Decidability border for Petri nets with data: wqo dichotomy conjecture

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Reachability problem for unordered data Petri nets still open!

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