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Preface

The year 2020 will be remembered as the time when many business processes were turned upside down as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The process of organizing and hosting conferences was one of them. The 18th International Conference on Business Process Management (BPM 2020) was no exception. Under the leadership of the general chairs, Manuel Resinas and Antonio Ruiz Cortés, from University of Seville, Spain, BPM 2020 became the first edition in the BPM conference series to be held online.

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 12, 2020, just four days before the deadline for paper submissions. As many countries entered into lock-down, the BPM research community displayed an exemplary level of resilience and flexibility. Despite the disruptions caused by the lock-down, the conference received 138 full paper submissions, which is comparable to the number of submissions on a regular year.

As in previous editions, the BPM 2020 conference was structured into three tracks, corresponding to the three traditional communities of the conference series: the foundations track (computer science), the engineering track (information systems engineering), and the management track (information systems management). Out of the 138 submissions, 32 came into the foundations track, 50 into the engineering track, and 56 into the management track. Following initial verification of each paper leading to some desk-rejections, 125 submissions made it to the review process (respectively 28, 45, and 52 across the three tracks).

The tracks cover not only different phenomena of interest and research methods, but also apply different evaluation criteria. Accordingly, each track had a dedicated track chair and Program Committee. The foundations track was chaired by Dirk Fahland, the engineering track by Chiara Ghidini, and the management track by Jörg Becker. Marlon Dumas acted as consolidation chair. Each paper was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members and a Senior Program Committee member who triggered and moderated scientific discussions that were summarized in a meta-review. In the end, we accepted 27 papers to the main conference (acceptance rate 19.5%). Moreover, 19 submissions appeared in the BPM Forum, published in a separate volume of the Springer LNBIP series.

The accepted papers cover a wide range of topics, from multiple perspectives. Alongside already well-established topics such as business process modeling, process mining, process redesign, BPM maturity, and stakeholder management, we witnessed a notable increase in submissions related to predictive process monitoring and robotic process automation, in line with ongoing industry developments.

The topics of the conference are also reflected by the keynote speakers. Avigdor Gal, from Technion, Israel, spoke about process mining, specifically reflecting on the

ongoing move in this field from small data to big data. Rama Akkiraju from IBM, USA, exposed her vision of how AI techniques will transform the DNA of business processes and the challenges that this transformation raises for researchers and practitioners. Finally, Jan vom Brocke led a reflection into the meaning of process science and how the BPM research community needs to take the next step in embracing its multidisciplinary nature by conceptualizing processes in a way that is independent from a single discipline's perspective.

This year, the conference made a step towards embracing the principles of Open Science, including reproducibility and replicability. The evaluation form for research papers included an item asking reviewers if the artifacts (prototypes, interview protocols, questionnaires) and the datasets used in or produced by the empirical evaluation reported in the paper, are available in a suitable form. Authors were asked to include in their paper a link to one or more repositories where reviewers could find the research artifacts associated with the paper. We are thankful to the authors for embracing these principles as reflected by the large proportion of papers that have permanent links to artifacts.

Organizing a scientific conference is a complex process involving many roles and countless interactions. The pivot from a physical conference to an online conference added to this complexity. We thank all our colleagues involved for their exemplary work. The workshop chairs attracted seven workshops, the tutorial chairs attracted five tutorials, the industry chairs organized an exciting industry forum, the doctoral consortium chairs allowed PhD students to benefit from the advice of experienced researchers, and the demo chairs expanded the scope of the demonstrations track in order to host not only tool demonstrations, but also presentations of resources of interest to the community, such as datasets and benchmarks. Weaving across all these tracks, the publicity chairs energetically mobilized the BPM research community despite the challenging times, while the proceedings chair, Bedilia Estrada, professionally interacted with Springer and with the authors to seamlessly prepare the conference and forum proceedings, as well as the other proceedings associated with the conference.

The members of the tracks' Program Committees and Senior Program Committees deserve particular acknowledgment for their dedication and commitment. We are grateful for the help and expertise of sub-reviewers, who provided valuable feedback during the reviewing process and engaged in deep discussions at times. BPM 2020 had a dedicated process to consolidate paper acceptance across tracks. During the very intensive weeks of this phase, many Senior Program Committee members evaluated additional papers and were engaged in additional discussions. Special thanks go to these colleagues, who were instrumental during this crucial phase of the reviewing process. We also thank our sponsors: Signavio (Platinum), Celonis (Platinum), AuraPortal (Gold), DCR Solutions (Gold), Papyrus (Silver), Springer, and University of Seville.

Finally, we applaud the Organizing Committee, including Adela del Río Ortega, Amador Durán, Alfonso Márquez, Bedilia Estrada, and Beatriz Bernárdez who, together with the general chairs, sacrificed a tremendous amount of time to overcome the challenges of switching from a physical to an online conference. The BPM research community is forever grateful for their effort.

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In Memoriam of Florian Daniel

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Florian Daniel recently passed away, at the age of 42. He was not only a passionate, frank, enthusiastic person, but also a brilliant, sharp, thoughtful colleague. He was a multifaceted, talented researcher who contributed to advance the state of the art in several areas of research, including that of Business Process Management. In this *In Memoriam* we briefly recall the scientific career of Florian, as well as his impact and service to the BPM community. We then include some memories from colleagues who had the chance, and the pleasure, to work with him. Those who loved or knew him will for sure find some of his most distinctive traits. Those who did not will learn about a role model who inspired, and will inspire, many of us.

1 Academic Life and Impact in BPM

Florian's career as a student was at Politecnico di Milano, where he obtained his master degree cum laude in 2003 and his PhD in 2007; then, after a short period as post doc, he moved to Trento. During his PhD, advised by Stefano Ceri, Florian was extremely prolific: by 2008, Florian had produced 11 journal papers and 22 conference papers, setting an outstanding record of productivity. What is most impressive, Florian managed to collaborate with over 50 scholars – besides Stefano Ceri and Fabio Casati who had been mentoring him in Milano and Trento, he started working with scholars who have been work companions throughout his life, including Maristella Matera, Boualem Benatallah, and Sven Casteleyn; in 2008 he produced the first of many works with Cinzia Cappiello, much loved partner in life.

In his early years, Florian's interests covered several aspects, but with a very coherent approach. Topics included web applications, web services, process modeling, and mashups; the research contribution made them well founded and sound, but also simple, clear, and easy to use and compose. Throughout his very productive career, thanks to his acute and brilliant mindset, Florian's work has been able to mix formal elegance and abstraction with pragmatics and engineering. He left Milano for Trento,

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but he continuously collaborated within an international network rooted in Milano and Trento but encompassing a huge number of collaborators worldwide. In Trento, he worked with Fabio to advise dozens of PhD students, lead EU and industrial projects, and write grants. In summary, as a post doc, he was already doing the kind of work expected from a professor, and was doing so brilliantly. He was always incredibly helpful and supportive with the students as well as brilliant and prolific in research. Besides Milano and Trento, his affiliations included HP in Palo Alto, the University of Alicante, UNSW in Sydney, PUCRS in Porto Alegre, TPU in Tomsk, UNIST in Korea, and USI in Lugano – a sign of his ability to create collaborations around the world.

Florian was active in the BPM conference and community since the time he joined the University of Trento, both as author and organizer. As for service to the community, he acted as program chair of the BPM 2013 conference, held in Beijing. He was workshop chair twice: at BPM 2011 in Clermont-Ferrand and at BPM 2018 in Sydney. He also served as Program Committee (PC) member and Senior PC member in several editions of the conference. Research wise, he contributed to advancing the state of the art in BPM along several research directions, all oriented towards enriching process models and systems with computational and human intelligence. Particularly interesting is how Florian was able to intertwine processes with mashups and crowdsourcing. In this respect, we like to remember his work on distributed orchestration of user interfaces [1], on crowd-based mining of process patterns [2], and on micro-task crowdsourcing [3].

The approach in [1] brings forward the notion of distributed orchestration for user interfaces. Specifically, the paper presents a novel component-based model, language, and system for orchestrating complex processes that include human tasks, which in turn require dedicated, end user-tailored interfaces. Well-known research challenges related to process and service orchestration, and composition is consequently lifted to the much more challenging case where humans are part of the picture.

In [2] a complementary perspective is adopted: instead of studying how to better support humans during the execution of processes, the paper investigates how humans can be effective when mining specifications, a task that is usually ascribed to machines. The type of specification considered in the paper is that of model patterns, to be extracted from a repository of mashup (or process) models. Notably, an extensive experimental evaluation leads to the conclusion that a complex task such as that of model pattern mining can be effectively crowdsourced, obtaining patterns that are rich in domain knowledge especially in the case where the input repository is small.

Finally, [3] proposes an extension of BPMN to properly account for crowdsourcing processes where different tasks and multiple actors (machines, individual humans, and the crowd) are integrated. The notion of multi-instance task in BPMN is conceptually extended towards that of crowd task. But the paper does not limit itself to modeling: it also shows how to enrich standard BPMN engines with crowdsourcing platforms, resolving the impedance mismatch between the process orchestration flow and the flow of information produced by the crowd.

All in all, the three papers are exemplar witnesses of Florian's passion in research: the intersection between processes, user interfaces, and people.

2 Memories from Colleagues

We have collected some memories, impressions, thoughts, anecdotes about Florian from various colleagues active in the BPM community, and who had the chance to know Florian and to work with him.

Barbara Pernici. I met Florian many years ago during his PhD at Politecnico di Milano where he attended a PhD course. At that time, I came to know about his brilliant mind and, on the side, how passionate he was about brewing beer. Many years later he talked to me about possible student projects, about supporting recipes, and beer production with very sophisticated workflows. He was so passionate about it and several groups of students enjoyed working on those projects enjoying his very rigorous technical approach in research. He was a special and dedicated teacher and he was able to transmit his passion to all his students who loved him a lot. I will always remember how brilliant, gentle, and original he was.

Gigi Plebani. Florian was first of all a friend then a colleague. Literally. We started spending time together when we were PhD students and then postdocs at Politecnico. After his period in Trento, when he was came back to Milan, I was really happy for him and for Cinzia to really start living together and also to have more opportunities to talk with him about everything: life, running, beers, and eventually work. Yep, even though I knew Florian for 15 years, it was only last year that we had the chance to work together when we started to investigate on the relationship between business processes and blockchains. Thus, I had the possibility to see how the same kindness, determination, and method he used to face any type of issues in life, he also used to apply to his research works. It was great to work together with the students of Alta Scuola Politecnica, to share ideas with him, and together, make those ideas grow. In many situations, we did not have the same opinion, but he was always open to understand the others' standpoint and we had the opportunity to make our positions more aligned. Thanks Florian, it was a pleasure to know you. I learned a lot from you, as a man and as a researcher. Everyone can appreciate your contribution to research, but only I can appreciate your contribution to my life.

Wil van der Aalst. Florian was an amazing person: smart, funny, and social. He was an active and highly respected member of the BPM community for many years. Next to his seminal contribution to the Business Process Management (BPM) field, he worked on web engineering, service-oriented computing, blockchain, and crowdsourcing. Florian is well-known for his work on mashup development, context-aware web applications, service composition, and crowdsourcing. He was also active in organizing various events within our community. He was able to connect different fields and



Fig. 1. Florian was one of the PC chairs of the successful BMP 2013 conference in Beijing.

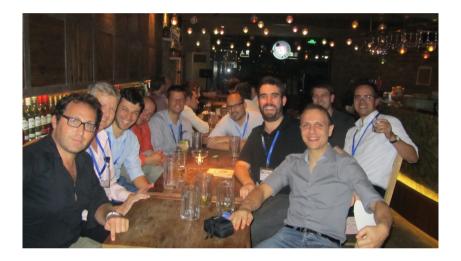


Fig. 2. There as always time to socialize with fellow BPM-ers.

communities. He was also one of the program chairs of the International Business Process Management conference in Beijing in 2013 and workshop chair of BPM 2011 and 2018. I vividly remember a trip to Rifugio Maranza (a mountain hut close to Povo).¹ He was always able to create a positive atmosphere where people matter most. In his last email to me he wrote: "Sure… mountains in Milano… not good. But with good weather I can see them in the distance :-) … There is beer too in Milano :-)." This is the way that I would like to remember him.

¹ A note from Marco: I was also there. We organized a visit to Florian and Fabio in Povo. Florian had the idea to meet in the woods instead of the department. This transformed what could have been a standard research meeting into one of the most striking memories I have, not just about Florian, but about my research life in general.



Fig. 3. During presentations in one of the main tracks and demo session at BPM 2012, Tallinn, Estonia.

Frank Leymann. I met Florian the first time more than a decade ago in 2008 in context of the EU project COMPAS. This project was about compliance by design, and one of the focus areas was compliance of business processes. My team worked on the modeling side, how to specify corresponding compliance rules as process fragments, while Florian (part of Fabio's group) worked on how to assess compliance during runtime and present it properly on a dashboard. Very soon it became clear to me that Florian was exceptional, both, as a scientist as well as a human. We soon became friends: besides joint cooperations, we had several joint dinners and drank "one or two" beers (well, it's mandatory to mention "beer" when remembering Florian). He was very passionate about his work, and he was able to explain his ideas very clearly and vividly. Because of this, I was always very pleased when he accepted invitations to my institute to discuss and present his ideas to a broader community. But also via mail, we were exchanging ideas and joint publications resulted. For example, in the area of blockchains, a language to describe smart contracts and a mechanism to actually locate them has been designed. In our last work, we were focusing on function as a service which we are finishing in his spirit. We wanted to meet in Milano in September to begin an exchange on quantum computing to see what we could jointly contribute to this area. Then, we planned to finally realize a long delayed idea: a joint hiking tour in Tuscany, having "one or two" glasses of - well not beer - wine together. It turned out that we delayed this event for too long ...

Boualem Benatallah. I have known Florian since 2006. Florian was both a friend and a colleague. We have collaborated intensively in the area of web services and mashups, quality control in crowdsourcing, and more recently on conversational bots. Multiple times, Florian visited UNSW for one or two months joint research periods. I also visited him in Politecnico di Milano. We planned to meet in Milano this September to continue working on our recent collaborative work. We co-authored several research papers and jointly supervised students. I will always remember his positive, collaborative, and constructive attitude. I also enjoyed our social meetings and friendship. Florian was a highly respected member of the research community and a wonderful colleague and friend. He will be remembered by his outstanding scholarly achievements and research contributions to the research community and also services to the university and community.

Carlos Rodriguez. Florian was a wonderful person, academic and professional. I was very lucky to have him not only as a co-advisor during my PhD studies at the University of Trento, but also as a colleague and friend. As an advisor he taught our cohort the best professionalism and guided us in navigating the research world in a rigorous and systematic manner. In the area of BPM, we explored research problems in the context of business process compliance, crowdsourcing for BPM, and extraction of process progression information from transactional databases. As a colleague and friend, he was always happy to collaborate in projects, discuss ideas, and talk about life, where he would always bring in not only smart ideas and wisdom, but also passion and fun. On the latter, I just cannot emphasize enough how much fun it was to work and share time together with Florian. Even during the toughest deadlines and research challenges, Florian would always crack a joke or tell an anecdote that made us laugh and brought fun to our meetings. And, of course, outside work, we would always find some time to enjoy his amazing craft beers. I will always remember him as a true mentor and wonderful colleague and friend.

Stefano Ceri. Florian was one of my PhD students, he has always been appreciated by colleagues and friends for his frank character, his kindness and humanity, and also his ironic style, he was always able to surprise us with his keen observations. Activity with Florian went beyond the end of his PhD, we communicated perhaps more after graduation. I remember long conversations while attending a conference in Shanghai, we discussed a lot about research and what is important in life. During those days, he questioned some of my beliefs, and these dialogues started meditations that were important to me. He appericated scientific merit and independent thinking, thanks to these he was always able to live and work outside the box. When he won a researcher (RTB) position in Milan, he had publications warranting a full professorship; what's more important, he was a mature and independent thinker, as is clear from his production and overwhelming number of collaborations. Florian leaves our department with an immense void.

Fabio Casati. Florian has been, and is, a close friend, a colleague, and an inspiration to me for many years. I will never forget the many lessons that he gave by example – never with the intent to teach. Many of them had to do with how you approach any problem with the care and passion it deserves, without hidden goals but only with the objective of doing the best he could in solving a problem and being as helpful as possible for those affected, be it the occasional lecture, the work on a project deliverable, a small research effort with a bachelor student, and on and on. As I said many times for the last 10 years, he would have been my choice for full professorship since three years into his post doc tenure. Everywhere he went, in whatever environment, he would just make that place a better one. He was the friend and colleague anybody would want to have, and when he left Trento, although he moved only two hours away, it felt like losing a part of me. To this day, I still think about how he would behave in a given situation, and this helps me figure out the right course of action. Florian, I am sure you are happy and drinking (and probably a bit drunk) wherever you are. We miss you.

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Abstracts of Keynotes

Process Minding: Closing the Big Data Gap

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Abstract. The discipline of process mining was inaugurated in the BPM community. It flourished in a world of small(er) data, with roots in the communities of software engineering and databases and applications mainly in organizational and management settings. The introduction of big data, with its volume, velocity, variety, and veracity, and the big strides in data science research and practice pose new challenges to this research field. The paper positions process mining along modern data life cycle, highlighting the challenges and suggesting directions in which data science disciplines (*e.g.*, machine learning) may interact with a renewed process mining agenda.

Characterizing Machine Learning Processes: A Maturity Framework

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Abstract. Academic literature on machine learning modeling fails to address how to make machine learning models work for enterprises. For example, existing machine learning processes cannot address how to define business use cases for an AI application, how to convert business requirements from product managers into data requirements for data scientists, and how to continuously improve AI applications in term of accuracy and fairness, how to customize general purpose machine learning models with industry, domain, and use case specific data to make them more accurate for specific situations etc. Making AI work for enterprises requires special considerations, tools, methods and processes. In this paper we present a maturity framework for machine learning model lifecycle management for enterprises. Our framework is a re-interpretation of the software Capability Maturity Model (CMM) for machine learning model development process. We present a set of best practices from authors' personal experience of building large scale real-world machine learning models to help organizations achieve higher levels of maturity independent of their starting point.

Keywords: Machine learning models · Maturity model · Maturity framework · AI model life cycle management

Towards Process Science: Embracing Interdisciplinary Research Opportunities in the Digital Age

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As process researchers, we live in exciting times. Processes are deeply interwoven with digital technologies, such as the Internet of Things, machine learning, distributed ledger technology combined with data analytics, among many others. Processes move beyond organizational boundaries and become independent entities of their own. Processes deliver and connect various services, such as health care, mobility, investments, education, and other important economic and societal services, while organizations such as hospitals, public transport, banks, and universities, only contribute specific shares in form of services to such processes. In essence, we see that processes (not organizations or applications) are becoming the prime phenomena of interest in the digital age. While the growing importance of process is fascinating, we need to ask: Are we prepared to fully embrace the new role of process within our research field? We see a central challenge ahead. We need to conceptualize processes independent of a single discipline's perspective but integrate contributions from various disciplinary fields. This is because processes are socio-technical by nature and, thus, they entail numerous aspects of different kinds. This is evident through contributions by well-established research disciplines, such as computer science, management science, and information systems research, which have developed distinct views on processes. With processes growing outside organizations and application systems, a plethora of additional disciplines will gain increasing importance, too, such as psychology, engineering, architecture, law, ethics, and others. This is exciting because such contributions – when brought together - will greatly advance our understanding of processes. However, we need a platform to integrate and synthesize those various contributions, and given the joint focus is process, we shall call this effort "process science". We envision process science as a new scientific field, which is based on three key pillars.

 Interdisciplinary at its core. Process science is an inter disciplinary field that uses various scientific methods to generate knowledge about the development, implementation, and management of processes. Thereby, it draws on insights from various fields and aims to advance our understanding of how processes create value in diverse contexts and settings. These fields include organization science, information systems research, organizational design, computer science, psychology and neuroscience, ethics, among many others.

- 2. Continuous engagement in and between research and practice. The field of process science aims to develop a shared language among these disciplines in order to direct their attention towards shared phenomena. In order to think about processes in truly novel ways, we need to acknowledge and synthesize assumptions of individual fields. In our view, the term "process science" marks a new beginning for process research, where we develop common assumptions, a core terminology, joint research questions, as well as innovative ways to engage with practice to continuously update and further develop an emerging research agenda.
- 3. Creating impact by design. By integrating and synthesizing insights from various disciplines, process science aims to develop a prescriptive understanding of how processes can be designed and managed in context. Certainly, the competences we have developed in the field of BPM will play a key role to translate interdisciplinary perspectives into a prescriptive science about processes. The challenge is now how these different assumptions can be brought together under a unified vision of process science, design, and management.

To give an example, one big contribution process science can make is to advance our understanding of change and the adaptability of processes. In times, when change is the "new normal", the adaptability of processes becomes a crucial skill of the future. How can we organize for a spectrum of emerging changes where desired future states can hardly be anticipated? What are appropriate approaches when pre-defined to-be processes cannot be an option? How can we conceptualize, measure, and predict change? How can we allow for sufficient adaptability in the design and management of processes? Clearly, such solutions need contributions from various different perspectives, including technological infrastructures but also governance structures, skill sets, and cultural values to increase the adaptation capabilities of processes. The BPM community has the theories, methods, and tools to make such contributions. However, to get at the core of these phenomena, we need to equally embrace views and theories from other fields. This is what a joint effort in process science can deliver. This talk will sketch out the field of process science. The aim is to conceptualize essential elements of process science, provide examples for research projects, and stimulate a discourse on the establishment of process science as an interdisciplinary field both for research and practice. I invite all people with an interest in processes to be part of establishing process science to advance both theory and practice. It will be great to - on occasion of the BPM Conference 2020 - jointly bring process science to life and to decide on a few important operational next steps.

Abstracts of Tutorials

Queue Mining: Process Mining Meets Queueing Theory

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Abstract. The tutorial will expose the audience to queue mining, which is a set of novel data-driven techniques used for modeling and analyzing complex resource-driven environments. Queue mining was born from the synergy between process mining [1] and queueing theory [2]. From automated discovery [3], through conformance checking [4], to predictive monitoring [5], process mining plays a key role in modern process-oriented data analysis. Historically, process mining has mainly focused on the single-case perspective, while in reality, performance of processes is highly influenced from correlations between running cases. Queueing theory, in turn, is a well-established paradigm in operations research that addresses this gap. It revolves around processes that exhibit scarce resources and highly correlated cases that compete for these resources.

In the first part of the tutorial, we shall present a high-level overview of queue mining methodologies. Specifically, we will discuss a range of queue mining methods that involve predictive monitoring in various queueing settings, conformance checking in aueue-driven systems. and generalized а congestion-driven approach for predicting remaining times and analyzing bottlenecks. Subsequently, we shall demonstrate the usefulness of queue mining in real-life applications coming from three service domains: call centers, public transportation, and healthcare. We will conclude the tutorial with a discussion of novel research directions that involve queue mining and its extensions into other evolving fields.

We believe that the tutorial will attract both researchers and practitioners in the area of process management and mining, who are interested in performance analysis, predictive monitoring, and operations management.

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Driving Digitalization on the Shopfloor Through Flexible Process Technology

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Abstract. The current crisis shows that digitalization has become more crucial than ever. We believe that process technology constitutes the vehicle to drive digital transformation throughout all application domains. In this tutorial, we reflect on the opportunities of process technology in more "physical" environments such as industrial manufacturing with machines, sensors, and manual work.

For this, the tutorial discusses and combines questions in the areas of flexible process technology, Internet of Things (IoT), and industrial manufacturing processes. Specifically, the goals of the tutorial are to

- Show how process technology can be used to foster the digital transformation in industrial manufacturing.
- Discuss challenges and possible solutions at the interface of BPM and IoT.
- Explain challenges and requirements on process flexibility.
- Outline how process flexibility can be provided from the system side.
- Outline prospects of the contextualized collection of manufacturing data.

The tutorial is outlined as follows: a) introduction into flexible process technology, b) introduction to a real-world industrial manufacturing case, c) solution based on the secure manufacturing orchestration platform centurio.work [1, 2] which is already applied in several real-world industrial settings, and d) benefits of a process-oriented solution such as vertical and horizontal integration as well as contextualized data collection and integration of the activities of the employees. The tutorial features a mix of presentation and interactive parts, including a demonstration of centurio.work and exercises with the Cloud Process Execution Engine CPEE (http://www.cpee.org/).

Keywords: Digital transformation • Process technology • Shopfloor • Process flexibility • Internet of Things

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Predictive Process Monitoring: From Theory to Practice

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Abstract. Predictive process monitoring is a branch of process mining that aims at predicting, at runtime, the future development of ongoing cases of a process [1]. Predictions related to the future of an ongoing process execution can pertain to numeric measures of interest (e.g., the completion time), to categorical outcomes (e.g., whether a given predicate will be fulfilled or violated), or to the sequence of future activities (and related payloads). Recently, different approaches have been proposed in the literature in order to provide predictions on the outcome, the remaining time, the required resources as well as the remaining activities of an ongoing execution, by leveraging information related to control flow and data contained in event logs recording information about process executions. The approaches can be of a different nature and some of them also provide users with support in tasks such as parameter tuning. The interested reader can refer to recent surveys such as [2-4]. This tutorial aims at (i) providing an introduction on predictive process monitoring, including an overview on how to move within the large number of approaches and techniques available; (ii) introducing the current research challenges and advanced topics; and (iii) providing an overview on how to use the existing instruments and tools, with particular emphasis on the Nirdizati tool [5].

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Business Process Analysis Using Scripting Languages

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Abstract. During the recent decade, various (commercial) software solutions have been developed that support the semi-automated analysis of business processes, i.e., known as process mining solutions. Examples include, and are not limited to, Celonis, Disco, ProcessGold, and myInvenio on the commercial side, and ProM, Apromore, and RapidProM on the open-source/academic side. More recently, several process mining techniques have been developed in the context of scripting languages, e.g., Python, R, etc. The advantage of using scripting languages, which are often interpreted, with regards to compiled programming languages, include flexibility, rapid prototyping, portability, etc. In this tutorial, we focus on two, recently developed software libraries, i.e., PM4Py and bupaR, developed for python and R respectively. We sketch the main functions of the two libraries and compare their strengths and weaknesses. For both libraries, importing event data will be discussed. In the context of PM4Py, we furthermore focus on applying process discovery and conformance checking. In the context of bupaR, we focus more on visualization of event data for descriptive and exploratory analysis, as well as declarative conformance checking. This tutorial is intended for academics, data scientists, software scientists and process (intelligence) consultants, and might additionally be interesting for process owners and department heads/managers. We also aim to discuss the applicability and limitations of scripting languages for the development of novel enterprise-grade process mining technologies.

Keywords: Process mining • Python • R • PM4Py • bupaR

Information Systems Modeling Playing with the Interplay Between Data and Processes

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Abstract. Data and processes go hand-in-hand in information systems but are often modeled, validated, and verified separately in the systems' design phases. Designers of information systems often proceed by ensuring that database tables satisfy normal forms, and process models capturing the dynamics of the intended information manipulations are deadlock and livelock free. However, such an approach is not sufficient, as perfect data and process designs assessed in isolation can, indeed, induce faults when combined in the end system.

In this tutorial, we demonstrate our recent approach to modeling and verification of models of information systems in three parts. Firstly, we present our Information Systems Modeling Language (ISML) for describing information and process constraints and the interplay between these two types of constraints [1, 2]. Secondly, we demonstrate Information Systems Modeling Suite (ISM Suite) [3], an integrated environment for developing, simulating, and analyzing models of information systems described in ISML, released under an open-source license.¹ In this part, using our tools, we show several example pitfalls at the level of information and process interplay. Finally, we discuss current and future research directions that aim at strengthening the theoretical foundations and practical aspects of our approach to the design of information systems.

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