## **Interaction, Concurrency, Nondeterminism, Time, Composition, Distribution, Abstraction**

# **An Interface Centric Approach**

# Practical and Theoretical Consequences

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## Topics of Concurrency

#### **Theoretical**

- Nondeterminism, concurrency
	- ◊ Parallel operators (parallel or)
	- ◊ Ambiguity
- State machines
- Computability
	- ◊ Algorithms
	- ◊ Models of computability
	- ◊ Time
	- $\Diamond$  Infinite computations
	- ◊ Unbounded nondeterminism
- Denotational semantics
- Fixpoint theory

#### Practical

- Nondeterminism and ambiguity
- Abstraction: Interface behavior
- Modularity
	- $\diamond$  Encapsulation, information hiding, interface behavior
- Real time
- Graphical models
- Specification
- Distribution and architecture
	- ◊ Composition
- Verification
- Missing programming languages



## General Observations

- Numerous models
	- ◊ Petri Nets, Data Flow, TLA , CSP, CCS, B, Unity, Rely/Guarantee, State Charts, Esterel, …
- Missing studies of the sufficient comparisons of different approaches
- Theoretical consequences not sufficiently investigated
	- $\Diamond$  How does the notion of algorithm generalize to concurrency and vice versa
	- ◊ What about computability when considering nondeterminism, concurrency and/or time
- Practice versus theory
	- $\Diamond$  In theoretical approaches practical consequences often not sufficiently taken care of
	- $\Diamond$  In practical approaches theoretical consequences often not sufficiently taken care of
- Programming languages based on the Neumann architectures
	- ◊ Shared state
- A lot of concepts on low level implementation issues
	- $\diamond$  Operating systems, scheduling, bus systems

### Practical challenges



## Interface Based Modelling Theory



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#### Discrete systems: the modeling theory in a nutshell

### Example: Interface Specification - Data flow









Timed Streams



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#### Histories of Timed and Untimed Streams

Given a set of typed channel names

$$
X = \{c_1: T_1, ..., c_m: T_m\}
$$

by  $\vec{X}$  we denote channel histories given by families of timed streams, one timed stream for each of the channels:

$$
\vec{X} = (X \rightarrow (M^*)^{\omega})
$$

Finite timed histories

$$
\vec{X}_{fin} = (X \rightarrow (M^*)^*)
$$

Stream histories

$$
\overline{X} = (X \rightarrow M^{*|\omega})
$$

$$
\overline{X}_{fin} = (X \rightarrow M^{*})
$$

### Given channel sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , a syntactic interface is denoted by

# $(X \triangleright Y)$



#### Interface specification predicates and assertions



interface  $(X \triangleright Y)$ 

FOW = (y: Tstr M  $\blacktriangleright$  z: Tstr M): ∀ m ∈ M: m#z = m#y Delay:  $d \in \mathbb{N}: d \ge 1$ FOWD = (y: Tstr M  $\blacktriangleright$  z: Tstr M): ∀ m ∈ M: m#z = m#y  $\wedge \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ : m#(y↓t) ≥ m#(z↓t+d) Time out:  $u \in \mathbb{N}: u \ge 1$ FOWTO = (y: Tstr M  $\blacktriangleright$  z: Tstr M): ∀ m ∈ M: m#z = m#y  $\wedge \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ : m#(z↓t+u) ≥ m#(y↓t)) Delay and time out: FOWD = (y: Tstr M > z: Tstr M):  $\forall$  m  $\in$  M: m#z = m#y  $\wedge \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ : m#(z↓t+u) ≥ m#(y↓t) ≥ m#(z↓t+d)



Refinement of interface predicates

An interface predicate  $Q'::(X\triangleright Y)$ is called refinement of an interface predicate  $Q$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$  if

 $O' \Rightarrow O$ 

# **Hiding**

**Hiding** 

Given a specification

 $Q = (X \triangleright Y)$ : A

where A is an assertion with free identifiers from X and Y and Y'  $\subseteq$  Y

(Hide Y': Q):: $(X \triangleright Y \setminus Y')$ for  $x \in \vec{X}$ ,  $y'' \in \overrightarrow{Y| Y'}$ (Hide Y': Q)(x, y'') =  $\exists y \in \vec{Y}$ : Q(x, y)  $\land$  y'' = y|(Y\Y')

# **Causality**

Strongly Causal Interface Predicates

 $Q::(X\triangleright Y)$ 

is strongly causal if for all  $x, z \in \vec{X}$ ,  $y \in \vec{Y}$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ 

 $x \downarrow t = z \downarrow t \wedge Q(x, y) \Rightarrow \exists y' \in \vec{Y}: Q(z, y') \wedge y \downarrow t+1 = y' \downarrow t+1$ 

For every interface predicate  $Q::(X\triangleright Y)$ there exists a weakest refinement  $Q^{\circ}$  of Q that is strongly causal

Note: If Q(x, y) = false for all  $x \in \vec{X}$ ,  $y \in \vec{Y}$  then Q is strongly causal



Specification nuclei

In a specification we may give just a nucleus

MIX = (x, z: Tstr M  $\triangleright$  y: Tstr M):  $\forall$  m  $\in$  M: m#x+m#z = m#y

This is an assertion that gives the key characteristic from which further properties are deduced in refinement steps typically be the step to adding strong causality –

going from MIX to MIX©.

#### Example: Interface Specification: Strong Causality

MIX = (x, z: Tstr M  $\triangleright$  y: Tstr M):  $\forall$  m  $\in$  M: m#x+m#z = m#y  $MIX^{\odot}(x, y) = \forall m \in M: m#x+m#z = m#y$  $\wedge \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ : m#(x↓t)+m#(z↓t) ≥ m#(y↓t+1) nucleus

FOW = (y: Tstr M  $\triangleright$  x: Tstr M):  $\forall$  m ∈ M: m#x = m#y nucleus

FOW©(x, y) =  $\forall$  m  $\in$  M: m#x = m#y  $\land \forall$  t  $\in$  N: m#(y↓t) ≥ m#(x↓t+1)



#### Input enabledness

If  $Q::(X\triangleright Y) \neq false$  is strongly causal then Q is input enabled

since there exists  $z \in \vec{X}$  and  $y \in \vec{Y}$  such that  $Q(x, y)$ for all  $x \in \overrightarrow{X}$ 

$$
x \downarrow 0 = z \downarrow 0 \land Q(z, y) \Rightarrow \exists y' \in \vec{Y} : Q(x, y') \land y \downarrow 1 = y' \downarrow 1
$$

# **Realizability**

Strongly Causal Functions

# f:  $\vec{X} \rightarrow \vec{Y}$

is strongly causal if for  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ 

 $x \downarrow t = z \downarrow t \Rightarrow f(x) \downarrow t+1 = f(z) \downarrow t+1$ 

Then we write SC[f]

Every strongly causal f has a unique fixpoint (Proof: Banach's Fixpoint Theorem)

#### Fully Realizable Predicates

 $Q::(X\triangleright Y)$  $Real[Q] = {f \in \overrightarrow{X} \rightarrow \overrightarrow{Y}: SC[f] \land \forall x \in \overrightarrow{X}: Q(x, f(x))}$ 

Real<sup>[Q]</sup> denotes the set of realizations of Q Q is realizable if  $\exists f \in Real[Q]$ 

Q is fully realizable if Q is realizable and  $Q(x, y) = \exists f \in Real[Q]: y = f(x)$ 

Every realization  $f \in Real[Q]$  defines a strategy to compute  $y = f(x)$  given x such that  $Q(x, y)$  holds



Fully Realizable Predicates

For every predicate Q:: $(X \triangleright Y)$  there exists a weakest refinement  $Q^{\circledast}$  of Q

 $Q^{\circledR}(x, y) = \exists f \in Real[Q]: y = f(x)$ 

 $Q^{\circledR}$  is fully realizable if Q is realizable

 $Q^{\circledR}$  = false if Q is not realizable



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A specification that is realizable, strongly causal but not fully realizable

DEMO = (x: Tstr M  $\triangleright$  y: Tstr M):  $x \neq y \lor y = \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon$  is the stream with  $\# \varepsilon = 0$ 

DEMO is strongly causal  $x \downarrow t = z \downarrow t \wedge (x \neq y \vee y = \varepsilon) \Rightarrow \exists y' \in \vec{Y}$ :  $(z \neq y' \vee y' = \varepsilon) \wedge y \downarrow t+1 = y' \downarrow t+1$ 

DEMO is realizable  $f(x) = \varepsilon$ 

but not fully realizable:  $\epsilon$  is the only fixpoint of DEMO:

DEMO( $\varepsilon$ , y) holds for all y with  $y \neq \varepsilon$ There is no realization f with  $f(\epsilon) \neq \epsilon$  since f has a unique fixpoint z where DEMO(z, f(z)) and  $z = f(z)$ . Since DEMO(z, z) implies  $z = \varepsilon$  we get  $f(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$ 

# **Assumptions and Commitments**

Assumption/Commitment

How to deal with specifications, that are not realizable

Example: An interactive queue

> **Queue in** x: Str Data | {req} **out** y: Str Data Data©y ⊑Data©x  $#y = \text{req#x}$

Here M©x is the sub-stream of x consisting of the elements in set M x ⊑ y stands for stream x is prefix of stream y

However, if we require

$$
Data\textcircled{y} \subseteq Data\textcircled{x}
$$

$$
\#y = \text{req} \#x
$$

then there exist input streams  $x$  such that there does not exist some output  $y$ such that  $Queue(x, y)$  - Example:  $x = \langle \text{req} \rangle$ 

We define the assertion  $Asu(x)$  that has to hold for x:

Asu(x) =  $\forall$  z  $\in$  Str Data | {req}:  $z \sqsubseteq x \Rightarrow$  req#z  $\leq$  Data#z

QueueAC(x, y) =  $(Asu(x) \Rightarrow Queue(x, y))$ 



#### Interfaces with assumptions

For the syntactic interface  $(X \triangleright Y)$  we may include

- an assumption  $Asu(y, x)$  which is a specification of the *inverse* interface  $(Y \triangleright X)$ and defines properties of the context
- a commitment  $Com(x, y)$  which is a specification of the behavior the syntactic interface  $(X \triangleright Y)$  as long as the assumption is fulfilled.

this leads to the specification

Asu(y, x)  $\Rightarrow$  Com(x, y)

## Example: System interface specification





# **Operational Semantics: Moore machines**

For syntactic interface  $(X \triangleright Y)$ , a generalized nondeterministic (total) Moore machine with state space  $\Sigma$  is a pair  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$  where  $\Delta$  is a *total state transition function*

$$
\Delta\colon (\Sigma\times\overline{\mathsf{X}}_{\mathsf{fin}})\rightarrow~\wp\,(\Sigma\times\overline{\mathsf{Y}}_{\mathsf{fin}})\backslash\{\varnothing\}
$$

and  $\Lambda \subseteq \Sigma$  is a *nonempty* set of *initial* states and for  $a \in \overline{X}_{fin}$ ,  $b \in \overline{Y}_{fin}$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  $(\sigma, b) \in \Delta(\sigma, a)$ 

the output b does not depend on the input a but only on the state  $\sigma$ .

Formally defined, there exists an output function:

$$
\Xi\colon \Sigma\to\text{ so }\overline{(Y_{fin})}\backslash\{\varnothing\}
$$

such that

$$
\forall \ \sigma \in \Sigma, \ a \in \overline{X}_{fin} : \Xi(\sigma) \equiv \{b \in \overline{Y}_{fin} : \ \exists \ \sigma' \in \Sigma : (\sigma', \ b) \in \Delta(\sigma, \ a) \}
$$



#### Moore machines compute interface behavior

We write  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$  to express that  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is the Moore machine that operates over the syntactic interface  $(X \triangleright Y)$ .

 $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ ::(XV) is called *deterministic* if the for all states  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , histories a  $\in \overline{X}_{fin}$ the sets  $\Lambda$  and  $\Delta(\sigma, a)$  are one-element.

 $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ ::(X $\blacktriangleright$ Y) *calculates* for an input history  $x \in \overrightarrow{X}$  an output history  $y \in \overrightarrow{Y}$ , if there exist states  $\sigma_0 \in \Lambda$  and  $\sigma_t \in \Sigma$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$$
(\sigma_{t+1},\,y(t))\in\Delta(\sigma_t,\,x(t))
$$

Then the pair  $(x, y)$  of histories is called a *behavioral instance* of  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$ 

States are considered as local, as hidden, while input and output is observable.

For each history  $x \in \overrightarrow{X}$  a Moore machine  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$  computes an interface predicate

$$
[[\Delta, \Lambda]]: \vec{X} \times \vec{Y} \to \mathbb{B}
$$

defined by

$$
[[\Delta, \, \Lambda]](x, y) = \exists \; \sigma \in (\mathbb{N} \to \Sigma) \colon \sigma_0 \in \Lambda \, \wedge \, \forall \; t \in \mathbb{N} \colon (\sigma_{t+1}, \, y(t)) \in \Delta(\sigma_t, \, x(t))
$$

 $(\Delta', \Lambda')$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$  is called (extensional) *refinement* of Moore machine  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$  if

# $[[\Delta', \Lambda']] \Rightarrow [[\Delta, \Lambda]]$



## Functional Moore machines

For every Moore machine  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ ::(X $V$ ) its associated interface predicate  $[[\Delta, \Lambda]]$ ::(X $\blacktriangleright$ Y)

is fully realizable and thus also strongly causal.

Every strongly causal function f:  $\vec{X} \rightarrow \vec{Y}$  defines a deterministic Moore machine  $(\Delta$ <sub>(X<sup>\*</sup>Y)</sub>, {f})::(X<sup>\*</sup>Y) where  $\Sigma_{(X\blacktriangleright Y)}$  is the set of strongly causal functions in  $\vec{X} \to \vec{Y}$  and  $\Delta_{(X\blacktriangleright Y)}$ :  $(\Sigma_{(X\blacktriangleright Y)} \times \overline{X}_{fin}) \rightarrow \wp (\Sigma_{(X\blacktriangleright Y)} \times \overline{Y}_{fin})\setminus \{\emptyset\}$ is defined for histories  $x \in \overline{X}$ ,  $y \in \overline{Y}$  and strongly causal functions f, f':  $\overline{X} \to \overline{Y}$  by  $\Delta(X\triangleright Y)(f, a) = \{(f', b)\}\$  where for all  $x \in \vec{X}$ :  $f(\langle a \rangle^x x) = \langle b \rangle^x f'(x)$ 

Define for Moore machine  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$  by DET $(\Delta, \Lambda)$  the set of deterministic Moore machines that are refinements of  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ ; then

$$
[[\Delta, \Lambda]](x, y) = \exists (\Delta', \Lambda') \in \text{DET}(\Delta, \Lambda): [[\Delta', \Lambda']] (x, y)
$$

For every Moore machine  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ ::(X $V$ ) its set of realizations f:  $\vec{X} \to \vec{Y}$  of [[ $\Delta$ ,  $\Lambda$ ]] is equal to the set of strongly causal functions

$$
\{f': \vec{X} \to \vec{Y} : \exists (\Delta', \Lambda') \in \text{DET}(\Delta, \Lambda) : \forall x: [[\Delta, \Lambda]](x, f(x))\}
$$

For every Moore machine  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ ::(X $V$ ) its interface predicate  $[[\Delta, \Lambda]]$ ::(X $V$ ) is the disjunction of the associated interface predicates of all its deterministic refinements.

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# **Feature Interaction**

Given a specification

 $(X \triangleright Y)$ : Q where  $X' \subseteq X$ ,  $Y' \subseteq Y$ 

a subservice  $Q^+(X' \blacktriangleright Y')$  is defined by projection

 $(Q+(X' \triangleright Y'))(x', y') = \exists x \in \vec{X}, y \in \vec{Y}: Q(x, y) \wedge x' = x|X' \wedge y' = y|Y'$ 







Let  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ ,  $Y = Y_1 \cup Y_2$ , where the sets  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ , and  $Y_2$  are pairwise disjoint

The subservices  $Q_1 = Q|(X_1 \triangleright Y_1)$  and  $Q_2 = Q|(X_2 \triangleright Y_2)$  of service Q are free of feature interactions if

 $Q(x, y) = (Q_1(x|X_1, y|Y_1) \wedge Q_2(x|X_2, y|Y_2))$ 



# **Distribution and Architecture Composition**

### **Composition**





#### Syntactic composability

Specifications  $S_k = (X_k \triangleright Y_k): Q_k$  where  $k = 1, 2$ , are composable if

$$
X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset
$$
  

$$
Y_1 \cap Y_2 = \emptyset
$$

To make life simple we usually assume in addition:

$$
X_1 \cap Y_1 = \emptyset
$$
  

$$
X_2 \cap Y_2 = \emptyset
$$



#### Example: Interface Specification: Strong Causality and Composition

MIX = (x, z: Tstr M  $\blacktriangleright$  y: Tstr M):  $\forall$  m  $\in$  M: m#x+m#z = m#y

FOW = (y: Tstr M  $\blacktriangleright$  z: Tstr M): ∀ m ∈ M: m#z = m#y

 $(MIX(x, z, y) \wedge FOW(y, z)) \Rightarrow \forall m \in M: m \#x + m \#y = m \#y$ 



Example: Interface Specification: Strong Causality and Composition

 $MIX^{\circledR}(x, y) = \forall m \in M: m#x+m#z = m#y$  $\land \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ : m#(x↓t)+m#(z↓t) ≥ m#(y↓t+1) FOW®(y, z) =  $\forall$  m  $\in$  M: m#z = m#y  $\land \forall$  t  $\in$  N: m#(y\t) ≥ m#(z\t+1)  $(MIX(x, z, y) \wedge FOW(y, z)) \Rightarrow \forall m \in M: m \#x + m \#y = m \#y$  $(MIX^{\circledR}(x, z, y) \wedge \text{FOW}^{\circledR}(y, z)) \Rightarrow \forall m \in M: m \#x + m \#y = m \#y$  $\wedge \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ : m#(x↓t)+m#(y↓t) ≥ m#(y↓t+1)

 $\Rightarrow$  (m#x = 0  $\Rightarrow$  m#y = 0)

#### Composition and Full Realizability

If two composable specifications  $S1 = (X1 \triangleright Y1)$ : Q1 and  $S2 = (X2 \triangleright Y2)$ : Q2

- are fully realizable
- then their composition  $S1\times S2$  with assertion Q1 $\wedge$ Q2 is fully realizable

If assertions W1 and W2 are weaker than fully realizable:  $Q1 \Rightarrow W1$ ,  $Q2 \Rightarrow W2$ 

Then  $W1 \wedge W2$  is generally a weaker assertion (correct but not necessary complete)

 $(Q1 \wedge Q2) \Rightarrow (W1 \wedge W2)$ 



#### Composing Moore machines

We compose Moore machines  $(\Delta_k, \Lambda_k)$ : $(X_k \triangleright Y_k)$  for  $k = 1, 2$ , where  $X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $Y_1 \cap Y_2 = \emptyset$  by parallel composition to a Moore machine

 $((\Delta_1, \Lambda_1)\mathbf{X}(\Delta_2, \Lambda_2):(\mathsf{X} \blacktriangleright \mathsf{Y}))$ where  $X = (X_1 \cup X_2) \cup Y$ ,  $Y = Y_1 \cup Y_2$  defined by

$$
(\Delta, \Lambda) = ((\Delta_1, \Lambda_1) \times (\Delta_2, \Lambda_2))
$$

where for

$$
\Sigma = (\Sigma_1 \times \Sigma_2)
$$

$$
\Lambda = \{(\sigma_1, \sigma_2): \sigma_1 \in \Sigma_1 \land \sigma_2 \in \Sigma_2\}
$$

 $\Delta((\sigma_1, \sigma_2), x) = \{((\tau_1, \tau_2), y): (\tau_1, y|Y_1) \in \Delta_1(\sigma_1, x|X_1) \wedge (\tau_2, y|Y_2) \in \Delta_2(\sigma_2, x|X_2) \}$ 

For composable Moore machines  $(\Delta_k, \Delta_k)$ : $(X_k \triangleright Y_k)$  for  $k = 1, 2$ , we get

 $[[(\Delta_1, \Lambda_1)\mathbf{X}(\Delta_2, \Lambda_2)]] = [[(\Delta_1, \Lambda_1)]\mathbf{X}[[(\Delta_2, \Lambda_2)]]$ 

For every fully realizable interface predicate  $Q::(X\triangleright Y)$  there exists a Moore machine such that

 $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ ::(X $\blacktriangleright$ Y) with Q =  $[[(\Delta, \Lambda)]]$ 

For a Moore machine  $(\Delta, \Lambda)$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$  the interface predicate  $[[(\Delta, \Lambda)]]$ :: $(X \triangleright Y)$  is

- fully realizable and
- the set of fully realizable interface predicates forms a denotational semantics for systems implemented by Moore machines.



#### Design Framework

Semantic driven system development

- Encapsulation
	- $\Diamond$  Form architectural elements with interfaces that encapsulate the access by interfaces
- Information hiding
	- ◊ Hide implementation details not needed to understand the effect on the context
- Functional abstraction: Model the interface including interface behavior
- Composition
	- ◊ Define the interface behavior of composed systems from the interface behavior of the components
- Interface refinement
	- ◊ Make specifications more detailed
- Modularity (generalization of Liskov's substitution principle)
	- $\diamond$  Guarantee that refinement of specifications of components leads to refinement of specifications of composed systems

# **Layered Architectures**

#### Layers in Layered Architectures

- Layered architectures have many advantages.
- In many applications, therefore layered architectures are applied.

 $L = (x: \vec{X}, b: \vec{B} \blacktriangleright y: \vec{Y}, a: \vec{A})$ : R(a, b)  $\Rightarrow Q(x, y)$ 



#### Forming Layered Architectures



Proof

We compose the two layers to a system L

L  
\n= Hide 
$$
x_1 \in : \vec{X}_1
$$
,  $y_1: \vec{Y}_1: L_1 \times L_2$   
\n=  $(x_2: \vec{X}_2, b_1: \vec{B}_1 \blacktriangleright y_2: \vec{Y}_2, a_1: \vec{A}_1): \exists x_1 \in : \vec{X}_1, y_1: \vec{Y}_1:$   
\n $(R_1(a_1, b_1) \Rightarrow Q_1(x_1, y_1)) \land (R_2(x_1, y_1) \Rightarrow Q_2(x_2, y_2))$   
\nIf  $Q_1(x_1, y_1) \Rightarrow R_2(x_1, y_1)$  holds we conclude  
\n $L = (x_2: \vec{X}_2, b_1: \vec{B}_1 \blacktriangleright y_2: \vec{Y}_2, a_1: \vec{A}_1): (R_1(a_1, b_1) \Rightarrow Q_2(x_2, y_2))$ 

System L which is the result of composing the two layers is a layer again with the provided service of layer  $L_2$  and the requested service of layer  $L_1$ .

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#### Forming Layered Architectures









## Concluding Remarks

- Expressive power and flexibility
	- $\Diamond$  In principle all kinds of behavior can be specified
	- ◊ Specifications can be noncausal, weakly or strongly causal, realizable or fully realizable
- Specification, composition, verification and refinement by a calculus that is
	- ◊ Sound
	- ◊ Relatively complete
	- ◊ Making specification f.r. (often s.c. is enough) is sufficient for all proofs
- Methodological extensions
	- ◊ Assumption/Commitment specifications
	- ◊ Time free specifications
- Architecture design by specifications
- Further Extensions
	- ◊ Infinite networks (recursive definitions of networks)
	- ◊ Dynamic systems
	- ◊ Probability

### Topics for future research

- A tool for proving in the calculus
- A programming language for implementation
- Probabilities for interface behavior
- A time free version for non-time-sensitive interface specifications ◊ Ambiguous operators

