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Conversation mining: process mining for conversational data

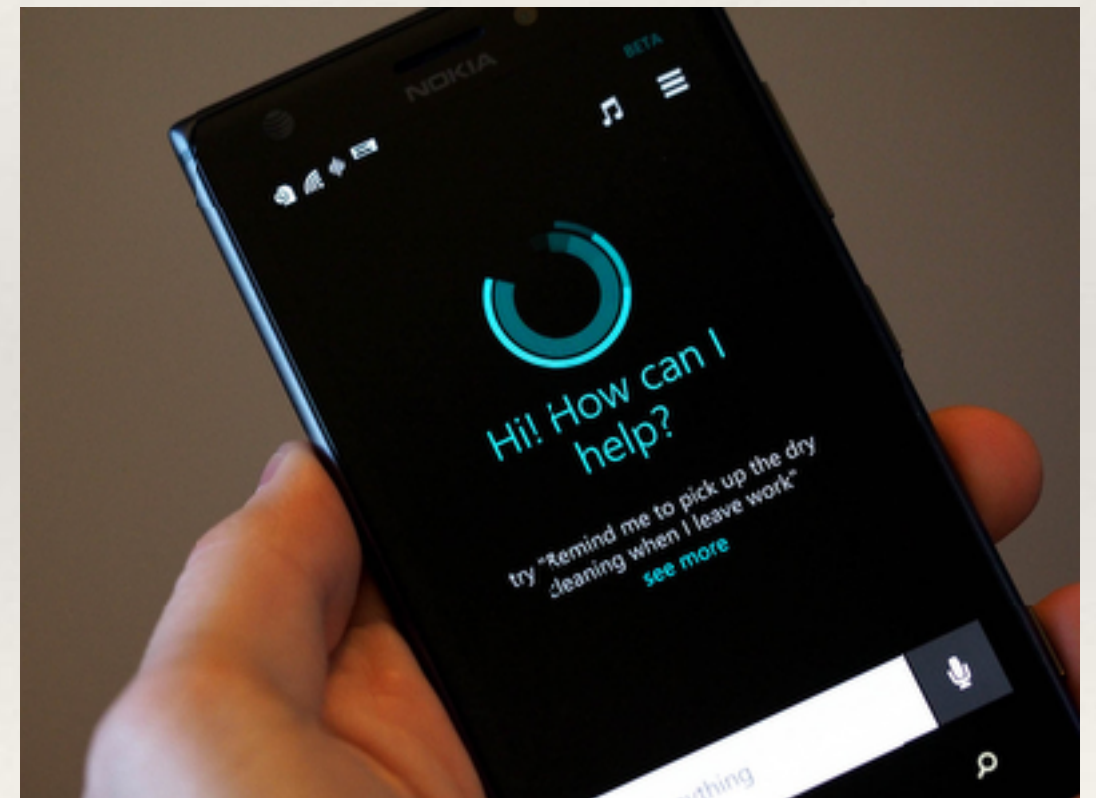
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Conversational assistants

- ❖ Amazon Alexa, Apple Siri, Microsoft Cortana ...



Conversation

- ❖ a talk, especially an informal one, between **two or more** people, in which **news and ideas are exchanged** (*Oxford dictionary*)
- ❖ **Research question:** what are the mechanisms, which enable an information exchange between the conversation participants?

Conversational Analysis (CA)

- ❖ Schegloff, 1968
- ❖ **patterns in the conversation structure:**
 - ❖ **utterance** - an uninterrupted chain of language
 - ❖ **turn-taking**
 - ❖ **adjacency pairs**, e.g. question / answer

Speech Act Theory (SAT)

- ❖ Searle, 1969
- ❖ **annotate** utterances
- ❖ with **functions** enabled through language (speech acts)
- ❖ e.g. promise, prediction, report, etc.

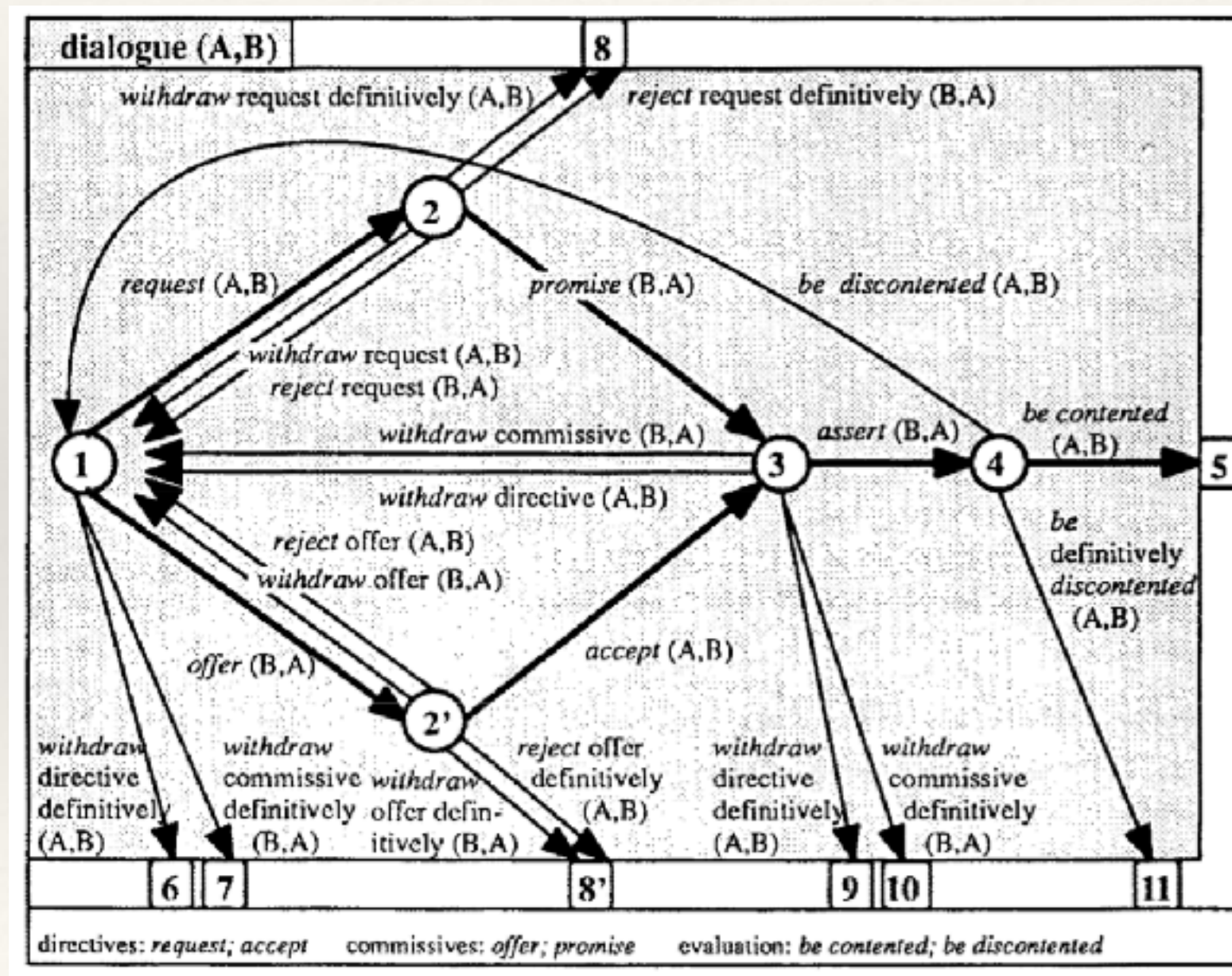
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Model of information-seeking dialogues

❖ Sitter & Stein, 1992



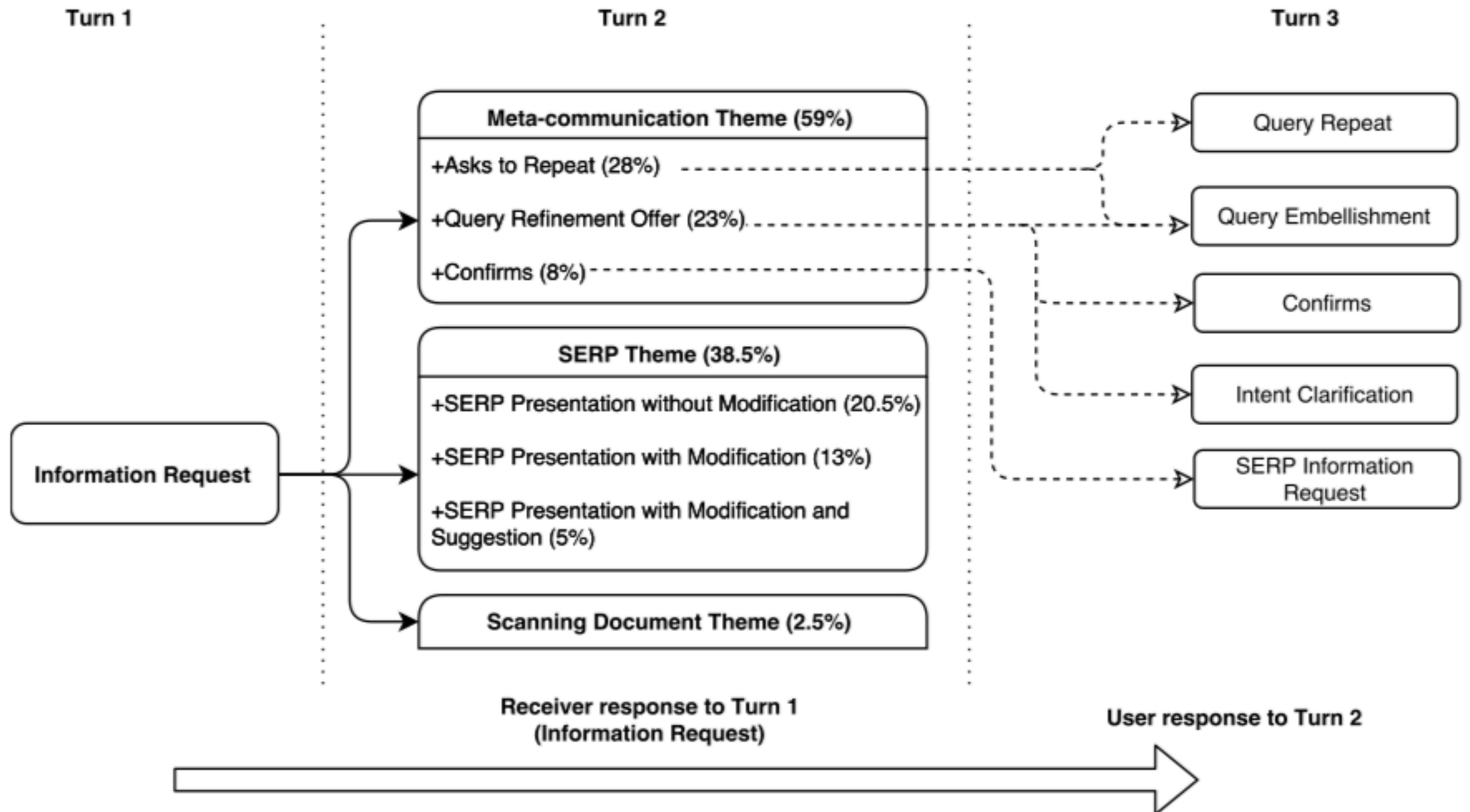
Spoken conversational search

- ❖ Trippas et al., 2017
- ❖ lab experiment
 - ❖ 13 pairs: User - Retriever
 - ❖ 9 search tasks: remember, understand, analyse
e.g.: Where does cinnamon come from?
 - ❖ 10 mins max

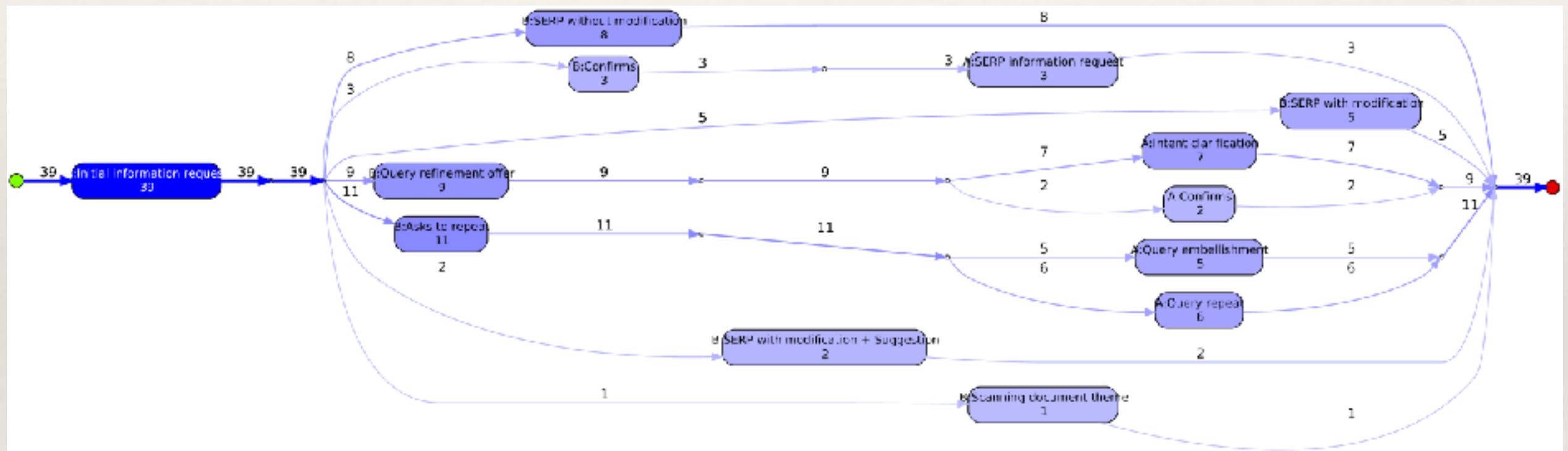
Conversational transcripts

Start.time	Stop.time	Query	Query.compl	Role	Action	Transcript
00:02.7	00:11.6	Where does cinnamon	remember	A_User	A:Initial information request	In which countries... in which <u>eu</u> ropean countries... do they grow cinnam
00:40.9	00:51.9	Where does cinnamon	remember	B_Receiver	B:SERP without modification	There is a bunch or results and the first one is Wikipedia <u>uhm</u> ... which j
06:34.3	06:47.6	Airport Security	analyze	A_User	A:Initial information request	Can you <u>type</u> in... <u>uhm</u> ...effective effectiveness of new security measur
06:58.0	07:02.8	Airport Security	analyze	B_Receiver	B:Query refinement offer	Australia or at the airport
07:02.9	07:08.2	Airport Security	analyze	A_User	A:Intent clarification	put <u>uhm</u> ... put international airports
17:24.0	17:36.1	Outsource job India	understand	A_User	A:Initial information request	What US jobs have been outsourced to India
17:50.2	17:52.7	Outsource job India	understand	B_Receiver	B:Query refinement offer	Can I put in united states
17:52.7	17:53.2	Outsource job India	understand	A_User	A:Confirms	yeah
00:14.6	01:18.6	recycle, automobile tires	understand	A_User	A:Initial information request	Uses for old car then the query or... passenger vehicle <u>tyres</u> ... T Y R E
01:19.2	02:27.4	recycle, automobile tires	understand	B_Receiver	B:SERP without modification	So far from the last 12 months I... first results is second hand <u>tyres</u> in S
10:16.5	11:02.5	per capita alcohol cons	analyze	A_User	A:Initial information request	Please compare first word it might put compare average international u
11:07.4	11:09.6	per capita alcohol cons	analyze	B_Receiver	B:Asks to repeat	sorry what... can you repeat that sentence
11:10.3	11:29.9	per capita alcohol cons	analyze	A_User	A:Query repeat	compare average open inverted commas oh sorry compare average in
21:14.0	21:47.5	What language do they	remember	A_User	A:Initial information request	please search for the following phrase... what language language in inv
21:59.7	22:02.1	What language do they	remember	B_Receiver	B:SERP without modification	<u>uhm</u> ... it has come up straight away with a result <u>uhm</u> ... in google <u>uhm</u> ...
00:01.4	00:10.8	Marine Vegetation	understand	A_User	A:Initial information request	maybe start of with type in marine vegetation and read up on what it ki
00:20.2	00:35.2	Marine Vegetation	understand	B_Receiver	B:SERP with modification	ok I have an article about marine vegetation... plants that inhabit the se
10:16.7	10:21.8	Where does cinnamon	remember	A_User	A:Initial information request	maybe start of with <u>uhm</u> ... type in... the origins of cinnamon
10:33.0	10:41.7	Where does cinnamon	remember	B_Receiver	B:SERP without modification	<u>uhm</u> I have around 1518 Portuguese traders discovered cinnamon at C
20:18.5	21:00.7	per capita alcohol cons	analyze	A_User	A:Initial information request	ok so... <u>uhm</u> ... in general I sort of want to try to find out the average cor
21:03.0	21:08.8	per capita alcohol cons	analyze	B_Receiver	B:SERP without modification	so I have a document about global consumption of alcohol by the world
00:22.6	00:24.6	Turkey Iraq Water	analyze	A_User	A:Initial information request	<u>turkish</u> river control
00:30.7	00:31.7	Turkey Iraq Water	analyze	B_Receiver	B:Confirms	yeah
00:33.5	00:34.6	Turkey Iraq Water	analyze	A_User	A:SERP information request	What results came up?
01:51.9	01:54.0	What river runs through	remember	A_User	A:Initial information request	Rome water supply
02:05.0	02:16.0	What river runs through	remember	B_Receiver	B:SERP with modification	<u>uhm</u> ... yeah <u>uhm</u> ... it pops up... it talks about the aqueduct and stuff an
04:57.5	05:01.5	Marine Vegetation	understand	A_User	A:Initial information request	health benefits of marine vegetation
05:11.1	05:12.1	Marine Vegetation	understand	B_Receiver	B:Confirms	<u>uhm</u> ... yah
05:12.5	05:15.4	Marine Vegetation	understand	A_User	A:SERP information request	what kind of results come up
00:07.1	00:13.5	Outsource job India	understand	A_User	A:Initial information request	Search for US unemployment plus outsourcing

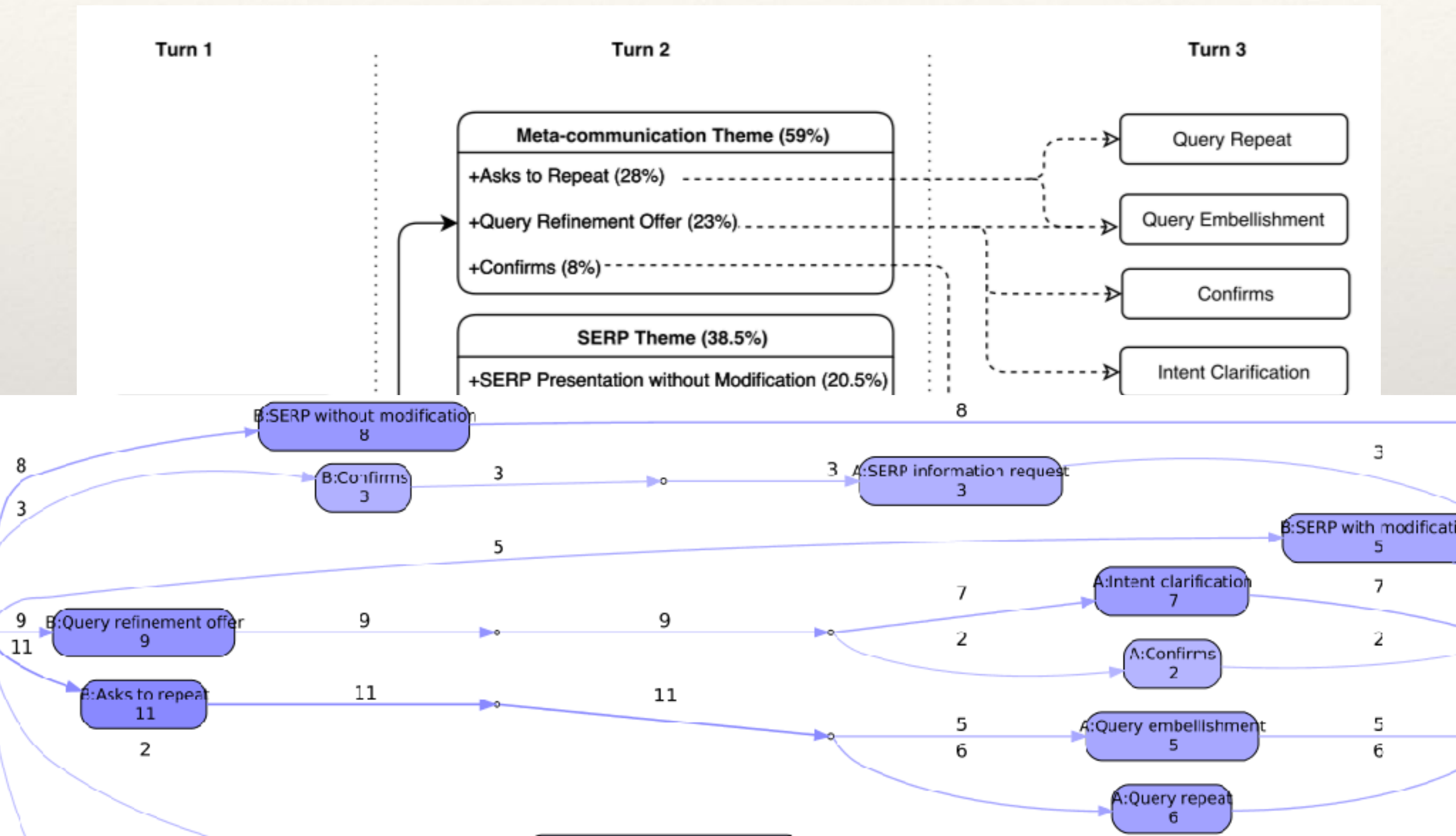
Model of conversational search



Process discovery

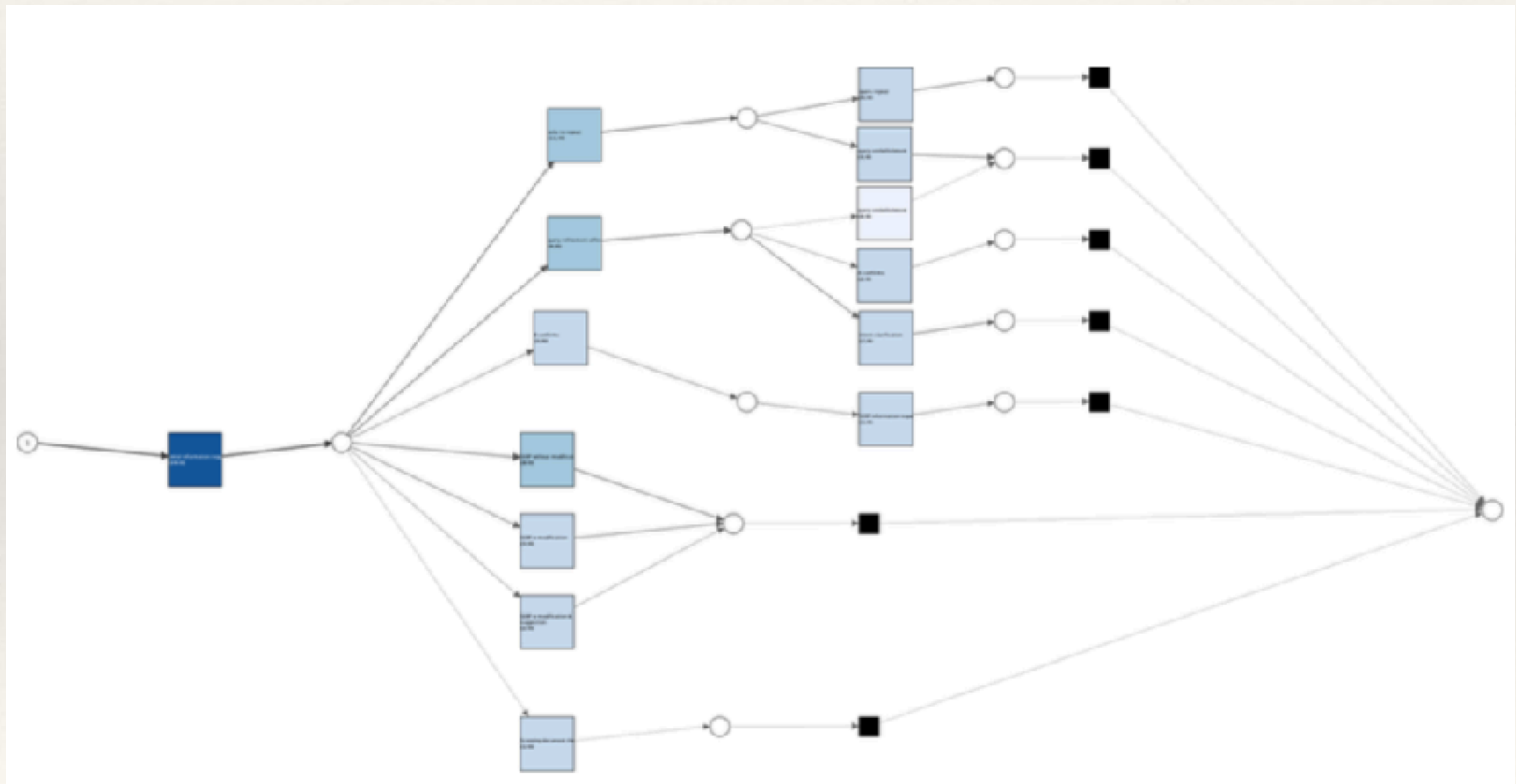


Conformance checking



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- ❖ process model <-> event logs



Conformance checking

Log-model Alignments

Case id(s): 1

#Num. Cases	8
#Is Alignment Reliable?	Yes
Calculation Time (ms)	5

Alignment
3 events



Case id(s): 2

#Num. Cases	7
#Is Alignment Reliable?	Yes
Calculation Time (ms)	3

Alignment
4 events



Case id(s): 5

#Num. Cases	6
#Is Alignment Reliable?	Yes
Calculation Time (ms)	3

Alignment
4 events



Case id(s): 14

#Num. Cases	5
#Is Alignment Reliable?	Yes
Calculation Time (ms)	7

Alignment
4 events



Case id(s): 7

#Num. Cases	5
#Is Alignment Reliable?	Yes
Calculation Time (ms)	4

Alignment
3 events



LEGEND

- Synchronous move (move log+model)
- Unobservable move (move model only)
- Skipped event class (move model only)
- Inserted event class (move log only)
- Replaced violation (move log+model)
- Swapped violation (move log+model)

STATS FROM RELIABLE ALIGNMENTS

#Cases replayed	39
#Synchronous ev.class (log+...	101
#Skipped ev.class	0
#Unobservable ev.class	39
#Inserted ev.class	0

ALIGNMENT STATISTICS

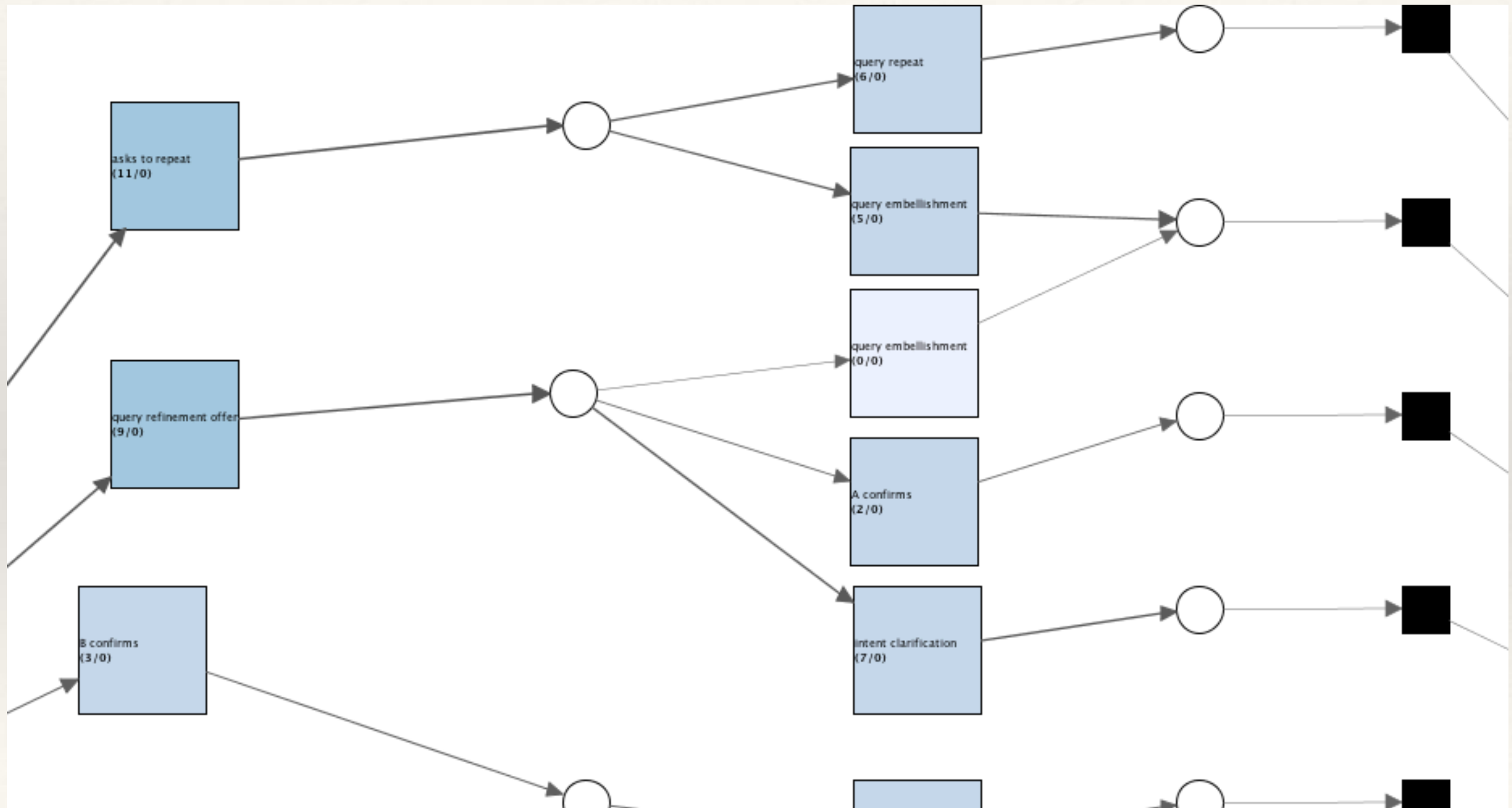
Trace Fitness

Average/case	1.00
Max.	1
Min.	1
Std. Deviation	0.00
#Cases with value 1.00	39

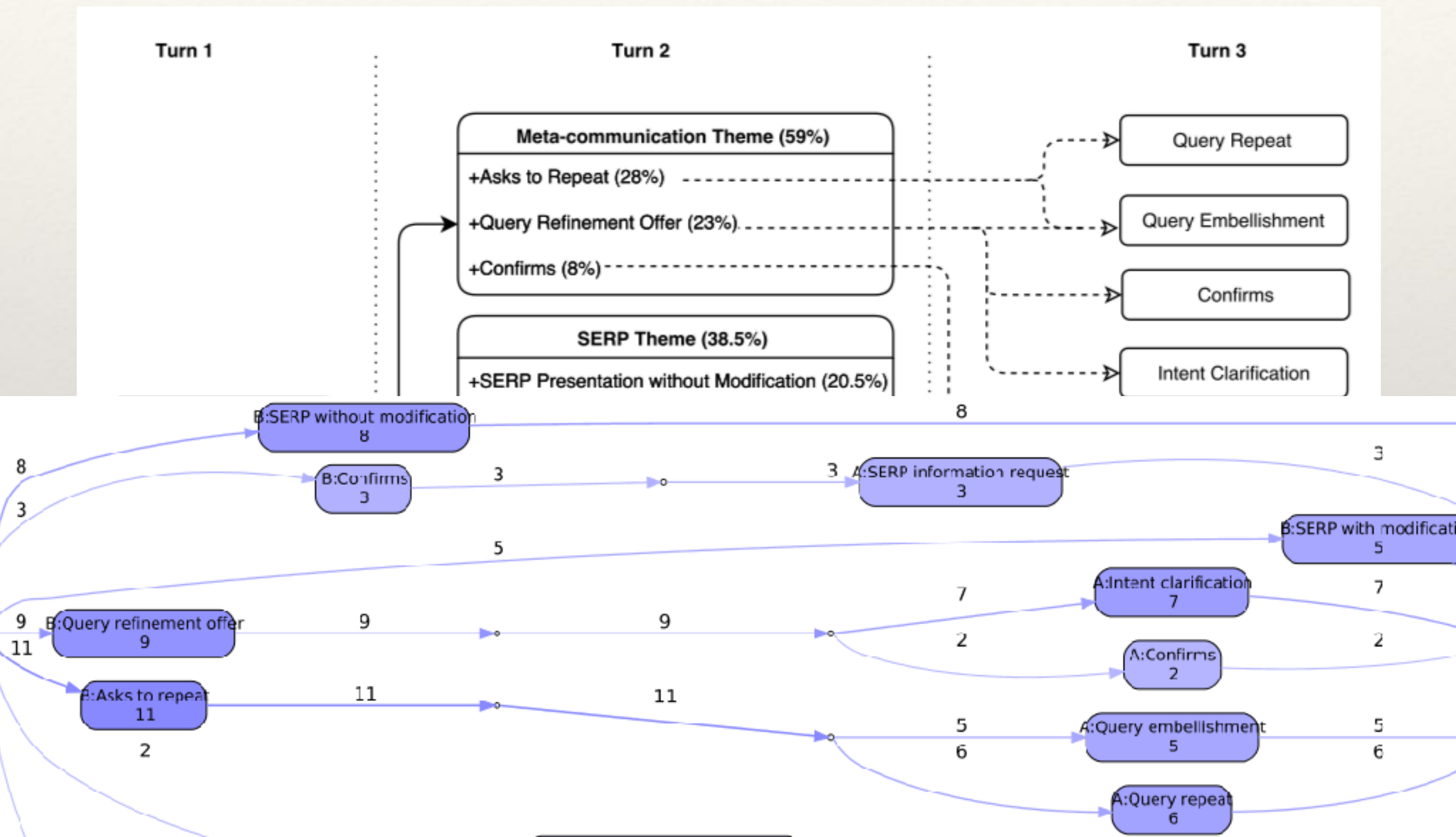
STATS INCLUDING UNRELIABLE ALIGNMENTS

#Cases replayed	39
#Synchronous ev.class (log+...	101
#Skipped ev.class	0
#Unobservable ev.class	39
#Inserted ev.class	0

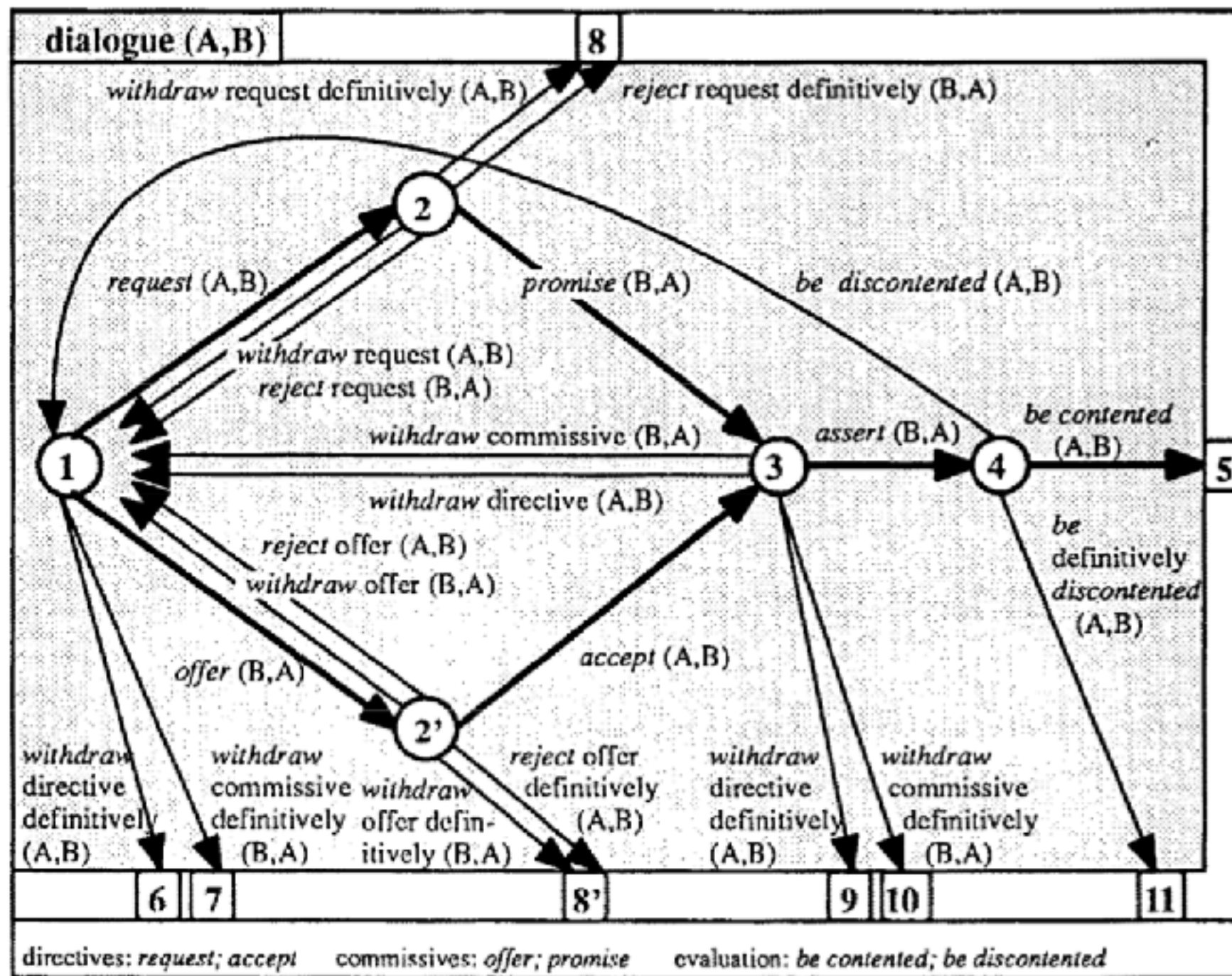
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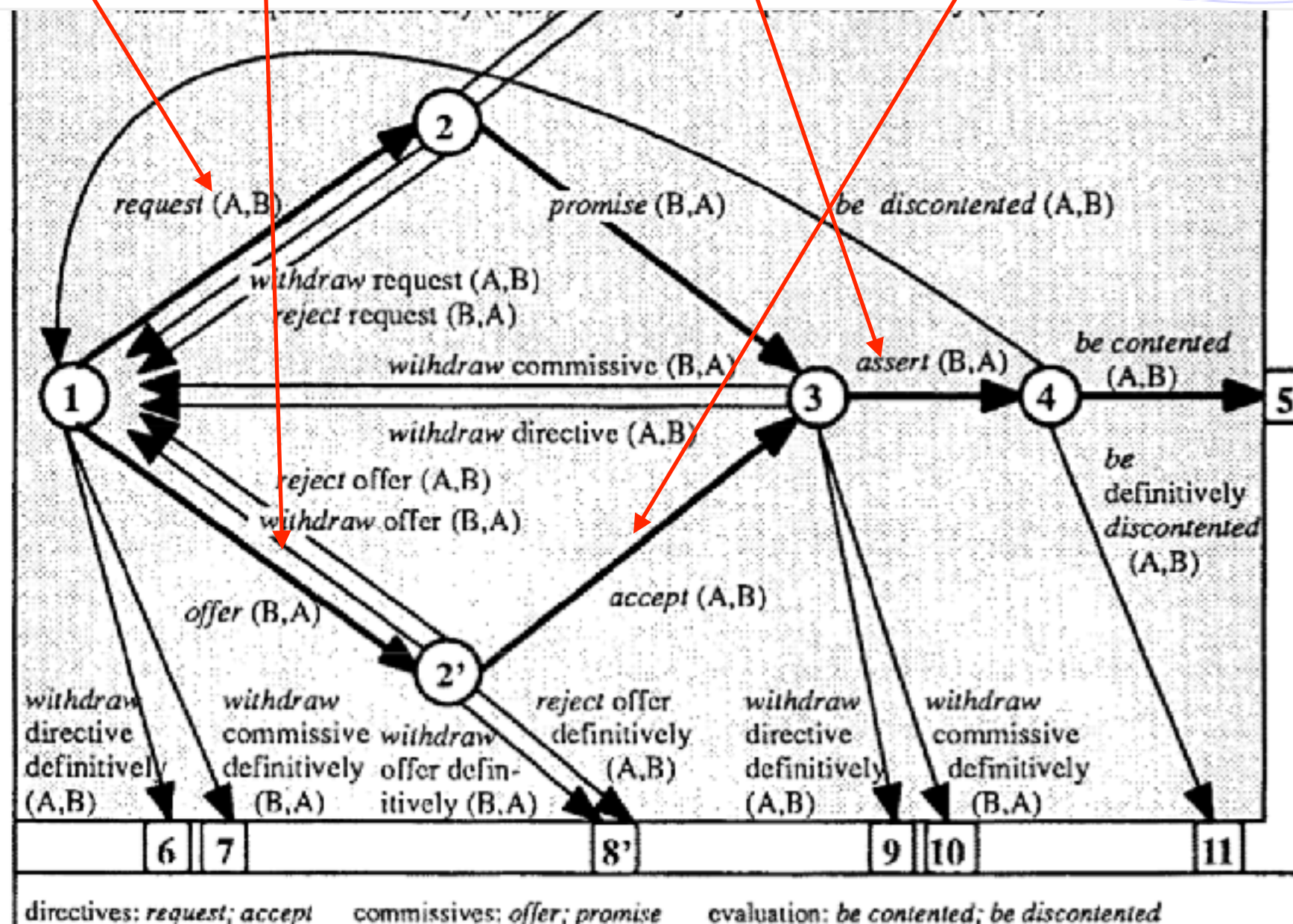
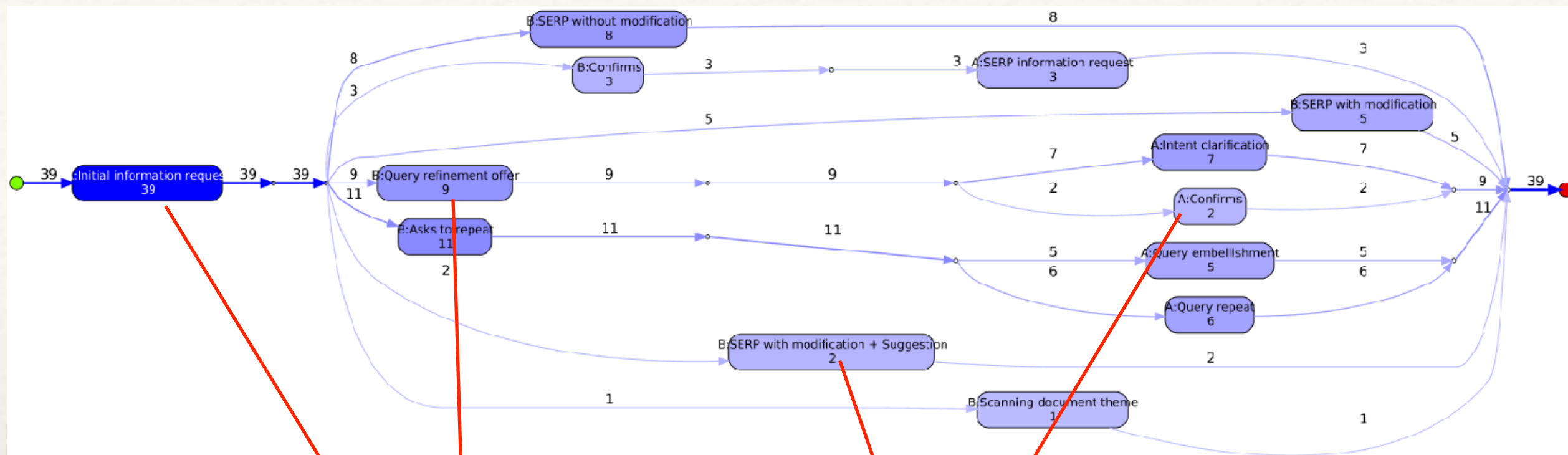


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Model

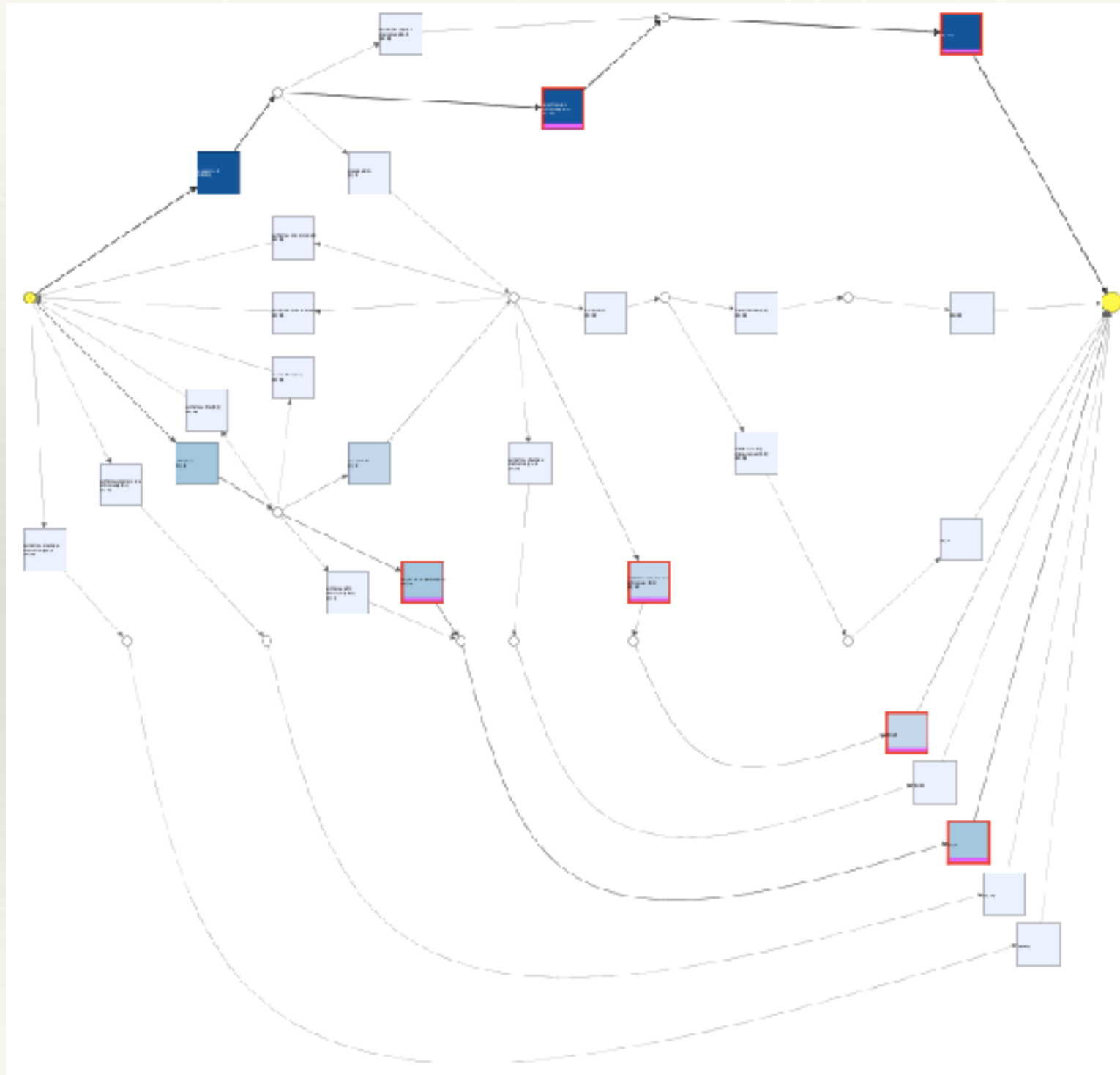




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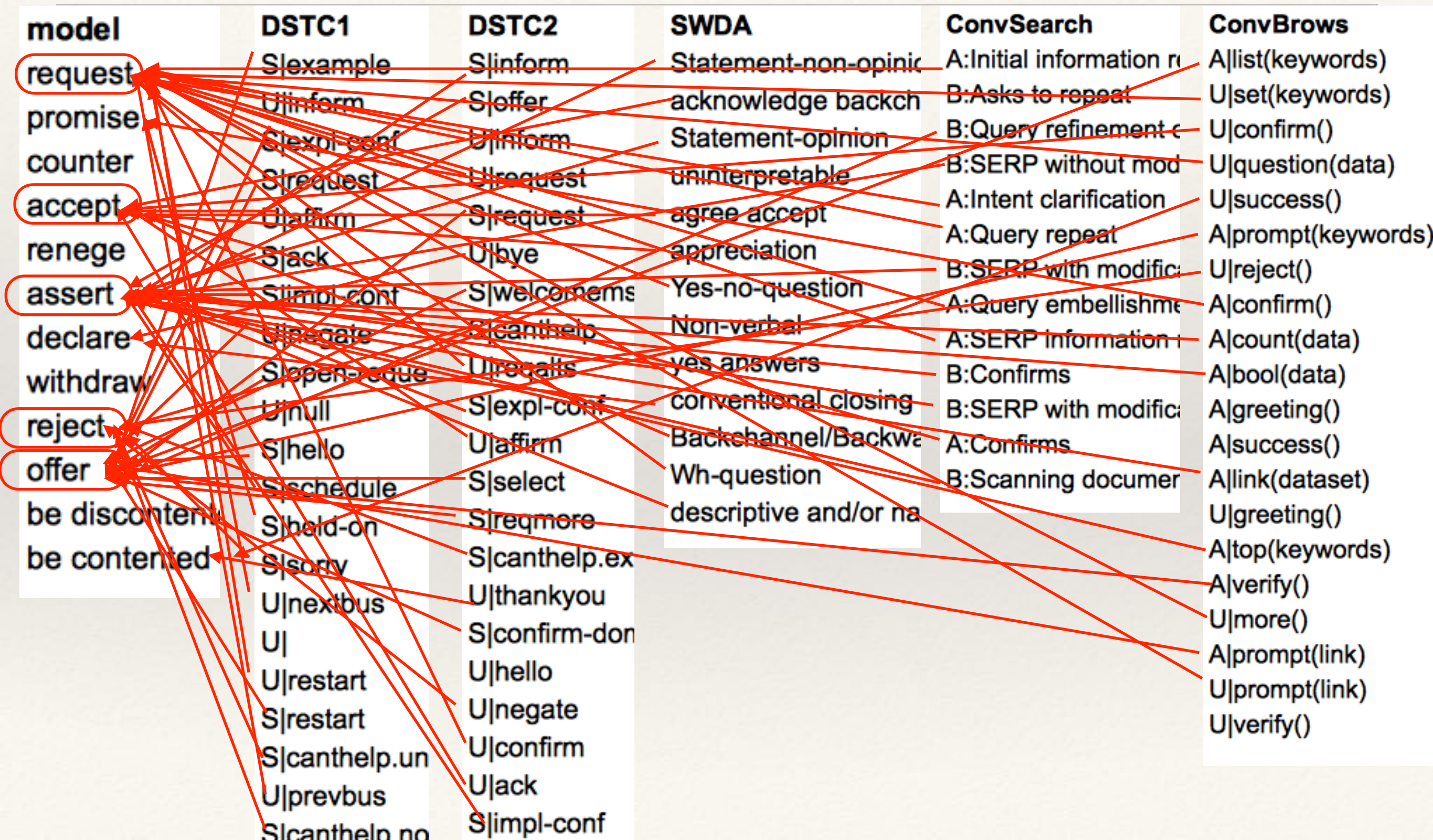
Data sets

- ❖ **Human-computer** dialogues:
 - ❖ Dialog State Tracking Challenge 1 & 2
- ❖ **Human-human (computer mediator)** dialogues:
 - ❖ Spoken Conversational Search
 - ❖ Open Data Exploration
- ❖ **Human-human** conversations:
 - ❖ Switchboard Dialog Act Corpus
 - ❖ ICSI Meeting Recorder Dialog Act Corpus
 - ❖ NPS Chat Corpus

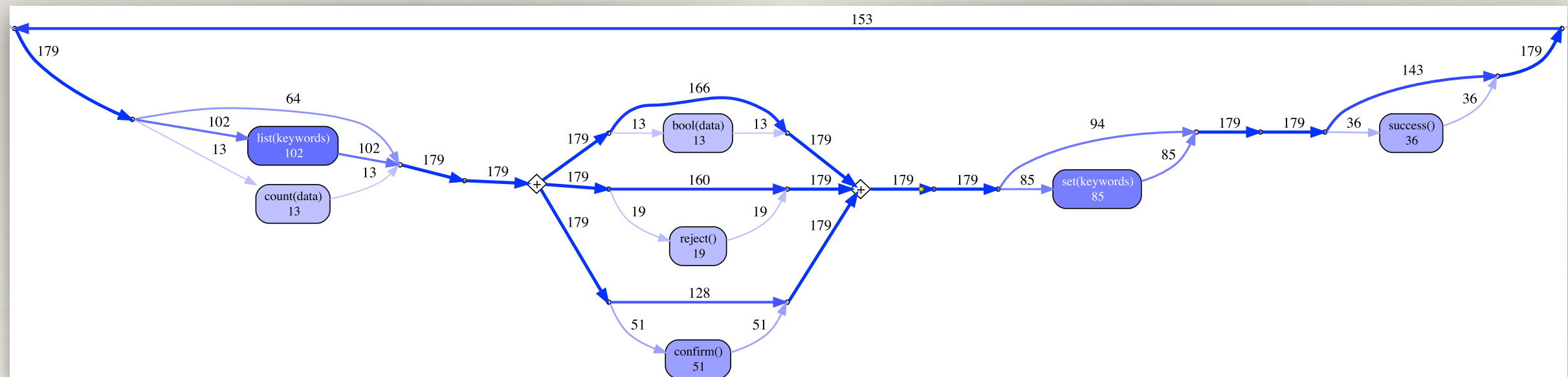
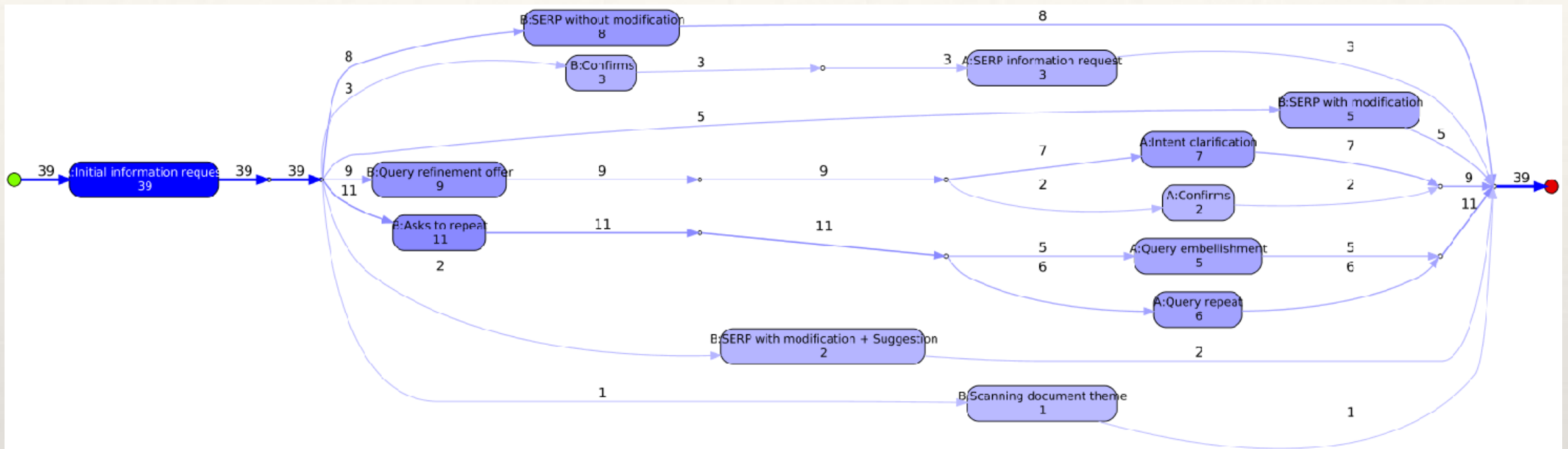
Ontology alignment

model	DSTC1	DSTC2	SWDA	ConvSearch	ConvBrows
request	S example	S inform	Statement-non-opinion	A:Initial information request	A list(keywords)
promise	U inform	S offer	acknowledge backchannel	B:Asks to repeat	U set(keywords)
counter	S expl-conf	U inform	Statement-opinion	B:Query refinement or modification	U confirm()
accept	S request	U request	uninterpretable	B:SERP without modification	U question(data)
renege	U affirm	S request	agree accept	A:Intent clarification	U success()
assert	S ack	U bye	appreciation	A:Query repeat	A prompt(keywords)
declare	S impl-conf	S welcomemsg	Yes-no-question	B:SERP with modification	U reject()
withdraw	U negate	S canthelp	Non-verbal	A:Query embellishment	A confirm()
reject	S open-request	U reqalts	yes answers	A:SERP information request	A count(data)
offer	U null	S expl-conf	conventional closing	B:Confirms	A bool(data)
be discontented	S hello	U affirm	Backchannel/Backward	B:SERP with modification	A greeting()
be contented	S schedule	S select	Wh-question	A:Confirms	A success()
	S hold-on	S reqmore	descriptive and/or narrative	B:Scanning documents	A link(dataset)
	S sorry	S canthelp.exp			U greeting()
	U nextbus	U thankyou			A top(keywords)
	U	S confirm-don			A verify()
	U restart	U hello			U more()
	S restart	U negate			A prompt(link)
	S canthelp.un	U confirm			U prompt(link)
	U prevbus	U ack			U verify()
	S canthelp.no	S impl-conf			

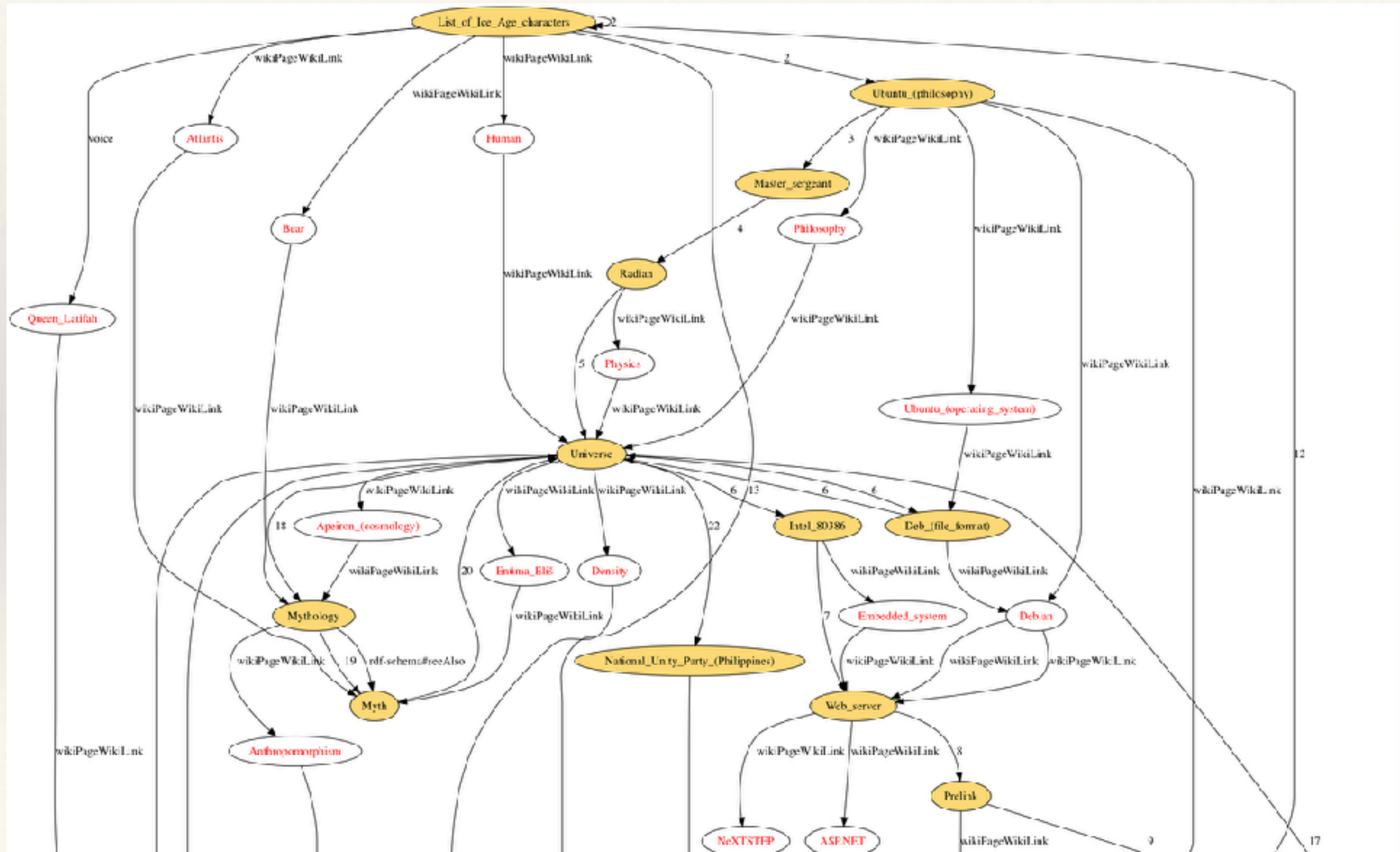
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Conversational semantics



Dialogue graph

