

Prozessbasierte Analyse und Interpretation onkologischer Behandlungsverläufe mit Machine Learning

Digitalisierung im Gesundheitswesen – Neue Perspektiven

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Unser Forschungskolleg

Was ist AI-DPA?

Analyse und **I**nterpretation
von unstrukturierten **D**aten
und **P**rozessen in zwei- und
dreidimensionalen
Anwendungsszenarien mit
Machine Learning



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Ziele und Datenpartner

- Prozessanalyse über verschiedene Domänen (u.a. Medien, Gesundheitswesen) hinweg
- Entwicklung von KI-Algorithmen
- Verbesserung der Datenzugänglichkeit
- Prozessvorhersage und -verbesserung

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2. Kurzeinführung Process Mining

Abläufe und Prozesse erkennen

Bestellung wird erstellt und verarbeitet



Einzelteile werden beschafft und zum Fahrrad zusammengesetzt

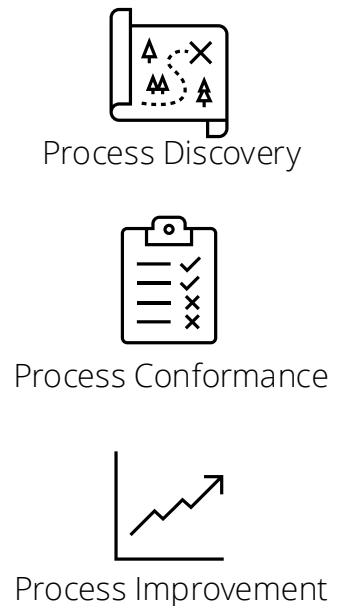
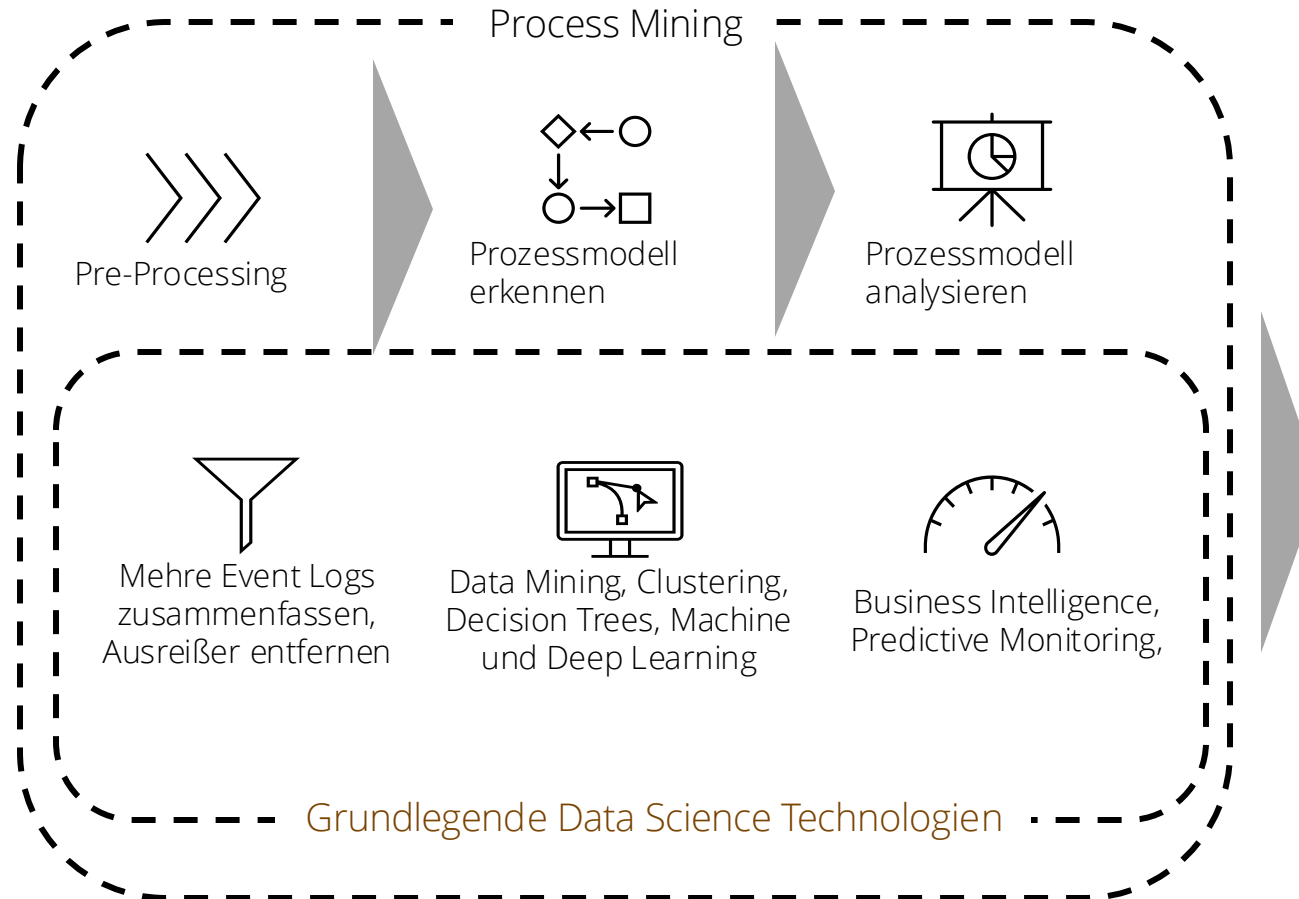
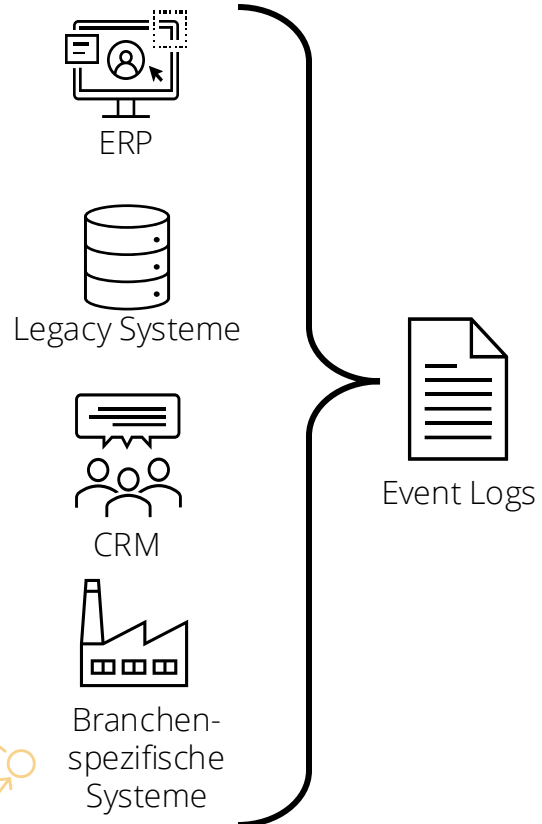


Fertiges Fahrrad wird versendet



Process Mining Technologie

**Aufgezeichnete Aktivitäten,
Ereignisse, Zustände**



Beispiel eines Event Logs



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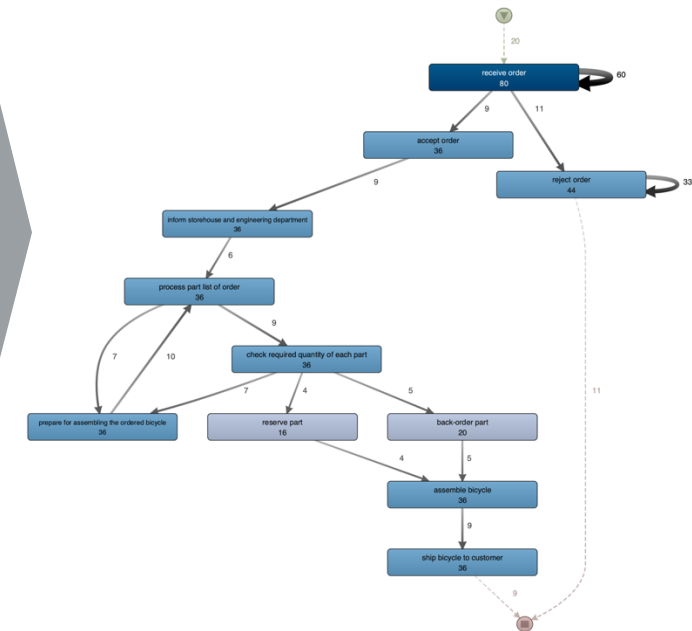


CRM



Event Log

case id	activity name	timestamp
...	...	...
b02794fe	receive order	2023-03-20T14:55:26.803+01:00
b02794fe	accept order	2023-03-21T17:46:27.862+01:00
b02794fe	inform storehouse and engineering department	2023-03-21T17:46:29.881+01:00
b02794fe	prepare for assembling the ordered bicycle	2023-03-22T11:37:33.901+01:00
b02794fe	process part list of order	2023-03-22T17:46:33.899+01:00
b02794fe	check required quantity of each part	2023-03-23T17:50:36.922+01:00
b02794fe	process part list of order	2023-03-23T17:46:36.915+01:00
b02794fe	prepare for assembling the ordered bicycle	2023-03-25T17:46:38.914+01:00
b02794fe	check required quantity of each part	2023-03-25T17:46:43.932+01:00
b02794fe	back-order part	2023-03-26T17:46:43.938+01:00
b02794fe	assemble bicycle	2023-03-27T17:46:52.949+01:00
b02794fe	back-order part	2023-03-27T17:44:52.944+01:00
b02794fe	assemble bicycle	2023-03-28T17:58:59.958+01:00
b02794fe	ship bicycle to customer	2023-03-29T17:46:59.964+01:00
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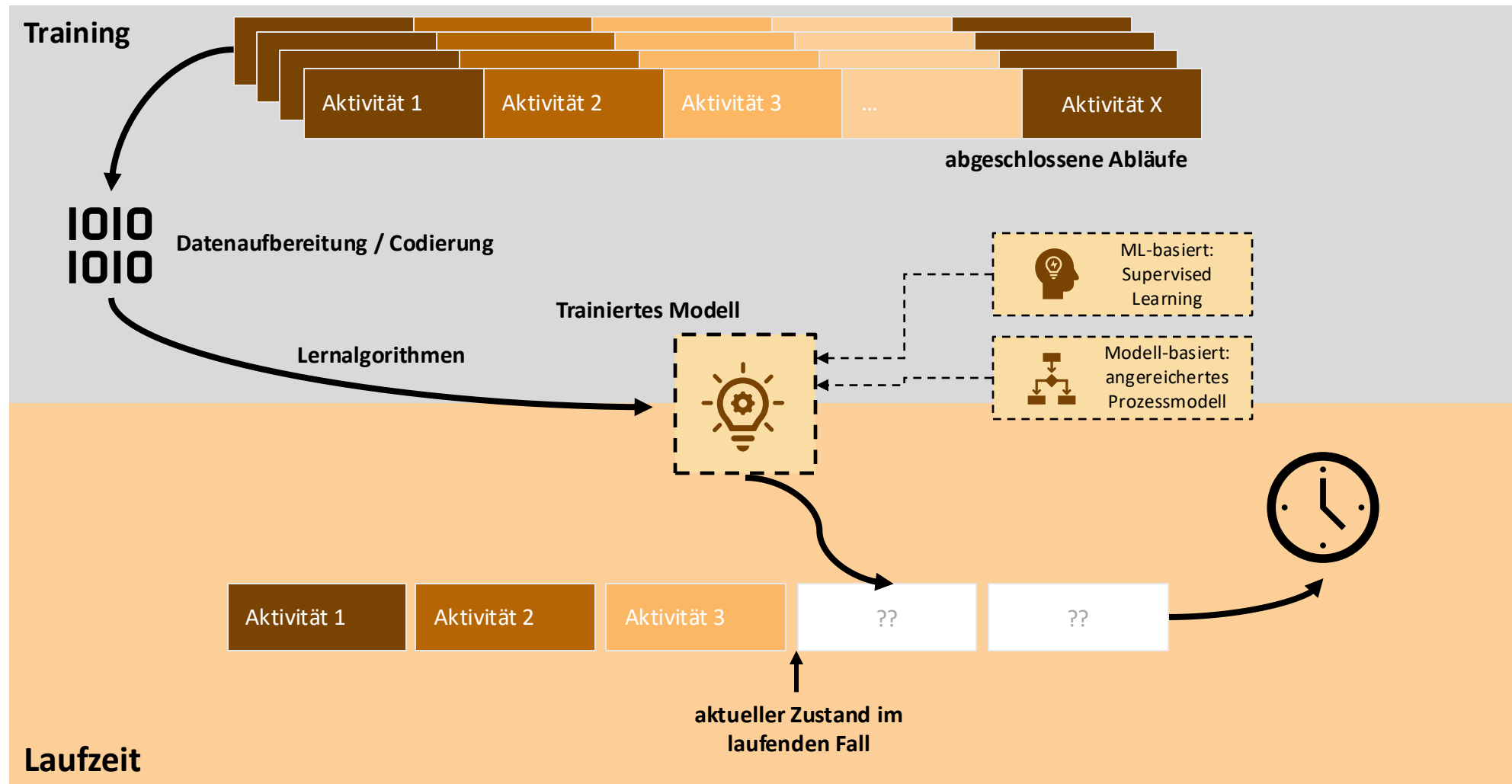


Typische Fragestellungen in laufenden Fällen



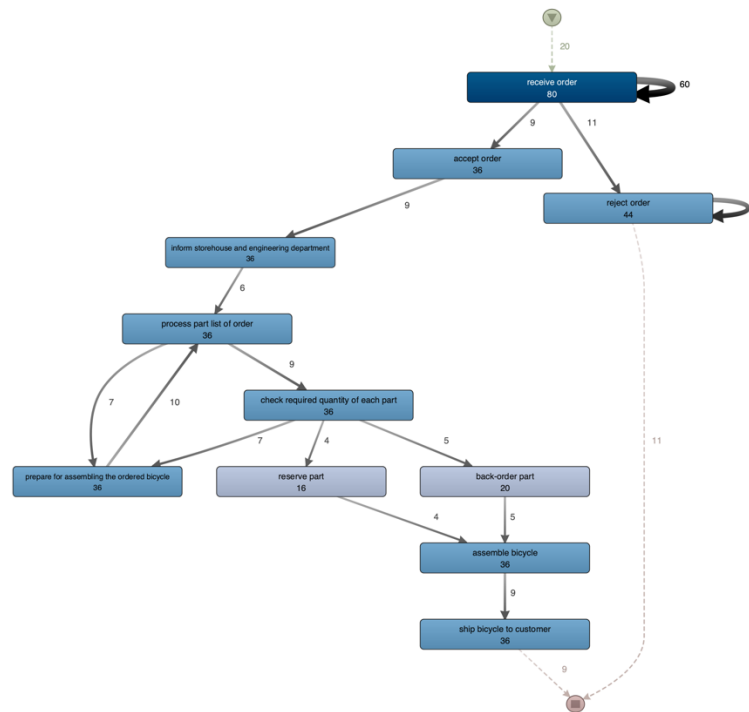
- Was ist die nächste Aktivität des Ablaufs?
 - z.B. wird die Bestellung angenommen oder abgelehnt?
- Wann wird die nächste Aktivität ausgeführt?
 - z.B. wann wird die Rechnung beglichen
- Wie lange läuft der Ablauf bis er zu Ende ist?
 - z.B. wie lange dauert es bis die Ware beim Kunden ankommt?
- Was ist das Ergebnis des Ablaufs?
 - z.B. endet die Bestellung mit einer Reklamation?

Predictive Process Monitoring

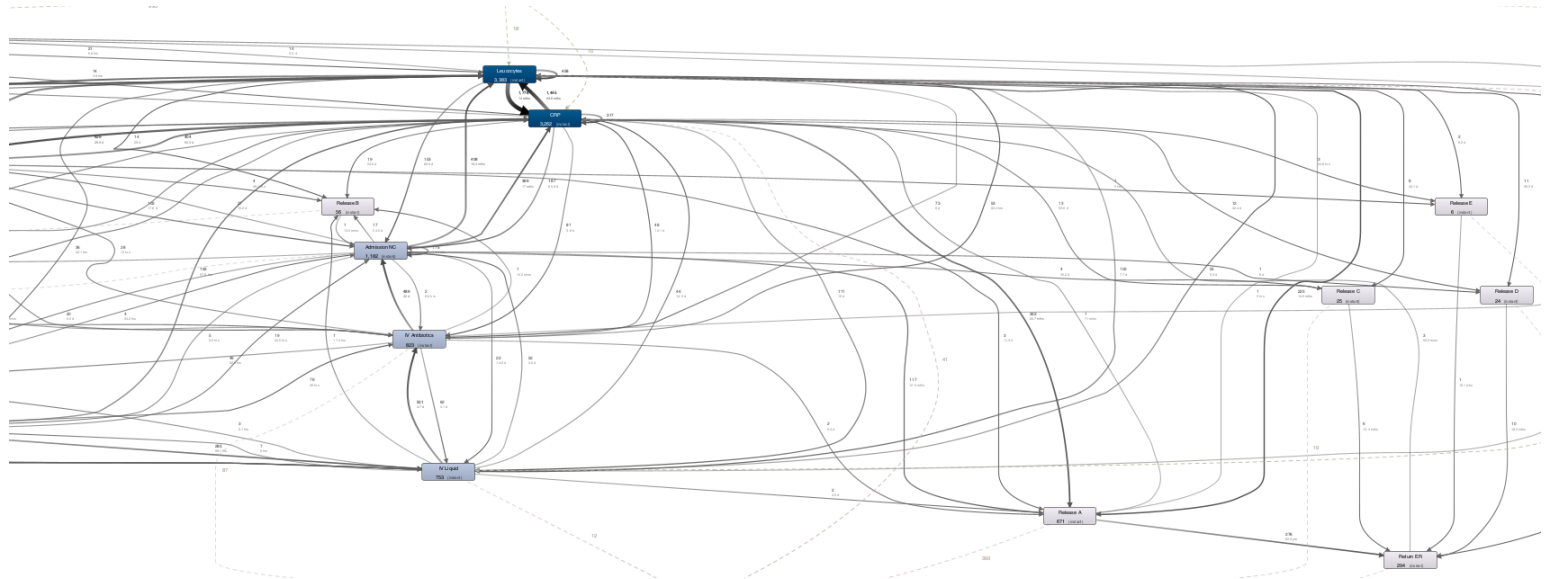


Neue Herausforderungen

Der ideale Ablauf:



Der reale Ablauf, hier am Beispiel mit 1000 Fällen und 15000 Ereignissen:



Wie behält man hier den Überblick? Wie kann man genaue Vorhersagen machen? → die Aufgabe von AI-DPA

Insights on Prostate Cancer Treatment Pathways Using Process Discovery

a) Process Mining 4 Healthcare:

- a) Oncology
- b) Prostate Carcinoma

b) Method: PM²

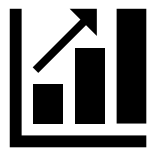
c) Data Collection

d) Data Processing

e) Process Discovery

f) Process Improvement and Support

a) Process Mining4Healthcare: Oncology



35 million new cases per year
(by 2050)^[1]



2nd leading cause of death globally^[1]



Primary research field in PM4H domain^[2]

- Previous research in the **process mining** domain: mainly data from a single institution ^[3]
- This **case study**:
 - New real-life data set of prostate cancer patients in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany
 - Health records of multiple institutions (ambulatory and clinical care, pathology)
 - **Aim**: discover and visualize end-to-end patient's pathways and treatments
 - Presented at International Conference on Process Mining 2024 Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Extended journal version for Process Science Journal in review

a) Process Mining4Healthcare: Prostate Carcinoma



**Highest
incident rate**



**Highest
prevalence rate**

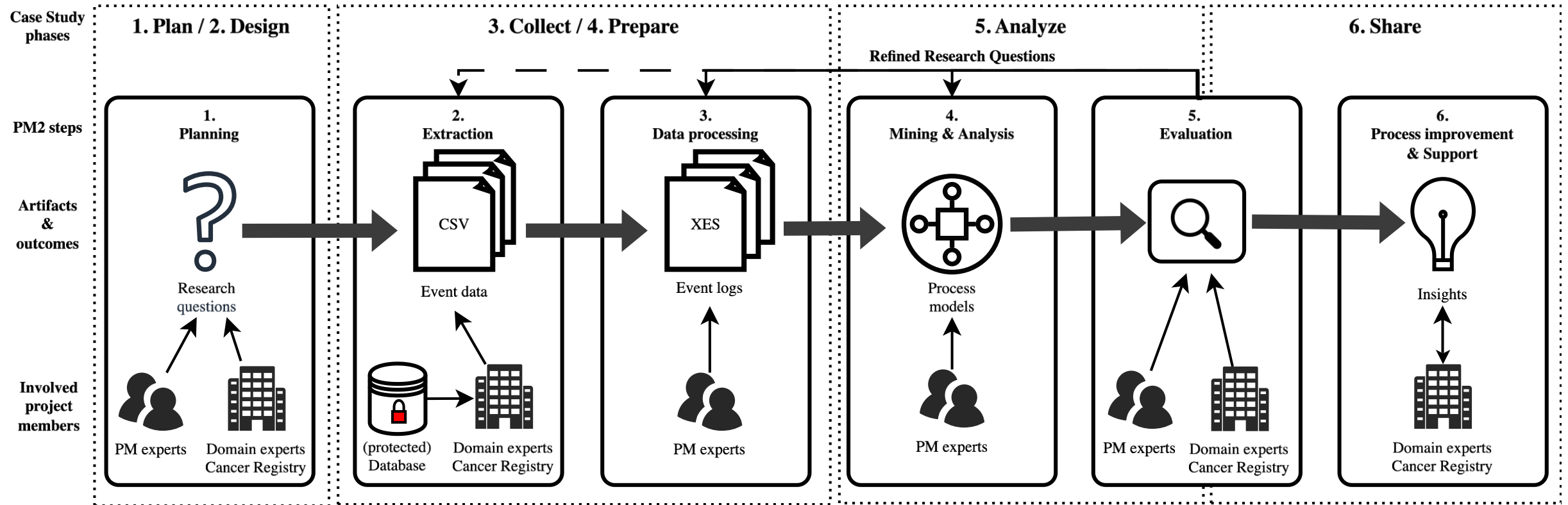


**2nd highest
mortality rate**

... of all cancerous diseases among men in Rhineland-Palatinate and Germany. ^[1]

- 5-year survival rate > 90% ^[2]
- Ambiguous nature of treatment guidelines
- Large amount of data on treatment of patients
- Long, eventually complex & varied treatment pathways

b) Method: PM² [1]



- Researchers integrated into IDG organization
- Data processed and analyzed exclusively in IDGs internal network



- Access via virtual machine (Python environment)
- Data processing and analysis with PM4Py

c) Data Collection – Cancer Registries

- Germany's **Federal Cancer Early Detection and Cancer Registries Act**^[1] & **State Cancer Registry Act**^[2]
 - Obligation of medical institutions to submit data on a patients' cancer treatment to a cancer registry
- Collected data:
 - Diagnosis, treatments, disease status
 - Ambulatory care, clinical care, pathology
- Submission:
 - Online - manually / automatically via standardized interfaces
 - Standardized data format "oncological base data set" ^[3]
- Cancer Registry Rhineland-Palatinate:
 - Part of Institute for Digital Health Data (IDG), Rhineland-Palatinate ^[4]
 - Data on prostate cancer patients treated in or living in RPL



196,187
records



2016 – 2025*



26,766
patients

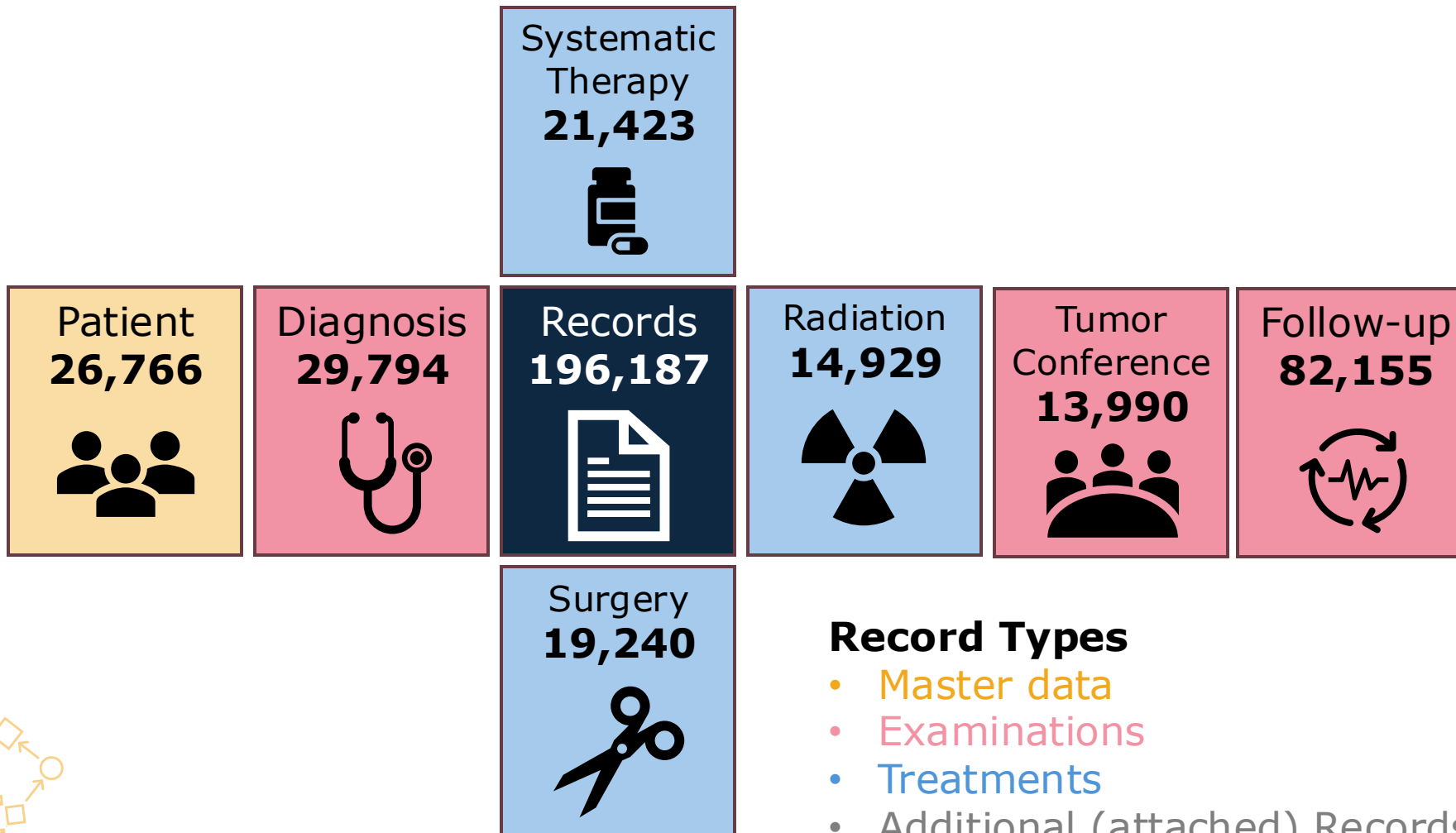
^[1] <https://dip.bundestag.de/vorgang/gesetz-zur-weiterentwicklung-der-krebsfrueherkennung-und-zur-qualitaetssicherung-durch-klinische/47081>

^[2] <https://landesrecht.rlp.de/bsrp/document/jlr-KrebsRegGRP2015rahmen>

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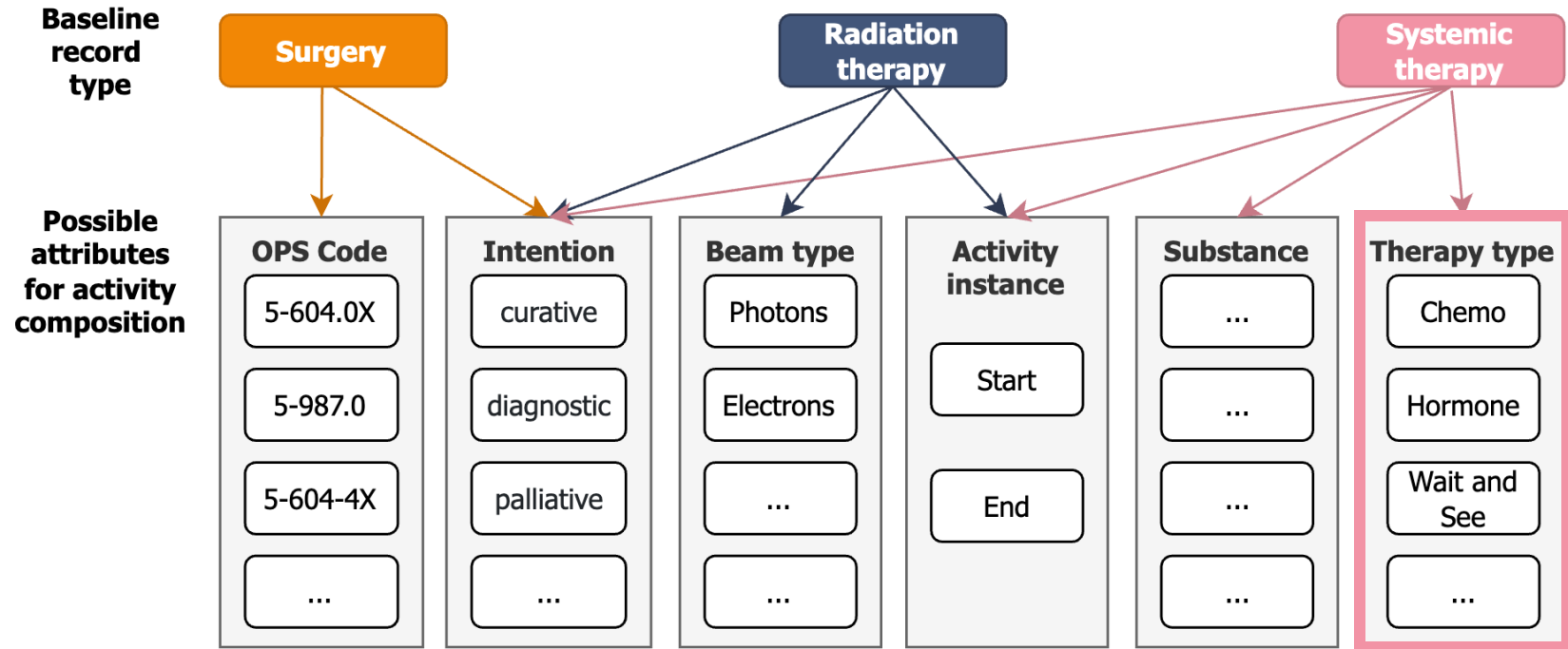
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c) Data Collection - Partial Data Sets



d) Data Processing

- Case ID: Tumor ID
- Timestamp: Activity Date
- Activity: Record type (Diagnosis, Surgery...)
- Removal of implausible traces after quality check
- Final dataset:
13,069 complete cases
between 2018 to 2023
(all events in the trace must be completely in the interval)



e) Process Discovery

For process discovery results see:

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Abstract. In this *case study*, records about *prostate cancer* patients, provided by the Cancer Registry of Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany, are analyzed. The dataset is comparatively large and cases are rather complete, as they contain events gathered not only from one institution (e.g., a single hospital), but from multiple institutions along the end-to-end patient journey. The analysis, which aims at getting insights on prostate cancer treatment pathways and contributing to state-of-the-art research in the *Process Mining for Healthcare* (PM4H) field, is powered by methods and techniques from the *process mining* domain. Therefore, dealing with a process mining project, the *PM²* method was followed with the recommended phases in collaboration with the Cancer Registry of Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. The initial analysis of *~12k cases (~90k events)* recorded during 2018–2022 and considering only a small number of potential available data attributes already led to barely comprehensible spaghetti models, emphasizing the need for different views of granularity and complexity. This case study also provides results on the regular treatment pathways (such as surgery, or therapies).

Keywords: Prostate Cancer · Treatment Pathways · Process Discovery · PM4H

f) Process Improvement & Support

Improvement

- Organizational perspective to discover cross-organizational treatment patterns
- Conformance checking with clinical/treatment guidelines
- Performance analysis & advanced performance visualization

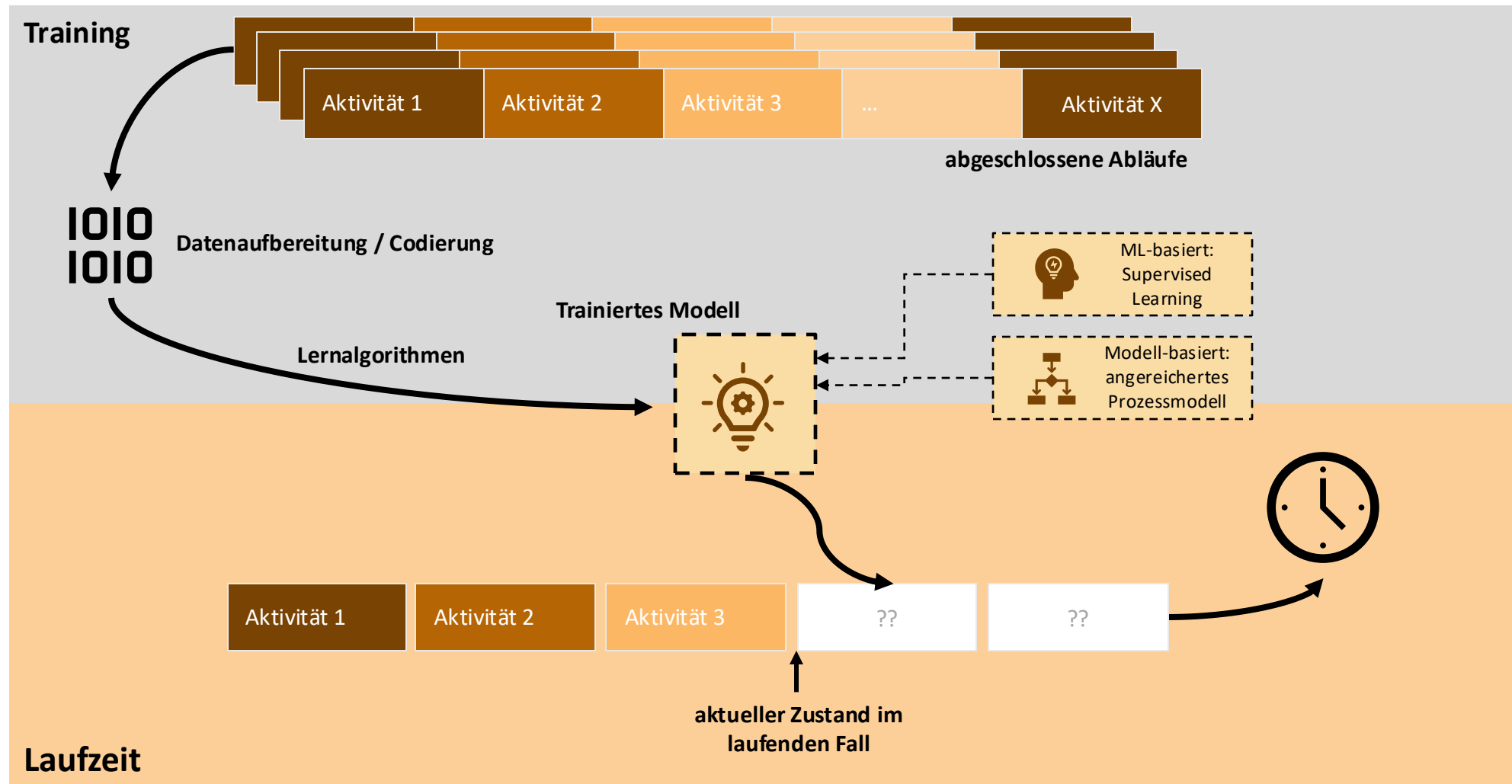
Future/Current research

- Appropriate pre-processing methods (e.g. abstraction, clustering)
- Treatment pathways in the course of time (changing treatment practices)
- Role of new technologies (e.g., surgery robots)
- Frequent treatment patterns
- Treatment predictions
- Treatment recommendations
- Consideration of other types of cancer

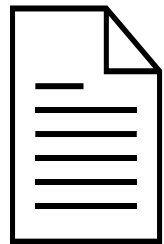
4. Predictive Process Monitoring of Treatment Pathways

- a) Predictive Process Monitoring (Throwback)
- b) Prediction Model Engineering
 - 1. Feature Engineering
 - 2. Prediction Problem
 - 3. Modell Architecture
- c) Evaluation
- d) Further Research

a) Predictive Process Monitoring (Throwback)



b1) Feature Engineering



Event Log



Categoric Features

ICD-Code

Residialstatus

OPS-Code

Intention

Tumorstatus

Stellung OP

Therapieart

Ende Grund

Applikationsart



Numeric Features

Duration

OPS-Version



Trace Encoding

**Diagnosis → Surgery → Radiation →
Systemic Therapy**

Prefix-Splits:

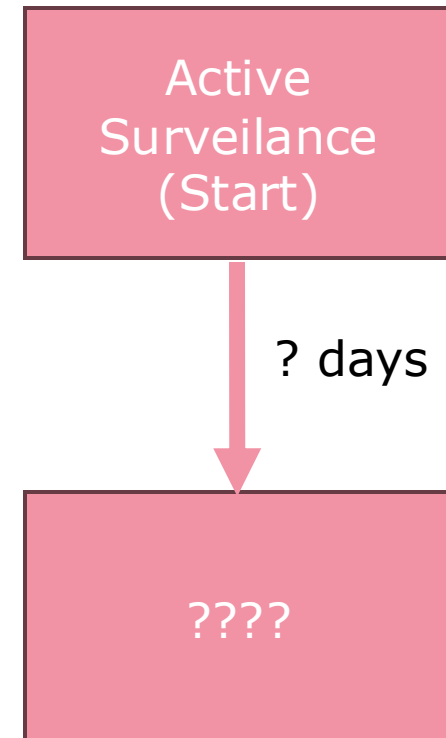
[Diagnosis] → pred *Surgery*

[Diagnosis, Surgery] → pred *Radiation*

[Diagnosis, Surgery, Radiation] → pred *Systemic*

b2) Prediction Problem

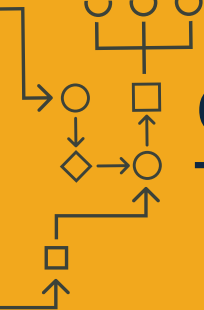
- **Next Activity**
 - Predict the next activity based on previous events and additional features
 - ! Can be complicated because of lifelong cancer treatment / surveillance („cancer-free“ not „cured“)
 - ! First activity prediction can also be complicated due to no previous data



c) Evaluation: Synthetic prediction example

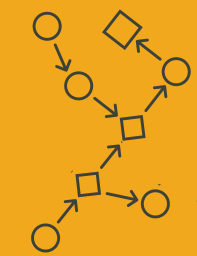
Index	Predicted	Actual
1	Surgery	Surgery
2	Surgery	Surgery
3	Surgery	Radiation
4	Radiation	Radiation
5	Radiation	Radiation
1	Systemic Therapy	Systemic Therapy
2	Systemic Therapy	Systemic Therapy
3	Systemic Therapy	Systemic Therapy
1	Systemic Therapy	Systemic Therapy
2	Tumor Conference	Diagnosis
3	Surgery	Surgery
4	Surgery	Surgery
5	Surgery	Surgery

0 is most of the times a Diagnosis

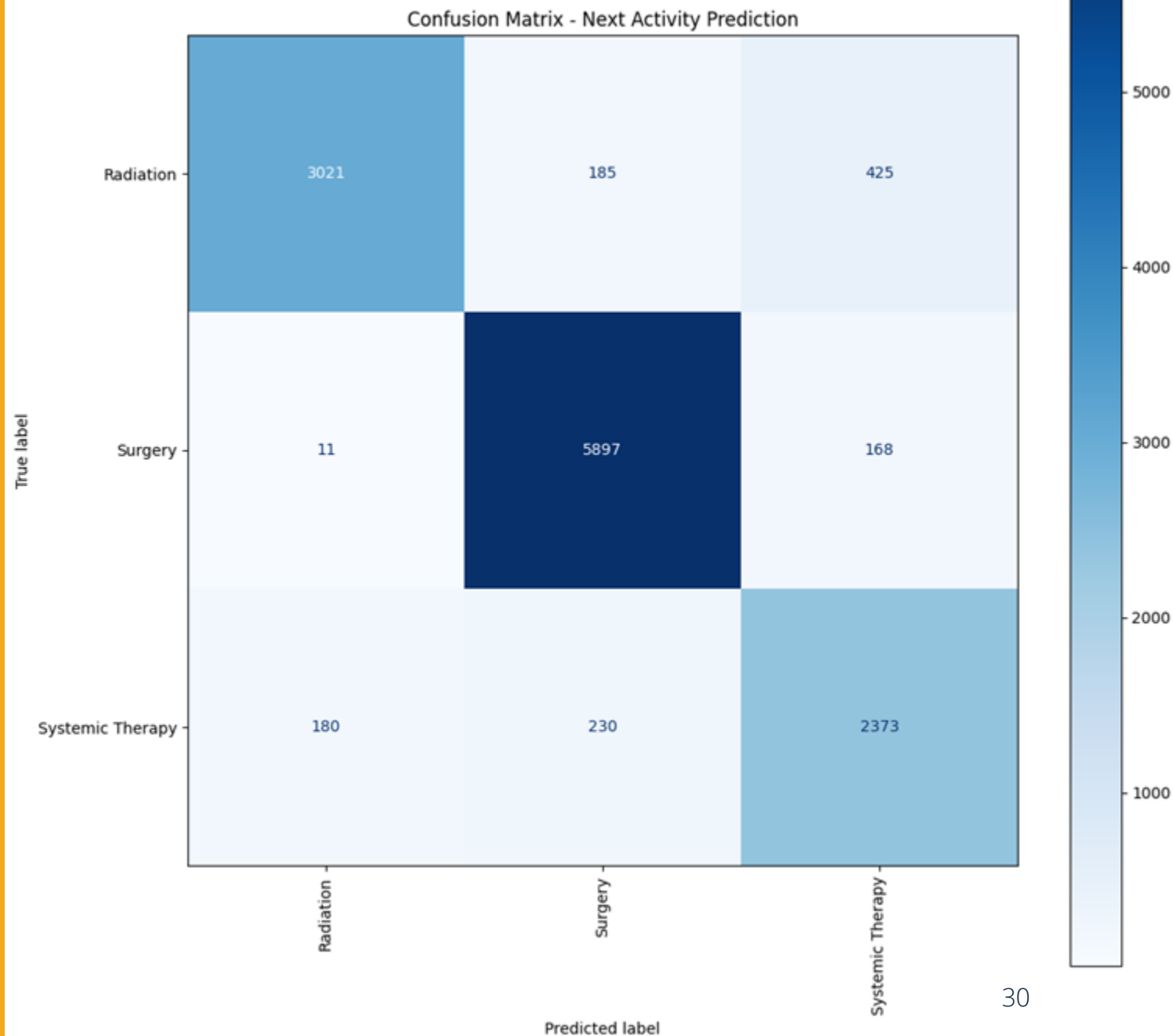


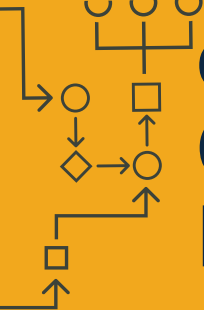
c) Evaluation: Treatment Model

- Accuracy: 0.905
- Only treatments
- No Start / End Split
- No split for Systemic therapy



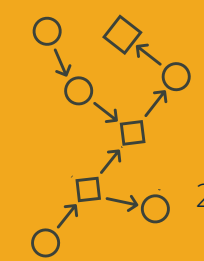
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c) Evaluation: Complete Start / End Model

- Accuracy: 0.61
- Complete activities
- Start / End / Still Running Split



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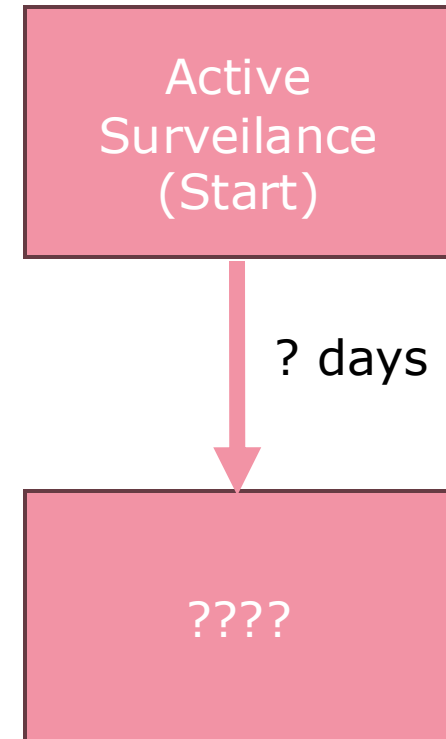
d) Further Research

Performance Aspects

- When will the patient receive the next treatment?
- Duration of the single treatment or entire path
- Probability of dropping out of therapy
- Probability of „success“ of a path

Extension: Recommendations

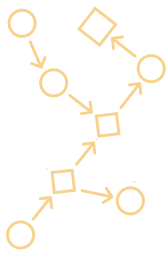
- Recommend next treatment for „successful“ therapy/path
- Recommend first treatment after Diagnosis Activity



Cancer Treatment Pathways: Caution with AI

At first glance “just” data,
but behind all data lies
the health of a person.

Always a human in the loop
approach required.



5. Ausblick

Stay tuned

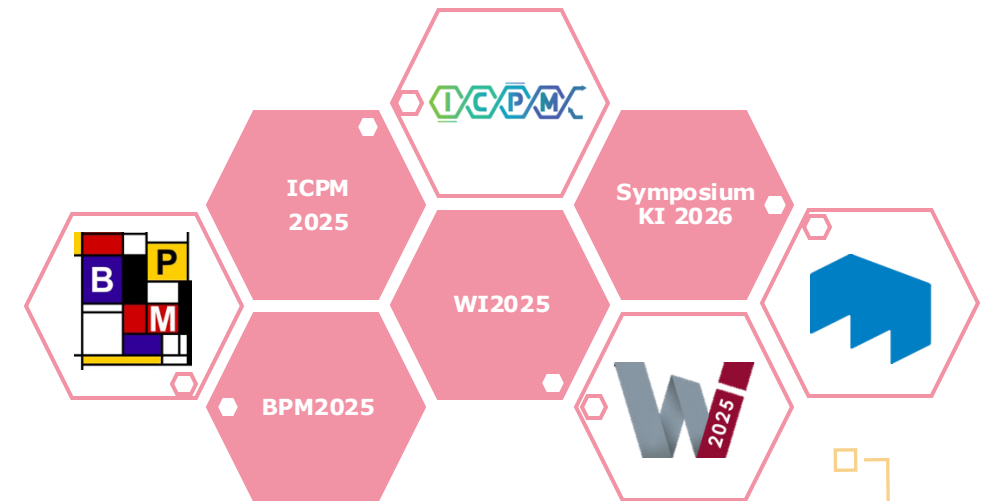
Kooperationsmöglichkeiten:

- Welche Daten haben Sie?
- Eigenen sich auch Ihre Daten für (Predictive) Process Monitoring?
- Offen für neue Partner im Bereich Medizin (auch andere denkbar)



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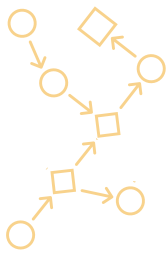
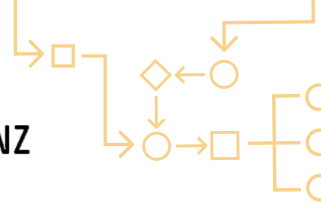
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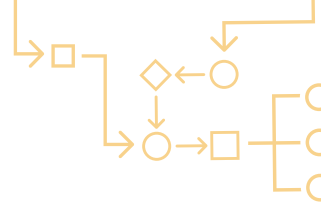
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