

# Modelling Software-based Systems

## Lecture 6

### Validation, Verification and Proof Tools for Event-B for Correct-by-Construction

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$$\begin{array}{l} \ell : \{P_\ell(v)\} \\ \text{cond}_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \longrightarrow v := f_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \\ \ell' : \{P_{\ell'}(v)\} \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} e(\ell, \ell') \\ \text{WHEN} \\ \quad c := \ell \\ \quad \text{cond}_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \\ \text{THEN} \\ \quad c := \ell' \\ \quad v := f_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \\ \text{END} \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} \ell_0^1 : \{x = 0\} \\ \quad x := x + 1; \\ \ell_0^1 : \{x = 1\} \end{array}$$

- $v$  is the state memory variable or list of memory variables;  $v$  includes the local variables and the results variables.
- $c$  is a new variable which is modelling the control flow and its type is **LOCATIONS**.
- $e(\ell, \ell')$  is simulating the computation flow starting from  $\ell$  and moving to  $\ell'$ ;  $v$  is updated.

### INVARIANTS

$inv_i : c \in \text{LOCATIONS}$

$inv_j : v \in \text{Type}$

...

$inv_k : c = \ell \Rightarrow P_\ell(v)$

$inv_m : c = \ell' \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v)$

...

$th_n : A(c, v)$

- $\text{Type}$  is the type of the variables  $v$  and is a set of possible values defined in the context  $C$ .
- The annotation is giving us for free the conditions satisfied by  $v$  when the control is in  $\ell$ , (resp. in  $\ell'$ ).
- $A(c, v)$  is a safety property that we are supposed to check and the case of Event-B, it is a theorem.

For each pair of successive labels  $\ell, \ell'$ , the three statements are equivalent :

- $P_\ell(v) \wedge \text{cond}_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \wedge v' = f_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v')$
- $I(c, v) \wedge c = \ell \wedge \text{cond}_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \wedge c' = \ell' \wedge v' = f_{\ell, \ell'}(v) \Rightarrow (c' = \ell' \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v'))$
- $I(c, v) \wedge BA(e(\ell, \ell'))(c, v, c', v') \Rightarrow (c' = \ell' \Rightarrow P_{\ell'}(v'))$

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Let AA an annotated algorithm with precondition  $\mathbf{pre}(AA)(v)$  and postcondition  $\mathbf{post}(AA)(v_0, v)$ . Let the context  $C$  and the machine  $M$  generated from AA using the construction given previously. We assume that  $\ell_0$  is the first label and  $\ell_e$  is the last label. We add the following safety properties in the machine  $M$  :

- $c = \ell_0 \wedge \mathbf{pre}(AA)(v) \Rightarrow P_{\ell_0}(v)$
- $c = \ell_e \Rightarrow (P_{\ell_e}(v) \Rightarrow \mathbf{post}(AA)(v_0, v))$

If proof obligations are discharged, then the annotated algorithm AA is partially correct with respect to its pre/post specification.





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- The panel called *proof control* is providing tools for *discharging* proof obligations
- Proof obligations are stated as follows :  $\Gamma \vdash P$  : *When assertions of  $\Gamma$  are supposed to hold, then  $P$  does hold*
- Problem : Checking that the sequent  $\Gamma \vdash P$  is valid.
- How : Applying automatic procedures as pp, pr etc
- ... or helping the proof tool to build the *proof tree*

- Quite sensitive to **useless hypotheses**.
- Unable to **automatically abstract** some statements.
- Sometimes **poor management of equalities**.
- Needs some **creative hints**

- Proposing **clever lemma** : the user may have interesting ideas because he/she knows the problem to solve.
- Suggesting a **proof by case**.
- Proposing a **witness** for an existential goal.
- Proposing a universal hypothesis **instanciation**.
- etc.

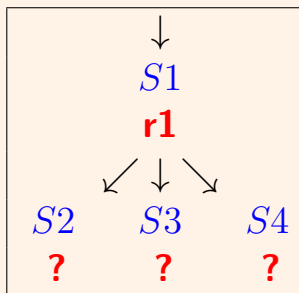
- **Sequent** (where *list\_of\_hypotheses* might be empty).

$$\textit{list\_of\_hypotheses} \quad \vdash \quad \textit{conclusion}$$

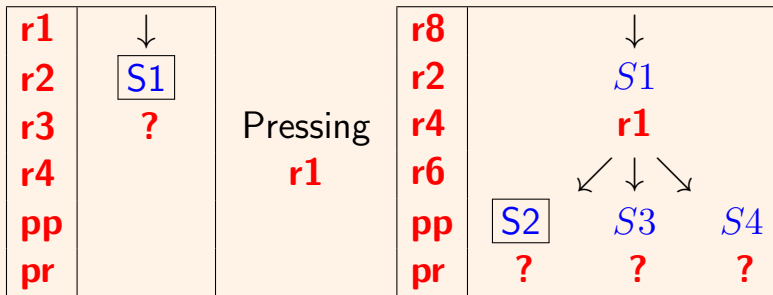
- **Inference rule** (where *list\_of\_sequents* might be empty).

$$\frac{\textit{list\_of\_sequents}}{\textit{sequent}}$$

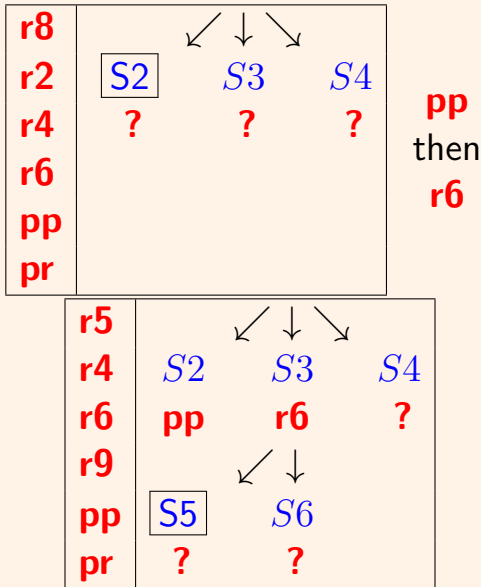
- **Backwards application** of inf. rules  $\leadsto$  **proof tree**.



- Rule  $r1$  is applied to sequent  $S1$ .
- Producing sequents  $S2$ ,  $S3$ , and  $S4$ .



- The proof tree is **constructed interactively**.
- The **palette evolves** as the **sequent of interest** varies.



- Our tentative “interface” does not work.

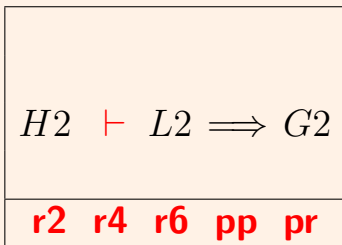


$$H \vdash L \Longrightarrow G$$

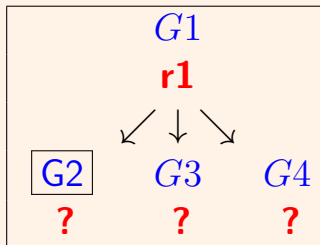
- Most of the time the conclusion has an **implicative form**
- $G$  is called the **goal** (it is a **non-conjunctive** predicate)
- $L$  are called the **local hypotheses** (might be empty)

$$H \vdash I(x) \wedge G(x) \wedge P(x, x') \Longrightarrow I(x')$$

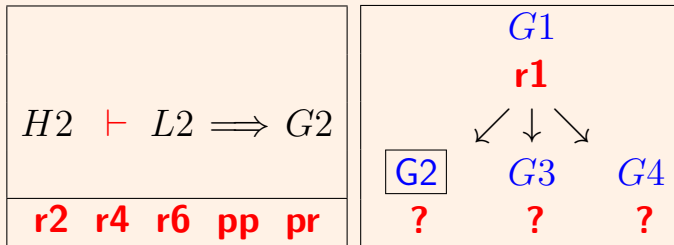
- **Tree window** with **simplified** sequents (**goals** only)
- **Sequent window** containing the **full sequent of interest**



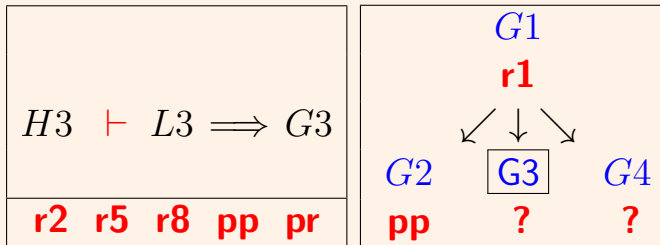
Sequent Window

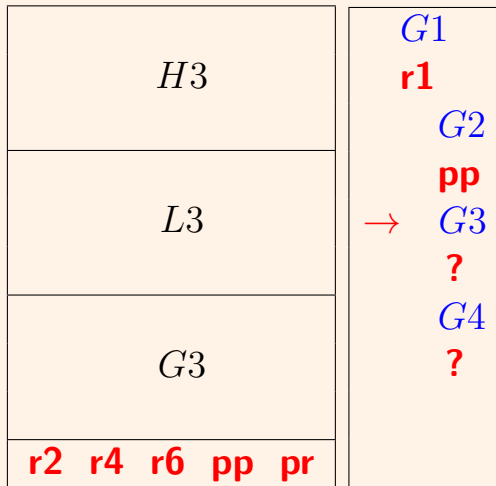


Tree Window



Pressing **pp**





$$\underbrace{hidden ; searched ; cached}_{list\_of\_hypotheses} \vdash \underbrace{local \implies goal}_{conclusion}$$

$hidden$	<b>Not visible</b> on the sequent window
$searched$	<b>Visible</b> after some search in $hidden$
$cached$	<b>Visible</b> but not part of the conclusion any m
$local$	<b>Visible</b> and part of the conclusion

## Current Summary

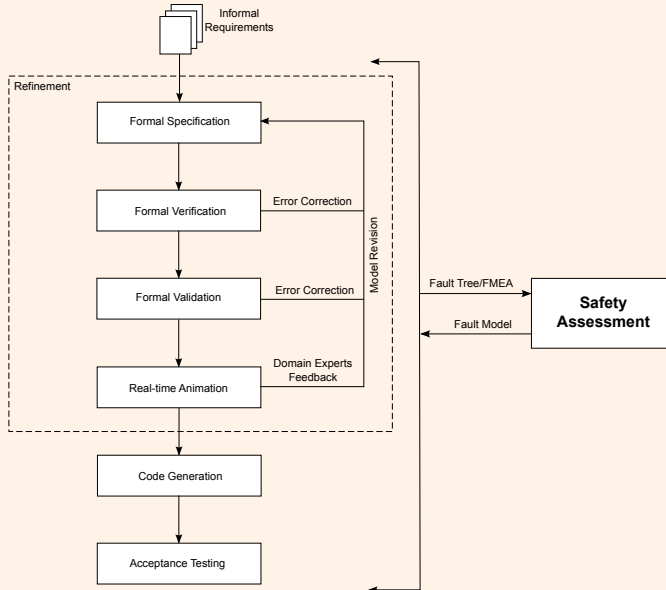
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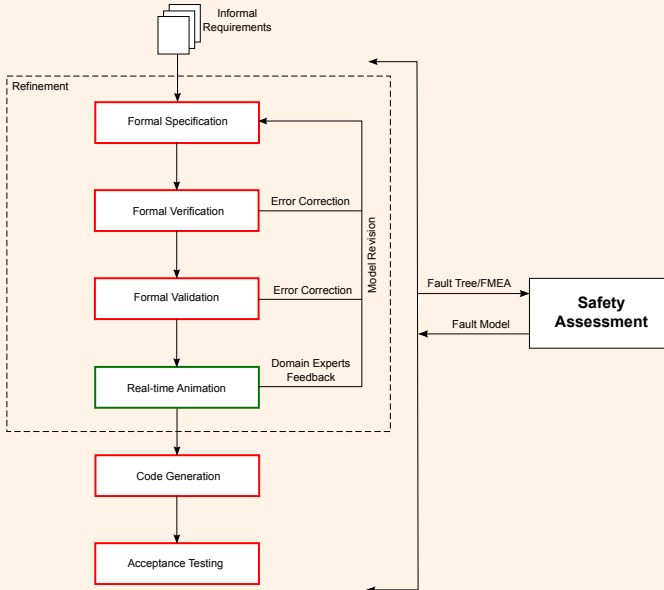




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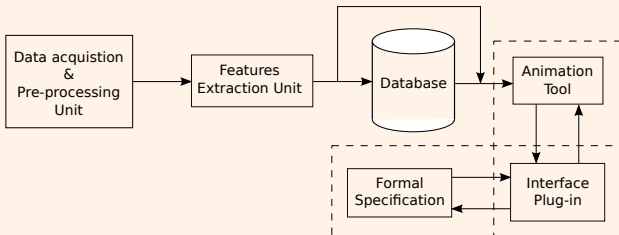
## What is Real-time Animator ?

- Visual representation of formal model using real time data set.

## Why should we use Formal Model Animator ?

- To validate system behavior according to the stakeholders
- To express formal models for non-mathematical domain experts
- To discover the error in the early stage of system development (Traceability)

## Proposed Architecture

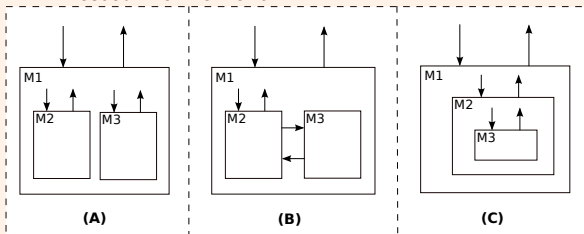


- Refinement chart is a graphical representation of a complex system using layering approach.
- Integration and features based code structuring of different components of the systems.

## Basic rules of refinement chart

- Parallel Refinement
- Sequential Refinement
- Nested Refinement

$$\begin{aligned} M1 &\sqsubseteq (M2 \parallel M3 \parallel \dots \parallel M_{n-1} \parallel M_n) \\ M1 &\sqsubseteq (M2 \succ M3 \succ \dots \succ M_{n-1} \succ M_n) \\ (M1 &\sqsubseteq M2, M2 \sqsubseteq M3, \dots, M_{n-1} \sqsubseteq M_n) \end{aligned}$$



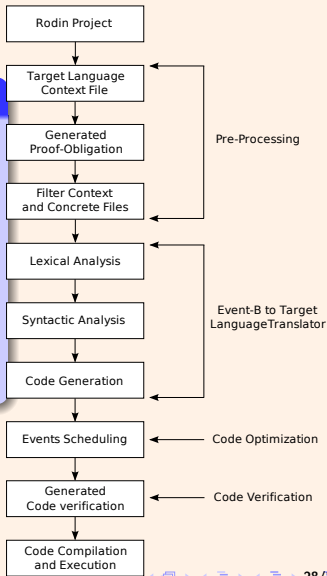
$$\begin{aligned} M1 &\sqsubseteq (M2 \parallel M3) \\ M1 &\sqsubseteq (M2 \succ M3) \\ (M1 &\sqsubseteq M2, M2 \sqsubseteq M3) \end{aligned}$$

## EB2ALL

- Automatic code generation from Event-B formal specification to multiple languages (C, C++, Java, C#) to make it executable.
- A module for Rodin (Deploy is an European Commission FP7 project)
- It is more than 20000 lines of code
- More than 1000 downloads

Download : <http://eb2all.loria.fr/>

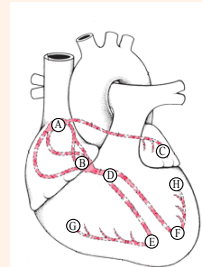
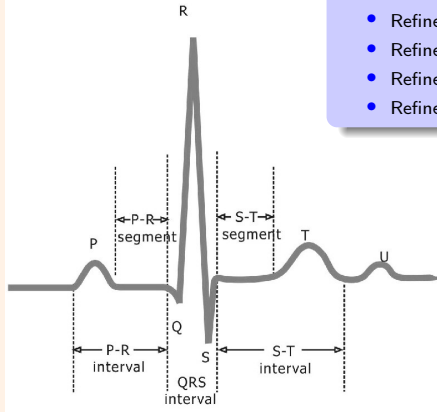
## EB2ALL Tool Architecture



## Formal Development

- Abstract Model
- Refinement 1 : Introducing Steps in the Propagation
- Refinement 2 : Impulse Propagation
- Refinement 3 : Perturbation the Conduction
- Refinement 4 : Getting a Cellular Model

Electrocardiogram (ECG)



Landmarks on the Electrical Conduction of Heart

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- Reading the description of the problem to solve.
- List the safety properties as partial correctness, mutual exclusion, ... and properties on sets, constants, ...
- Identify the state variables for the first machine
- Define inductive definitions if necessary and state correctness properties as  $\forall n. n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n * n = v(n)$ .
- List Use Cases : for instance, adding a new user, updating a a phone number, recording a movement ...
- First expression of a context and a machine.



- **Property**

- ▶ *the set of people is non empty and finite*
- ▶  $people \neq \emptyset \wedge finute(people)$