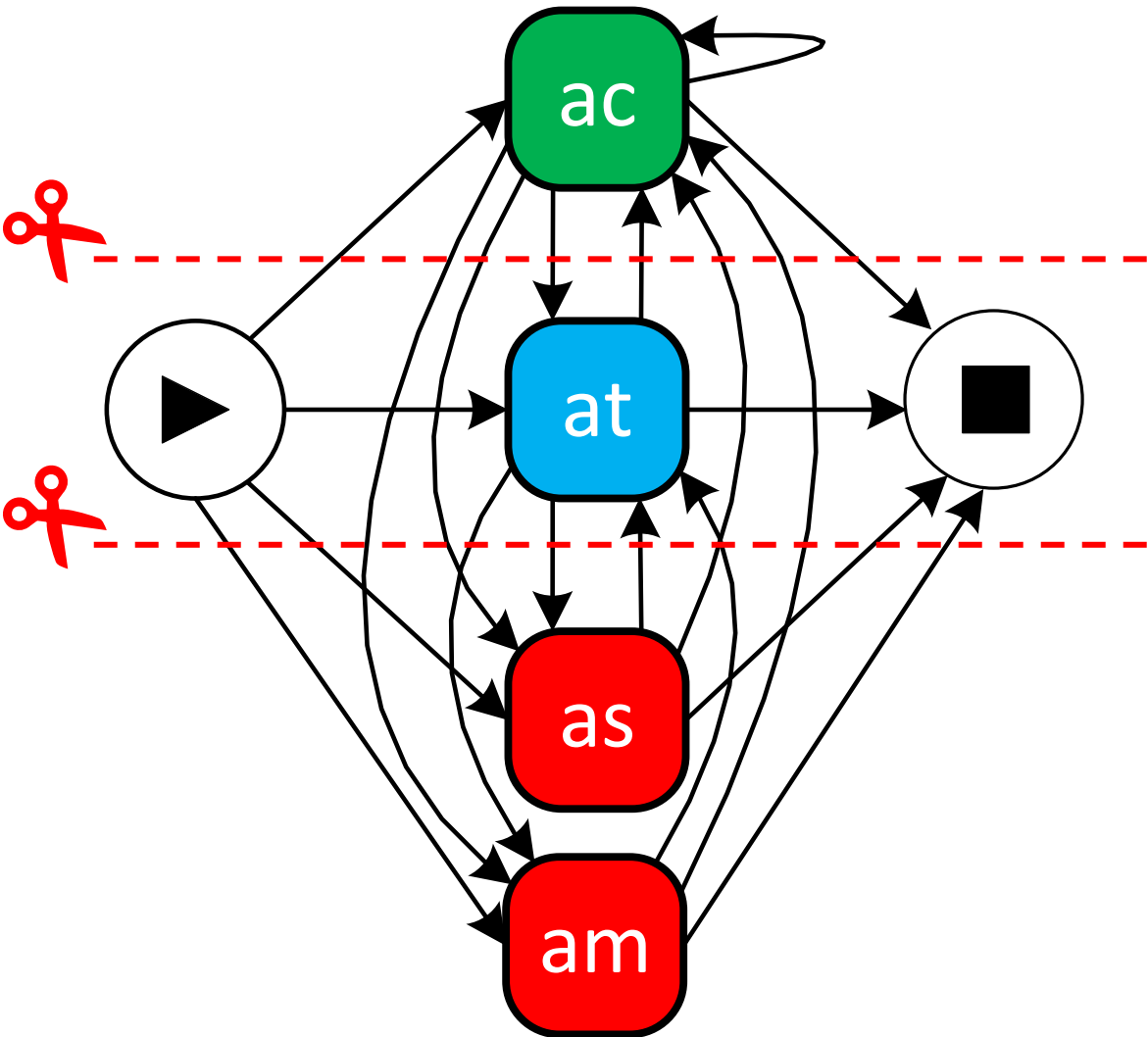
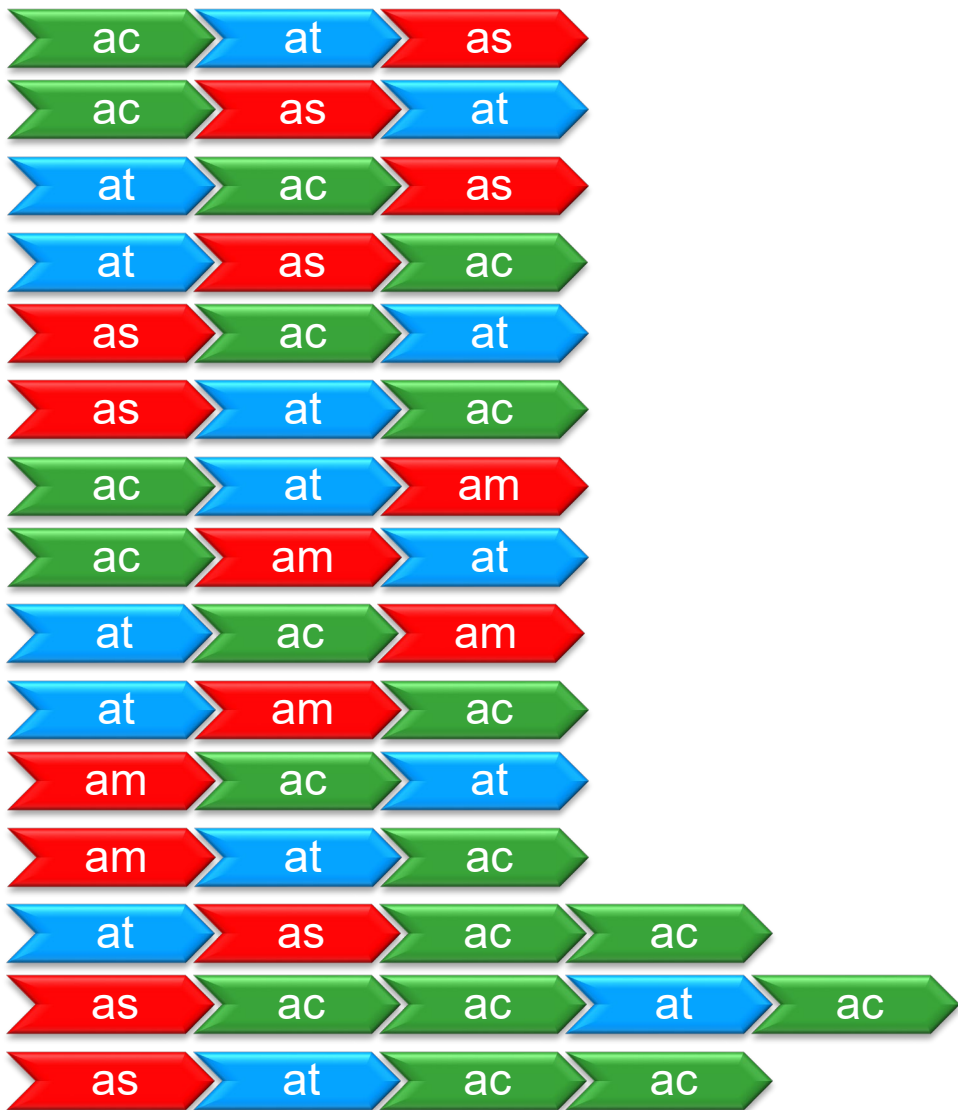


There is a parallel cut when the DFG can be split into concurrent parts where any activity in one part can be followed by any activity in another part.



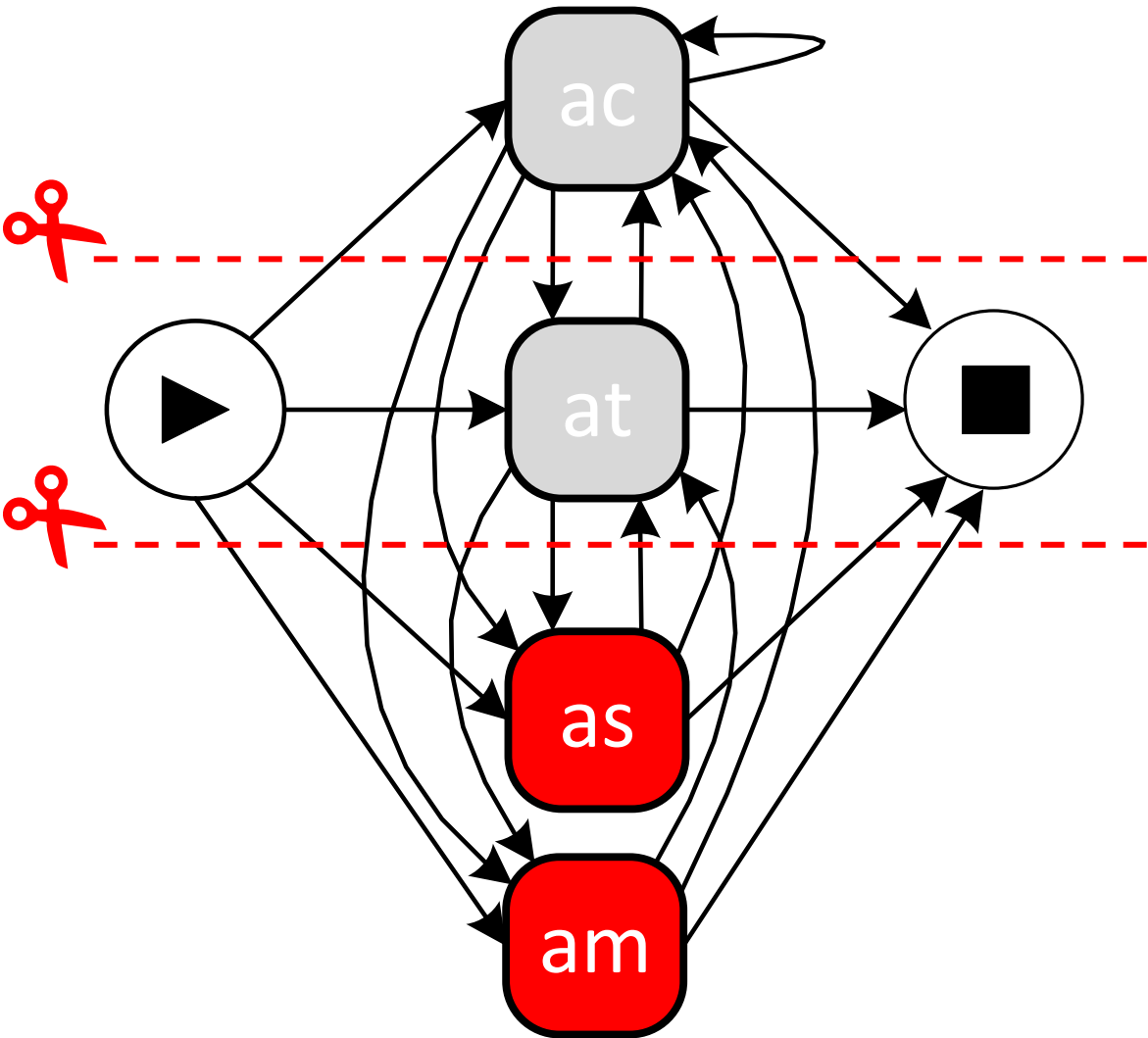
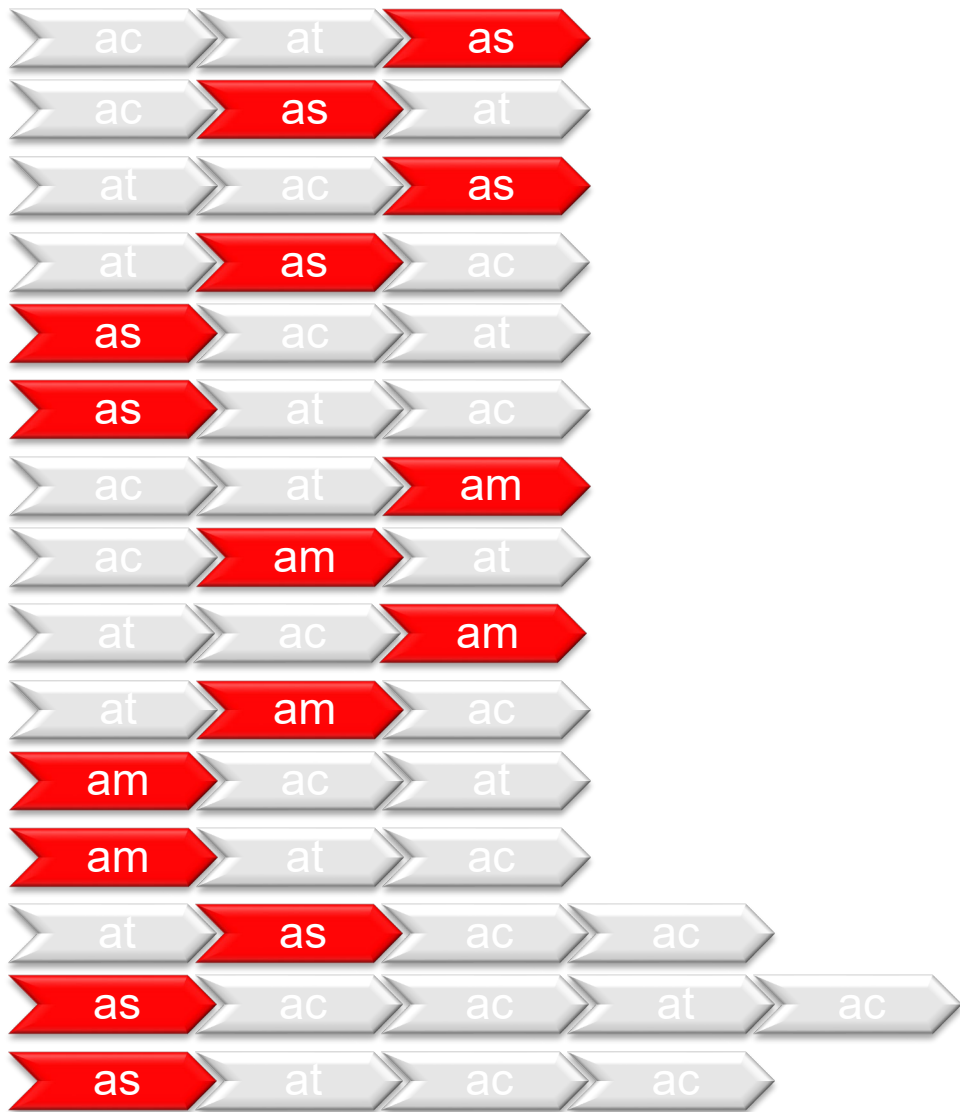


Apply a parallel cut resulting in three activity groups

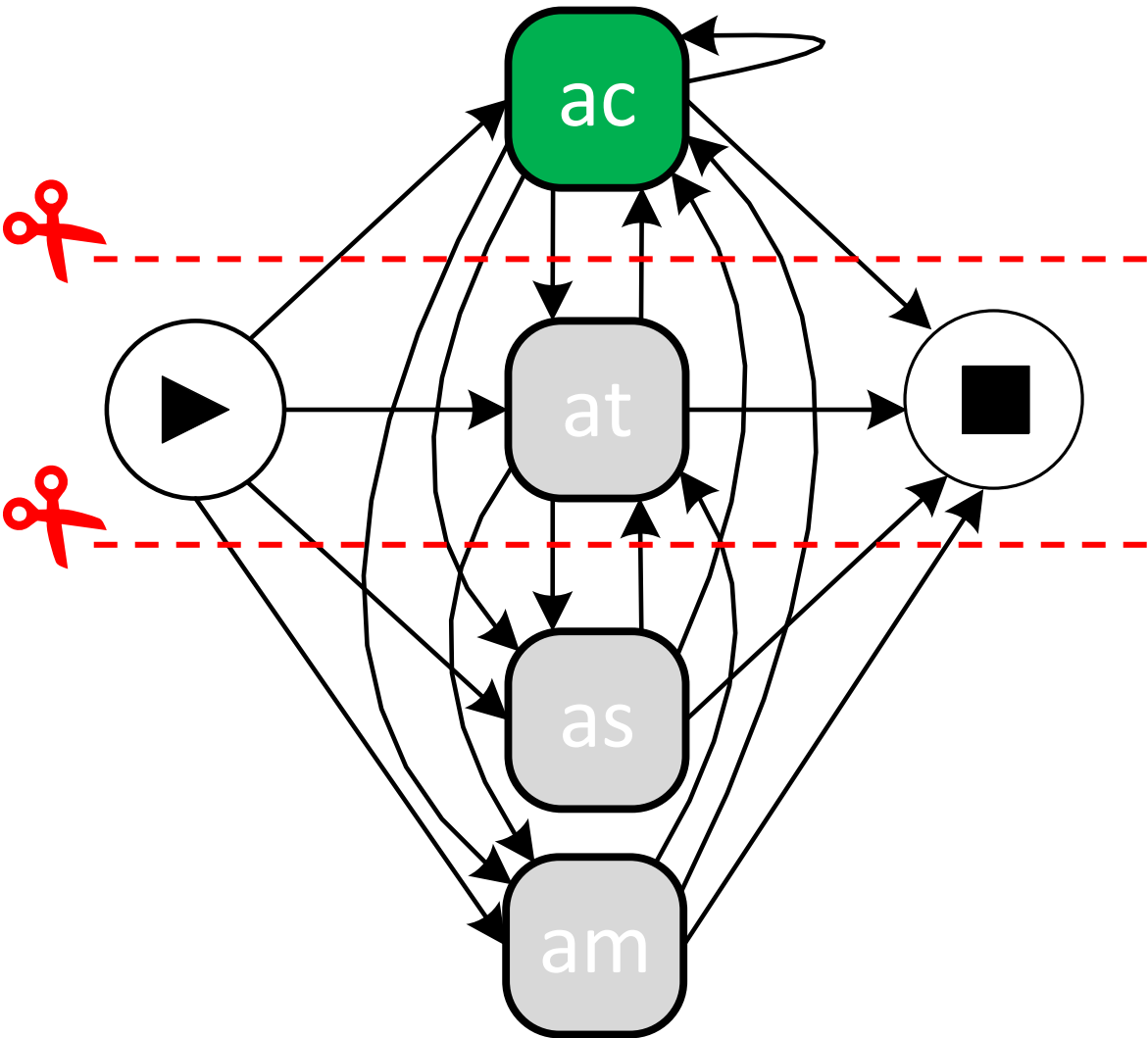
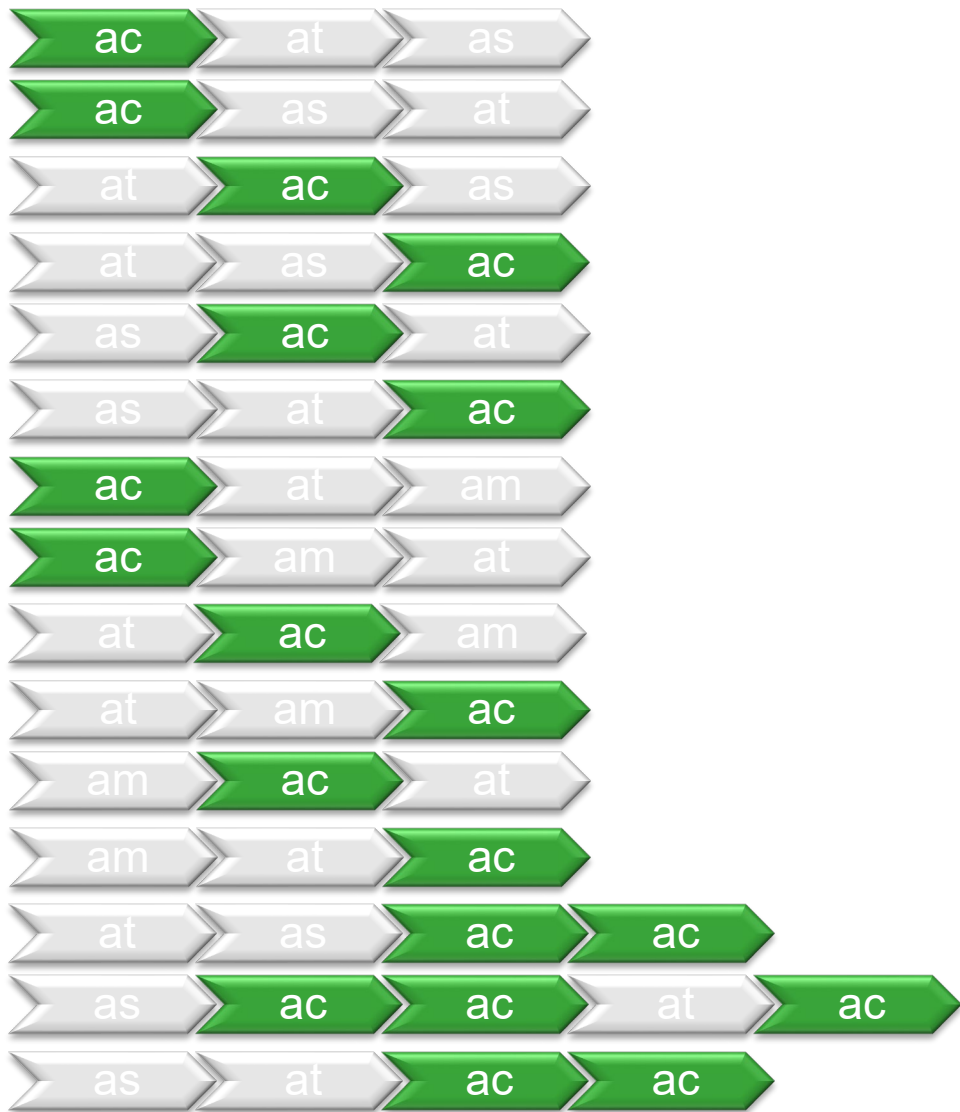




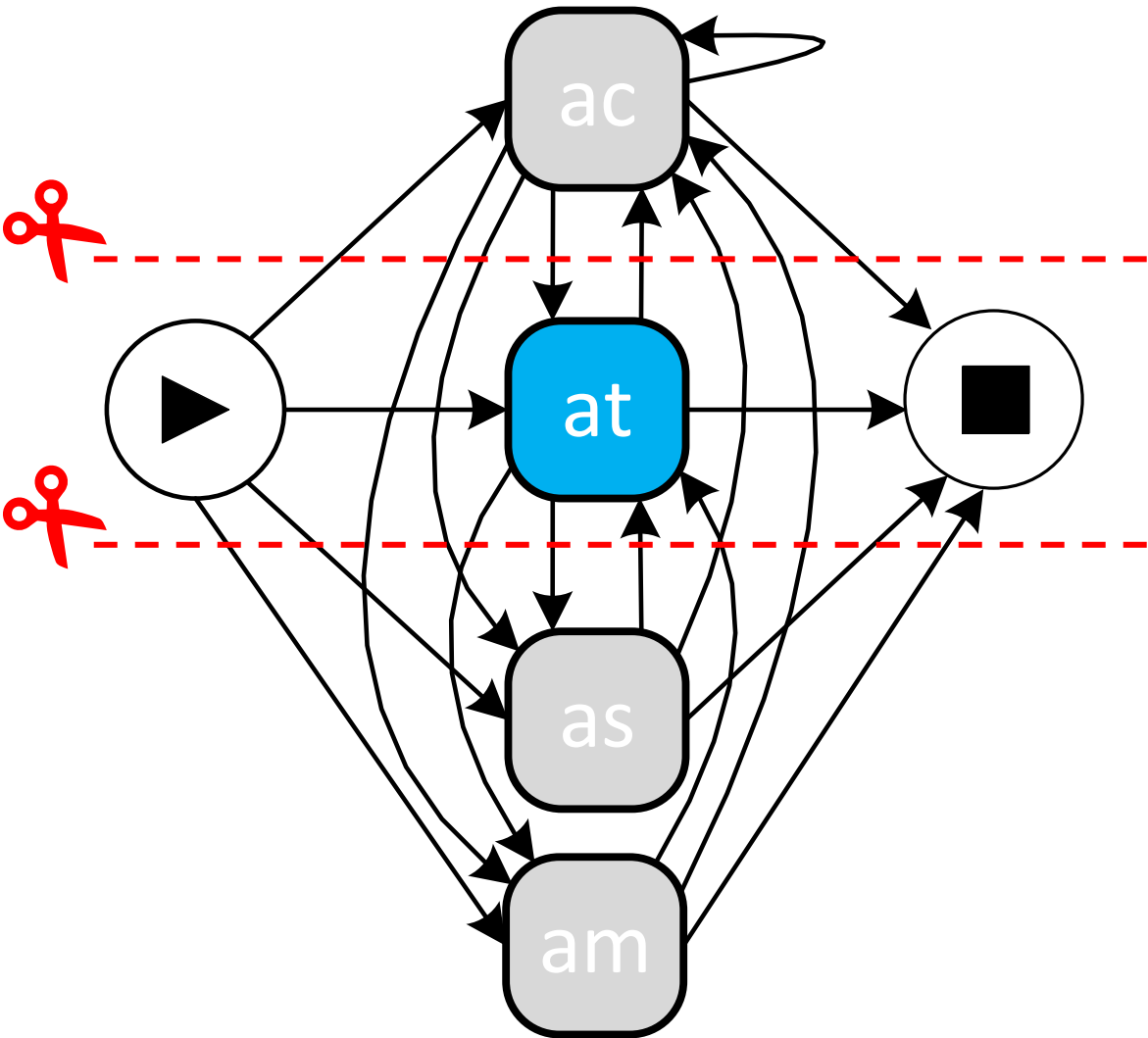
Create three new event logs (1/3)



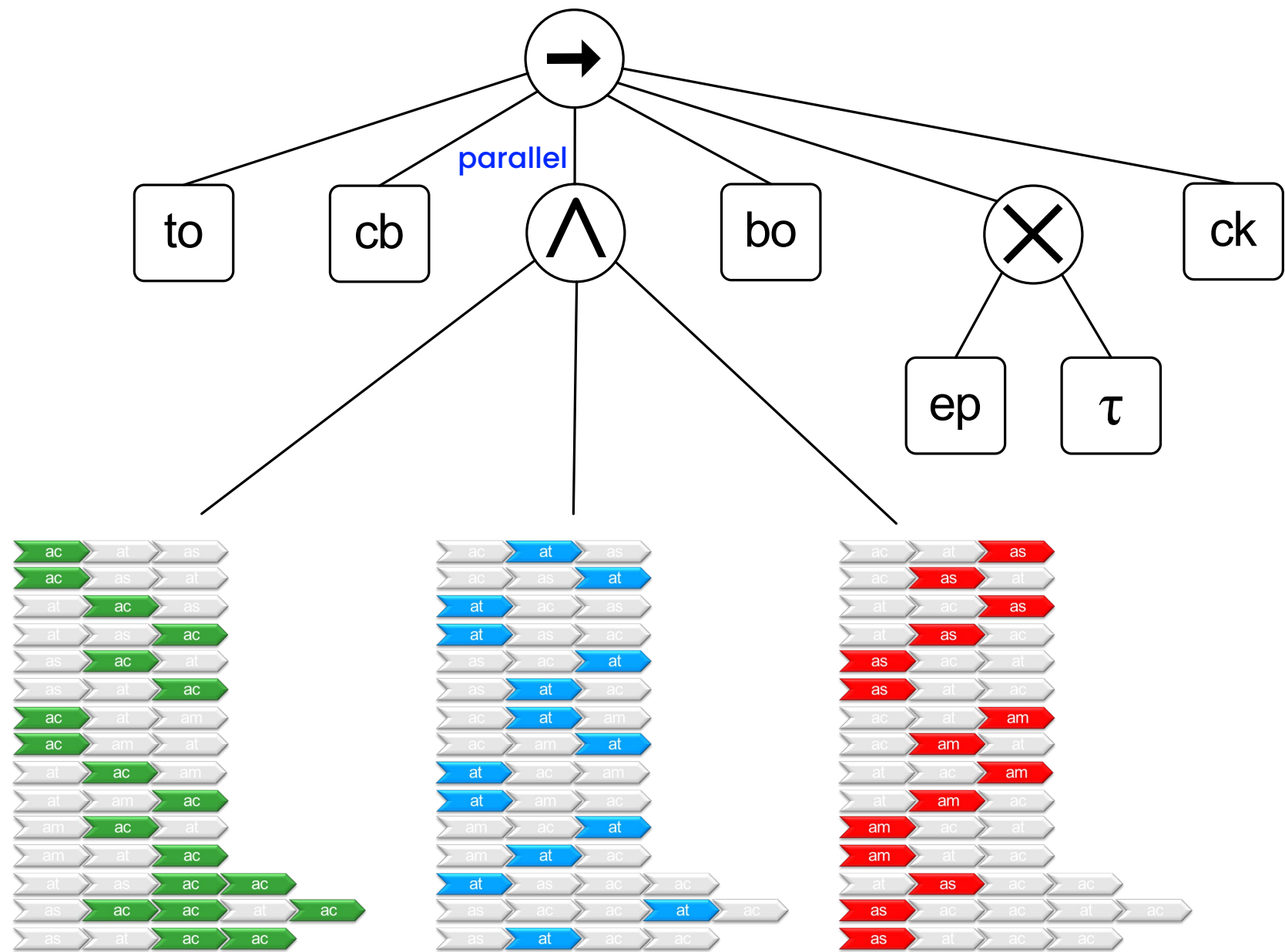
Create three new event logs (2/3)



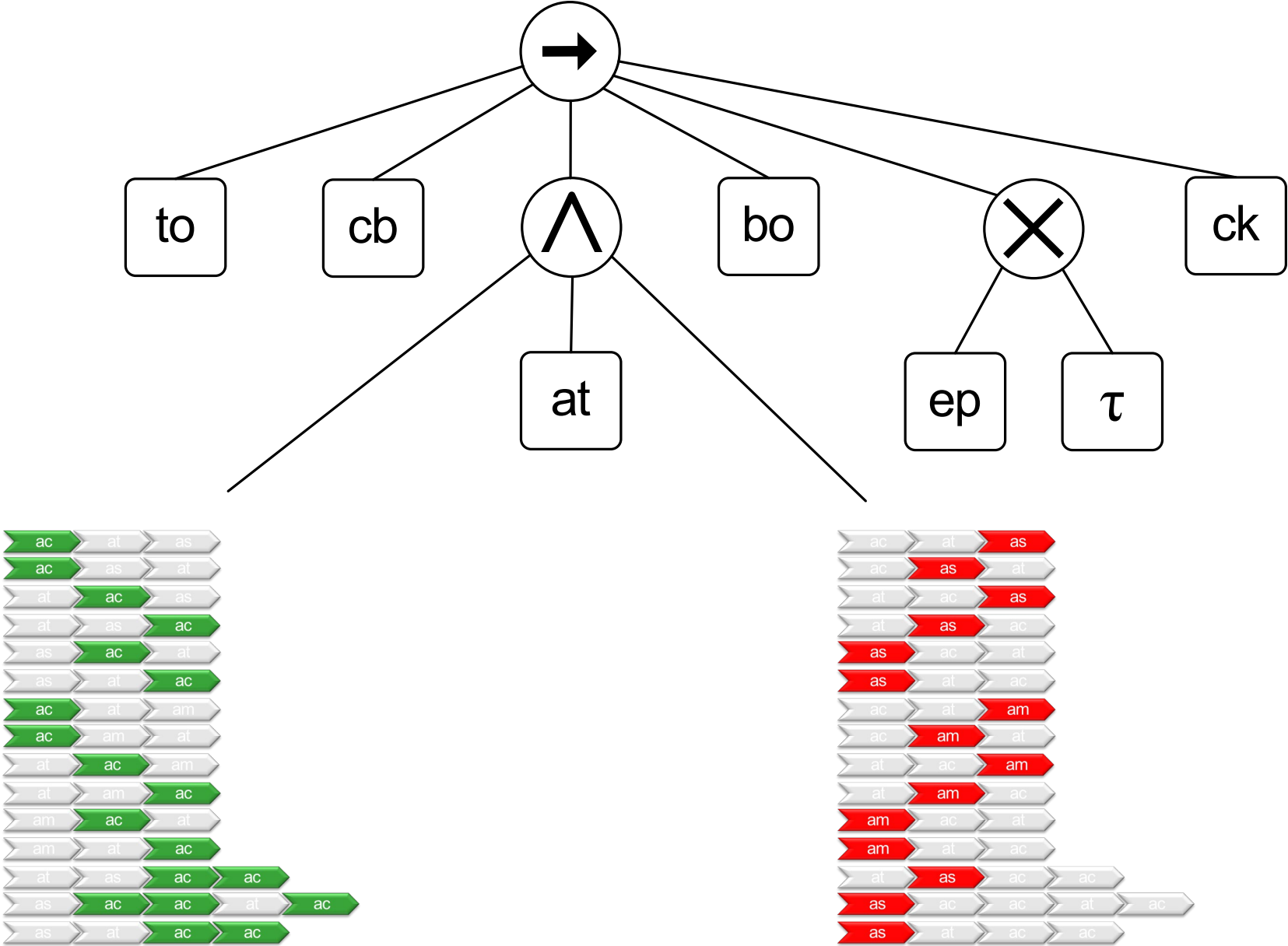
Create three new event logs (3/3)



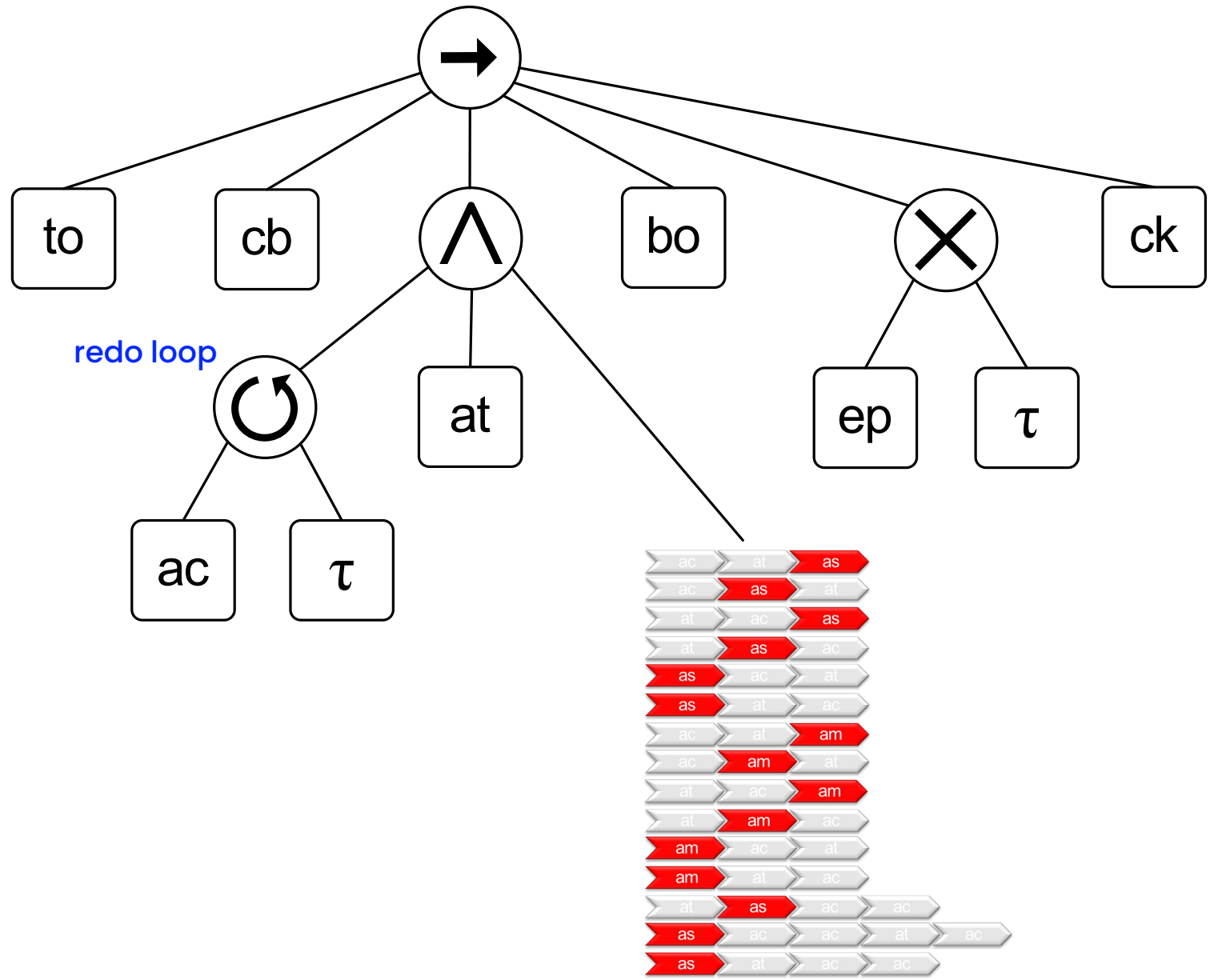
Add the parallel node and continue with the three event logs



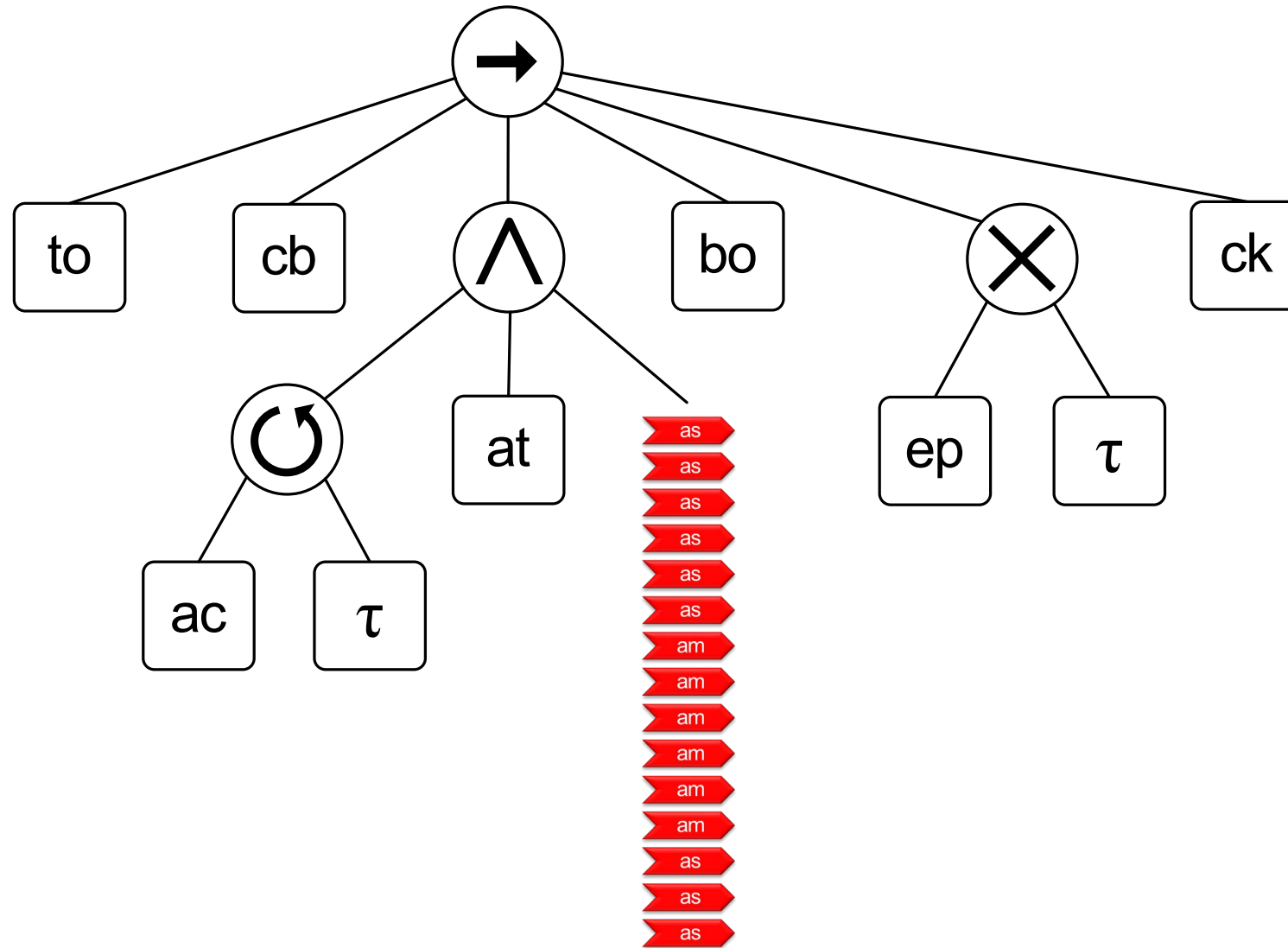
Add tomato (at) happens precisely once



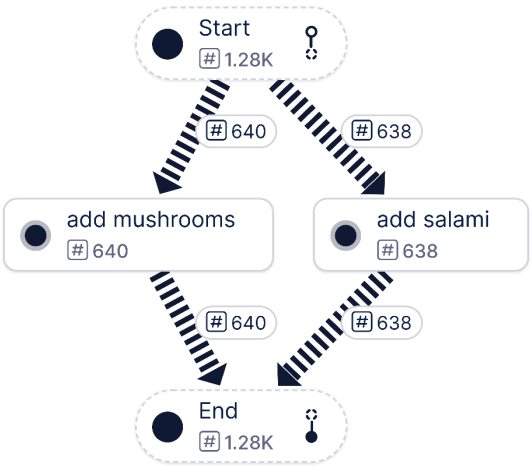
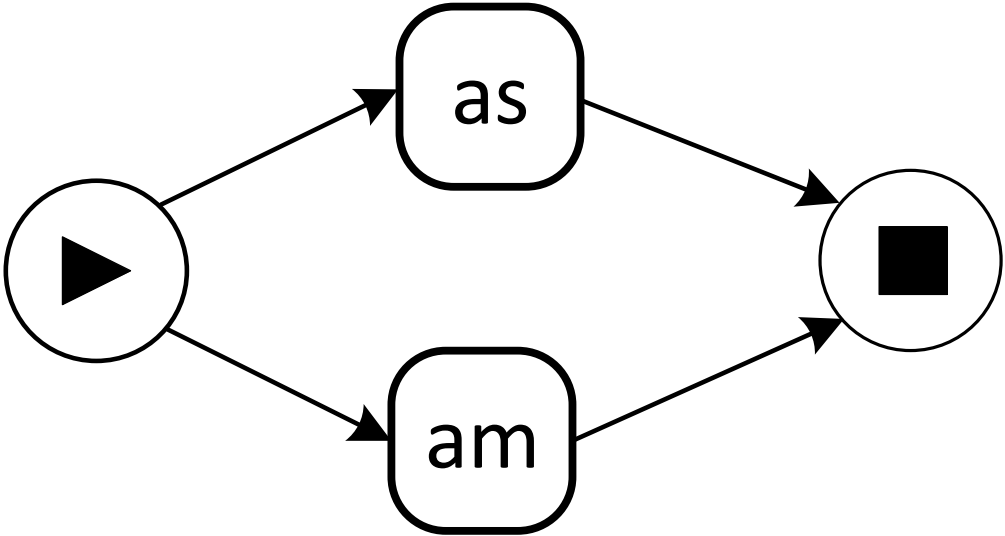
Add cheese (ac) happens at least one time



## Only the red event log remains



Repeat the process and create a DFG

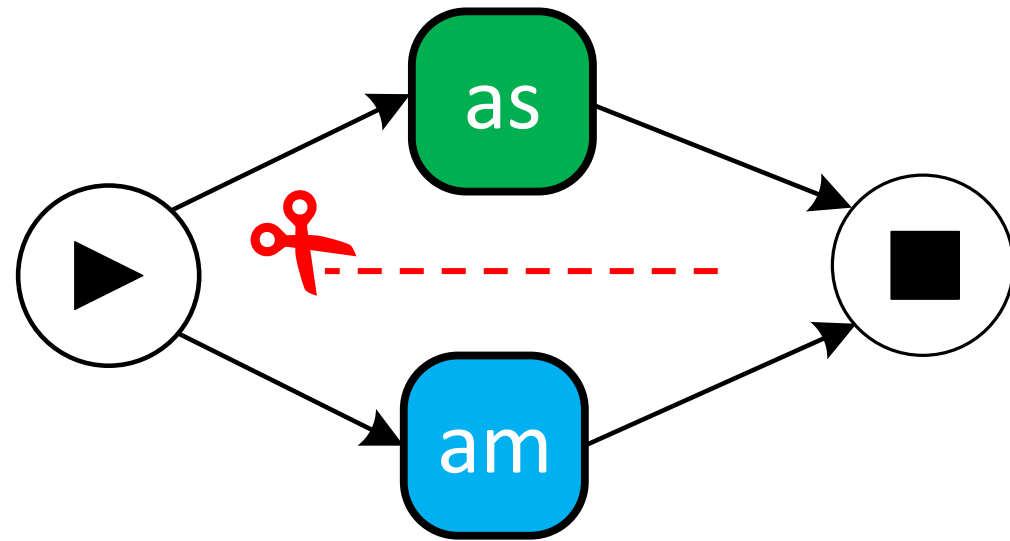




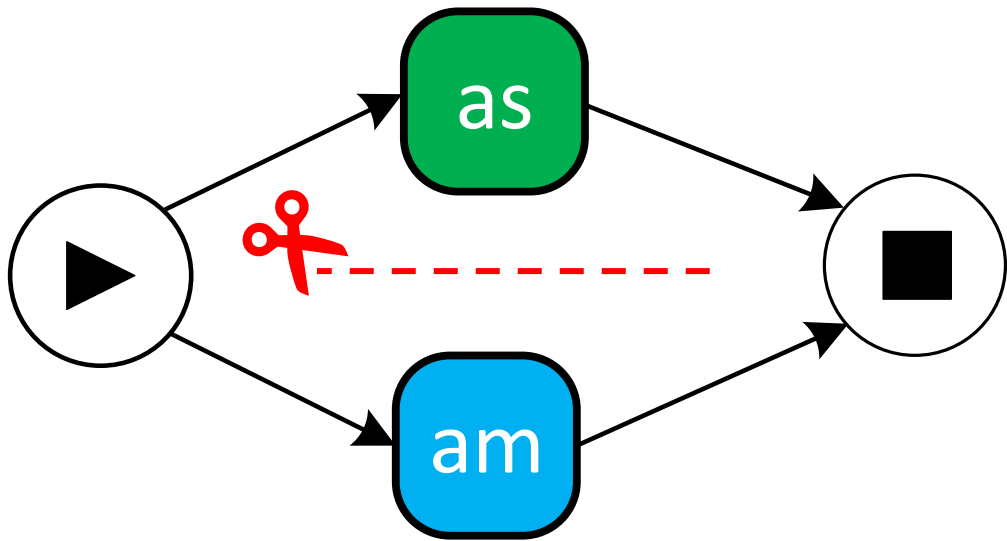
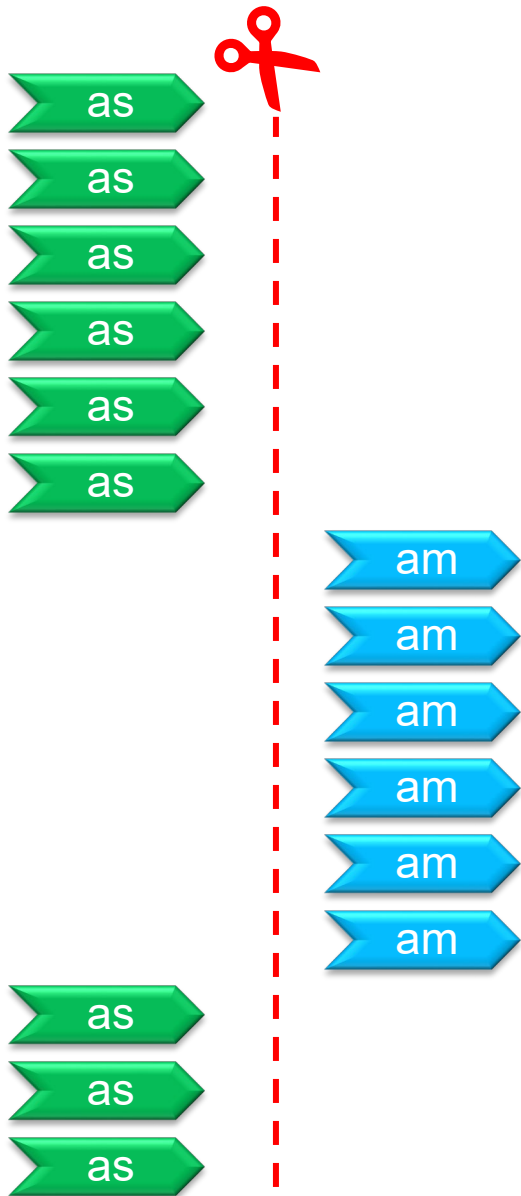
## We find an exclusive-choice cut



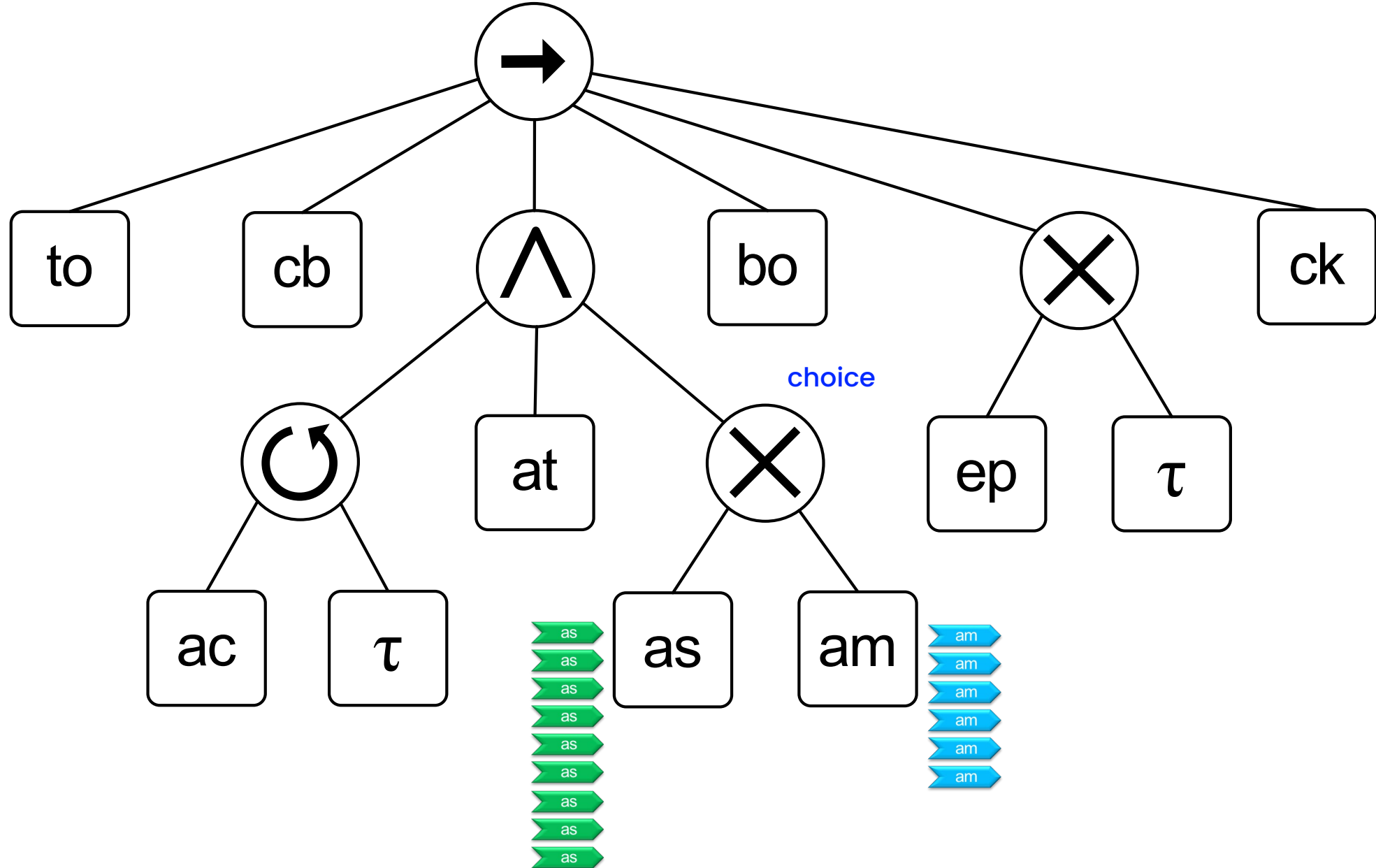
There is an exclusive-choice cut when the DFG can be split into disconnected parts after leaving out the artificial start and end.



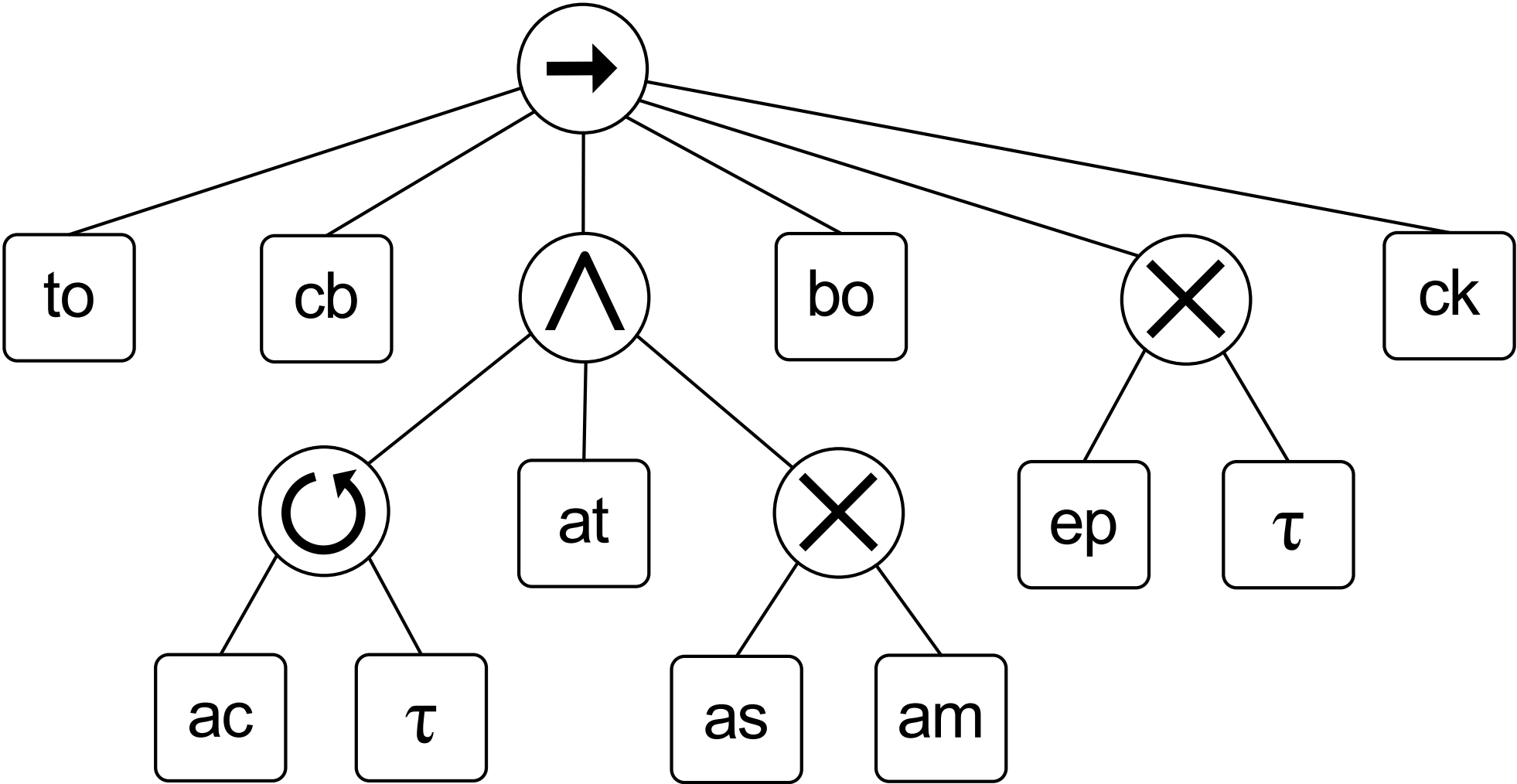
Create two new event logs



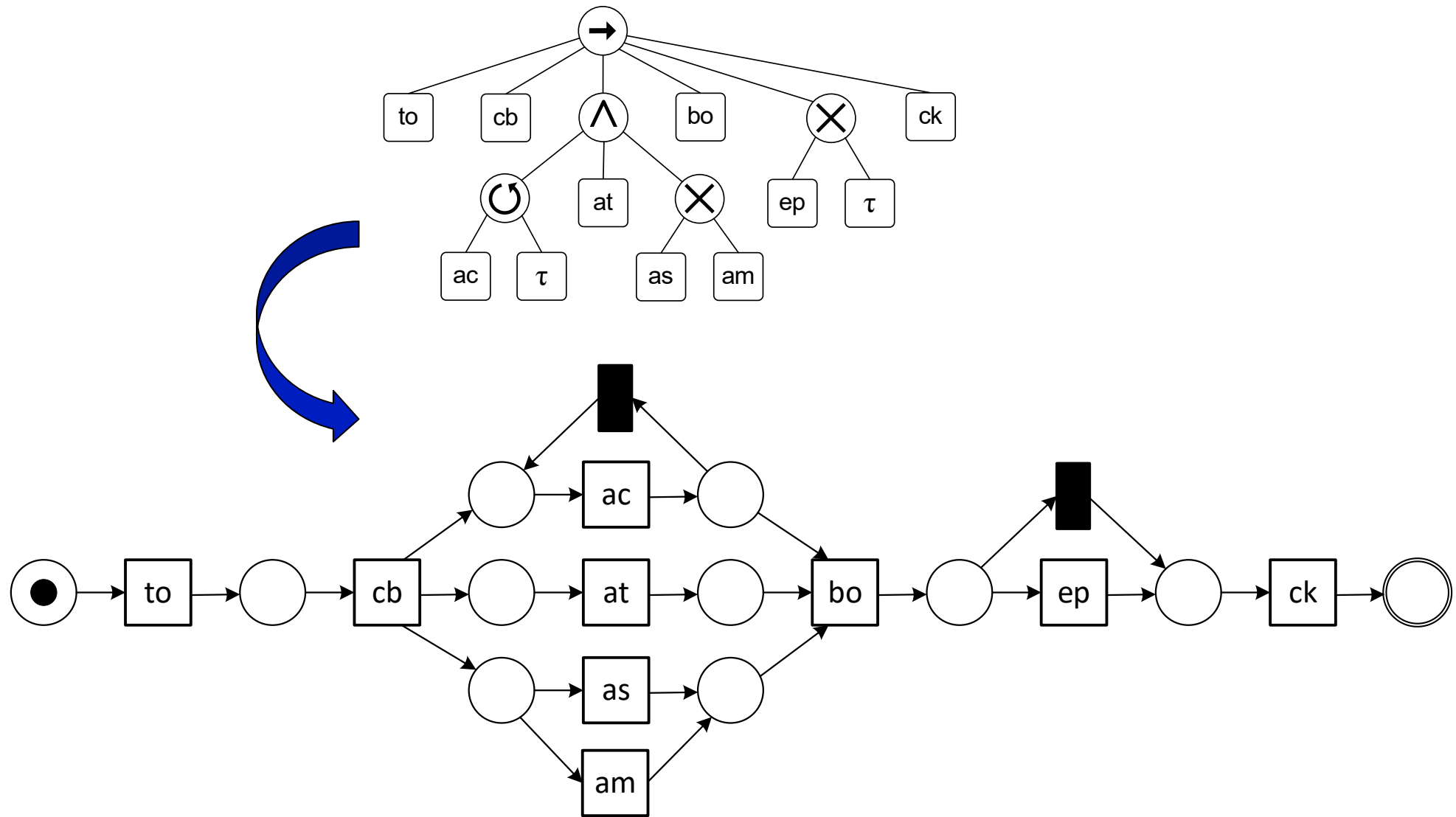
## Add the choice node to choose between add salami and add mushroom



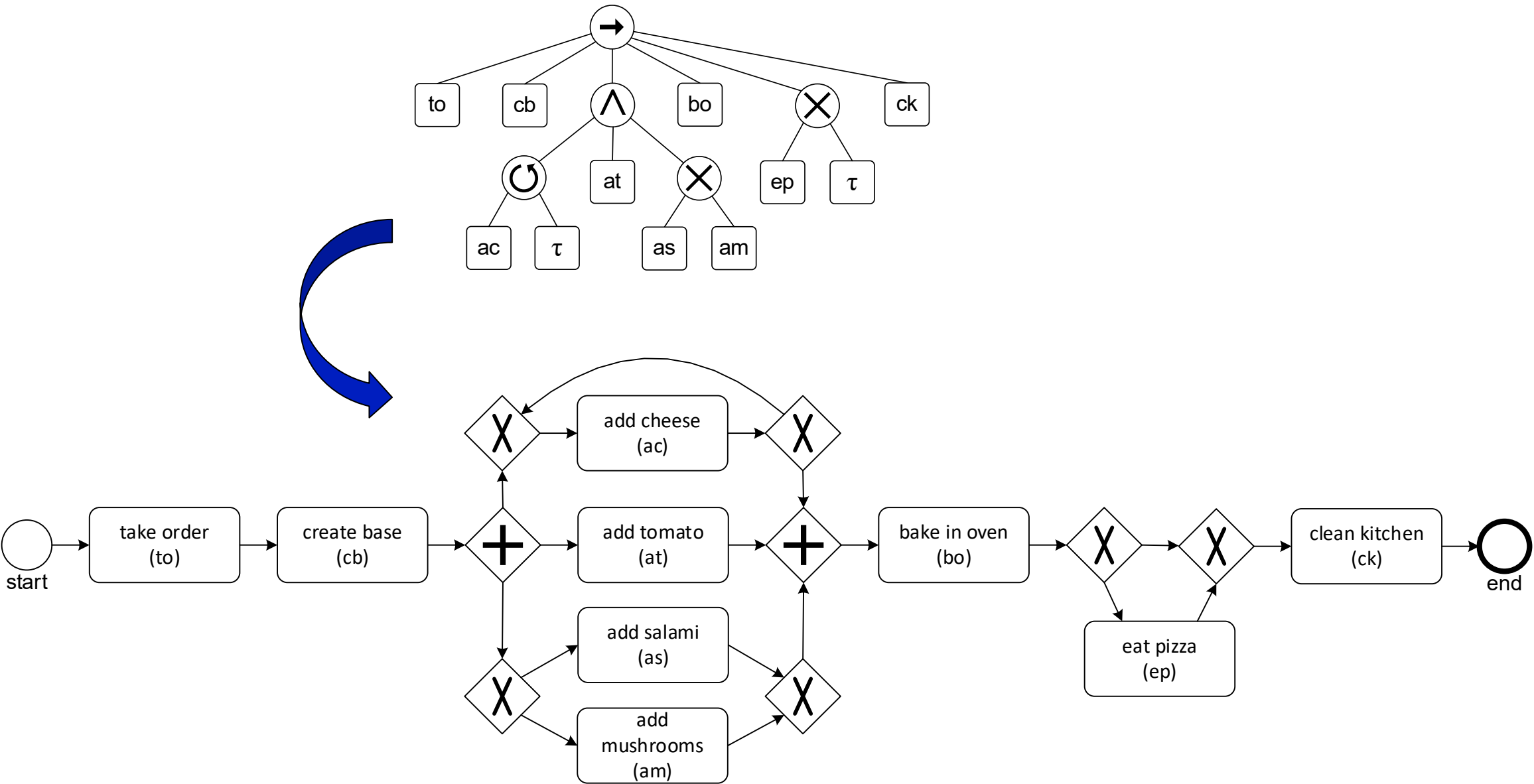
The process tree returned by the Inductive Mining algorithm



Can be visualized as a Petri net

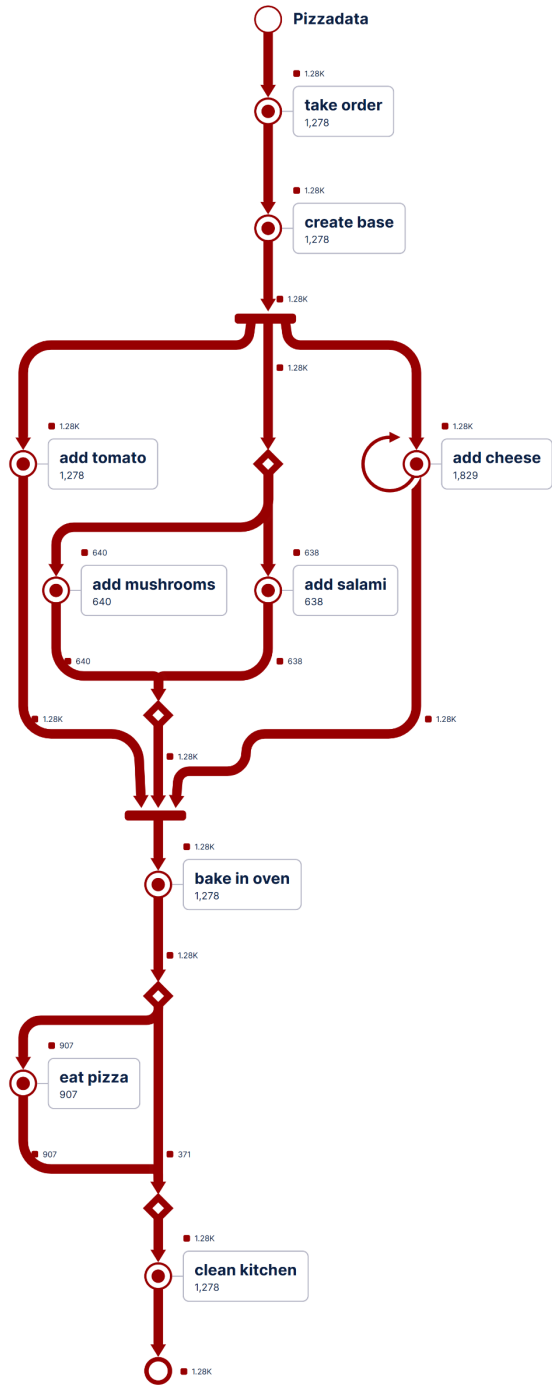
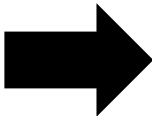
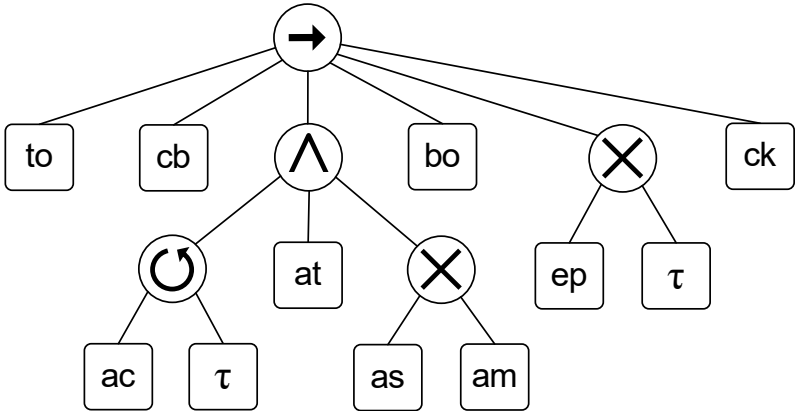
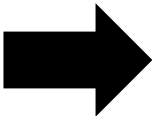
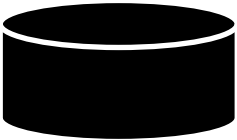


# Can be visualized as a BPMN model

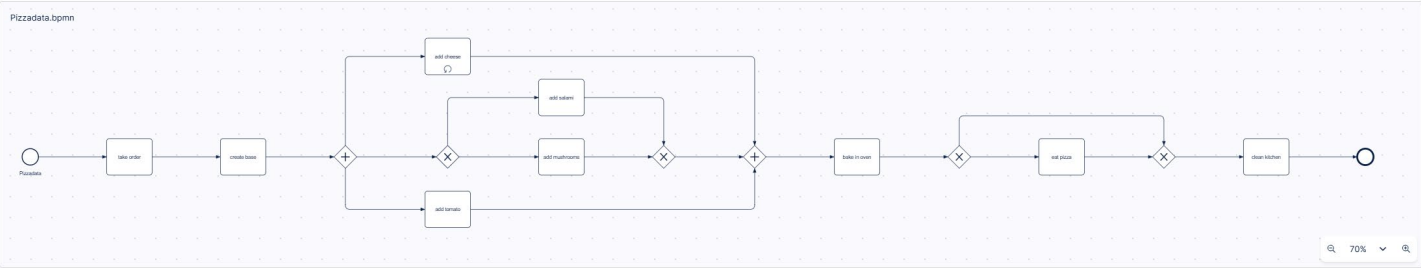




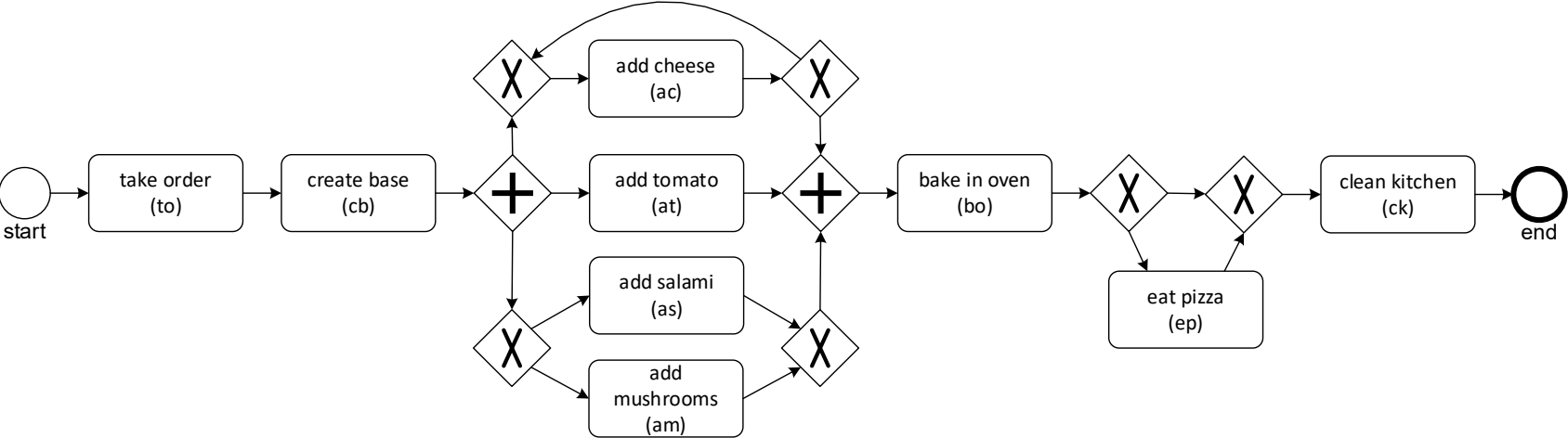
# Supported by the Celonis Process Adherence Manager



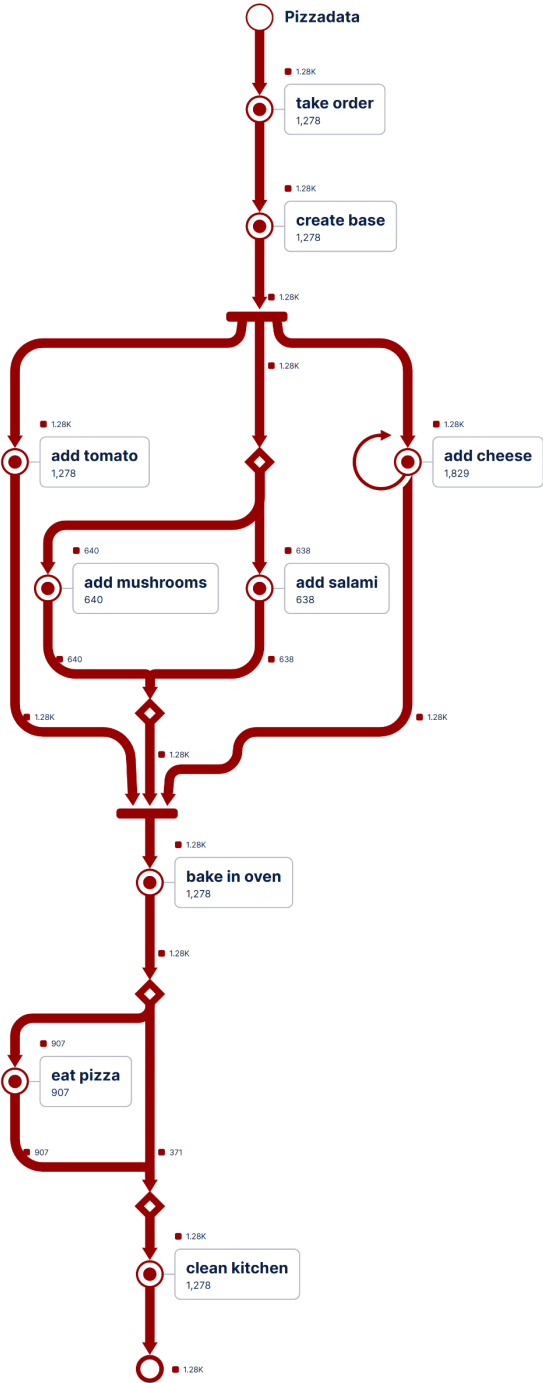
Download BPMN file



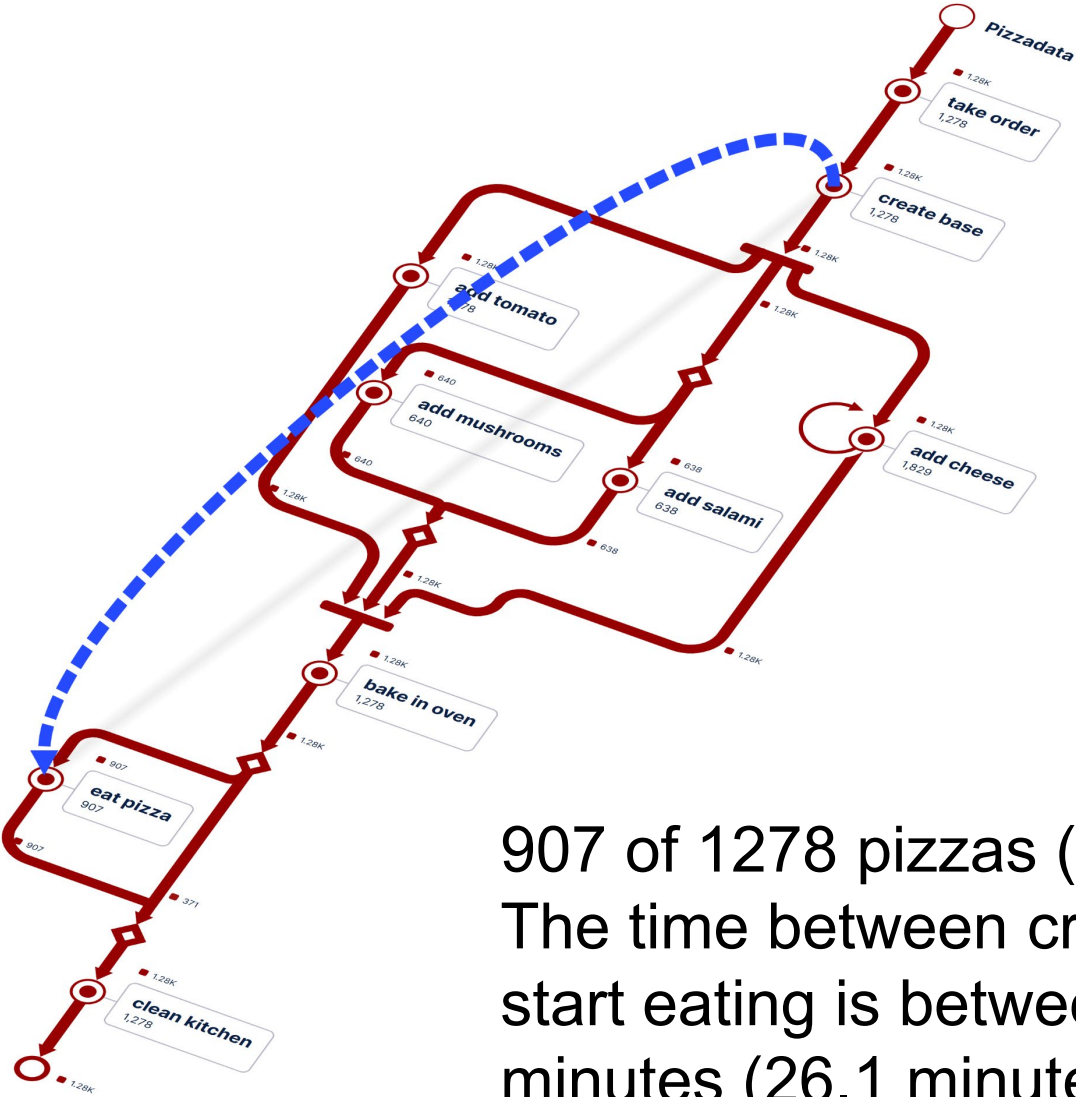
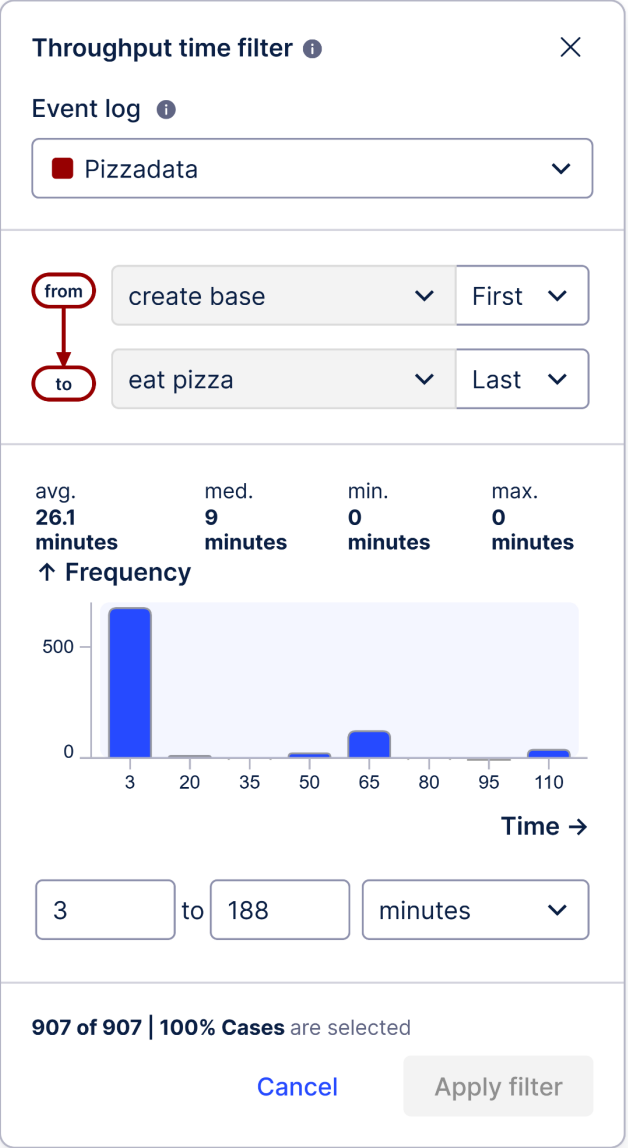
Comes with strong guarantees



The (BPMN) model is sound and can replay the whole event log. Also, the model is much more precise than the DFG.

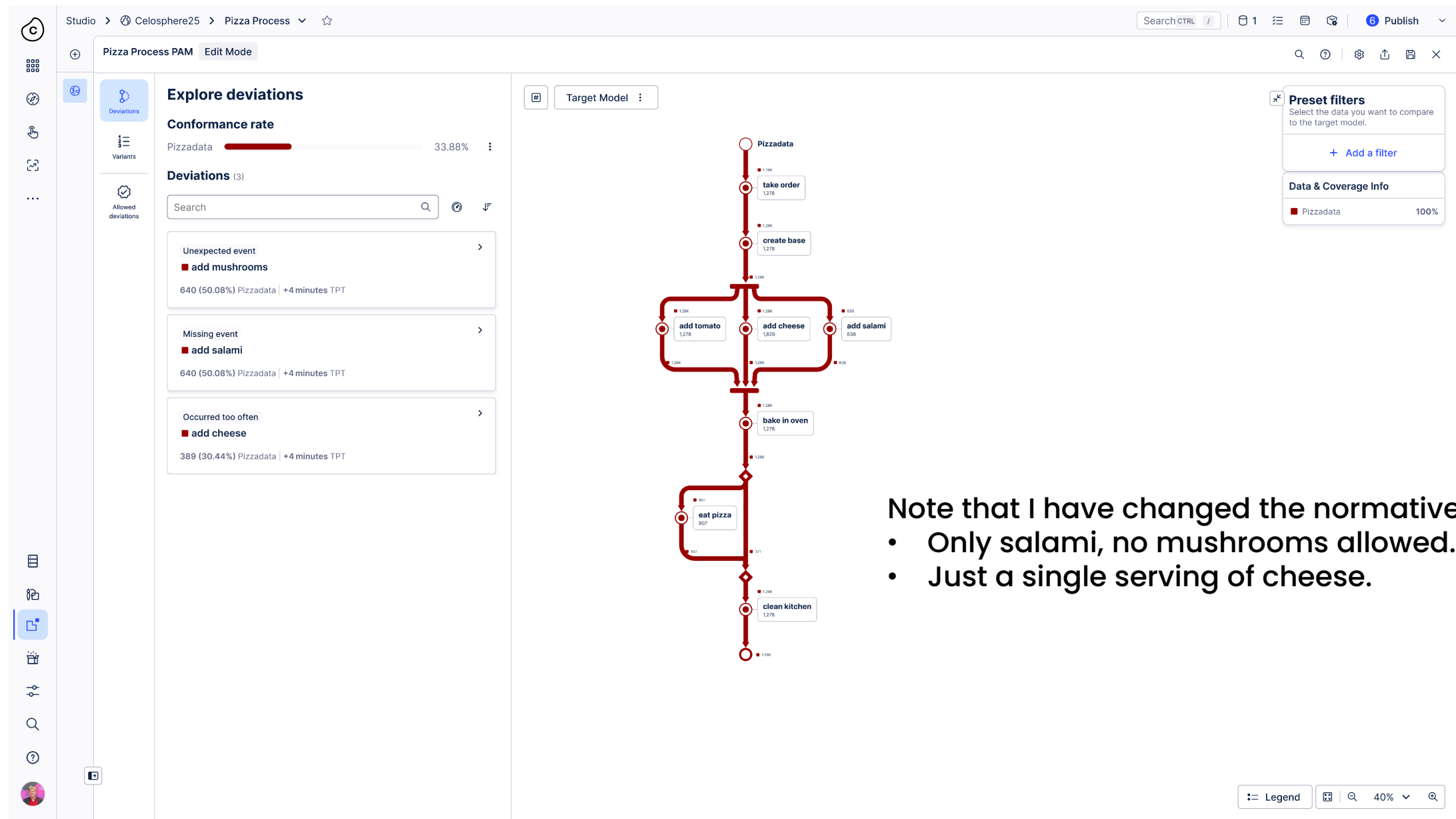


# Performance analysis using the Celonis Process Adherence Manager



907 of 1278 pizzas (71%) are eaten.  
The time between create base and start eating is between 3 and 188 minutes (26.1 minutes on average)

# Conformance checking using the Celonis Process Adherence Manager



# Conformance checking using the Celonis Process Adherence Manager

## Conformance rate

Pizzadata  33.88%

## Deviations (3)

Unexpected event

■ add mushrooms

640 (50.08%) Pizzadata | +4 minutes TPT

Missing event

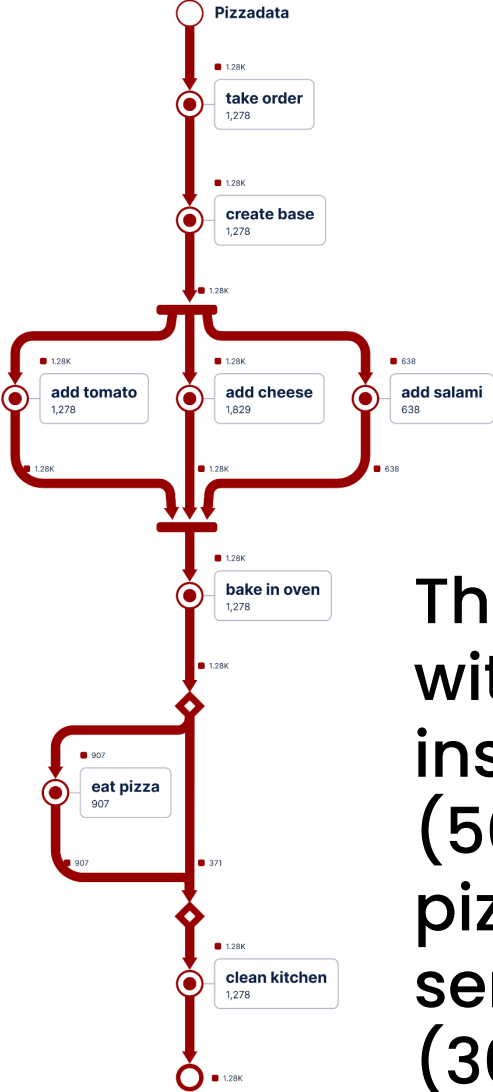
■ add salami

640 (50.08%) Pizzadata | +4 minutes TPT

Occurred too often

■ add cheese

389 (30.44%) Pizzadata | +4 minutes TPT



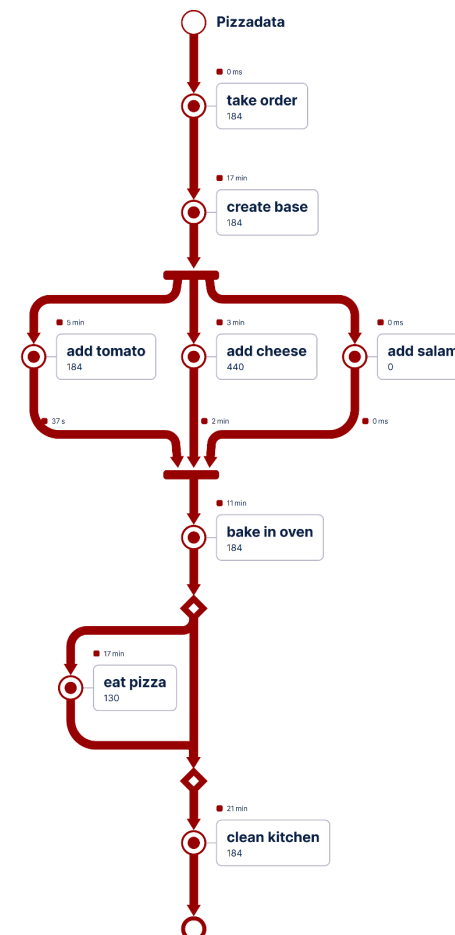
There were 640 pizzas with mushrooms instead of salami (50.08%) and 389 pizzas with multiple servings of cheese (30.44%).







**184 cases (14.4%)  
have all three  
deviations**



Legend 40%



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Deviations

1 Variants

Allowed deviations

Explore deviating variants

Explore variants that include the detected deviations from your target process model.

Deviations occur in 55 variants (showing 55 of 55)

Pizzadata

Any deviation type

Any event type

Cases	Coverage	Avg TPT
15	8.15%	1 hours
15	8.15%	2 hours
11	5.98%	1 hours
11	5.98%	42 minutes
8	4.35%	1 hours
8	4.35%	1 hours
8	4.35%	1 hours
7	3.80%	48 minutes

Variant detail

Event sequence	Deviations	Time delta
take order		0
create base		14 minutes
add mushrooms	Occurred unexpectedly	1 minutes
add tomato		18 seconds
add cheese		22 seconds
add cheese	Occurred too often	43 seconds
add salami	Missing event	-
bake in oven		1 minutes
eat pizza		20 minutes
clean kitchen		22 minutes

A variant with all three problems (15 cases)

add mushrooms

add tomato

add cheese

add salami

bake in oven

eat pizza

clean kitchen

Pizzadata

take order

create base

add mushrooms

add tomato

add cheese

add salami

bake in oven

eat pizza

clean kitchen

Filters

Select the data you want to compare to the target model.

Pizzadata

add salami is missing

Pizzadata

add cheese occurred too often

Pizzadata

add mushrooms occurred unexpectedly

+ Add a filter

Data & Coverage Info

Pizzadata

14.40%

Legend

40%

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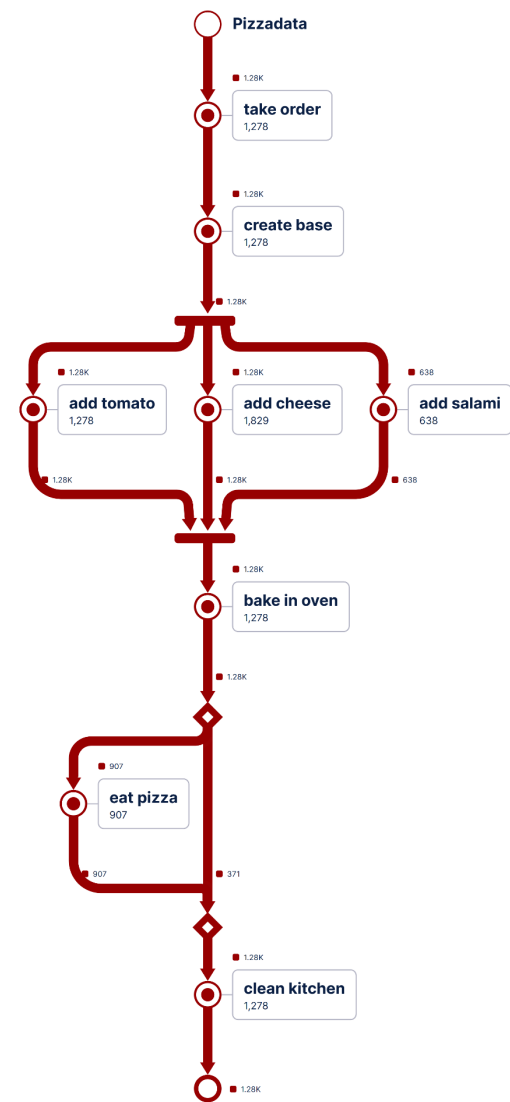
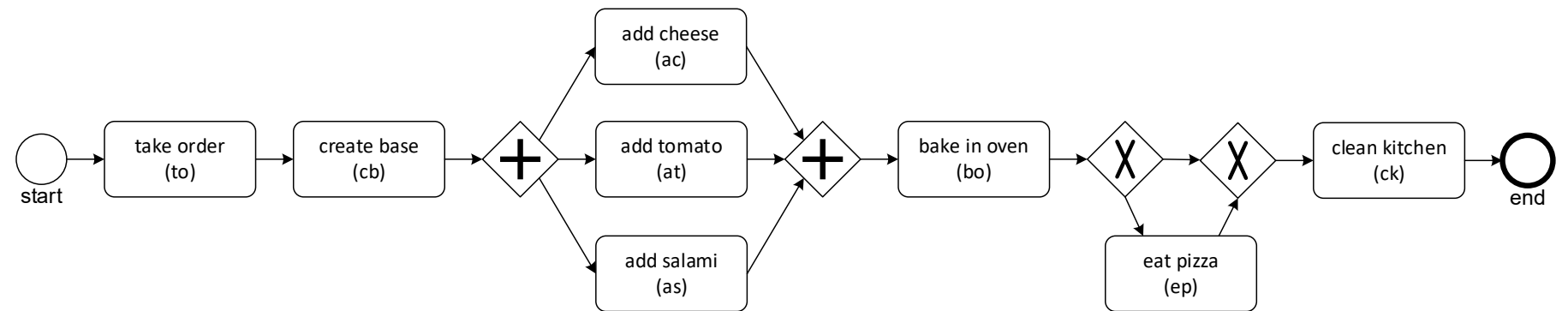
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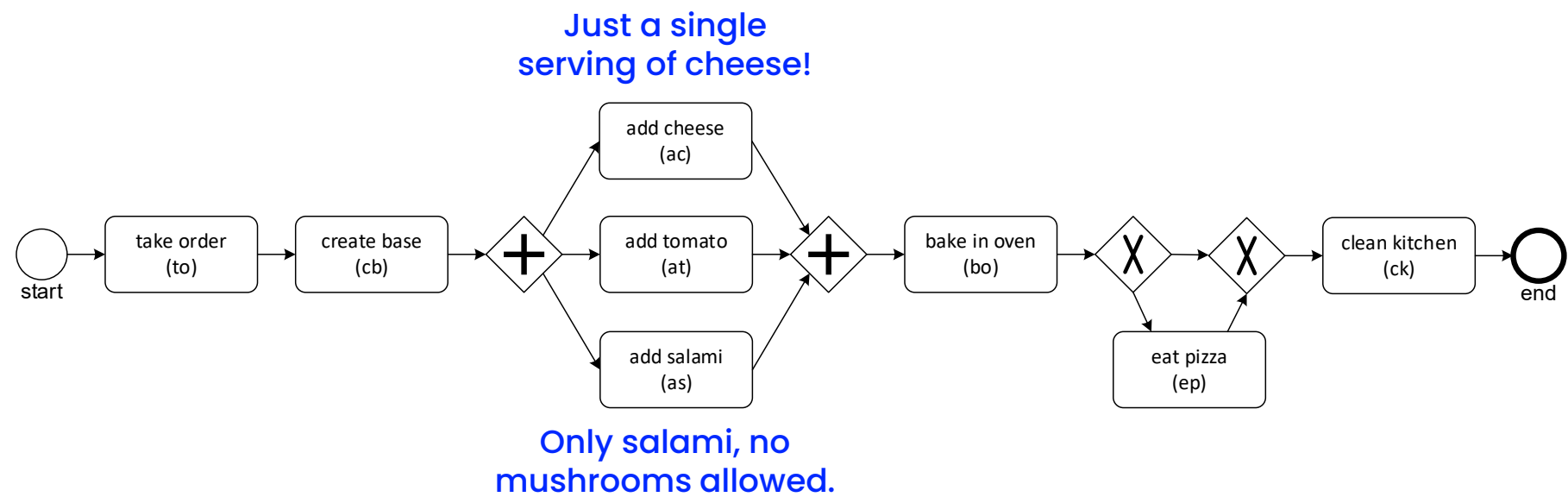
How does this work?

Alignments!

For conformance checking we need a process model and event data

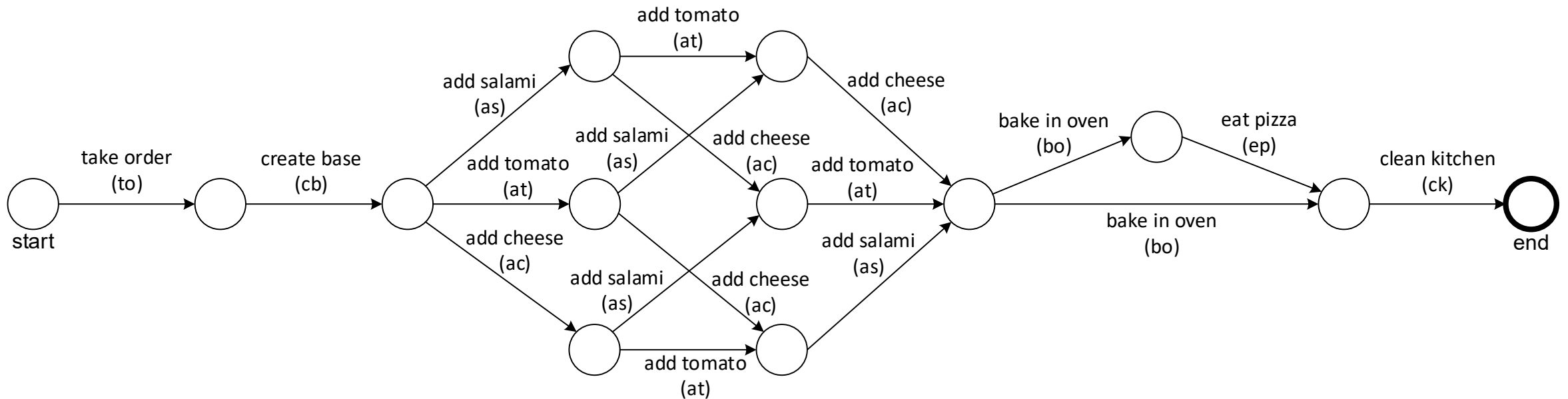
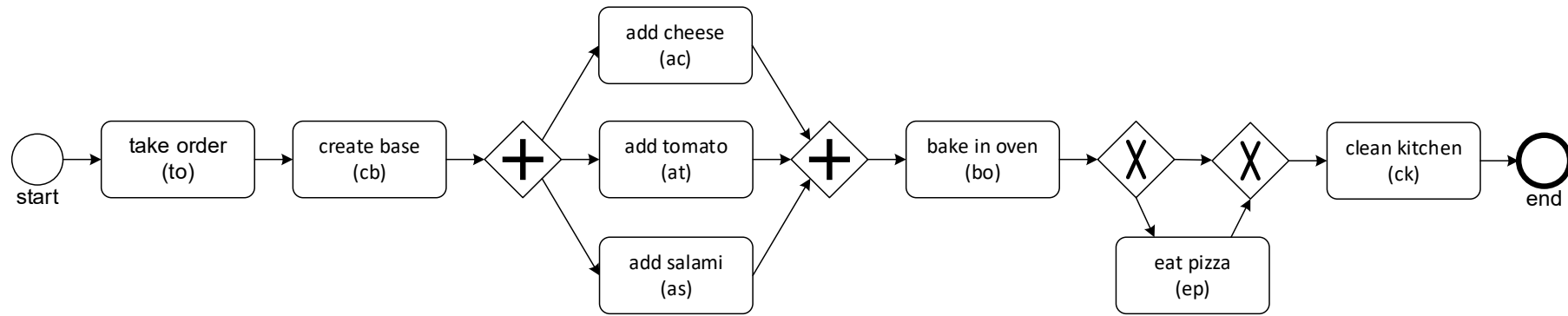


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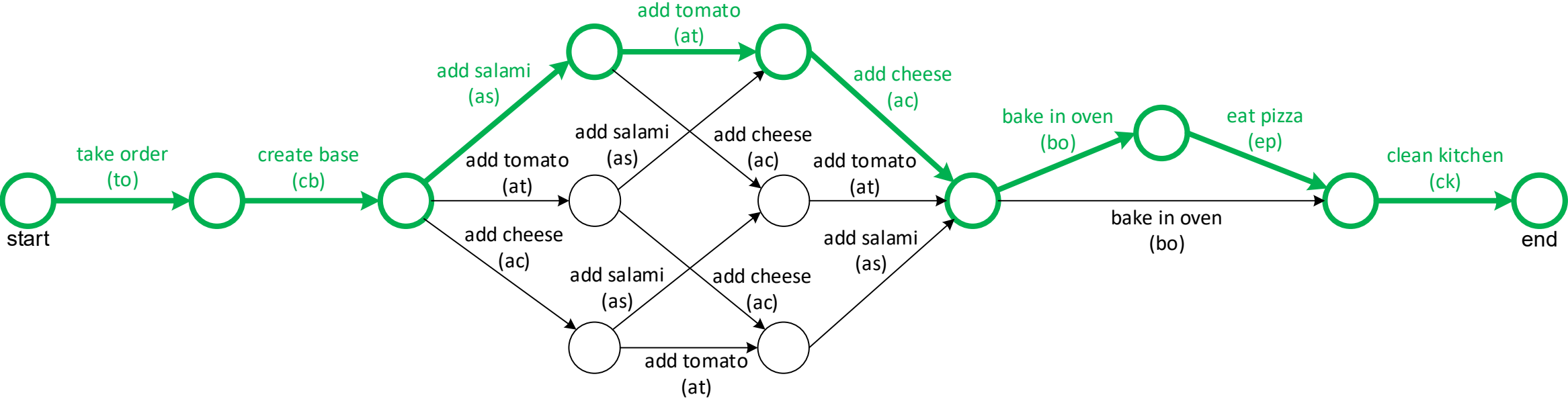


A variant appearing 15 times in the original event data.

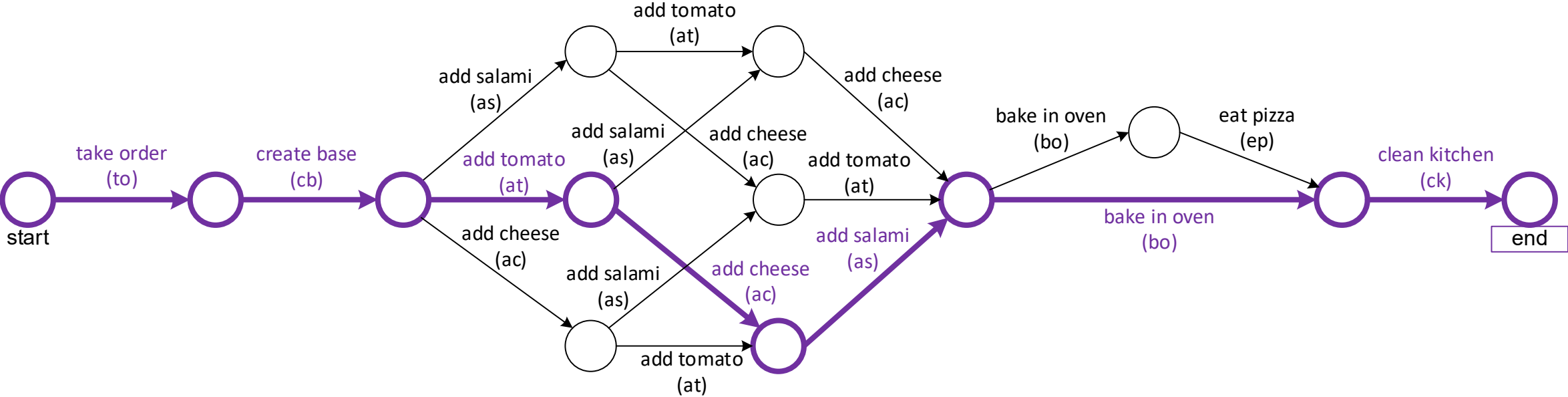
# The state space of the BPMN model (normally much larger and with loops)



Behavior of BPMN model is any path from start to end



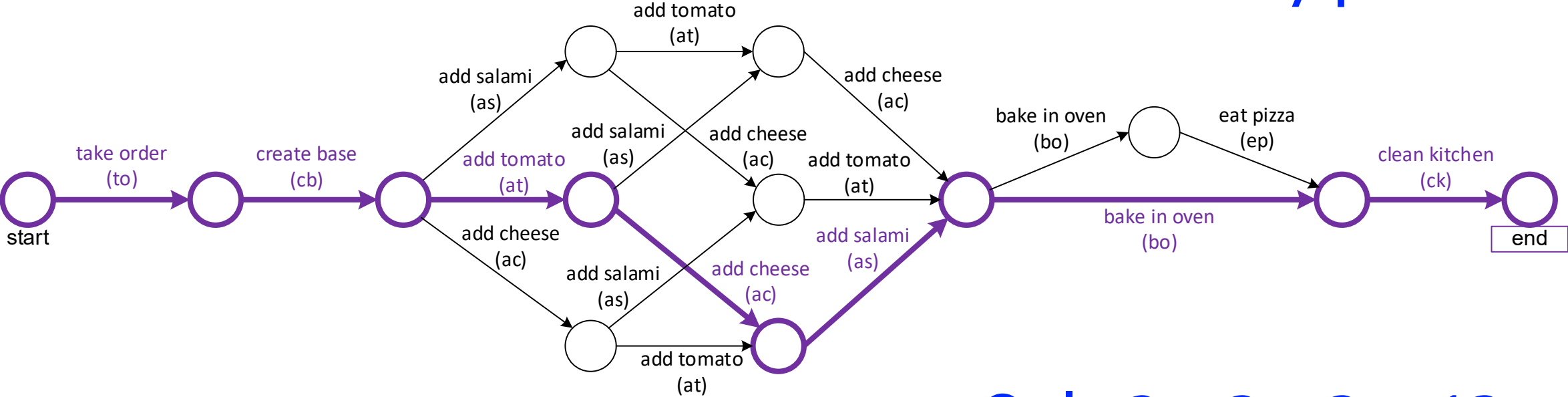
# Another path





Another path

How many paths?



Only  $3 \times 2 \times 2 = 12$

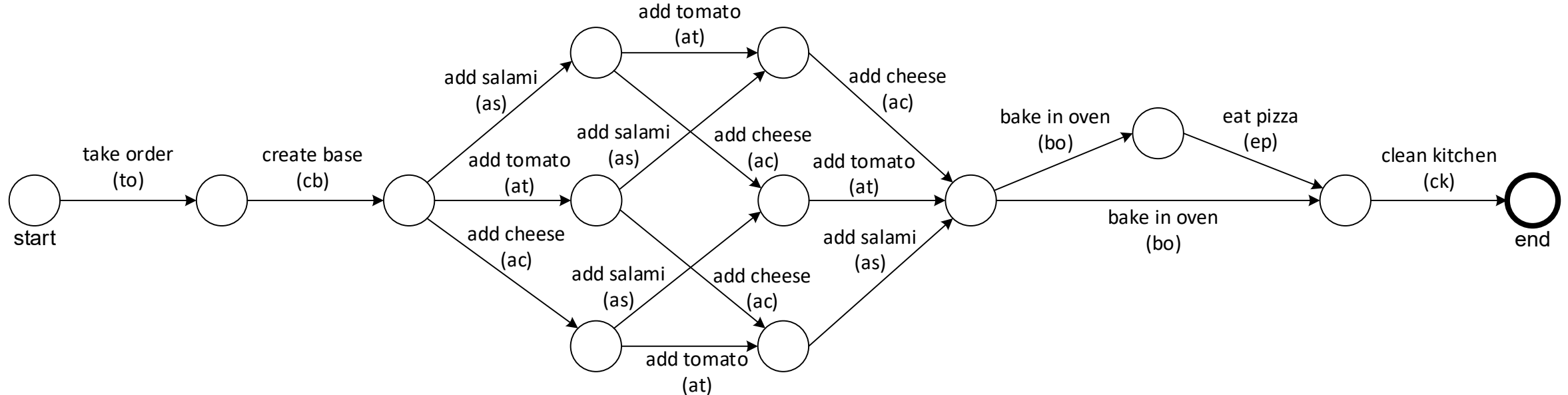


Find a path closest to the observed sequence



observed behavior

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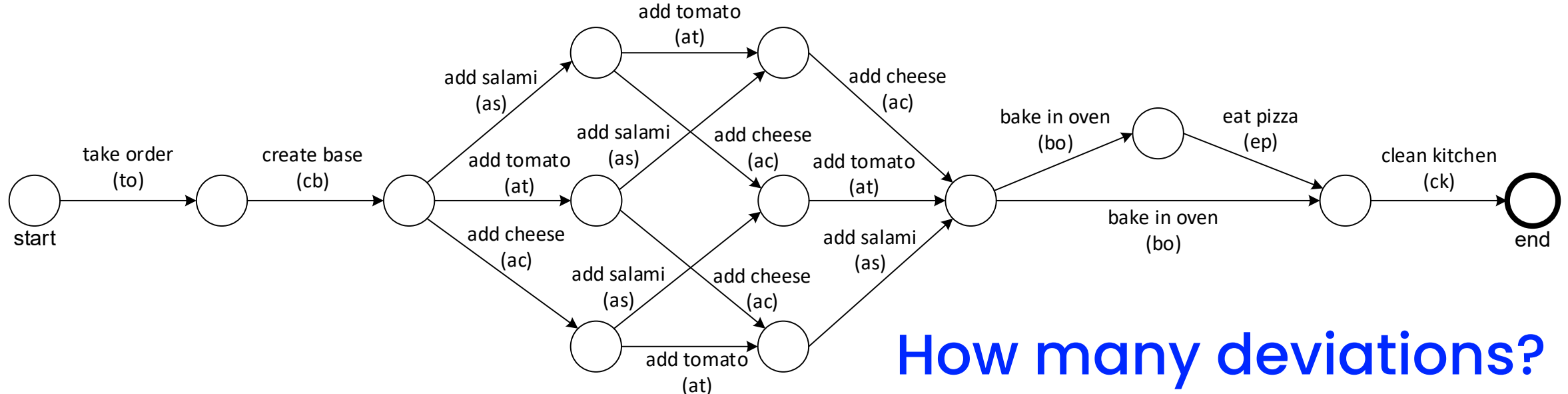
Find a path closest to the observed sequence

to cb am at ac ac bo ep ck

observed behavior

?

What is the path closest to the observed sequence?

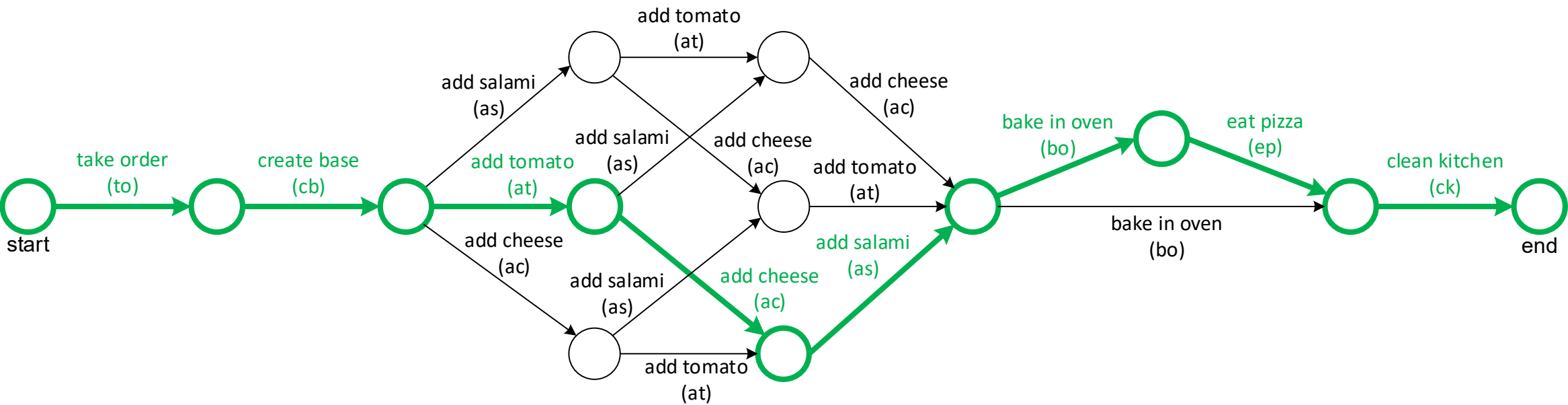


How many deviations?

Find a path closest to the observed sequence

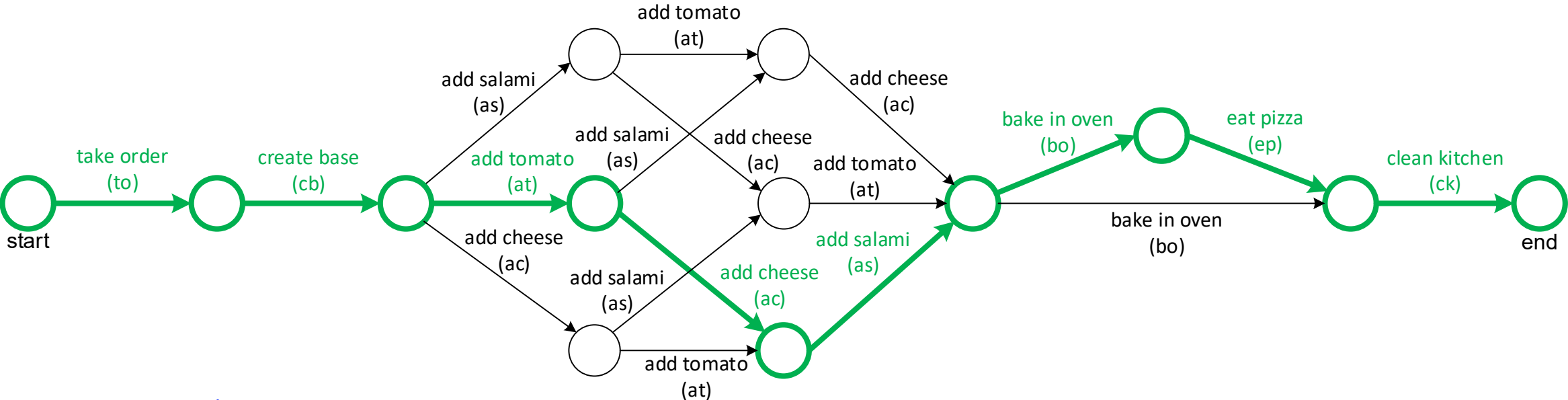


observed behavior



modeled behavior

This is a path closest to the observed sequence (three deviations)



observed behavior

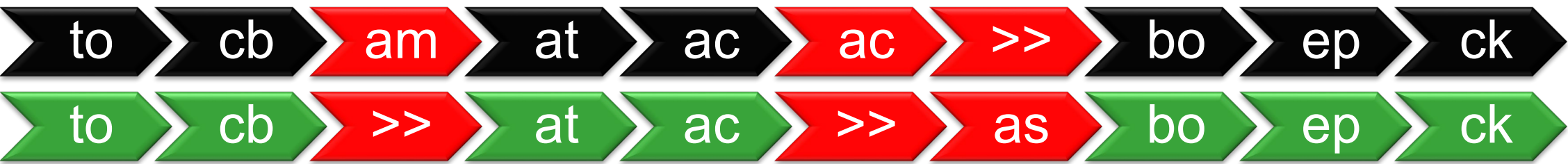


modeled behavior

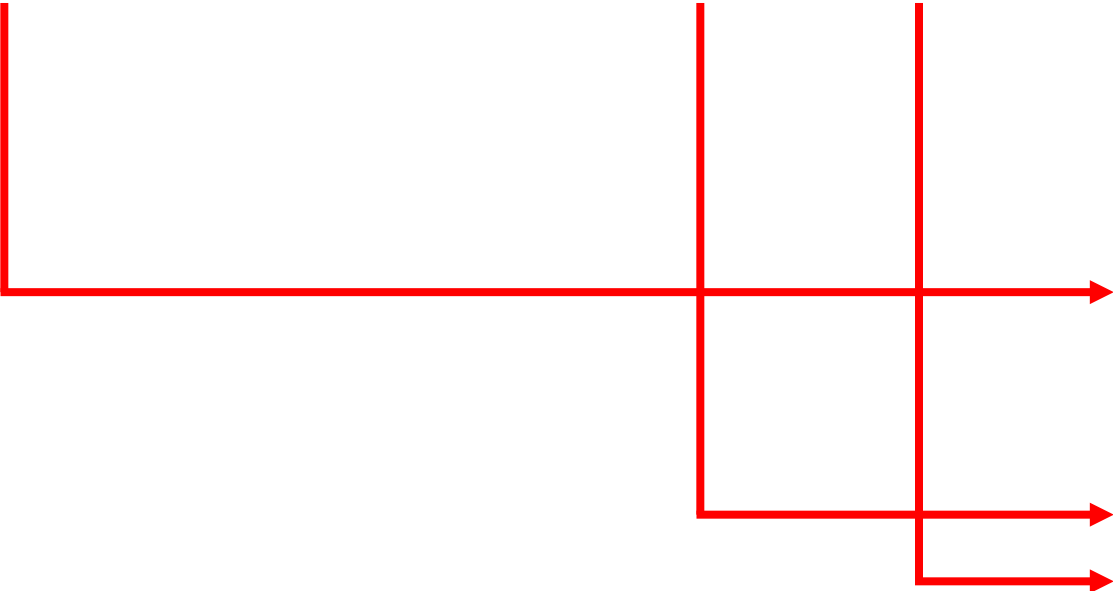


# Three deviations!

observed behavior (15 cases)



modeled behavior



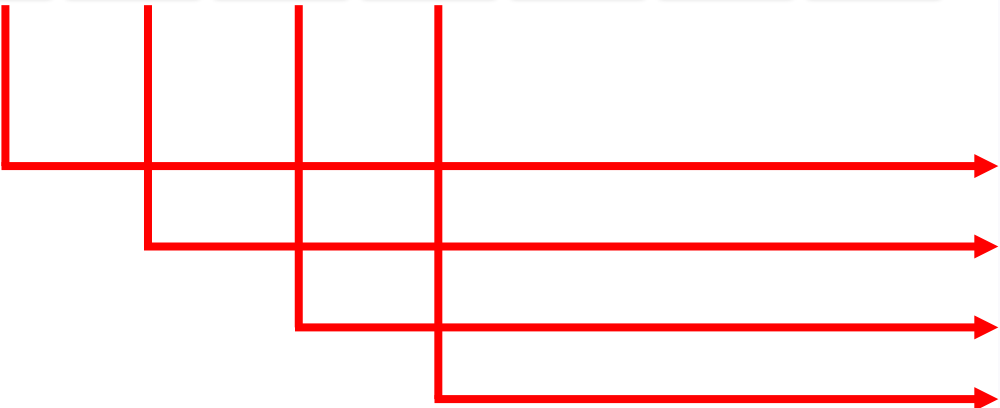
Variant detail		
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add cheese		22 seconds
add cheese	<span>⌚ Occurred too often</span>	43 seconds
add salami	<span>✖ Missing event</span>	-
bake in oven		1 minutes
eat pizza		20 minutes
clean kitchen		22 minutes

# Another example with four deviations

observed behavior (one case)



modeled behavior

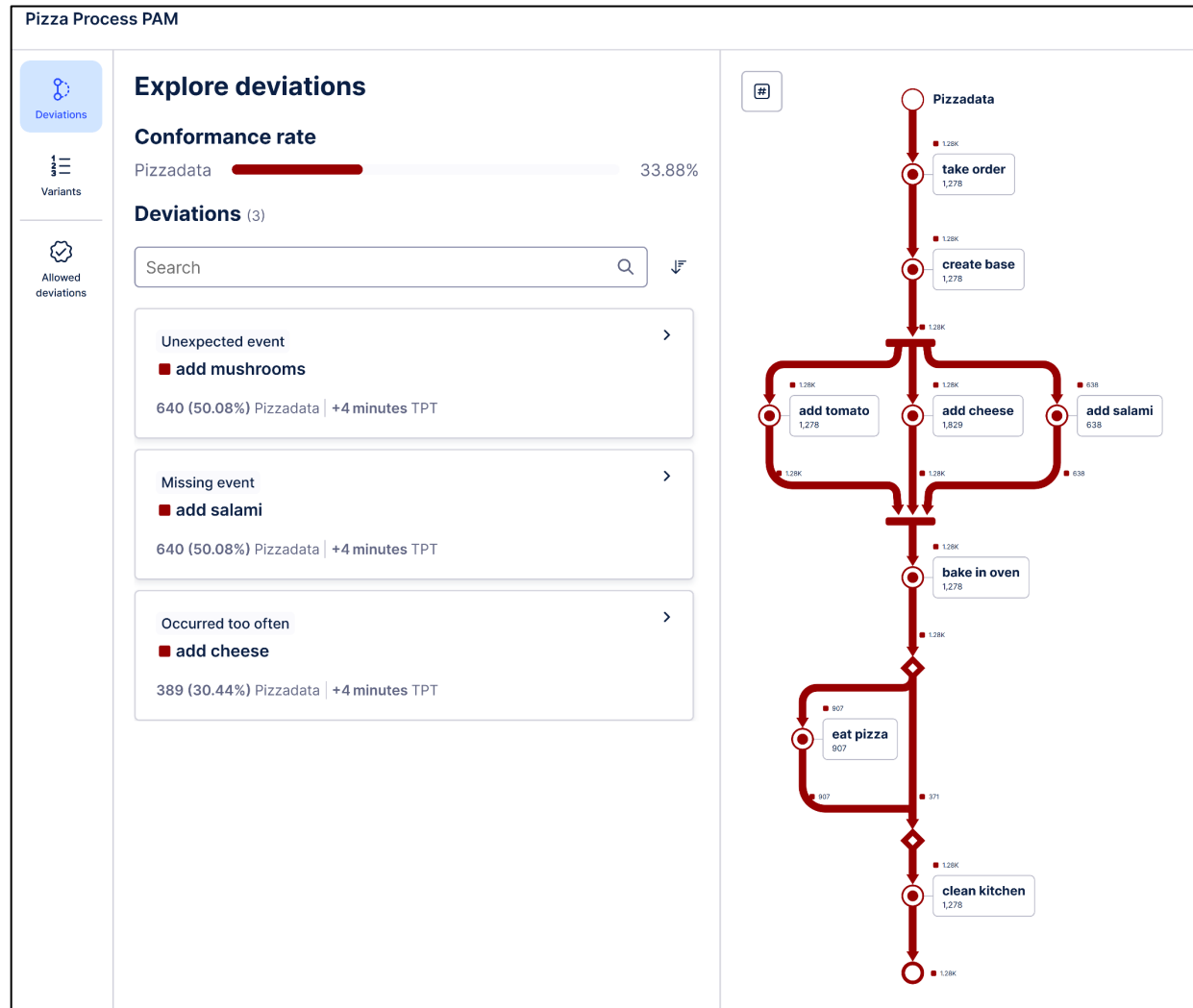


## Variant detail

Event sequence	Deviations	Time delta
take order		0
create base		8 minutes
add tomato		1 hours
add cheese		21 seconds
add mushrooms	! Occurred unexpectedly	15 seconds
add cheese	⌚ Occurred too often	26 seconds
add cheese	⌚ Occurred too often	38 seconds
add salami	✖ Missing event	-
bake in oven		2 minutes
eat pizza		7 minutes
clean kitchen		8 minutes



# Notoriously difficult problem: Requires state-of-the-art techniques



- Alignments are the “gold standard” in conformance checking.
- Requires solving an optimization problem for each case.
- Also needed for performance analysis.
- Made scalable using state-of-the-art techniques.

Real world Spaghetti is colored

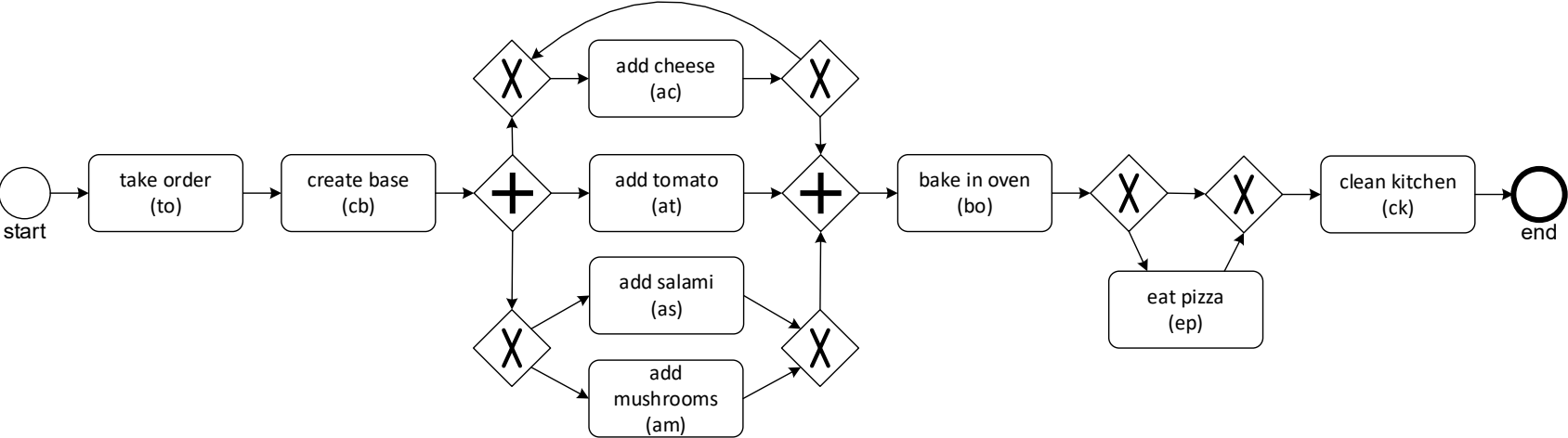
Object-Centric Process Mining



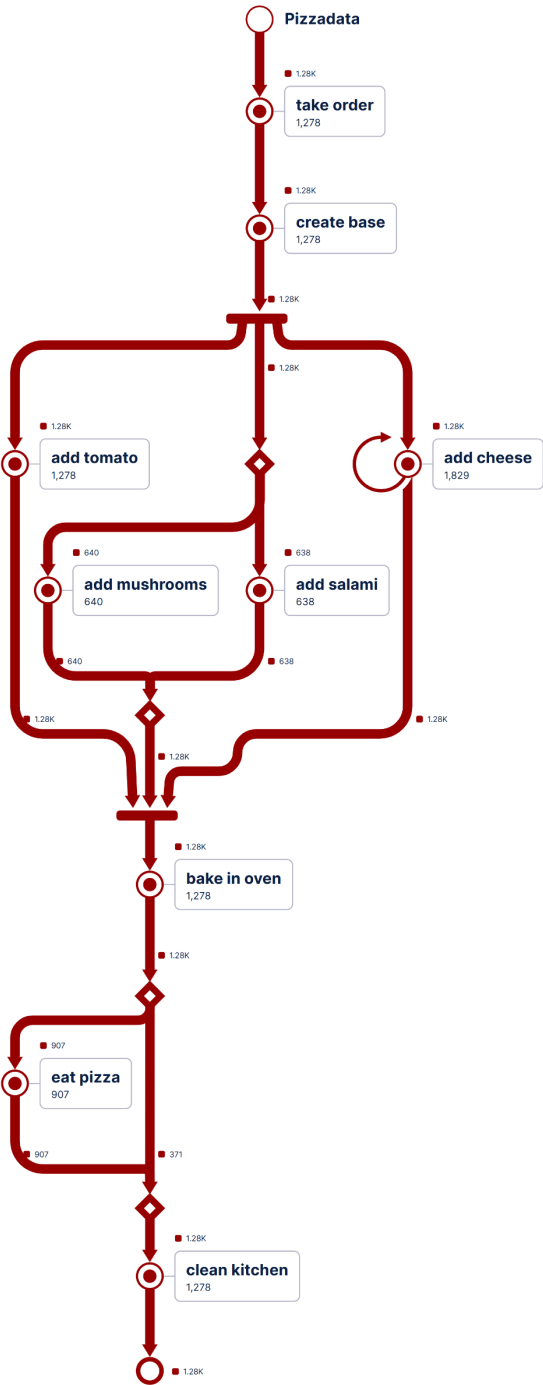
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- Variability
  - Intra-object concurrency
  - Inter-object concurrency



# Taking a step back.

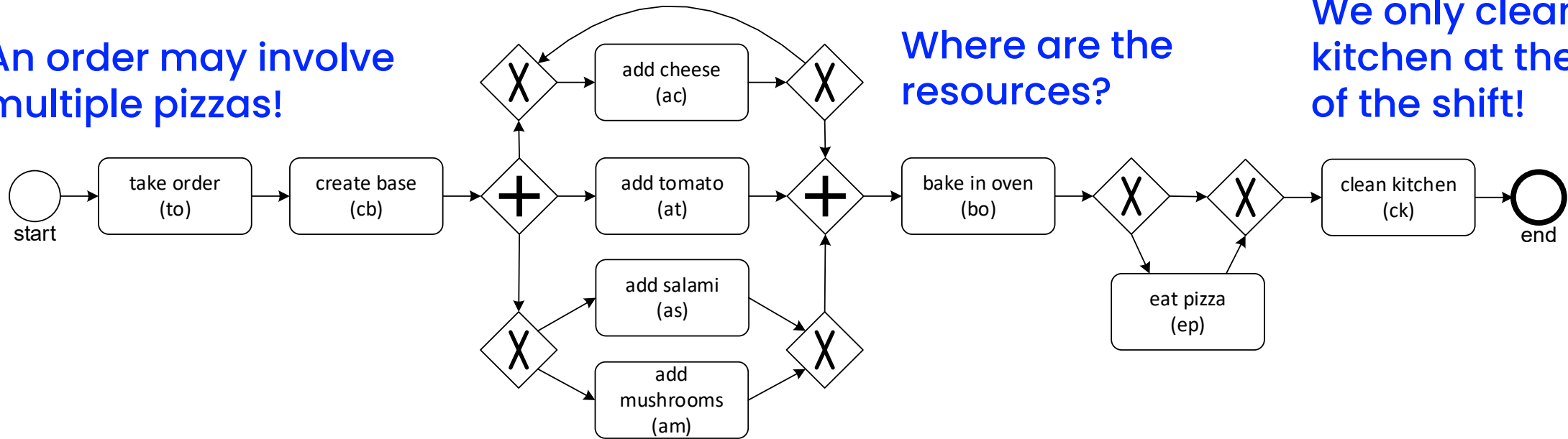


The model correctly describes the case-centric event data used as input, but what would the actual process look like?



Taking a step back.

An order may involve multiple pizzas!



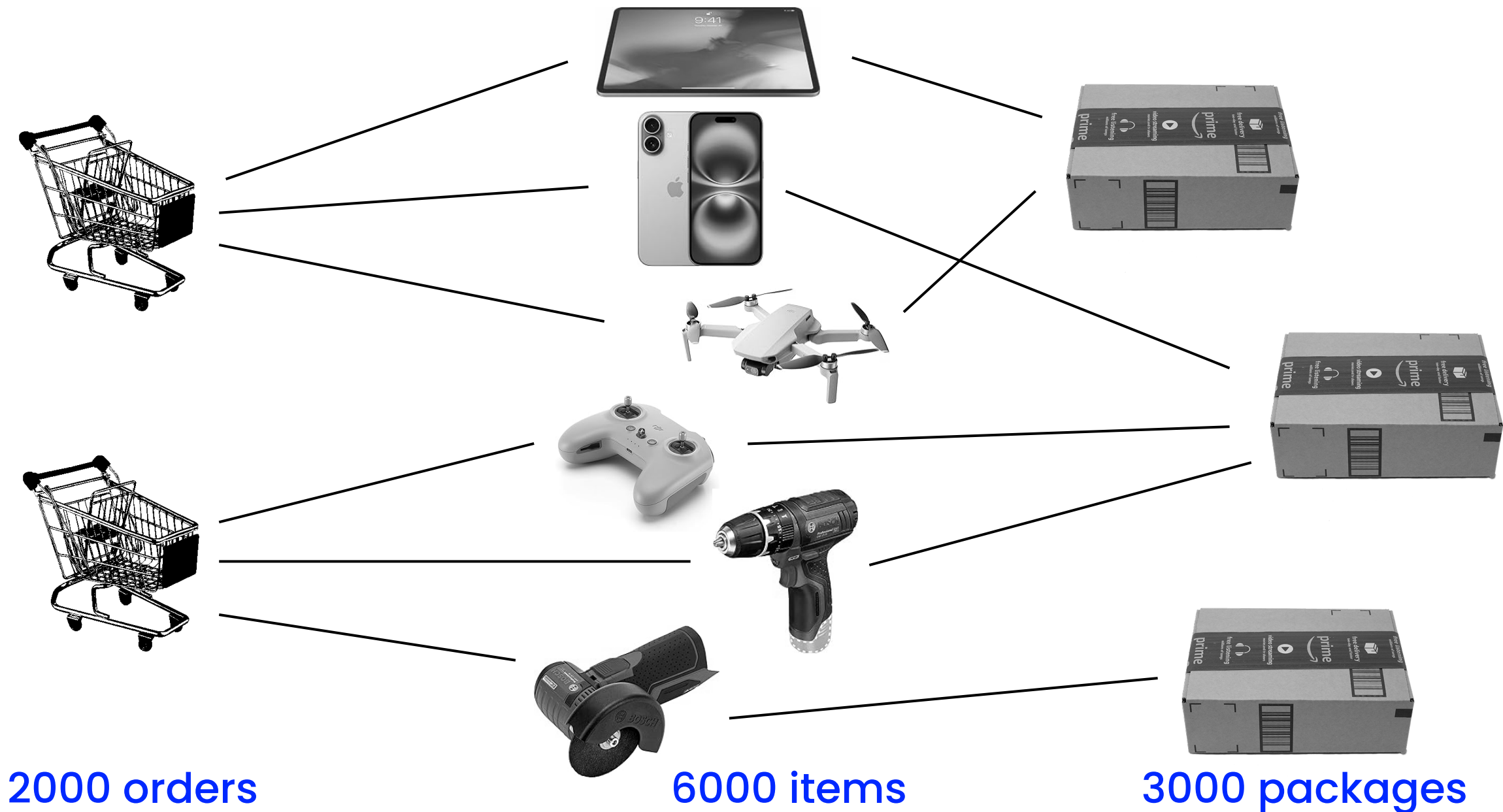
Where are the resources?

We only clean the kitchen at the end of the shift!

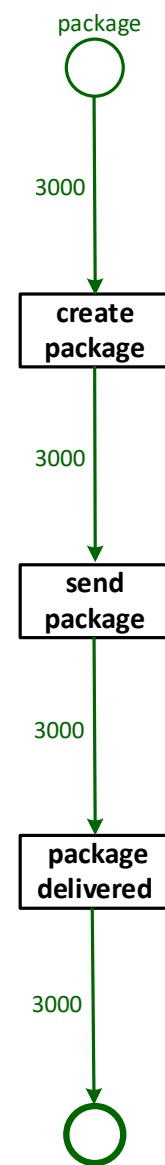
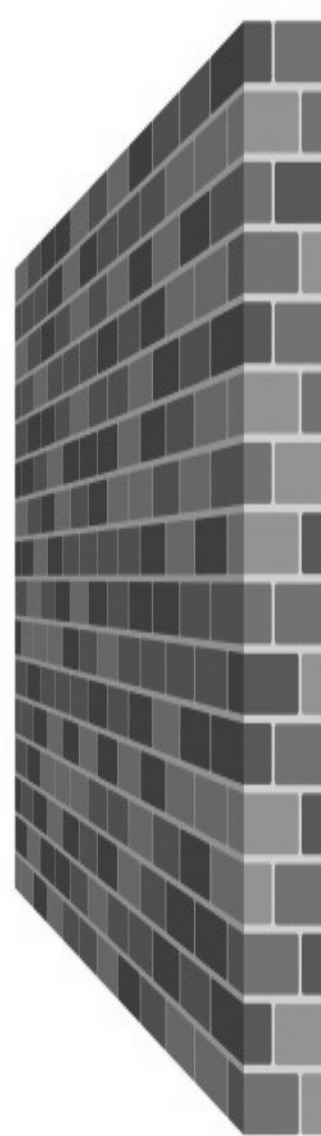
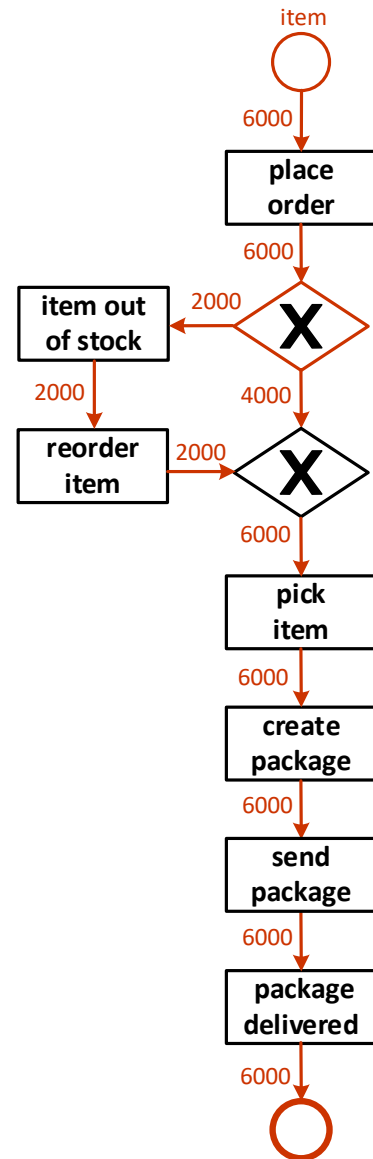
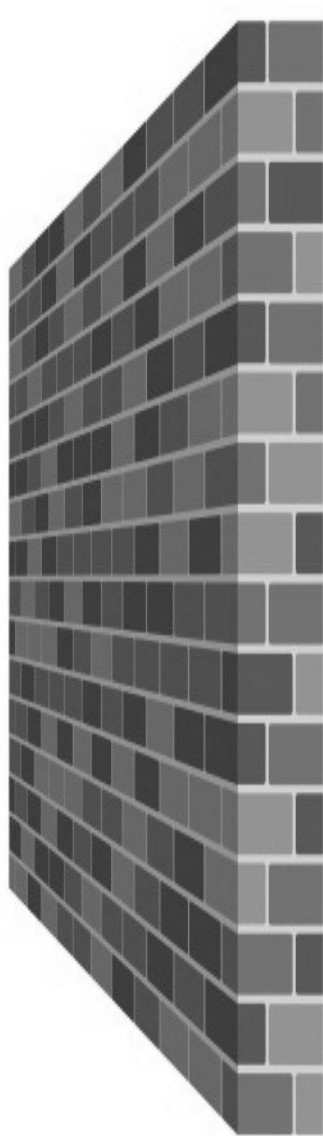
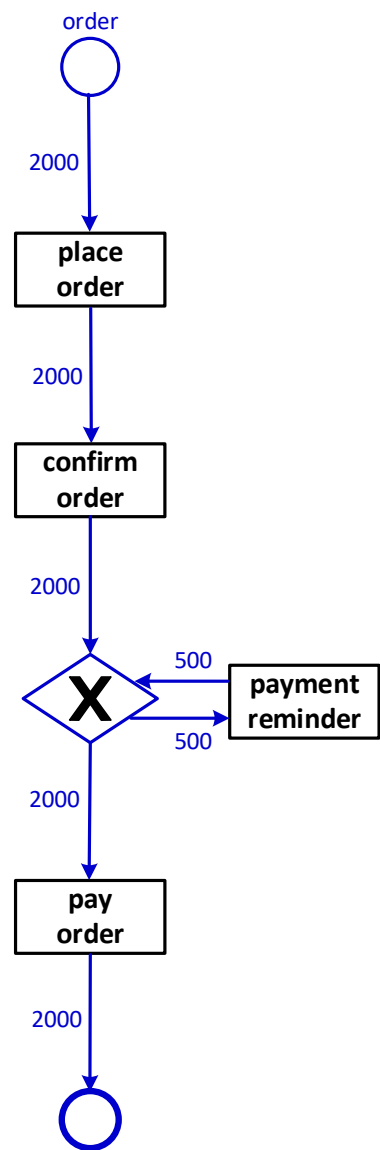
We need to buy the ingredients before!

Shortages influence the process.

Minimal example with three types of objects: orders, items, and packages

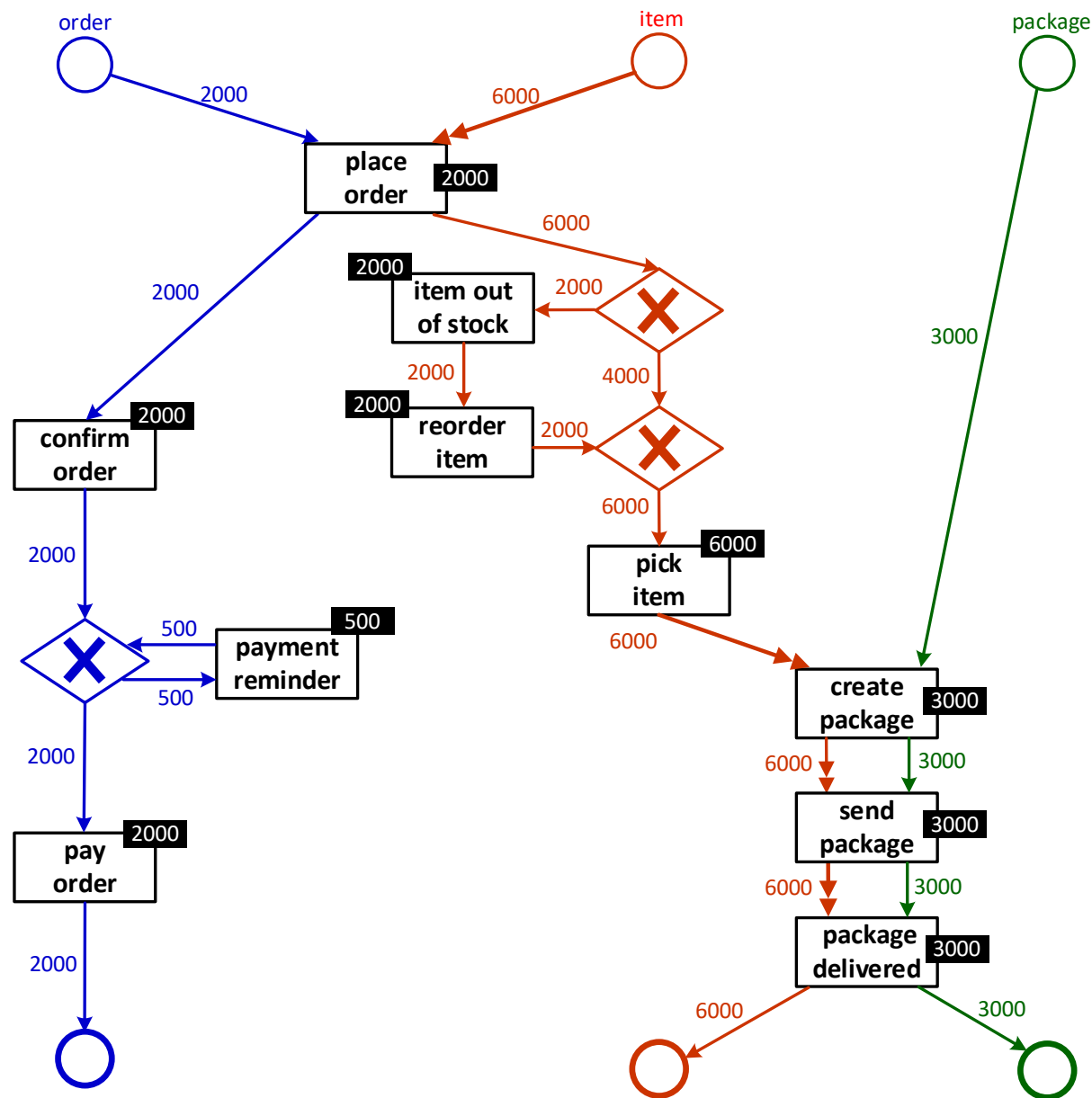


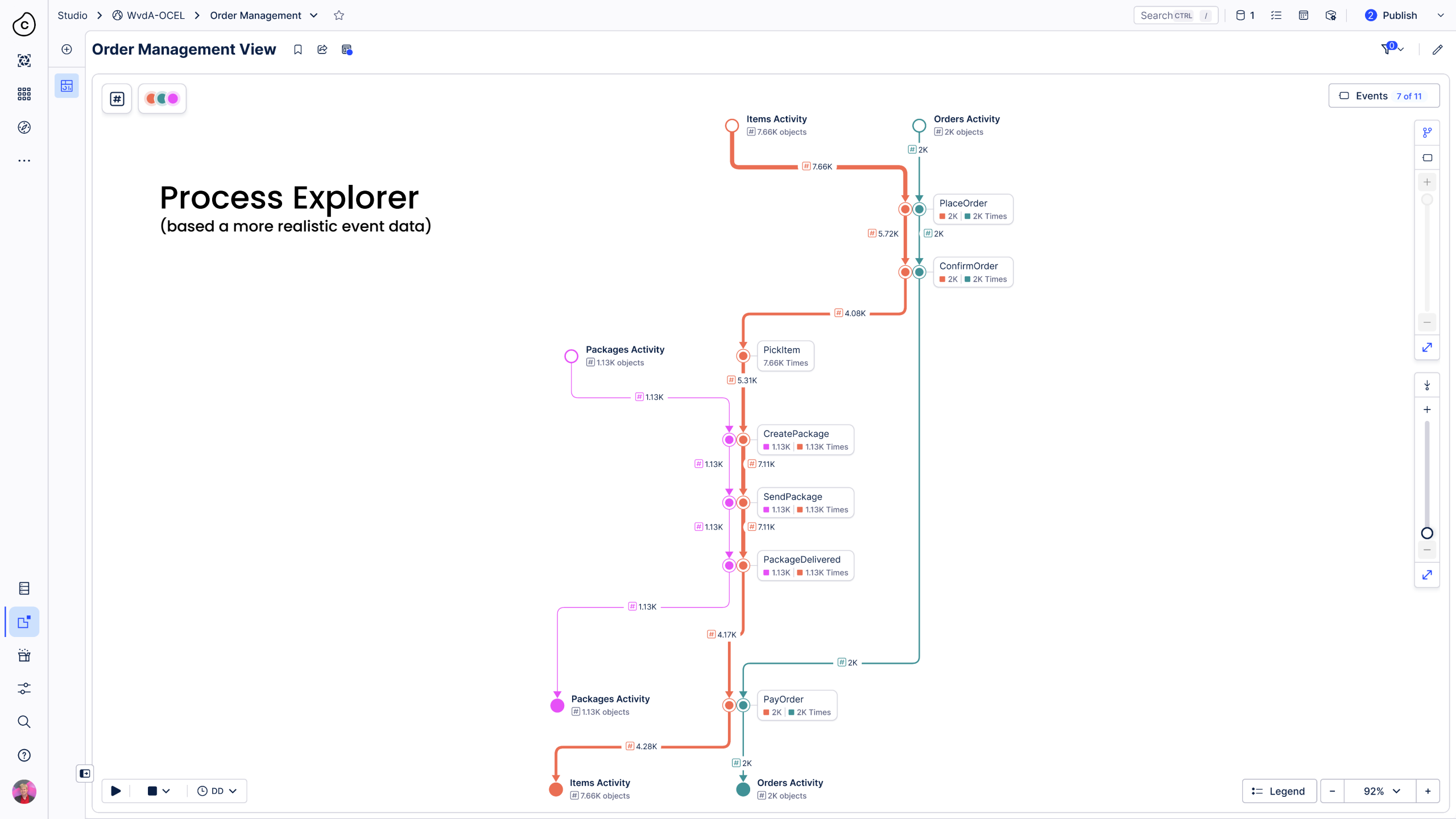
# We cannot see the process by looking at disconnected object types

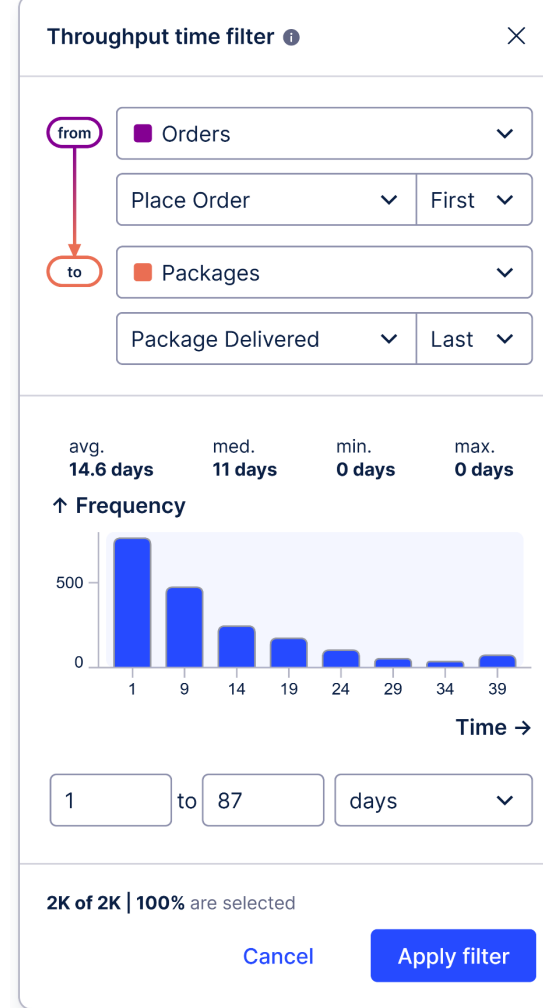
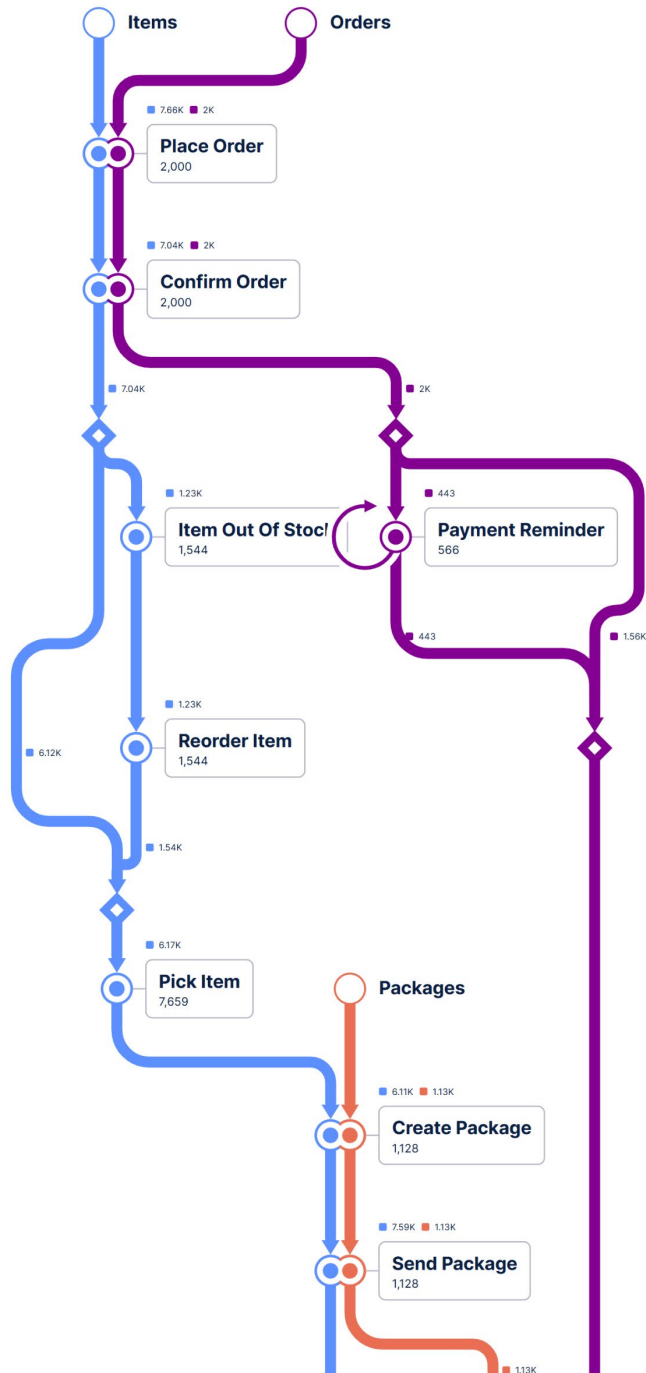




# Discovered Object-Centric Process Model







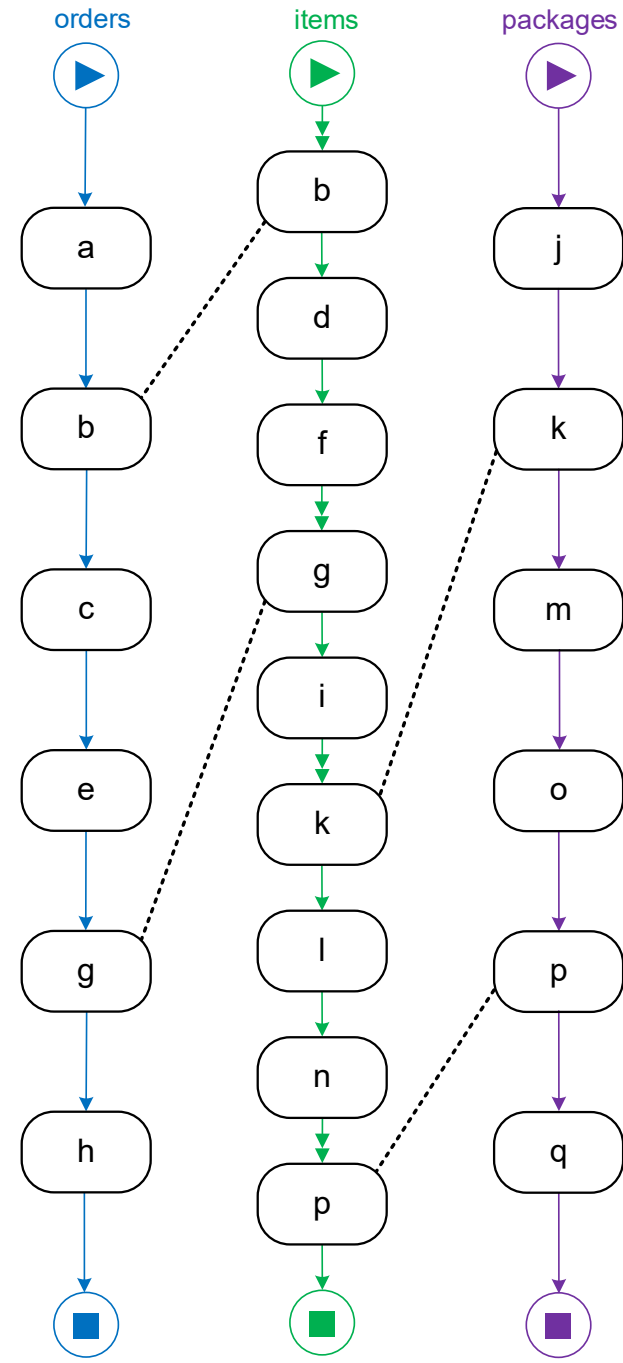
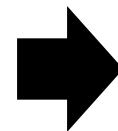
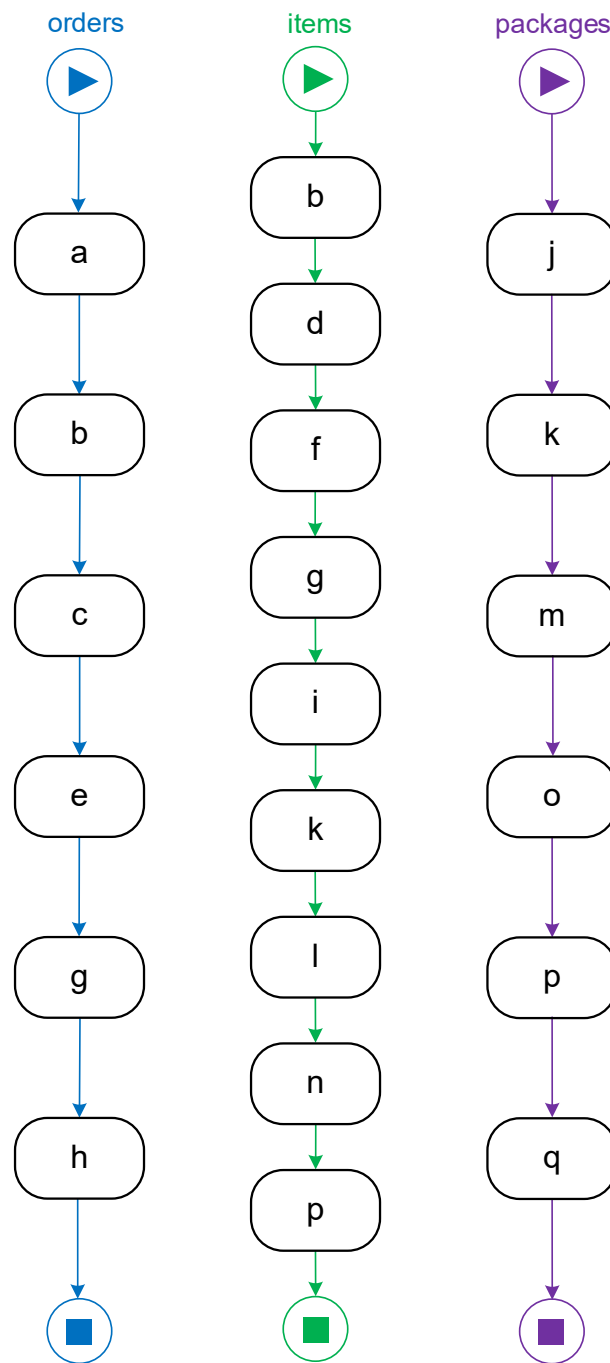
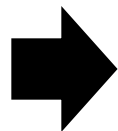
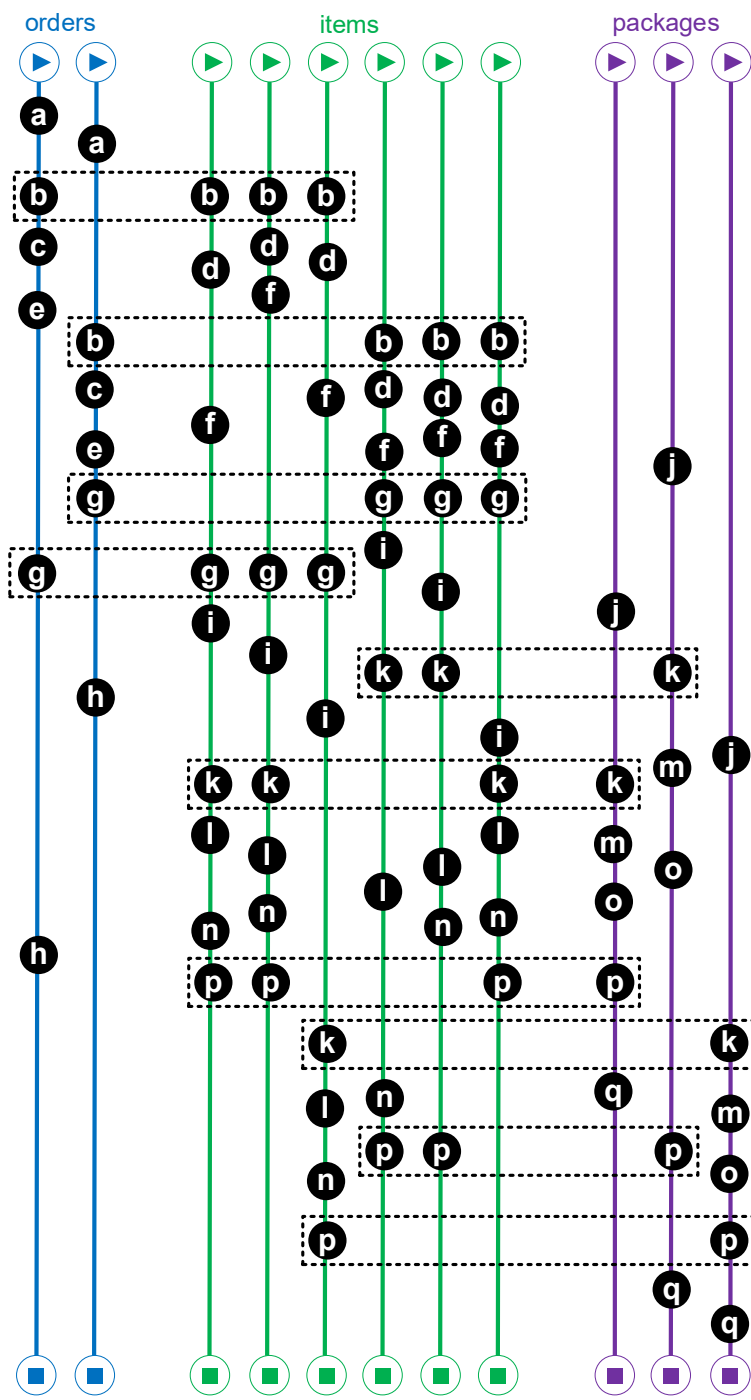
# Process Adherence Manager

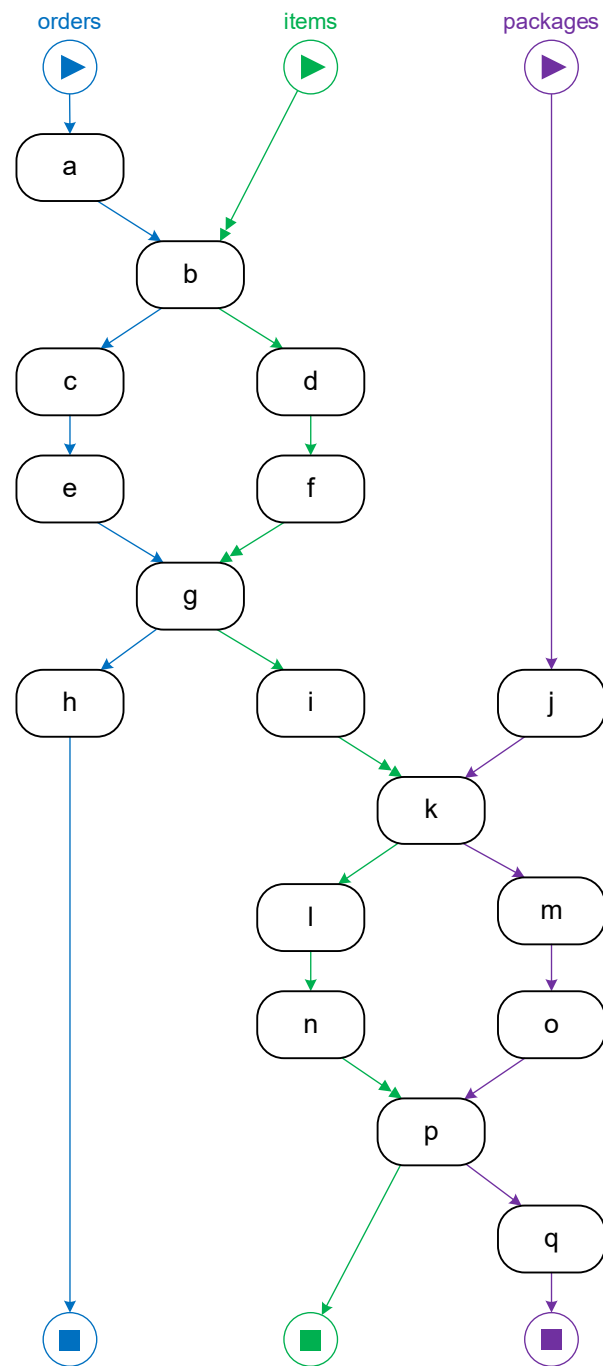
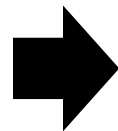
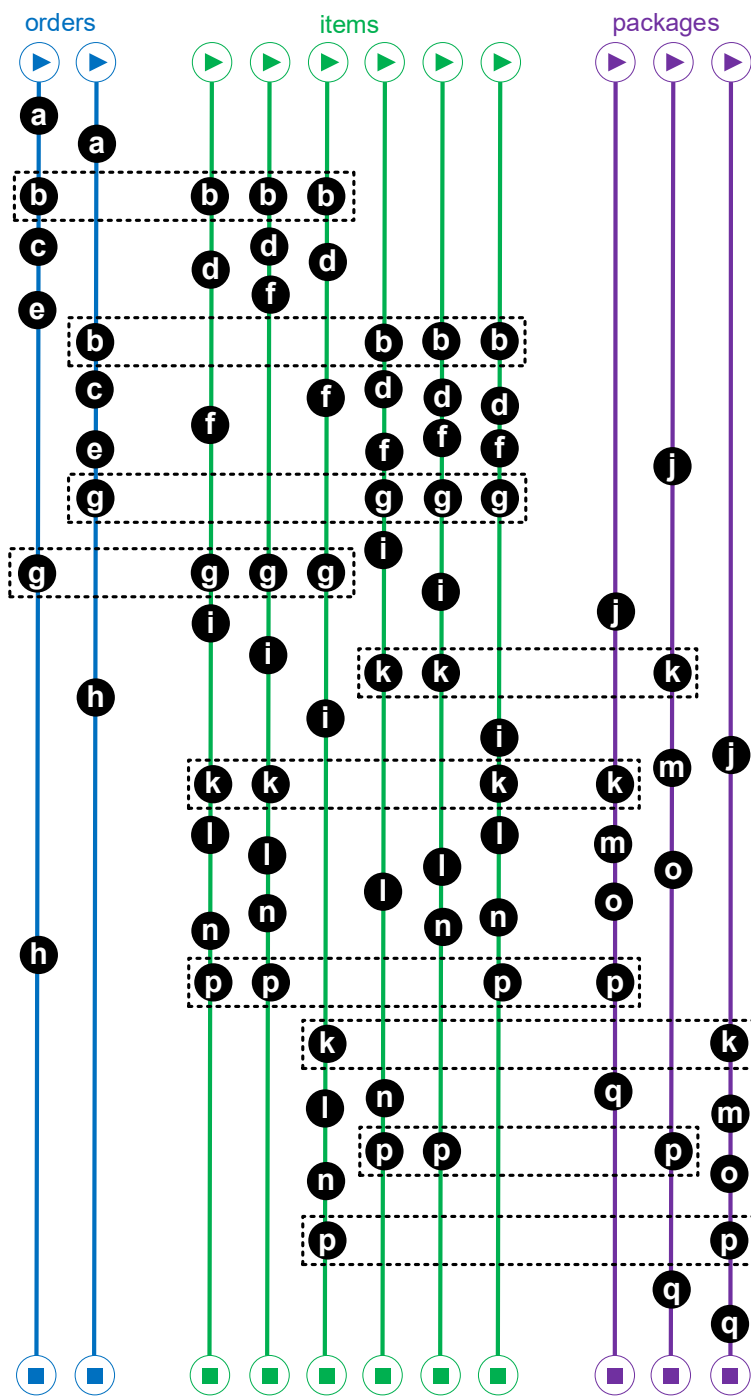


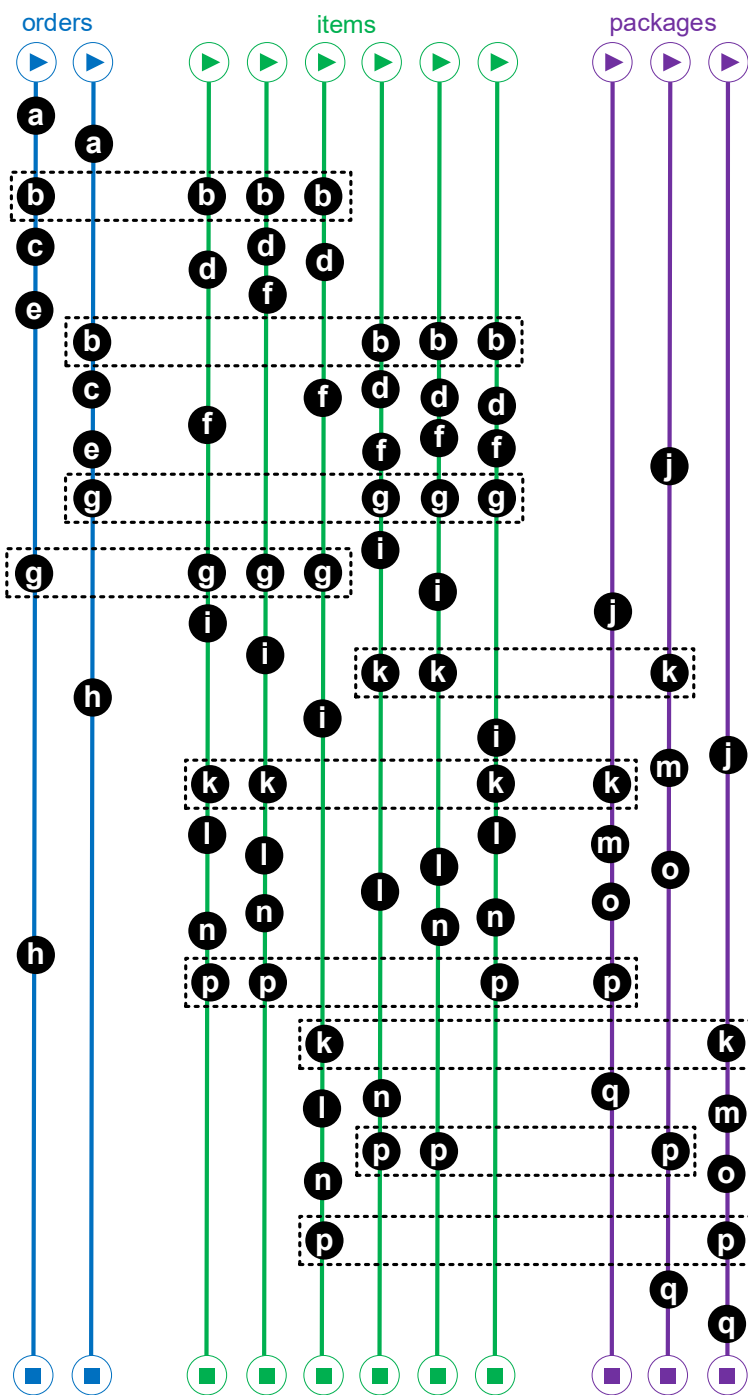
If it gets too complicated, you are  
probably doing something wrong ...

Drop your case-centric bias!

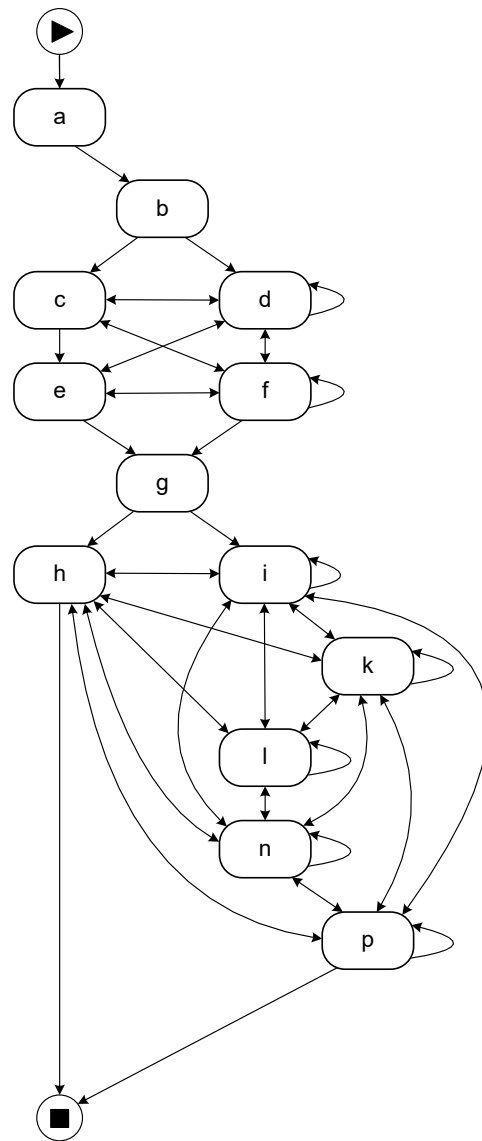
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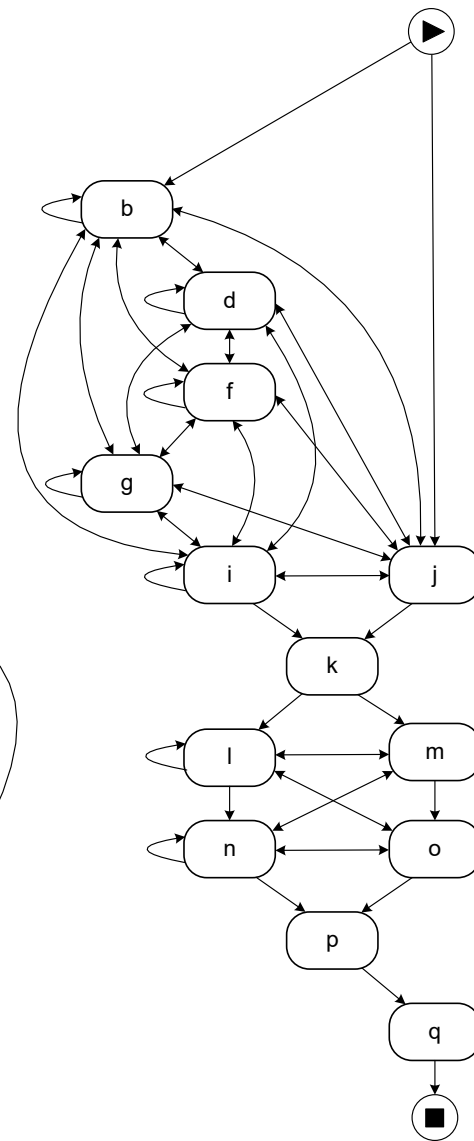




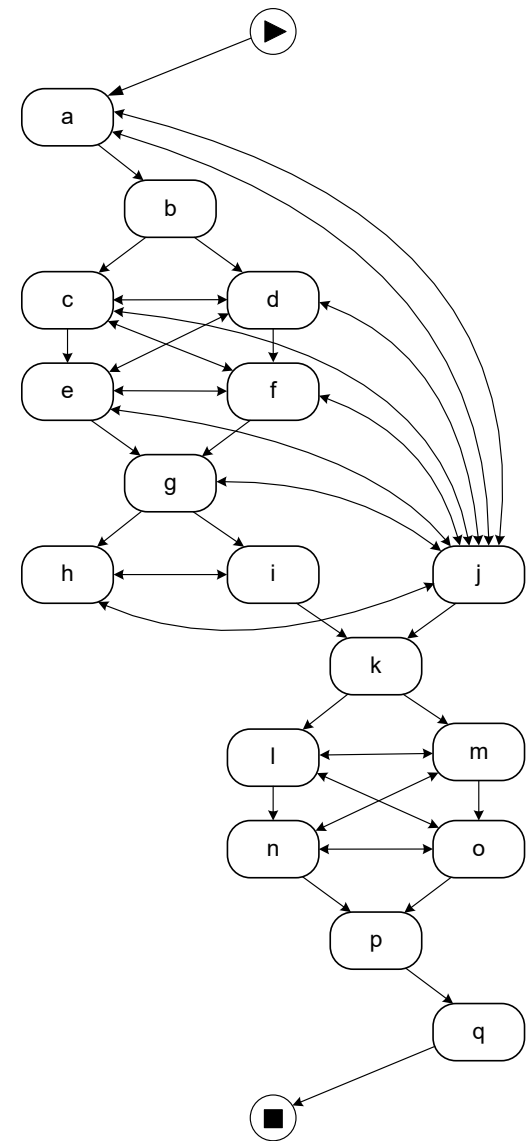
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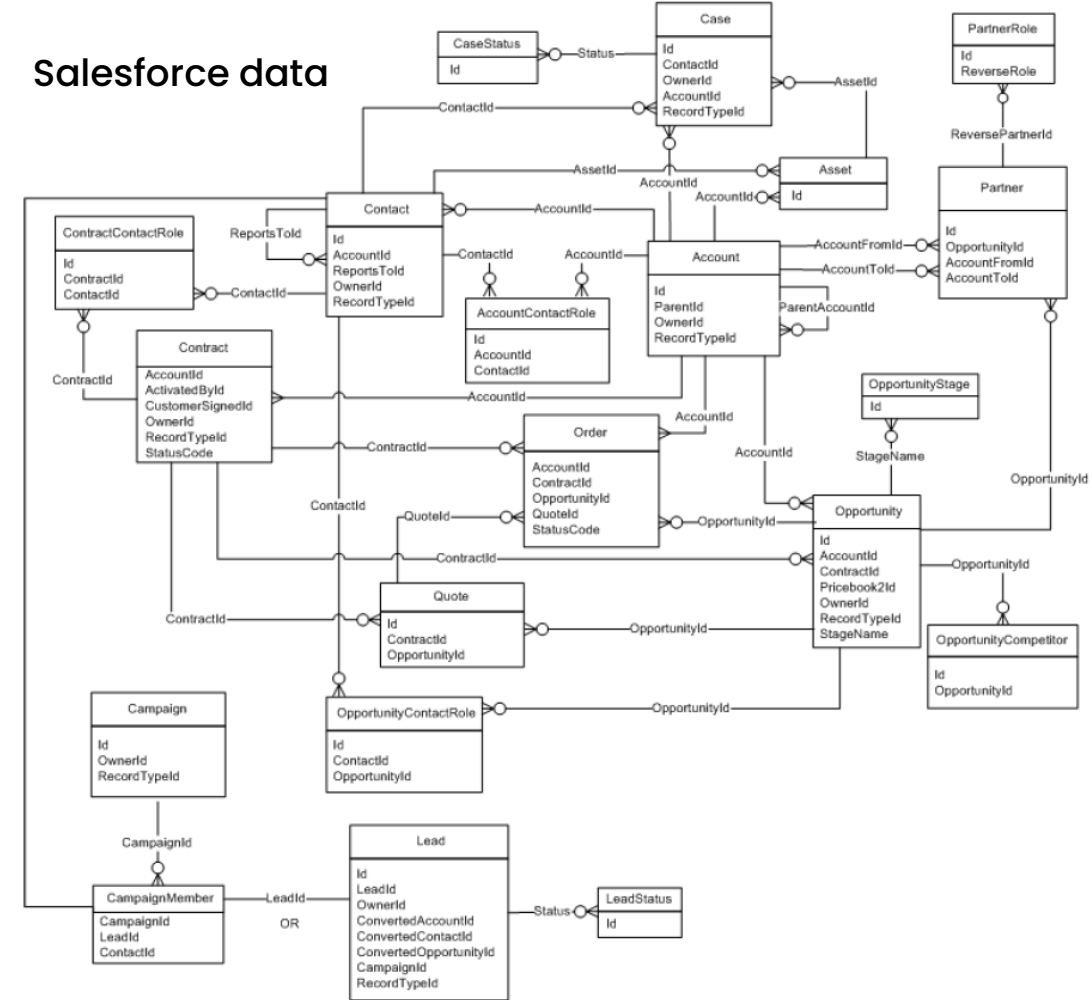




# Exhibit #2



## Salesforce data



Rarely one-to-one

Parent-Child



Required



Optional



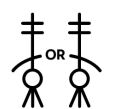
Many-to-Many



Extension



Mutually Exclusive



# Main benefits of using Object-Centric Process Mining

## 01

**Avoid repeatedly going back to your source systems**

- Offers a single system-agnostic source of truth
- Saves time and helps to capture real-live events and objects

## 02

**Avoid distortions due to the single-case assumption**

- Squeezing reality into simple event logs creates distortions
- This includes the unintentional replication of events (convergence) and loss of causal relations (divergence)

## 03

**See and understand the interactions between different object types**

- Problems live at the intersections of processes and organizational entities
- E.g. low On-Time-In-Full (OTIF) scores may be caused by sales, production, procurement, logistics, etc.

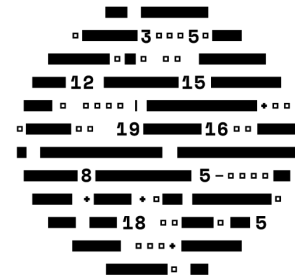
To conclude



# Process Mining Demystified: How Does it Really Work?

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Process Discovery: Inductive Miner  
Conformance Checking: Alignments  
Object-Centric Process Mining



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# Thank you

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