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# Semantic Formalisms 2: Software Components

- **Formal Methods**  
Operational Semantics:  
CCS, Bisimulations
- **Software Components**  
Fractal : hierarchical components  
Deployment, transformations  
Specification of components
- **Application to distributed applications**  
Active object and distributed components  
Behaviour models  
An analysis and verification platform

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# Program of the course:

## 1: Software Components

- Fractal : hierarchical components
  - Specification of Component Systems
  - Modelling with UML diagrams
- Specification and verification of behaviours
  - Generating non-functional controllers
  - Expressing and proving properties

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# Fractive's components

- **FRACTAL** : Component\* model specification, implemented using
- **ProActive** : Java library for distributed applications

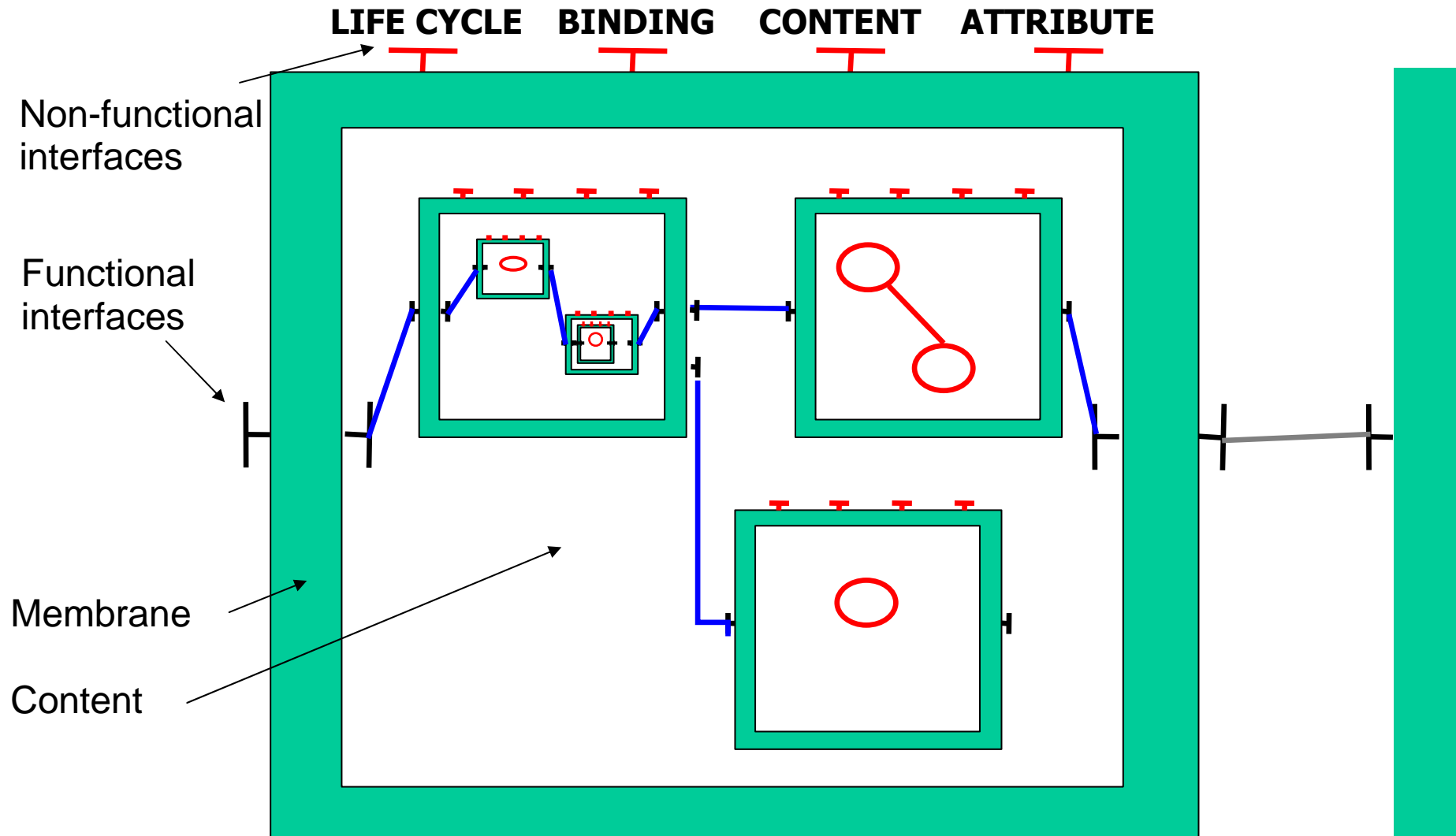
**= Fractive**

\* **Component** :

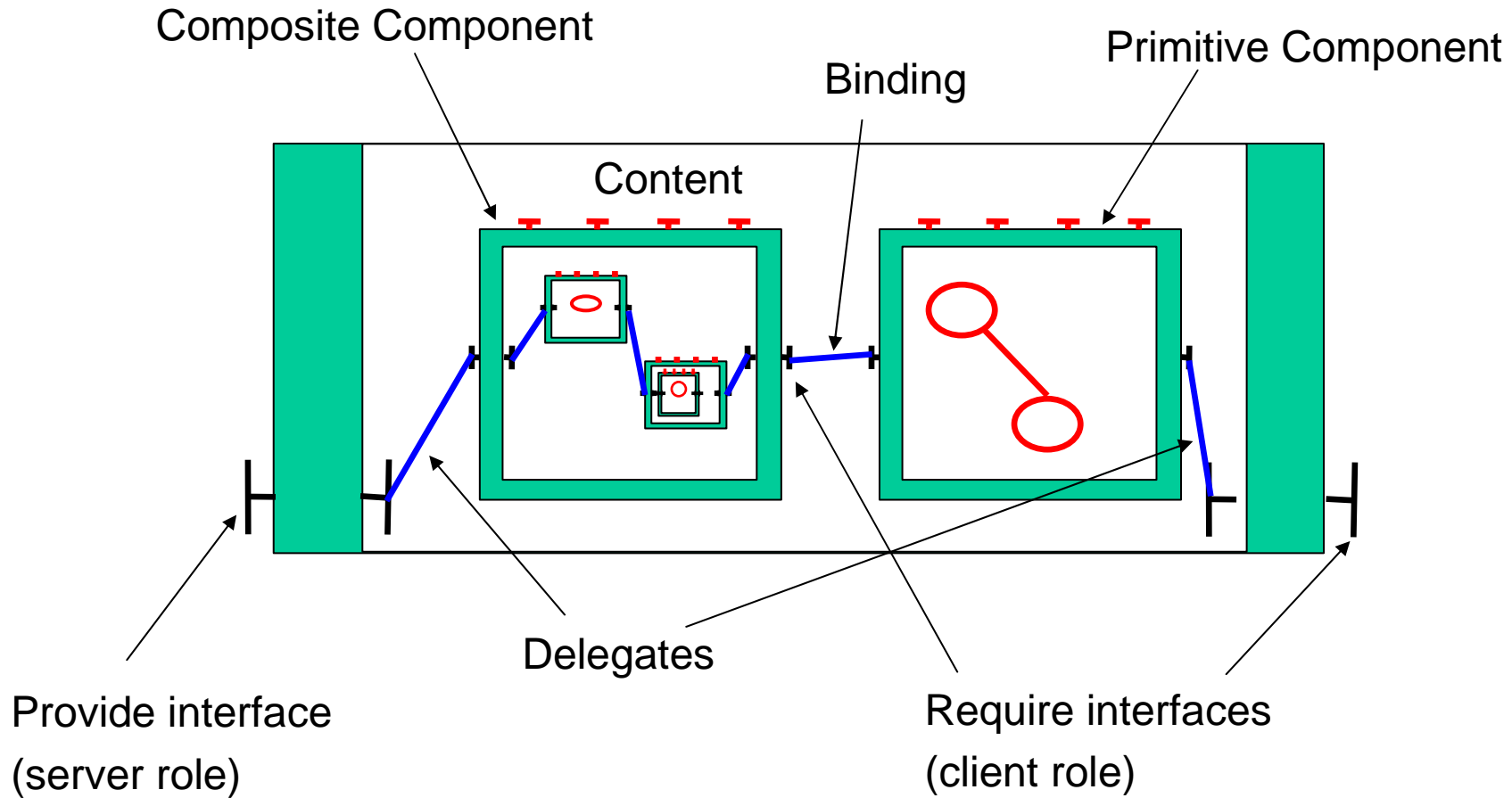
**self-contained entity, with well-defined interfaces, reusable,  
composable (hierarchically)**

- Features:
  - Hierarchical Component Model
  - Separation of functionality / control
  - ADL description (Fractal's XML Schema/DTD)
  - Distributed components (from distributed objects)
  - Asynchronous method calls (non-blocking)
  - Strong Formal Semantics => properties and guarantees

# Fractal's Components



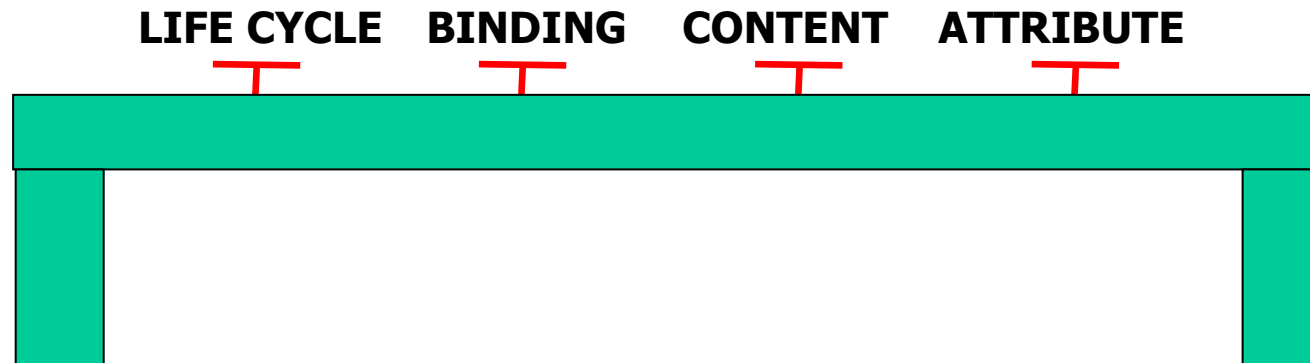
# Fractal's Components : Architecture



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# Fractal's Components

## Non-functional interfaces



**Life-cycle** : start / stop the component

**Binding** : bind / unbind a connection between interfaces

**Content** : add / remove sub-components

**Attribute** : get set the value of attribute values

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# Component System Specification

1. **Architecture Description (ADL):**
  - Primitive components, Composite components,
  - Bindings
2. **Interface Description (IDL):**
  - Will be a Java specification in the case of ProActive
3. **Behaviour Description:**
  - Any process language: LTS, CCS, value-passing CCS, Lotos...

# Buffer System example

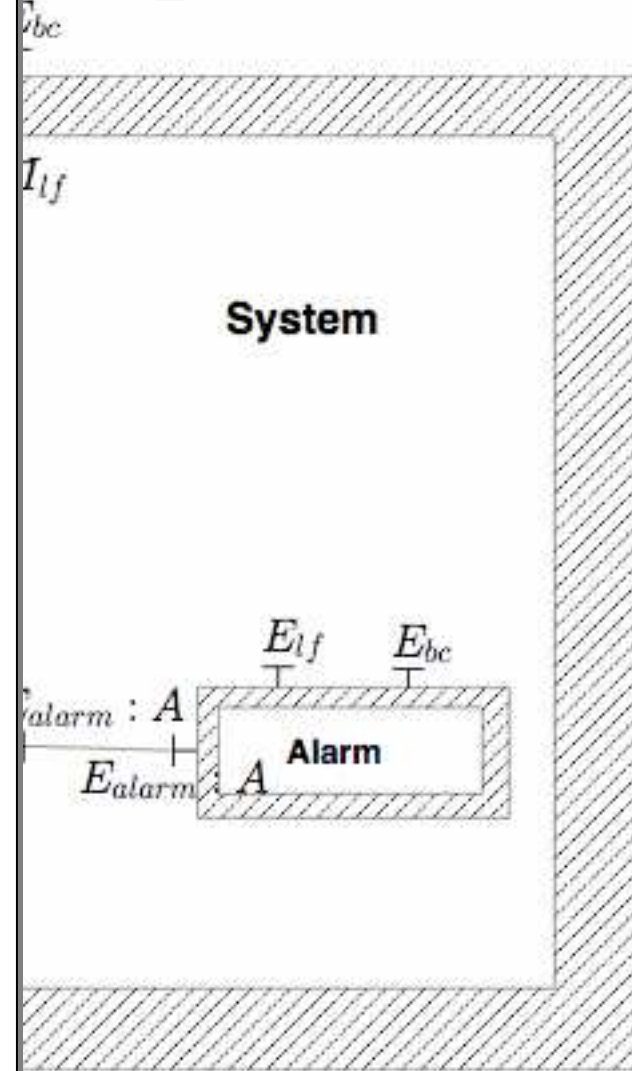
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE .... >

<definition name="components.System">

  <component name="BufferSystem"
    definition="components.BufferSystem(3)">
    <interface name="alarm" role="client"
      signature="components.AlarmInterface"/>
  </component>

  <component name="Alarm">
    <interface name="alarm" role="server"
      signature="components.AlarmInterface"/>
    <content class="components.Alarm">

      </content>
    </component>
    <binding client="BufferSystem.alarm"
      server="Alarm.alarm"/>
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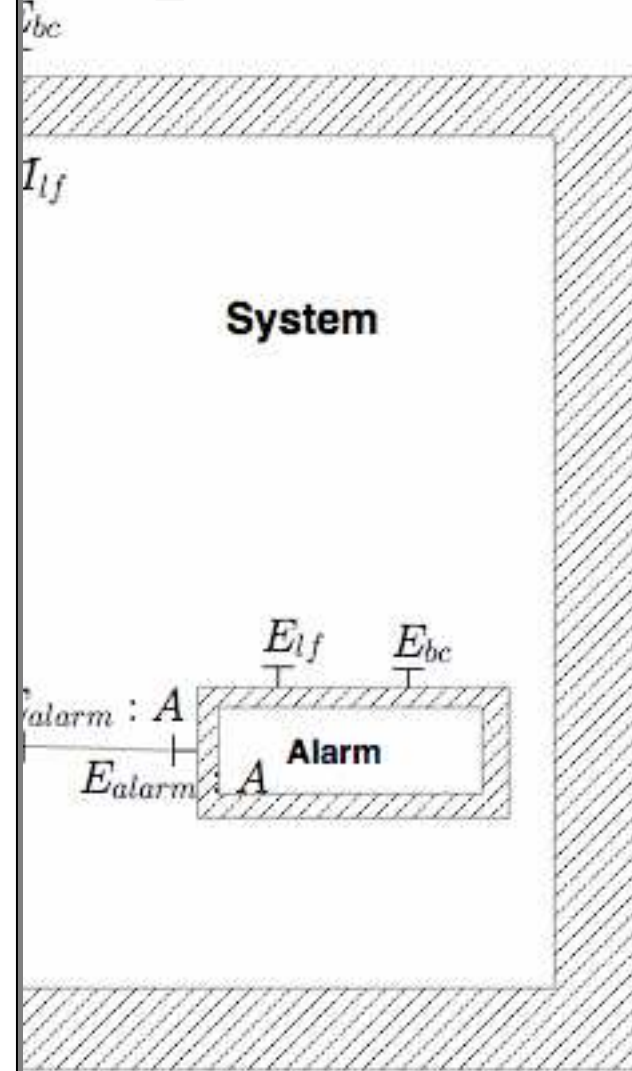
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    <content class="components.Alarm">
      <behaviour file="AlarmBehav"
        format="FC2Param"/>
    </content>
  </component>

  <binding client="BufferSystem.alarm"
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# UML diagrams, modelling tools

- We use UML 2.0 diagrams as a (simple) language for describing both the architecture and the behaviour.
- Architecture : Composite structures
  - Hierarchy of boxes, ports/interfaces, interface descriptions, connexions
- Behaviour: State machines
  - States (with state variables), control structures (tests, loops), transitions, communication events.

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# UML modelling tool: CTool

- Derived from TTool (*Turtle Toolkit*)
  - From ENST Sophia Labsoc (“Systems on chip”)
  - **Turtle** = Timed UML and RT-Lotos Environment

<http://labsoc.comelec.enst.fr/turtle/>

- Adapted for Components (hierarchy, interfaces)  
and from UML 1.5 to UML 2.0.

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# UML modelling tool: CTTool

- Introduce construction, graphically, step by step. Do it within the tool ???
- Warning: preliminary, intermediate version
- Then speak of model generation before going to proofs.
- Back to the CTTool with the CADP proofs.

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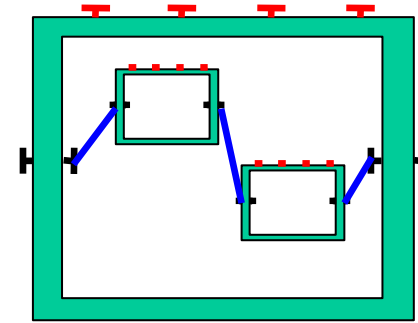
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# Building a Fractive Behavioural model

- Functional behaviour is known
  - Given by the user
  - Obtained by static analysis
- Non-functional (& asynchronous) behaviour is automatically added from the component's ADL
  - Automata within a synchronisation network, named controller
- Component's behaviour is the controller's synchronisation product



# Building the Models: Topology

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>  
<!DOCTYPE .... >
```

```
<component name="Buffer" components="components.BufferSystem" >
```

```
<component name="Buffer"  
<interface name="get" role="server"  
  signature="components.GetInterface"/>  
<interface name="put" role="server"  
  signature="components.PutInterface"/>  
<interface name="alarm" role="client"  
  signature="components.AlmInterface"/>  
<content class="components.Alarm">  
<behaviour file="AlarmBehav"
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```
<component name="Consumer"
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<content class="components.Consumer">  
<behaviour file="ConsBehav"
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<component name="Producer"
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<component name="Producer"  
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  signature="components.PutInterface"/>  
<content class="components.Consumer">  
<behaviour file="ProdBehav"  
  format="FC2Param"/>  
</content>  
</component>
```

```
<binding client="Producer.buf" server="Buffer.put"/>  
<binding client="Consumer.buf" server="Buffer.get"/>  
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</definition>
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BufferSystem

Consumer

Buffer

Producer

# Building

## BufferSystem

Consumer

Producer

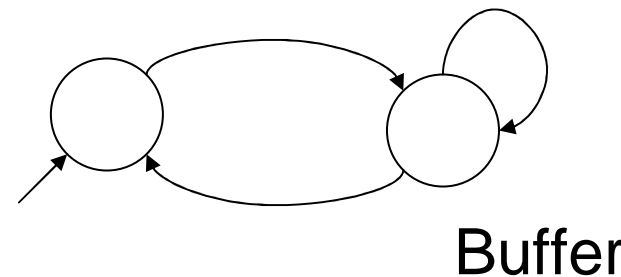
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● ?Q\_get()

● !R\_get(x)

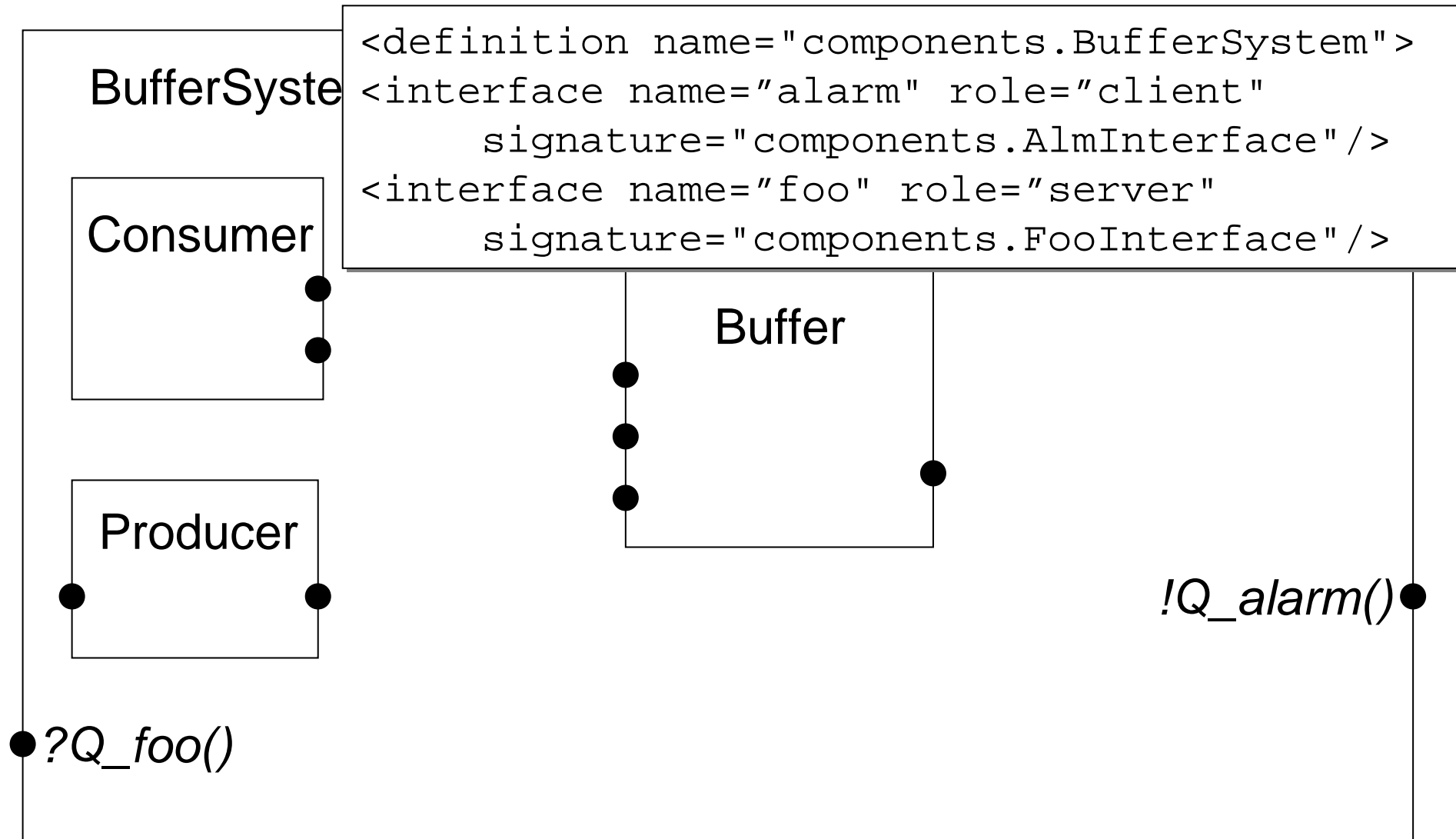
● ?Q\_put(y)

!Q\_alarm() ●

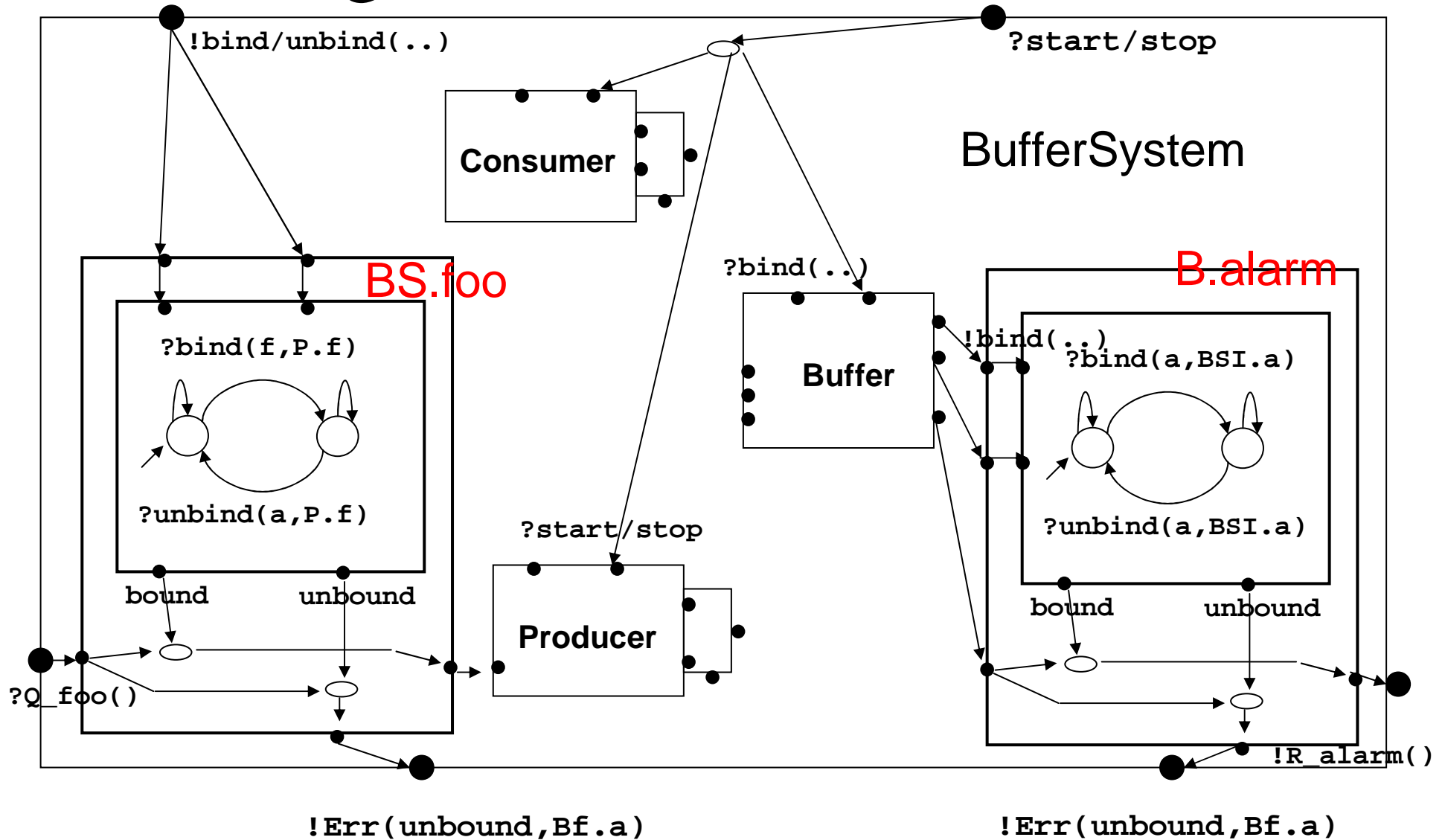




# Building the Models: Topology



# Building the Models: Non-Functional Behaviour

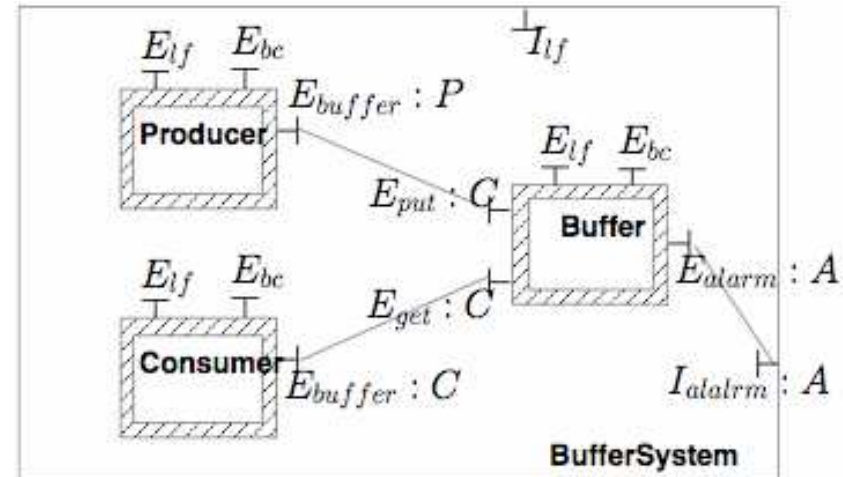


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# Building the Models: asynchronous behaviour

# Component's Controller

# Static Automaton (1)



- **Content + Controllers :**

Static vision of the (initial) architecture; the bindings are not yet established, the components not started, but all controllers ready to proceed.

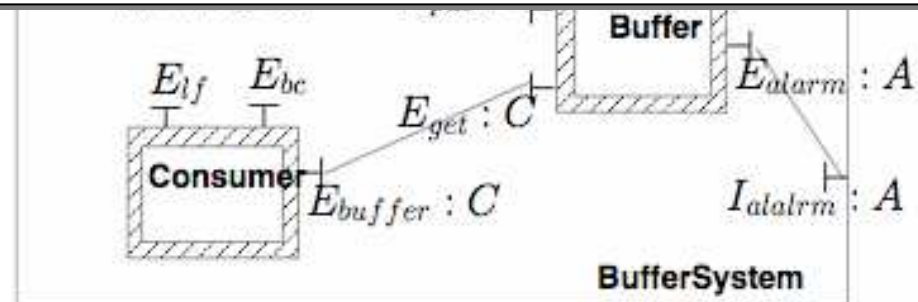
- **Deployment** = establish the bindings, set initial values, and start (hierarchically) all components.

Part of the ADL, or described in a “deployment file”

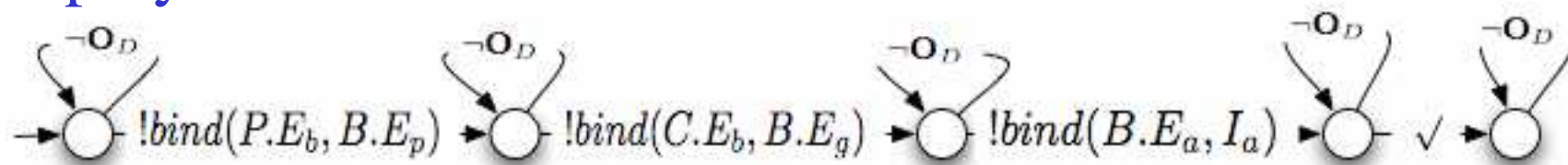
# Static Automaton (2)

```

<binding client="Producer.buf" server="Buffer.put" />
<binding client="Consumer.buf" server="Buffer.get" />
<binding client="Buffer.alarm" server="alarm" />
    
```



Deployment automaton :



$O_D = \{\text{deployment actions}\}$

Static automaton = ( Controller || Deployment )

Missing "Start" transition here

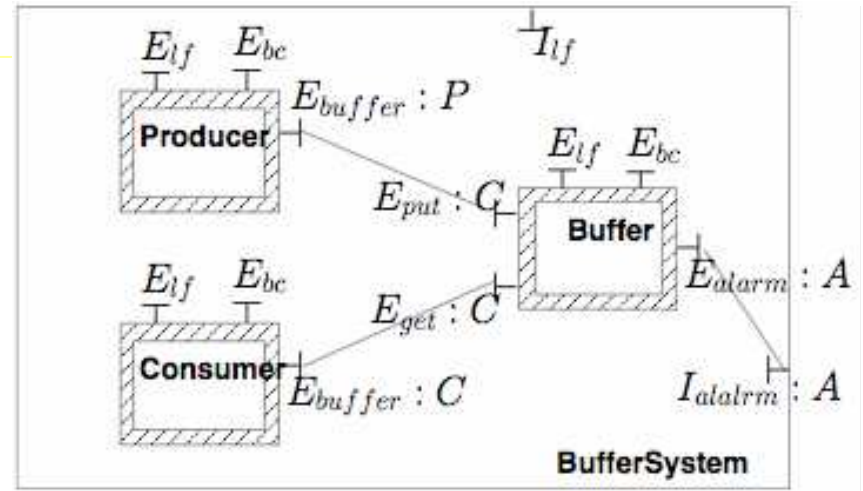
# Properties

- (1) Absence of errors during deployment (checked on the static automaton)

$O_E = \{\text{error actions}\}$

Property (ACTL):

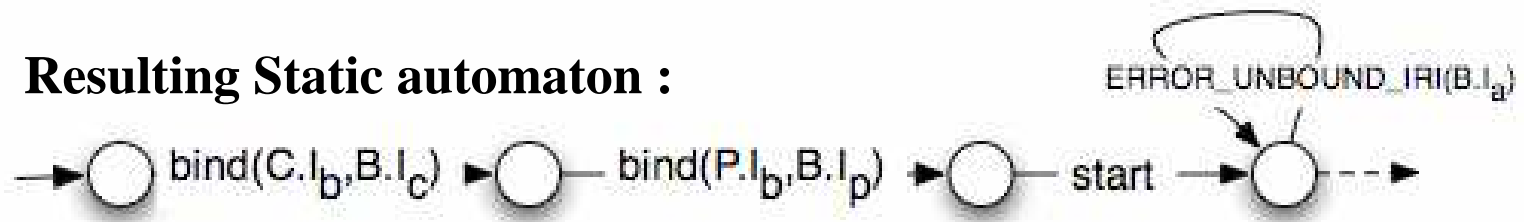
$$\mathbf{AG}_{true}[\mathbf{O}_E]false$$



e.g. imagine a faulty deployment specification :

-> start Buffer without linking the alarm

Resulting Static automaton :



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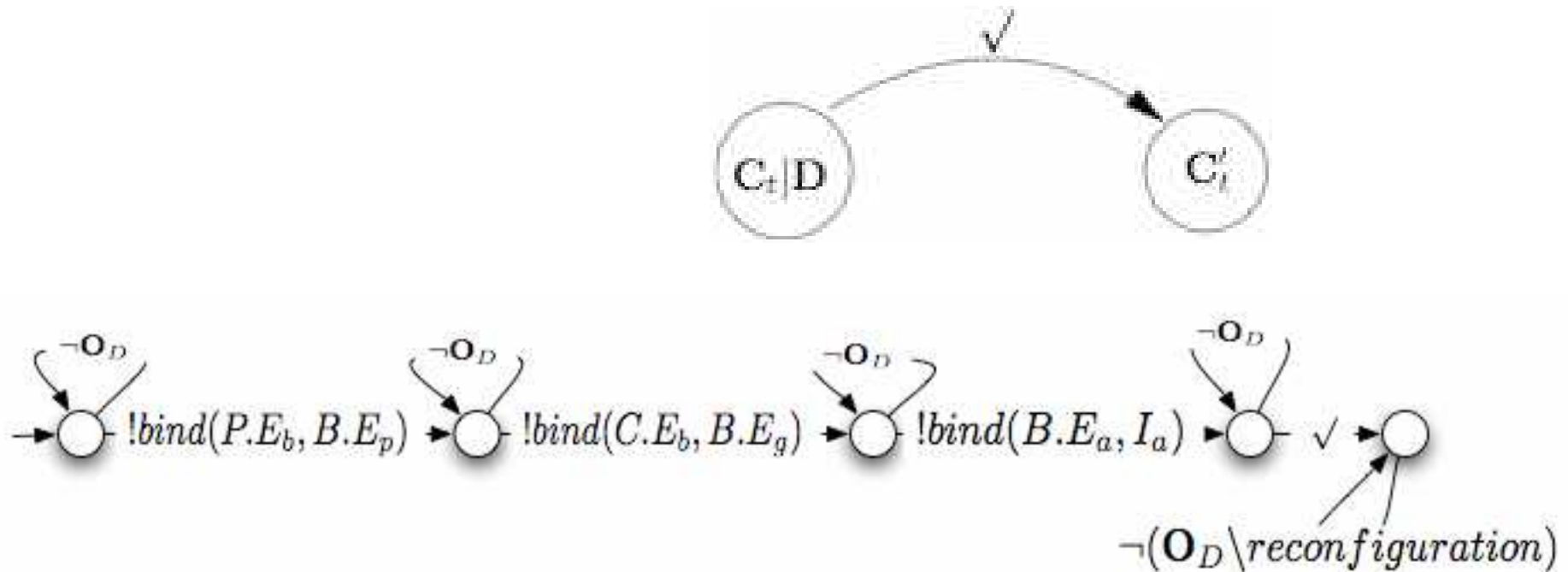
- (2) Functional behaviour (checked on the static automaton)
  - Get from the buffer eventually gives an answer

Property (regular  $\mu$ -calculus) :

$[ \text{true}^*.Q\_get() ] \mu X. ( \langle \text{true} \rangle \text{true} \wedge [ \neg R\_get() ] X )$

# Properties

- (3) Functional behaviour under reconfiguration
  - Selected reconfiguration actions are allowed after deployment





# Properties

- (3) Functional behaviour under reconfiguration
  - Future update (once the method served) independent of life-cycle or bindings reconfigurations
  - E.g (regular  $\mu$ -calculus):  
[ true\* . Q\_get() ]  $\mu X$ . ( < true > true  $\wedge$  [  $\neg$  R\_get() ] X )
  - With  $C'_T \subseteq \{ ?unbind(C.E_b, B.E_g), ?stop(C) \}$

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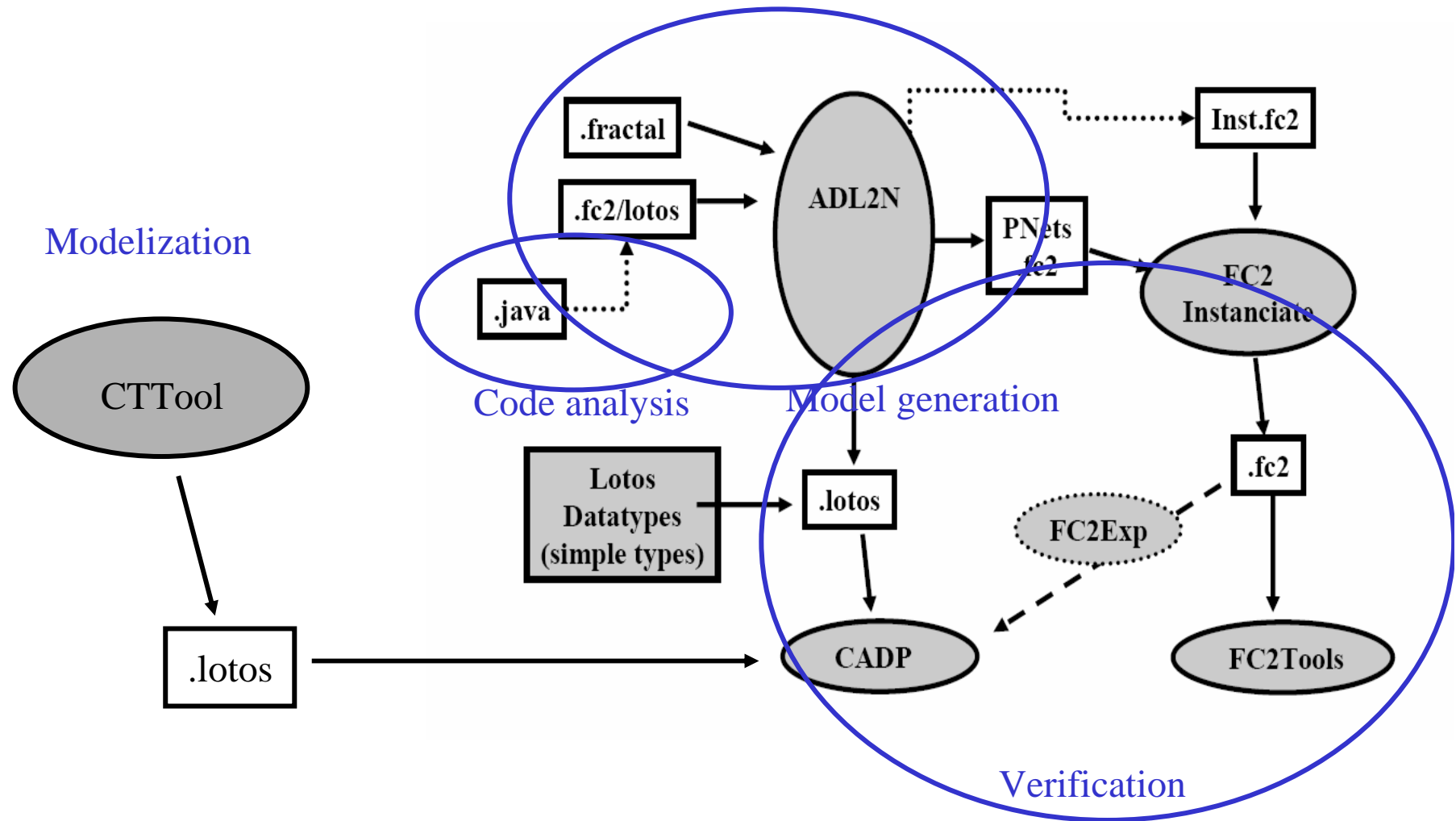
# Vercors Platform

- Tool set :
  - **CTTool**: Architecture and behaviour specification (prototype)
  - Code analysis (prototype)
  - **ADL2N**: Model generation (available)
  - Bridges with model-checking and verification tools (available)

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# Vercors Platform



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# Tools: Pragmatics

## Avoiding state explosion

1. Distributed model generation (distributor, CADP)
2. Reduced controllers based on deployment
3. On-the-fly mixed with compositional hiding and minimisation

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# Home Work : play with CTTool

## 1. Lancement de CTTool

- Dans le répertoire  
<http://www-sop.inria.fr/oasis/Eric.Madelaine/Teaching/RSD2006/CTTool>
- récupérez le logiciel CTTool (CTTool.jar et config.xml); installez-les chez vous dans le même répertoire.
- récupérez la doc (CTToolReport.pdf)
- récupérez les fichiers d'exemples: ConsumerProducer.xml et car1.xml
- Lancez CTTool (attention java 1.5 seulement): `java -jar CTTool.jar -lotos -proactive`

## 2. Exemple du Consumer / Producer

- Ouvrez le fichier ConsumerProducer.xml: (Dans l'éditeur CTTool, File->Open->... )
- Étudiez le diagramme de composants et les diagrammes des machines d'état. Pour mieux comprendre, voir CTToolReport Chapter5.

## 3. Exemple d'un Système de contrôle de boîte de vitesse : Utilisation des outils CTTool / CADP

- Correction semaine prochaine.

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# Next course

## 3) Application to distributed applications

- ProActive : active object and distributed components
- Behaviour models
- Case-study
- Tools : build an analysis and verification platform

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