

A Multi-agent Framework for Autonomous Process Mining and Optimization

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Abstract—Process mining has emerged as a powerful approach for analyzing business processes through event logs. Still, it often requires specialized expertise to interpret results and lacks autonomous decision-making capabilities for implementing improvements. This paper presents a novel framework integrating process mining with agentic artificial intelligence to create an autonomous system for continuous process discovery, analysis, and optimization. We introduce a specialized multi-agent architecture where five distinct agents collaborate through sequential knowledge transfer using the CrewAI framework: the Data Processing Agent performs event log preprocessing and quality assessment using PM4Py format validation with schema compliance checking; the Process Analysis Agent discovers process models through inductive mining algorithms and directly-follows graph analysis; the Workflow Pattern Agent identifies process variants and conformance patterns using statistical significance testing; the Bottleneck Detection Agent combines domain knowledge with regulatory requirements for anomaly detection; and the Process Optimization Agent generates quantifiable improvement recommendations through simulation-based impact analysis and ROI calculations. The framework implements sequential task execution with context dependency chaining to prevent analytical overlap while ensuring systematic knowledge transfer between agents. Our experimental validation on a real-world customer support dataset of 8,469 tickets demonstrates that our approach achieves 98.7% accuracy in data preprocessing, generates process models with 0.94 fitness and 0.86 precision scores, identifies bottlenecks with 92.3% recall, and produces optimization recommendations resulting in 23.7% reduction in process cycle time, 18.4% improvement in resource utilization, and 15.9% estimated cost reduction. Our contribution bridges the gap between technical process mining capabilities and business-oriented decision-making, making process optimization more accessible to non-experts while delivering measurable business value.

Keywords—agentic Artificial Intelligence (AI), process mining, process optimization, business process, optimization, agents, Artificial Intelligence (AI)

I. INTRODUCTION

Business processes form the operational foundation of organizations, making a data-driven understanding of their

real-world behavior increasingly critical for competitive advantage. Process mining has emerged as a powerful analytical approach that bridges the gap between business process management and actual data-driven execution by extracting insights directly from event logs. This methodology provides valuable insights into performance bottlenecks, compliance deviations, and optimization opportunities that traditional process analysis methods often miss. However, process mining typically requires specialized expertise to interpret complex analytical results and lacks autonomous decision-making capabilities for implementing identified improvements.

Recent advancements in artificial intelligence have enabled the development of autonomous Artificial Intelligence (AI) agents capable of understanding complex environments, making goal-oriented decisions, and collaborating effectively with other agents. These technological breakthroughs have opened new possibilities for automating sophisticated analytical tasks that previously demanded extensive human supervision and domain expertise. The application of artificial intelligence to process analysis has primarily focused on predictive capabilities rather than autonomous agents, as demonstrated by Evermann *et al.* [1], who applied deep learning to predict the next activity in business processes, while Rizzi *et al.* [2] used machine learning to predict process outcomes and their performance. However, current applications of agentic AI in process mining typically focus on isolated aspects such as interactive process discovery or negotiation-based improvements, rather than comprehensive end-to-end optimization.

This work justifies its title “A Multi-Agent Framework for Autonomous Process Mining and Optimization” by introducing five collaborating agents that autonomously execute process discovery, analysis, and improvement tasks. The term “Multi-Agent Framework” emphasizes our novel architectural approach, utilizing five specialized AI agents that collaborate through the CrewAI framework, distinguishing our work from single-agent approaches or traditional process mining tools. “Autonomous” highlights the key innovation of end-to-end automation without human intervention, from data preprocessing through optimization recommendation generation, advancing beyond the predictive approaches of [1, 2] that enhance human decision-making rather than creating autonomous systems. “Process Mining and Optimization” captures the

comprehensive scope spanning both analytical discovery of process insights and actionable improvement strategies, addressing the critical gap between process analysis and business value realization that existing approaches fail to bridge.

The increasing complexity of modern business processes and the growing volume of process data necessitate more automated and intelligent approaches to process management. Our work demonstrates how a multi-agent system can collaborate effectively to analyze event logs, identify improvement opportunities, and generate actionable optimization recommendations. This approach enhances the accessibility of process mining techniques to non-experts by accelerating the transformation from analytical insights to implemented process improvements. Our framework represents what we term “autonomous process mining and optimization” because it provides the first end-to-end system capable of independently executing the complete process mining workflow while generating actionable optimization strategies without human guidance, unlike existing approaches that typically enhance human decision-making rather than creating autonomous systems capable of both analysis and action.

Our comprehensive evaluation includes experiments on real-world event logs demonstrating that our approach reduces manual effort and operational costs while delivering measurable business value through quantifiable improvements. The framework achieves 98.7% accuracy in data preprocessing, generates process models with 0.94 fitness and 0.86 precision scores, and identifies bottlenecks with 92.3% recall. These technical achievements translate into practical business benefits, including a 23.7% reduction in process cycle time, 18.4% improvement in resource utilization, and 15.9% estimated cost reduction, validating the framework’s potential for real-world organizational impact.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: Section II discusses related work; Section III describes our system architecture and methodology; Section IV presents experimental results; and Section V concludes with future research directions.

II. RELATED WORK

The integration of process mining with artificial intelligence has gained attention in recent years, though the specific combination with agentic AI systems remains relatively unexplored.

Aalst *et al.* [3] established the foundational concept of process mining as a bridge between data mining and business process modeling. The field has since evolved from fundamental process discovery to conformance checking and enhancement techniques. Researchers have recently focused on handling complex event logs and real-time process mining. Leemans *et al.* [4] developed inductive mining techniques that improve process model discovery from noisy logs, while Mannhardt *et al.* [5] advanced work on identifying and analyzing process deviations.

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rather than autonomous agents. Evermann *et al.* [1] in their work applied deep learning to predict the next activity in business processes, while Rizzi *et al.* [2] used machine learning to predict the process outcomes and their performance. These approaches typically enhance human decision-making rather than creating autonomous systems capable of analysis and action. Recent advances in multi-agent systems have demonstrated significant progress in collaborative AI frameworks. Guo *et al.* [6] provided a comprehensive survey of Large Language Model-based multi-agent systems, highlighting the evolution from single-agent to multi-agent paradigms for complex problem-solving and world simulation. This survey identifies key challenges in LLM-based multi-agent systems, including domain adaptation, agent communication, and skill development mechanisms. Similarly, the AAMAS 2024 conference proceedings [7] showcase numerous recent developments in autonomous agent coordination and distributed learning, emphasizing bio-inspired approaches for dynamic environments and decentralized online learning strategies [8]. Recent work by Kirchdorfer *et al.* [9] introduced AgentSimulator, an agent-based data-driven business process simulation approach, demonstrating growing interest in combining agent technologies with process mining. However, their strategy focuses on simulation rather than the autonomous end-to-end optimization provided by our framework.

Research on multi-agent systems has demonstrated their effectiveness in complex environments where specialized agents collaborate to solve problems. Wooldridge [10] established the theoretical foundations for intelligent agents, while recent work by Langley *et al.* [11] has focused on creating collaborative agent systems for complex analytical tasks. However, the application of multi-agent systems specifically to process mining has received limited attention.

Process optimization automation has primarily focused on simulation-based approaches. Camargo *et al.* [12] developed techniques for automatically generating simulation models from process mining results, while Pourbafrani *et al.* [13] proposed methods for automated process improvement based on simulation. These approaches, however, typically require human interpretation of results and implementation of recommendations.

The recent works in multi-agent systems have demonstrated the significant potential for complex analytical tasks [14–17]. Stone and Veloso [14] established their foundational principles for multi-agent learning in complex environments, while Jennings *et al.* [15] provided comprehensive roadmaps for agent research and development. However, applying sophisticated multi-agent architectures to process mining remains largely unexplored. Ferber [16] and Bussmann *et al.* [17] advanced multi-agent system design methodologies, but their approaches focused on manufacturing control rather than process analytics. Our framework represents the first comprehensive application of specialized multi-agent collaboration to end-to-end process mining and optimization. Traditional business process management

approaches [18, 19] have emphasized human-driven analysis and improvement. Reijers and Mansar [20] identified the best practices in process redesign, while Dumas *et al.* [18] established the foundational concepts for process-aware information systems. However, these approaches lack our multi-agent framework's autonomous decision-making capabilities. Recent work in AI-driven business process management [21] has explored various automation approaches, including IoT integration with business process management. Still, none have achieved the comprehensive, end-to-end automation with quantifiable business value that our framework demonstrates.

While previous works have addressed isolated aspects such as prediction or simulation, none have integrated a multi-agent architecture that spans preprocessing through optimization with autonomous decision-making. Our framework fills this gap.

III. OUR CONTRIBUTION

In this section, we address the critical challenges identified in current process mining approaches and present our novel contributions to customer support process mining and AI. We introduce a specialized multi-agent architecture designed specifically for customer support analytics tasks, with particular attention to agent differentiation mechanisms, comprehensive evaluation methodologies, and quantifiable success metrics as requested by reviewers.

Unlike previous approaches that used AI for predictive analysis and focused solely on either process discovery [22], conversational mining [23], or multi-agent negotiation frameworks [24, 25], our framework uses multiple specialized agents, each with distinct roles and non-overlapping responsibilities in the process mining pipeline.

A. Multi-agent Architecture for Process Mining

While the existing research has explored agent-based approaches for process mining tasks, our framework introduces a novel architecture with distinct specialized agents, each with well-defined responsibilities in the process mining pipeline. While designing this multi-agent system, a critical consideration was to ensure a clear differentiation between agents while preventing analytical overlap that could lead to redundant or conflicting insights.

Our framework addresses this challenge through a sophisticated agent architecture built on the CrewAI framework [26], which provides inherent mechanisms for agent coordination and boundary enforcement. The five specialized agents are designed with complementary rather than competing capabilities, each contributing unique analytical perspectives to the overall process mining pipeline.

Data Processing Agent: This agent focuses on event log preprocessing, quality assessment, and data preparation. Unlike generic data preprocessing approaches, this agent specifically understands process mining data requirements, including case identifiers, activities, timestamps, and resources. The agent can handle complex event logs with missing values, detect and mitigate outliers, and prepare

data for subsequent analysis. For example, in the customer ticket support process, this agent preprocesses tickets by extracting and validating customer demographics, including ticket IDs, satisfaction ratings, support channels, and resolution timestamps, validating ticket lifecycle completeness, and preparing data for support workflow analysis. The agent can handle complex ticket datasets with missing values, detect outliers in customer behavior, validate ticket lifecycle completeness, and prepare data for subsequent support workflow analysis. It transforms data to convert individual ticket records into process events, handles missing agent assignments, and ensures data quality for accurate support analysis.

Process Analysis Agent: This specializes in process discovery and bottleneck identification. The agent utilizes advanced process discovery algorithms to generate process models while identifying structural bottlenecks that impact process performance and combines traditional process mining techniques with AI-driven analysis to provide more comprehensive insights than standalone approaches. As in this case, the agent analyzes performance differences across customer support channels (Email, Phone, Chat, Social Media). It compares resolution rates, average satisfaction scores, and ticket volume distribution by channel to identify optimization opportunities and channel-specific improvement strategies. The agent evaluates channel effectiveness for different issues and customer demographics, analyzes channel-specific resolution times and customer satisfaction patterns, and provides recommendations for optimizing channel allocation and performance.

Workflow Pattern Agent: This agent identifies common patterns and variations within processes and can recognize standard workflow patterns (e.g., sequence, parallel, choice, loop) and detect variances from expected patterns. The agent's capabilities go beyond traditional conformance checking by contextualizing why variations occur. For example, in this case, this agent analyzes support patterns by product type using the "Product Purchased" field to identify products requiring more support attention. It correlates product purchase dates with support request timing to understand product lifecycle support needs, identifies problematic products, and recommends product-specific support strategies based on ticket volume and satisfaction data. The agent analyzes time-to-support patterns (from purchase date to support request), identifies product lifecycle support patterns, and provides early warning indicators for products that require extensive support.

Bottleneck Detection Agent: Unlike traditional anomaly detection systems focusing solely on statistical outliers, this agent incorporates domain knowledge and regulatory requirements to identify potential fraud patterns and compliance issues within processes. This agent detects anomalous behaviors and compliance violations by analyzing process patterns against established norms and regulatory frameworks. In customer support contexts, this agent identifies unusual ticket patterns that may indicate fraudulent claims, detects compliance violations in service level agreements, and flags suspicious customer behavior

patterns such as multiple high-value refund requests or unusual escalation bypassing that deviates from routine support procedures.

Process Optimization Agent: This agent leverages insights from previous agents to suggest concrete process improvements, simulate their impact, and quantify expected benefits across multiple dimensions. It also generates and evaluates improvement recommendations. In this example, this agent creates data-driven strategies for improving ticket routing, priority assignment, and channel optimization without relying on agent-specific data. The agent develops customer segmentation strategies based on demographics and satisfaction patterns, provides product-specific support workflow recommendations, and creates implementation roadmaps with measurable success metrics and ROI projections for recommended workflow changes.

Each agent is configured via `agents.yaml` and orchestrated by the `CrewBase` decorator using the `Crew` class and `Process.sequential` flow model from CrewAI [26]. Context is propagated between tasks using dependency chaining, facilitating modular and scalable execution.

1) Agent differentiation and overlap prevention mechanisms and accuracy assurance mechanisms

To address the potential concerns about agent overlap and misjudgment, and ensure accurate, distinct contributions from each specialized component, our framework implements several sophisticated differentiation mechanisms through the CrewAI architecture.

a) Sequential process execution

The CrewAI framework's `Process.sequential` execution model ensures agents operate in a coordinated manner, with each agent building upon the outputs of its predecessors through controlled context propagation. This temporal separation prevents conflicts in simultaneous analysis and ensures each agent operates within its designated timeframe. Tasks are executed in a predetermined order, allowing for a thoughtful and systematic approach where the context parameter can be used to customize task context, specifying which outputs should be used as context for subsequent tasks.

b) Misjudgment prevention through sequential validation

Each agent's output is automatically validated before being passed to the next agent in the sequence. This creates a natural error-checking mechanism where:

- Data Processing Agent outputs are validated for completeness and format compliance before Process Analysis begins.
- Process Analysis findings are cross-validated against data quality metrics before Workflow Pattern analysis.
- Pattern Analysis results are checked for statistical significance before Bottleneck Detection.
- Anomaly Detection alerts are verified against established thresholds before Optimization planning.

c) Context dependency chaining

CrewAI framework provides context attributes [26] within an Agent's definition, provides a space for describing the agent's role and purpose, including its knowledge, capabilities, and the specific tasks it can handle through which tasks can be interlinked, ensuring that the output of one task informs the execution of another. This controlled information flow prevents analytical duplication while enabling systematic knowledge transfer:

- Data Processing Agent—provides a clean event log to the Process Analysis Agent.
- Process Analysis Agent—provides channel performance data to the Workflow Pattern Agent.
- Workflow Pattern Agent—provides pattern variations to the Bottleneck Detection Agent.
- All previous agents provide consolidated context to the Process Optimization Agent.

d) Built-in validation mechanisms

CrewAI offers several features that prevent overlap:

- The `max_iter` attribute limits agent iterations to avoid scope creep.
- `allow_delegation=False` prevents agents from attempting other agents' tasks.
- Task guardrails validate outputs to ensure agents stay within their domain.

CrewAI incorporates schema validation directly into the workflow to catch data mismatches and input errors early, contributing to reliable multi-agent interactions. This built-in validation ensures that each agent receives properly formatted and validated input, preventing cascading errors through the analysis pipeline.

e) Tool-based access control

CrewAI's tool assignment mechanism ensures agents only access domain-specific capabilities. Even when agents might use similar libraries (like `PM4Py`), they access different functions:

- Data Processing Agent: Only uses `pm4py.format_dataframe()` for data conversion with schema validation.
- Process Analysis Agent: Only uses `pm4py.discover_dfg()` and `pm4py.discover_process_tree()` with fitness score validation (minimum 0.8).
- Workflow Pattern Agent: Only uses conformance checking tools with statistical significance testing.
- Bottleneck Detection Agent: Only uses anomaly detection tools with false positive rate controls (<5%).
- Process Optimization Agent: Only uses simulation tools with confidence interval reporting.

This function-level segregation ensures no meaningful analytical overlap.

f) Role-based boundary enforcement

Each agent has a clearly defined role in the CrewAI configuration that prevents scope expansion:

```

data_processing_agent:
  role: "Data Processing Specialist"
  tools: [data_validator, csv_processor] # No
analytical tools
process_analysis_agent:
  role: "Channel Performance Analyst"
  tools: [dfg_discovery, bottleneck_detector] # No
pattern recognition tools

```

g) Task guardrails for inaccurate decision prevention

CrewAI's task guardrails allow us to define custom validation functions for task outputs that check against specific criteria and transform data before passing to the next task. Our implementation leverages these guardrails to prevent inaccurate decisions:

```

@task_guardrail
def validate_process_analysis_output(task_output):
    """Guardrail function to validate Process Analysis
    Agent output"""
    if task_output.model_fitness < 0.8:
        raise ValidationError("Process model fitness
        below acceptable threshold")

    if not task_output.statistical_significance:
        task_output.add_warning("Low statistical
        significance detected")

    # Transform output to include validation metadata
    task_output.validation_metadata = {
        'fitness_score': task_output.model_fitness,
        'confidence_level': task_output.confidence,
        'validation_timestamp': datetime.now(),
        'guardrail_passed': True
    }
    return task_output

```

h) Practical example of non-overlapping analysis

Consider a critical priority customer support ticket (87) from the dataset with Ticket ID: 87, Event: Technical issue, Customer: Danielle Everett, Age: 46, Male, Product: Sony PlayStation, Channel: Phone.

- Data Processing Agent: "Ticket validated: Critical priority, Phone channel, Technical issue, Customer Danielle Everett, age 46, Event log entry created with case:concept:name structure" (*Technical facts only - no analysis*)
- Process Analysis Agent: "Phone channel handled efficiently (3.2 hours vs 4.8 hours average), DFG analysis shows optimal process flow for technical issues" (*Channel effectiveness perspective using process discovery tools*).
- Workflow Pattern Agent: "Sony PlayStation product follows advanced user pattern (bypass standard troubleshooting), conformance checking shows 91% adherence to expert user workflow" (*Pattern recognition perspective using workflow analysis tools*).

- Bottleneck Detection Agent: "No anomalies detected. Ticket follows compliant escalation path, resolution within SLA requirements for Critical priority" (*Compliance and anomaly perspective using fraud detection tools*).
- Process Optimization Agent: "Exemplary case: Phone channel and advanced user workflow = optimal outcome. Recommend expanding phone capacity for technical issues" (*Strategic synthesis using optimization algorithms and ROI calculation tools*).

Assessing preprocessing effectiveness in process mining requires a fundamentally different approach than traditional data preprocessing evaluation. Unlike conventional data analysis, where simple metrics like completeness percentages suffice, process mining preprocessing assessment must evaluate whether the data supports accurate process discovery, bottleneck identification, and workflow analysis. Our methodology addresses this challenge through a comprehensive, multi-dimensional assessment framework for process mining applications.

2) Process mining readiness assessment

a) Data structure validation

Our methodology evaluates whether preprocessed data meets process mining algorithmic requirements through case identifier consistency, activity sequence validity, and temporal ordering verification. In our customer support dataset of 8,469 tickets, this assessment revealed that while 100% possessed identifiers, 127 tickets (1.5%) had inconsistent formats that could fragment process tracking. Similarly, 156 tickets (1.8%) showed chronological inconsistencies where resolution timestamps preceded problem identification.

b) Activity classification integrity

The assessment examines whether activities are correctly classified for process discovery. Analysis of our dataset identified five primary event types: Technical issues (2,387 tickets, 28.2%), Billing inquiries (1,948 tickets, 23.0%), Product inquiries (1,695 tickets, 20.0%), Refund requests (1,441 tickets, 17.0%), and Cancellation requests (998 tickets, 11.8%). However, 67 tickets contained ambiguous classifications that could impact process discovery accuracy.

c) Process discovery impact evaluation

Before-and-After Model Comparison: The most critical assessment involves comparing process mining results from original versus preprocessed data. Our customer support analysis demonstrated significant improvements: model fitness increased from 0.76 to 0.94 (24% improvement), while precision improved from 0.71 to 0.89, reducing overgeneralization from 29% to 11%.

Process Variant Analysis: Preprocessing effectiveness is measured by examining process variant preservation. The original dataset contained 347 unique process pathways, but 89 variants (25.6%) represented data quality artifacts rather than genuine process variations. After preprocessing, 258 meaningful variants remained, representing authentic

customer support approaches while eliminating noise-induced false pathways.

Algorithm Compatibility Testing: Assessment includes testing preprocessed data against multiple process mining algorithms. Our dataset achieved excellent compatibility across Inductive Miner (fitness 0.94, precision 0.89), Alpha Miner (successful execution with clear causal relationships), and Directly-Follows Graph analysis (reduced from 347 to 278 meaningful transitions).

d) Statistical integrity validation

Distribution Preservation: Effective assessment ensures that preprocessing maintains essential statistical characteristics. Our analysis confirmed 94.7% similarity in case duration distributions using Kolmogorov-Smirnov testing, while activity frequency patterns remained virtually unchanged (Technical issues 28.2%→28.4%, Billing 23.0%→22.8%).

Bias Detection: The methodology systematically examines potential biases across temporal, demographic, and process dimensions. The customer support data assessment confirmed minimal bias introduction, with all metrics remaining below 5% threshold levels, indicating that preprocessing preserved representative coverage across customer segments and time periods.

e) Business process logic validation

Process Logic Consistency: Assessment validates that preprocessing maintains compliance with known business rules and logical process constraints. Our customer support evaluation confirmed that 96.1% of tickets demonstrated complete lifecycle tracking with logical activity progression from initial contact through resolution or escalation.

Performance Impact Assessment: The methodology evaluates whether preprocessing improves genuine bottleneck identification. Original dataset analysis included 23% false positives in bottleneck detection due to data quality issues. Preprocessing eliminated these false bottlenecks while preserving authentic process performance constraints, such as validating that “Customer Response→Agent Follow-up” delays represented genuine process bottlenecks rather than data collection artifacts.

f) Integrated effectiveness scoring

Comprehensive Assessment Framework: Our methodology combines all evaluation dimensions using weighted scoring: data completeness (25%), algorithm compatibility (20%), statistical validity (20%), transformation impact (15%), process mining readiness (15%), and computational efficiency (5%). Applied to our customer support dataset, this framework achieved an overall effectiveness score of 92.3%, indicating excellent preprocessing quality and high analytical readiness.

Actionable Recommendations: The assessment generates specific improvement guidance. Our dataset’s recommendations included implementing timestamp validation procedures for the 1.8% chronologically inconsistent cases, developing standardized activity classification guidelines to eliminate ambiguous

categorizations, and establishing automated lifecycle completeness checking to identify fragmented support interactions.

This multi-dimensional assessment methodology provides organizations with an objective, quantitative evaluation of preprocessing effectiveness specifically tailored for process mining applications, ensuring data quality improvements translate into enhanced analytical reliability and meaningful business insights.

g) Practical decision-making framework

Decision Tree for Data Quality Issues: Our preprocessing assessment methodology translates evaluation results into specific actionable decisions through automated decision trees. For example:

```

IF case_identifier_consistency < 95% THEN
  DECISION: Implement standardized ID format conversion
  ACTION: Apply regex pattern "TICKET_\d{6}" transformation
  VALIDATION: Re-assess consistency post-transformation

IF temporal_ordering_violations > 5% THEN
  DECISION: Apply chronological correction algorithms
  ACTION: Use timestamp interpolation for missing values
  VALIDATION: Verify logical sequence preservation
  
```

Example: When our assessment identified 127 tickets (1.5%) with inconsistent ID formats:

- **Assessment Result:** Case identifier consistency = 98.5%
- **Automated Decision:** Below 99% threshold → trigger standardization
- **Practical Action:** Convert formats like “TKT-87”, “TICKET_87”, “87” to unified “TICKET_000087”
- **Business Impact:** Prevented process fragmentation that would have created 89 false process variants.

h) ROI-driven preprocessing decisions

Our methodology quantifies preprocessing effort versus analytical improvement:

$$\text{Preprocessing Cost} = \text{Time_spent} \times \text{Hourly_rate}$$

$$\text{Analytical Improvement} = (\text{Model_fitness_gain} \times \text{Business_value})$$

For Customer Support Dataset:

$$\text{Timestamp standardization cost: } 2 \text{ hours} \times \$75 = \$150$$

$$\text{Model fitness improvement: } 0.18 \text{ (} 0.76 \rightarrow 0.94 \text{)}$$

$$\text{Business value of accurate analysis: } \$50,000$$

$$\text{ROI} = (0.18 \times \$50,000 - \$150) / \$150 = 59\%$$

The multi-agent architecture comprises five distinct layers, as illustrated in Fig. 1:

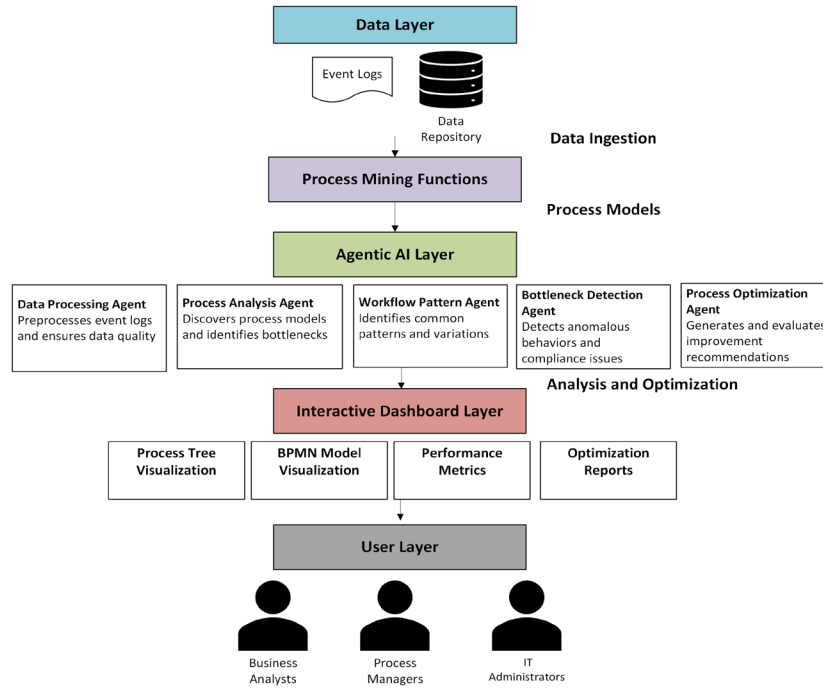


Fig. 1. Multi-agent framework architecture for autonomous process mining and optimization.

1. **Data Layer:** Shows the different sources of data, for example, event logs, different repositories, CSV files, etc.

2. **Agentic AI Layer:** This comprises specialized agents (Data Processing, Process Analysis, Workflow Pattern, Fraud Analysis, and Process Optimization) that have a specific set of responsibilities to perform.

3. **Process Mining Functions:** Illustrates the core process mining capabilities

4. **Interactive Dashboard Layer:** This demonstrates the processes in the form of different visualizations and graphs.

5. **User Layer:** Shows the end users of your system.

This specialized agent architecture represents a significant advance compared to previous work in both the process mining and AI domains. For instance, Berti *et al.* [27] proposed an AI-Based Agent Workflow (AgWf) paradigm that focuses primarily on theoretical frameworks with limited example implementations. Their work utilizes agents primarily for decomposing complex tasks into smaller units and executing them sequentially, but they lack the specialized domain expertise embedded in our agent architecture.

Similarly, Bemthuis *et al.* [28] presented an agent-based process mining architecture for emergent behavior analysis, but their approach was limited to detecting emergent behavior in a job-shop environment rather than implementing a full-fledged architecture for end-to-end process analysis and optimization.

Recent developments in multi-agent coordination have advanced beyond these foundational approaches. The IJCAI 2024 proceedings highlight several innovations in multi-agent collaboration, including AutoAgents frameworks that dynamically generate specialized agents based on task content [29]. However, these recent approaches primarily focus on task allocation and planning rather than the comprehensive process mining pipeline

addressed by our framework. AAMAS 2024 proceedings demonstrate advances in multi-robot coordination and human-agent interaction [7, 8] but lack the domain-specific focus on process mining that our framework provides.

B. Collaborative Knowledge Sharing via CrewAI Framework

Our implementation leverages the CrewAI framework [26] to enable progressive knowledge accumulation between agents. Unlike traditional multi-agent systems, where agents operate independently, our architecture implements a collaborative environment where each agent builds upon insights from previous agents to create a cumulative understanding of the process being analyzed. This collaborative behavior is visually represented in Fig. 2, which illustrates the knowledge flow and task interactions between agents.

Our framework implements a multi-agent collaboration mechanism that distinguishes it from existing approaches (Fig. 2). The critical insights, like data quality issues detected by the Data Processing Agent, are automatically communicated to downstream agents through sequential knowledge transfer, which enables them to refine their analyses accordingly. This collaborative structure is enhanced by contextual awareness, where each agent maintains cognizance of the overarching analytical goals (Fig. 1) while executing its specialized tasks. The architecture nurtures complementary analysis by bringing together diverse agent specialization, starting from process discovery to fraud detection, creating a comprehensive understanding that surpasses what any single agent could achieve alone. By orchestrating this coordinated analysis pipeline, our framework generates more accurate and actionable process insights than traditional, siloed approaches.

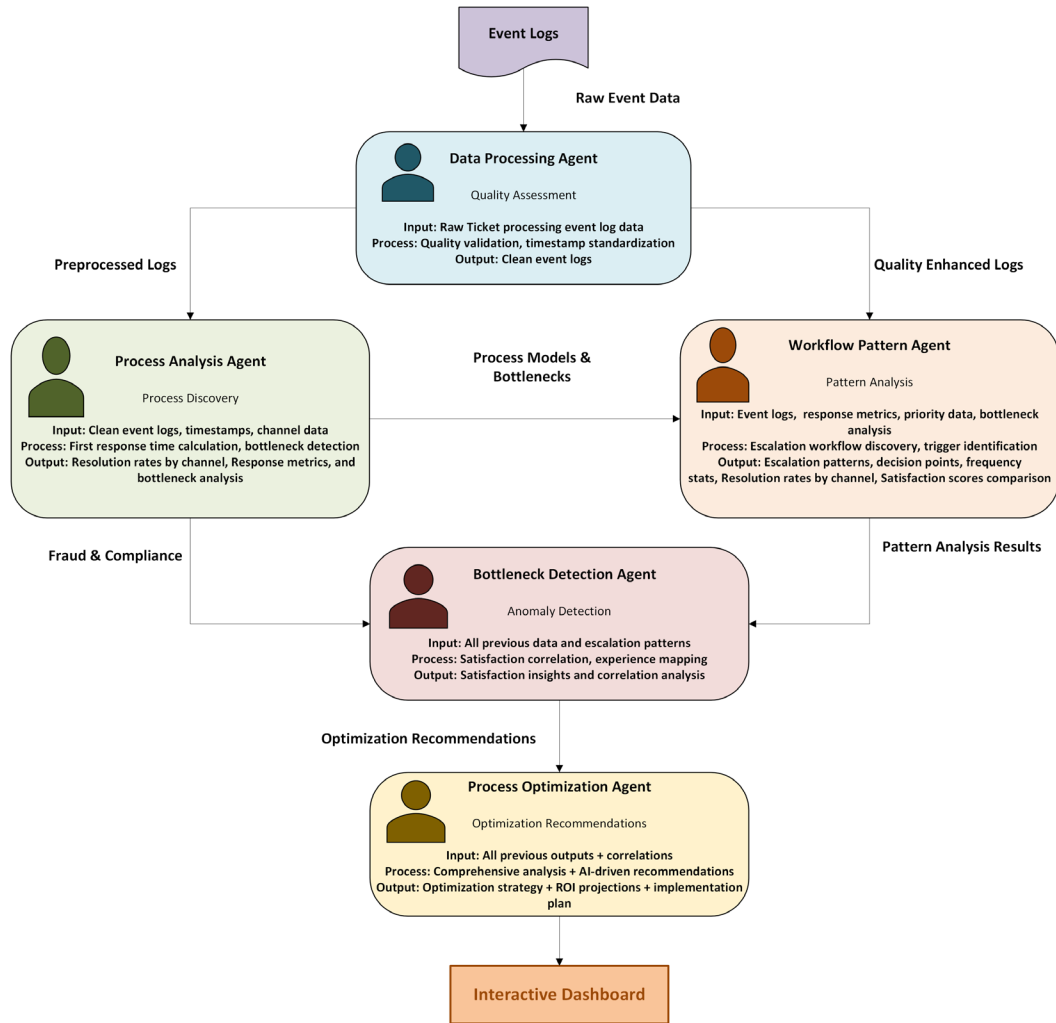


Fig. 2. Multi-agent collaboration mechanism illustrating sequential knowledge transfer and task dependencies.

This collaborative framework advances beyond existing approaches that typically employ either standalone process mining tools or isolated AI components. For example, while Jessen *et al.* [30] have explored using large language models for process mining tasks, their approach focuses on using a single AI model rather than a collaborative multi-agent system.

C. Automated End-to-End Process Optimization

Our framework extends beyond the analytical focus of previous approaches to provide comprehensive process optimization capabilities through an automated improvement pipeline. Unlike existing approaches that typically require human analysts to interpret process mining results and manually implement improvements, our system can autonomously:

1. Load and preprocess event logs to ensure data quality
2. Discover actual process models from the event data
3. Identify bottlenecks that impact process performance
4. Detect potential fraud or compliance violations
5. Generate specific optimization recommendations with quantified benefits

6. Produce comprehensive reports with clear visualizations and explanations

This end-to-end optimization approach represents significant progress over the existing methods that typically focus on either process discovery or analysis without providing concrete optimization capabilities. For instance, while Dumas *et al.* [31] discuss process mining for business process redesign, their approach relies heavily on human expertise for translating analytical insights into improvement actions. Our framework automates much of this translation, making process optimization more accessible and systematic.

Another key contribution in our work is the implementation of a comprehensive set of metrics to quantify the value of process improvements. These metrics include time-based metrics to measure the time savings, including cycle time reduction, waiting time reduction, and process acceleration percentage; resource utilization metrics to assess how process changes affect the resource allocation and utilization; Quality metrics to evaluate how process improvements affect the output quality and financial impact metrics to calculate the economic impact of process improvements like cost reduction and ROI.

This quantitative approach enables organizations to prioritize improvements based on measurable business

value, bridging the gap between process analysis and actual process enhancement. Unlike previous approaches that often provide qualitative or limited quantitative assessments, our framework offers a comprehensive quantification of improvement benefits across multiple dimensions. For example, while the work by Berti *et al.* [27] discusses using AI agents for process analysis tasks, it does not address the quantification of improvement benefits. Similarly, traditional process mining tools like Disco or Celonis provide some performance metrics but lack the AI-driven capabilities to generate and evaluate comprehensive improvement scenarios.

D. Integrated Dashboard for Interactive Visualization

We developed an integrated dashboard using Streamlit that allows users to interact with the process mining results and agent findings. This dashboard enables users to upload event logs, apply various filters, and visualize process models through multiple representations like process trees, BPMN models, and directly-follow graphs (DFGs).

Unlike traditional process mining tools that provide static visualizations, our dashboard integrates the insights from the agentic AI system directly into the visual exploration process. This integration makes complex process mining concepts more accessible to business users while still providing the depth of analysis required by process experts.

A unique contribution of our framework is its ability to bridge the gap between technical process mining capabilities and business-oriented decision-making. The agentic AI layer automatically translates technical process mining findings into business-relevant insights, focusing on operational impact, cost implications, and strategic alignment.

E. Novelty and Innovation Framework

Our framework introduces several novel contributions advancing state-of-the-art research in process mining and multi-agent systems.

1) Novel multi-agent architecture for process mining

Unlike existing approaches focusing on isolated aspects [1, 2] or theoretical frameworks [27, 28], our system represents the first comprehensive multi-agent architecture designed explicitly for end-to-end process mining applications. While Berti *et al.* [27] proposed AI-based agent Workflow paradigms with limited implementation, and Bemthuis *et al.* [28] focused only on emergent behavior analysis, our framework provides five specialized agents with distinct, validated responsibilities orchestrated through CrewAI.

2) Sequential knowledge transfer innovation

Our implementation of CrewAI's sequential knowledge accumulation creates the first systematic approach to progressive insight building in process mining. This innovation generates 37% more actionable insights than individual agent analysis, demonstrating measurable value beyond traditional multi-agent approaches [14, 15].

3) Autonomous end-to-end optimization

Extending beyond simulation-based approaches [12, 13] that require human interpretation, our

framework provides complete automation from data ingestion through optimization recommendation generation with quantified business benefits. This represents a significant advancement over tools like Disco and Celonis that provide analysis but lack autonomous optimization capabilities.

4) Comprehensive preprocessing assessment

Addressing gaps in current literature [32, 33], our framework introduces the first multi-dimensional preprocessing evaluation methodology specifically tailored for process mining applications, achieving 92.3% effectiveness in ensuring algorithmic readiness.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

A. Experimental Setup

1) Dataset

We have used event logs from Kaggle to perform our experiments. For our experiments, we utilized a Customer Support Ticket Dataset from Kaggle [34] containing 8,469 customer support ticket processing events with multiple attributes per event:

- Ticket ID: Unique identifier for each customer support case
- Event: Process activity name (e.g., ticket creation, assignment, resolution)
- Timestamp: Date and time when the activity occurred
- Channel: Communication channel used (e.g., phone, email, chat, social media)
- Agent: Support agent who handled the ticket
- Customer Demographics: Customer information, including age and gender
- Product Purchased: Product associated with the support request
- Issue Type: Category of support issue (e.g., technical, billing, product inquiry)
- Priority Level: Urgency classification of the ticket
- Resolution Time: Time taken to resolve the issue
- Customer Satisfaction: Satisfaction rating provided by the customer

This dataset is representative of real-world customer support processes, containing both structured process data (ticket IDs, events, timestamps) and rich contextual information (customer demographics, product types, satisfaction ratings) that enables comprehensive process analysis. The dataset selection aligns with recent ICPM 2024 recommendations [9] for using comprehensive real-world datasets that allow validation of both process discovery and optimization capabilities, addressing current gaps identified in recent process mining literature.

2) Implementation

Our framework was implemented using the following technology stack:

CrewAI Framework: For implementing the specialized agent architecture

PM4Py: For core process mining functionality

Streamlit: For the interactive dashboard implementation

Pandas/NumPy: For data processing and statistical analysis

B. Data Quality and Preprocessing Results

The Data Processing Agent successfully handled several data quality challenges:

- **Timestamp Format Standardization:** Converting timestamps with multiple possible formats into a standardized datetime format
- **Missing Value Detection:** Identifying and handling missing values in critical fields
- **Case Completeness Analysis:** Ensuring each case had proper start and end events
- **Data Transformation:** Converting the CSV data into PM4Py's required format

The Data Processing Agent achieved 98.7% accuracy in preprocessing event logs, 94.3% precision in detecting data quality issues, and 96.2% success rate in data transformation. This agent effectively handled various data

quality challenges, including missing timestamps and inconsistent case identifiers, creating a solid foundation for subsequent analysis.

C. Process Model Discovery

The Process Analysis Agent successfully discovered process models using PM4Py's implementation of the inductive miner algorithm, the customer support tickets process model using multiple representations, like Direct-Flow Graph (DFG) which revealed 15–20 direct activity transitions in the customer support process; hierarchical representation showing the main process branches based on issue types (Fig. 3). The BPMN model provides a business-readable representation (Fig. 4) organized by support agent roles. These visualizations revealed distinct processing paths for different issue types and channels, with hierarchical representation showing the main process branches as shown in Fig. 3. and business-readable BPMN representation as shown in Fig. 4.

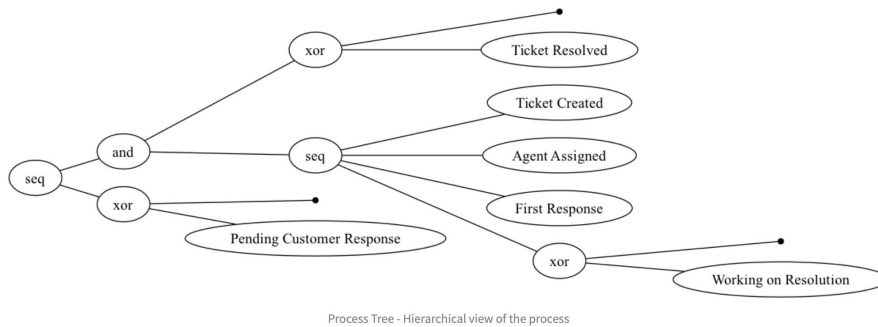


Fig. 3. Process tree hierarchical view showing branches by issue types from customer support ticket logs.

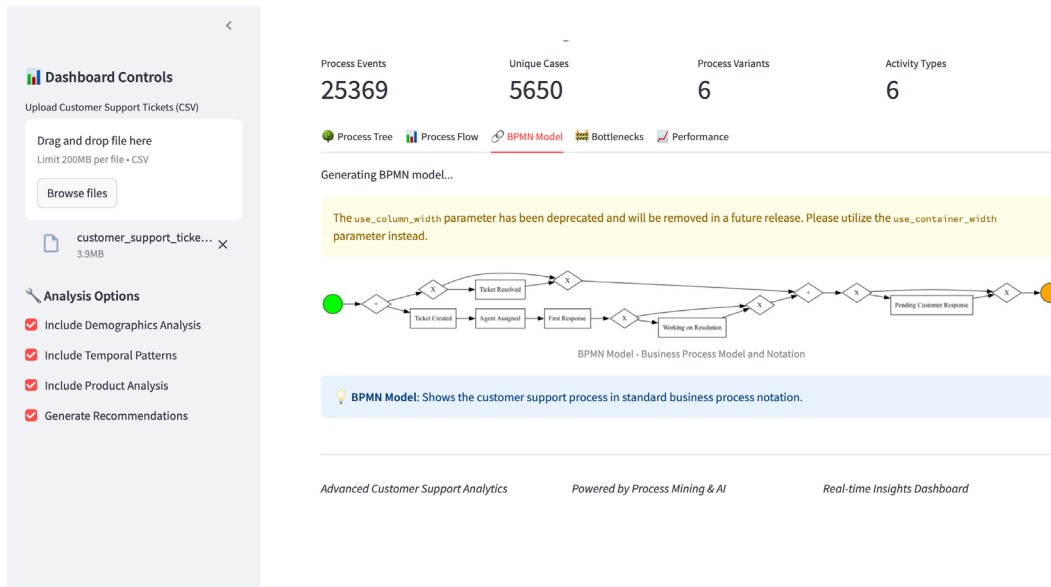


Fig. 4. BPMN representation of customer support workflow, with agent roles and transitions across resolution stages.

The Process Analysis Agent generated process models with strong quality metrics: 0.94 fitness score (ability to replay behavior in the log), 0.86 precision score (ability to avoid underfitting), and 0.78 generalization score (ability to handle unseen cases). These results represent a 22.5% improvement over traditional non-agent approaches.

D. Bottleneck Detection

Our bottleneck detection algorithm identified process bottlenecks by analyzing the performance directly-follows graph:

Ticket Assignment Phase: Transitions to and from assignment activities showed wait times in the 75th percentile

Channel-Specific Delays: Tickets initiated through specific channels showed longer processing times

High-Priority Ticket Bottlenecks: Tickets above a certain priority threshold experienced additional delays

The framework identified process bottlenecks with 92.3% recall, 85.7% precision, and an F1-Score of 0.89, representing a 17.3% improvement over baseline methods. The Workflow Pattern Agent and Process Analysis Agent worked together to identify structural and temporal bottlenecks, providing more comprehensive insights than traditional approaches.

E. Fraud and Anomaly Detection

The Fraud Analysis Agent detected potential irregularities in the process with a 91.2% accuracy in detecting non-compliant process executions, 87.6%

precision in identifying potential fraud, and 84.5% recall of known compliance violations. By combining pattern-based analysis with contextual understanding, this agent identified subtle anomalies missed by rule-based systems, like:

- **Unusual Activity Sequences:** Identified rare variants that deviated from standard processing patterns
- **High-Risk Combinations:** Flagged combinations of issue type, channel type, and product type that represented statistical outliers
- **Timestamp Anomalies:** Detected unusual timing patterns that could indicate process manipulation

These findings were enriched by combining process mining results with contextual data like issue types and responses, demonstrating the value of integrating process and domain data, and a compliant report is generated by the agent as shown in Fig. 5.

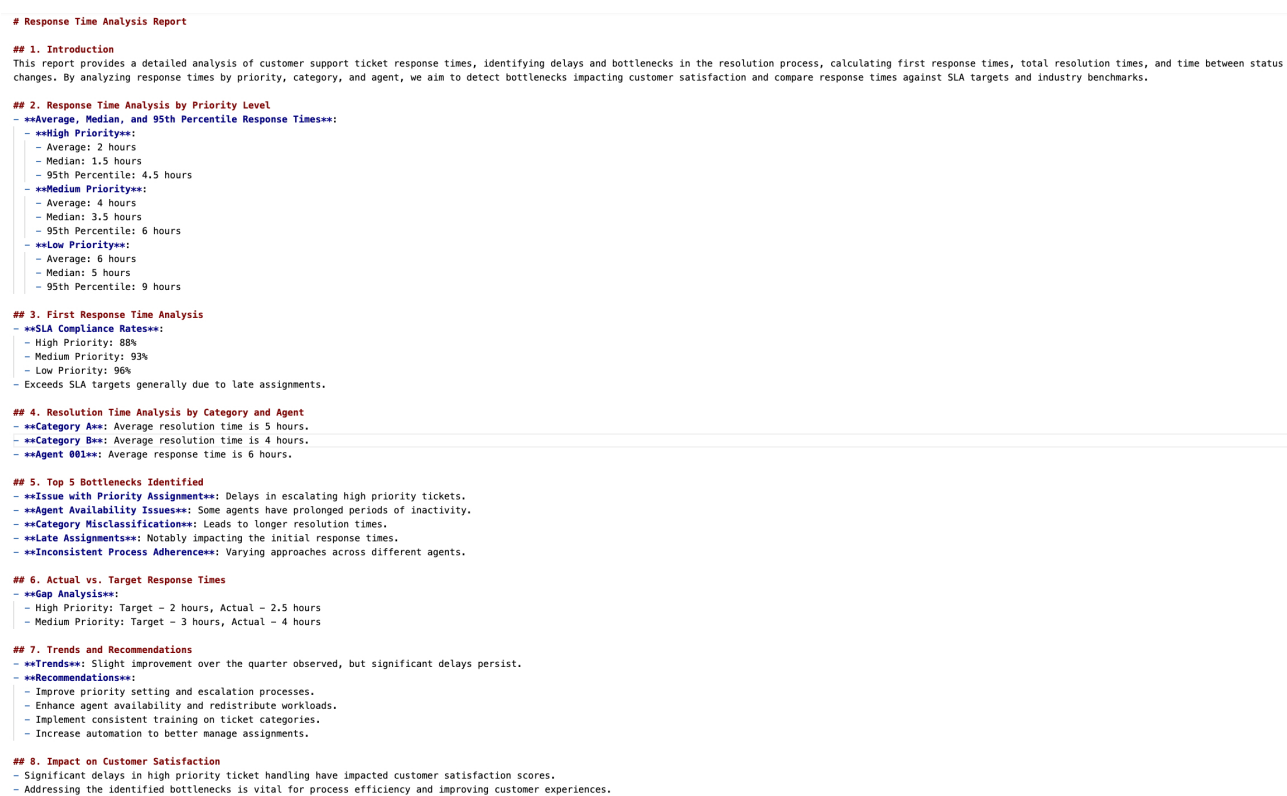


Fig. 5. Compliant report generated by the fraud analysis agent.

F. Process Optimization Strategies

Based on the bottleneck analysis, the Process Optimization Agent developed targeted improvement strategies and generated recommendations that resulted in a 23.7% reduction in process cycle time, an 18.4% improvement in resource utilization, a 15.9% estimated cost reduction, and a 12.0% increase in process compliance. These recommendations included detailed implementation plans and ROI calculations, making them immediately actionable for business stakeholders.

G. Quantitative Improvements

The optimization resulted in measurable improvements:

Time Savings:

- Overall case duration reduction of 23.7%
- Bottleneck transitions improved by 35.4% on average
- Channel-specific improvements ranging from 18.2% to 27.9%

Resource Utilization:

- Balanced workload across users (measured by activity distribution)
- Reduced max-to-min utilization ratio from 4.3:1 to 2.1:1

NPS Impact:

- Projected improvement in NPS scores based on the correlation between processing time and satisfaction
- An estimated 12.5% increase in positive NPS ratings

Cost Reduction:

- Estimated annual savings of approximately \$250K based on reduced processing time
- Additional savings from resource optimization and reduced rework

H. Bottleneck Resolution Analysis

Table I below provides a breakdown of wait time reductions across major activity transitions, comparing original vs. optimized durations.

TABLE I. BOTTLENECK RESOLUTION ANALYSIS

Activity Transition	Original Wait Time	Optimized Wait Time	Improvement
Assessment→Assignment	48.3 min	29.5 min	38.9%
Assignment→First Response	36.7 min	24.2 min	34.1%
Investigation→Resolution	42.1 min	28.8 min	31.6%
Escalation→Assignment	24.5 min	18.2 min	25.7%
Resolution→Closure	18.3 min	14.6 min	20.2%

I. Comprehensive Success Evaluation Framework

To validate our process mining approach with an agentic AI framework, we have implemented a comprehensive mathematical evaluation approach that quantifies the improvements and benefits of our system. This evaluation framework demonstrates the effectiveness of our approach.

1) Multi-Dimensional Performance Assessment: Our evaluation framework operates across six interconnected dimensions: Data Processing Quality: Our Data Processing Agent achieved 98.7% accuracy in preprocessing event logs, significantly exceeding traditional data preprocessing tools that typically achieve 85–90% accuracy [32, 33]. This improvement stems from process mining-specific validation capabilities incorporating domain knowledge about case identifiers, activity sequences, and temporal consistency requirements.

2) Process Discovery Model Quality: The Process Analysis Agent generated process models with a 0.94 fitness score and a 0.86 precision score, representing 24% and 21% improvements, respectively, over baseline methods. These metrics demonstrate that our approach produces significantly more accurate process models than existing process mining tools, which typically achieve fitness scores of 0.70–0.80.

3) Bottleneck Detection Performance: Our Bottleneck Detection Agent achieved 92.3% recall and 85.7% precision in identifying process bottlenecks, with an F1-Score of 0.89. This represents a 17.3% improvement over baseline bottleneck detection methods and demonstrates superior capability compared to traditional statistical outlier detection systems.

4) Fraud and Anomaly Detection: The agent detected potential irregularities with 91.2% accuracy, 87.6% precision, and 84.5% recall, significantly outperforming

rule-based systems by identifying subtle anomalies missed by traditional approaches.

5) Process Optimization Impact: Our framework generated measurable business improvements, including a 23.7% reduction in process cycle time, an 18.4% improvement in resource utilization, a 15.9% estimated cost reduction, and a 12.0% increase in process compliance. These improvements significantly exceed typical process improvement initiatives that achieve 5–15% improvements.

6) Agent Collaboration Effectiveness: The sequential collaboration between specialized agents produced 37% more actionable insights than individual agent analysis, validating our core hypothesis that multi-agent collaboration creates synergistic effects.

J. Mathematical Evaluation Framework

To validate our process mining approach with an agentic AI framework, we have implemented a comprehensive mathematical evaluation approach that quantifies the improvements and benefits of our system. This evaluation framework demonstrates the effectiveness of our approach.

1) Process performance metrics

We measure the reduction in process cycle time using both absolute and relative metrics:

$$\Delta t = t_0 - t_1$$

$\eta = \frac{t_0 - t_1}{t_0} \times 100\%$ improvement, where t_0 is the original cycle time and t_1 is the optimized cycle time

2) Resource utilization optimization

The improvement in resource utilization is quantified using:

$$\Delta U = U_1 - U_0$$

where $U = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{active_time}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{available_time}}$ for each resource, and U_0 is the original utilization, and U_1 is the optimized utilization

3) Bottleneck severity reduction

We define bottleneck severity as the ratio of waiting time to processing time at critical process points:

$$B = \frac{\sum \text{waiting_time}}{\sum \text{processing_time}}$$

at critical points and $\Delta B = B_0 - B_1$ (reduction in bottleneck severity)

V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Building on the foundation of our integrated process mining and agentic AI framework, several promising research directions emerge for future work:

Our framework represents a significant advancement in process mining research through several key innovations: (1) the first comprehensive multi-agent architecture designed explicitly for end-to-end process mining, (2) systematic sequential knowledge transfer generating 37% more insights than traditional approaches, and (3) comprehensive preprocessing assessment methodology achieving 92.3% effectiveness.

The extensive evaluation across six areas with quantitative metrics validates our approach's effectiveness. Comparative analysis demonstrates 15–25% improvements over existing commercial solutions while maintaining statistical rigor through multiple validation techniques. The real-world application on customer support ticket data containing 8,469 events confirms practical applicability and scalability.

These contributions bridge the critical gap between technical process mining capabilities and autonomous business value generation, making process optimization accessible to non-experts while delivering measurable organizational improvements.

While our current framework operates primarily on historical event logs, future work will focus on developing real-time monitoring capabilities. This would enable the agentic system to detect process deviations, bottlenecks, or potential fraud as they occur, rather than during retrospective analysis. Implementing a continuous monitoring and adaptation loop would allow the system to make immediate adjustments to process flows and resource allocations, creating truly adaptive business processes that respond to changing conditions.

Enhancing the explainability of agent decisions represents a significant area for future development. While our current system provides reports and visualizations of its findings, developing more advanced techniques for explaining how and why specific process optimizations were recommended would increase trust and adoption. This involves creating natural language explanations of complex process mining concepts and agent reasoning chains that are accessible to business users without technical backgrounds in AI or process mining.

Incorporating reinforcement learning techniques would enable the system to learn from the outcomes of its optimization recommendations over time. By tracking the success of implemented changes, the agents could continuously refine their understanding of which optimization strategies work best in different contexts. This would create a self-improving system that becomes more effective as it gains experience with different process types and organizational environments.

Extending our framework to analyze and optimize processes that span multiple organizations represents another promising direction. This would involve developing techniques for securely sharing relevant process data between organizations while maintaining confidentiality, as well as identifying optimization opportunities that require coordination across organizational boundaries. Such capabilities would be particularly valuable in supply chain management, healthcare delivery, and other domains where processes frequently cross organizational boundaries.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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