Foundations of Software Engineering SEN3

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Composition SEN3

 Component-based Models and Software Architectures (Farhad Arbab).



Formal Methods (Frank de Boer).

Coalgebraic Models of Computation (Jan Rutten).





Staff 2005-2010



- ▶ PhD students: 20.
- Postdocs: 7.
- ERCIM fellows: 3.
- Seconded: 4.



Overall Approach: Fundamental Research

Formal Semantics:

Executable Operational Semantics.

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- Automata Theory.
- Co-Algebra.

Programming Logics:

- Co-Induction.
- Hoare (Dynamic) Logics.
- Temporal Logics.



Proof of Concept: Tools

Simulation and Testing of Executable Software Models:

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- Service Oriented Computing.
- Object-Orientation.

Automated Verification:

- Co-Induction.
- Proof-Outlines.
- Model-Checking.



Proof of Concept: Applications

Service Oriented Computing (Web Services).

- Fredhopper: leading specialist in search & merchandising software tailored to the needs of online sales channels.
- ► Almende B.V: Information and communication technologies.

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Business Process Compliance.

► Thales: Aerospace, Space, Defense, and Security.





Research Activities (2005-2010): Highlights *Modelling and Analysis of Concurrent Objects.*



FP6 project Credo (Coordinator: F. S. de Boer)

CWI

Formal Methods Object-Oriented Programs.

- Method calls, object creation, multithreading, inheritance: Theses of Erika Abraham, Marcel Kyas, Cees Pierik, Joost Jacob and Andreas Gruener.
- Verification of Sequential and Concurrent Programs



3rd edition, Springer.



Development of Co-Inductive Calculi

(e.g., Mealy Automata, Kleene Algebras with Tests).



Thesis: Kleene coalgebra, Alexandra Silva (Cum Laude).



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Eclipse Coordination Tools (REO).



Graphical editing Animation Code generation Dynamic reconfiguration Model checking QoS Simulation Conversion



Research Activities: Output

- 13 completed PhD theses and 7 postdocs (full and junior profesorships Luxembourg, Aachen, Berlin, Leuven, Oxford, and R&D Manager Fredhopper).
- ► About 160 publications (h-index senior researchers ≥ 30).
 - **5** forthcoming(2011) PhD theses.
- Acquired external funding; 12 NWO projects and 4 EU projects:
 - ITEA project Trust4All: (2005-2007, ITEA Bronze Achievement Award).
 - FP6 project Credo (2006-2009).
 - FP7 project COMPAS: (2008-2011).
 - FP7 project HATS: (2010-2012).



Cooperation

National

- ► CWI: SEN1, SEN4, PNA1, PNA2, MAC4.
- ▶ Universities: UL, UU , VUA, UvA, RUN and TU/e.
- Companies: Almende B.V., Fredhopper, Océ-Technologies, Philips Research.

International Cooperation



Christel Baier









New Frontiers

Application domains:

- Multicore Programming.
- QoS of Networks.
- Systems Biology and Life Sciences.

Tools and Techniques:

- Co-Inductive Reasoning.
- Integration Formal Analysis Techniques and Program Transformation Tools.

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Model Simulation and Visualization.



SWOT

Strengths:

- High impact fundamental research.
- Strong internal synergy and coherence.

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- Weaknesses:
 - Scalability tools and techniques.
- Opportunities:
 - New frontiers.
- Threats:
 - Maintenance external funding.

