

# Multi-level Contracts for Trusted Components

Vers le test de contrats

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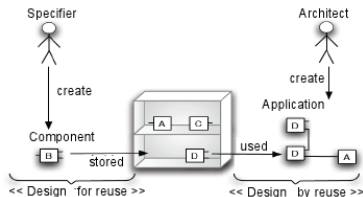
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# Introduction / context

## Context: Trusted Component-Based Software Development

- *Commercial off-the-shelf* concept
- Trusted components and assemblies
- Various aspects (structure, behaviour, interaction...)



## Goals:

- Models and techniques to specify and verify component-based systems
  - Early in development phases, prior to implementation and deployment

## Focus:

- Making explicit **contracts** at different level in component model for building trusted components and assemblies
  - Using assembly contracts to guarantee **interoperability**

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# Using Multi-level Contracts in Component Model

## What are contracts?

- In every day life:
  - Agreement between two or more parties
  - Establishing obligations or benefit of each of these parties
- A part of component definition

## Definition (Component)

an unit of composition with **contractually** specified interfaces and explicit context dependencies only [Szyperski, 2002].

- Why are contracts useful?
  - Precision in specification & design
  - Making responsibilities explicit
  - Checking/Testing
    - correct reuse
    - correct composition (services, components)
  - Documentation

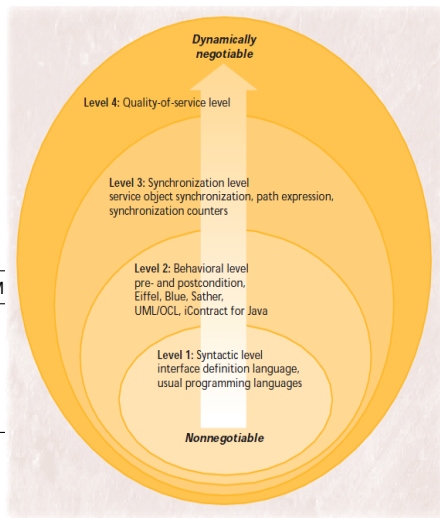
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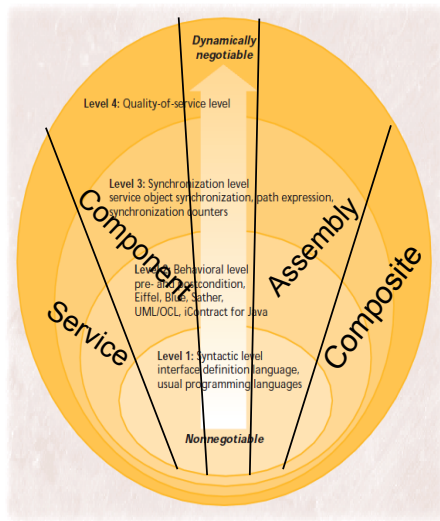


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Different contexts for making contracts



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Crossing contexts and contracts = **Multilevel Contracts**

Contract level	Component model level			
	Service	Component	Assembly	Composite
Syntactic	type checking	interface, type checking	signature matching, service dependencies	promotion, observability
Behaviour	functional correctness	invariant preservation	pre/post compliance	pre/post compliance
Synchronisation	deadlock freedom	protocol	behavioural compatibility	
QoS	-	-	-	-
Properties	Correctness	Consistency	Interoperability	Encapsulation

Illustration with Kmelia component model

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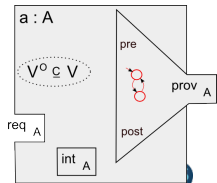
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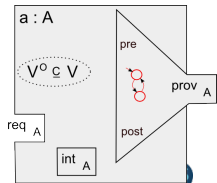
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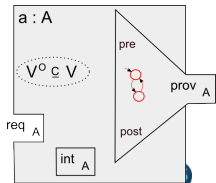
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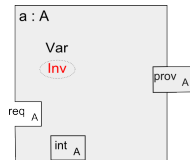
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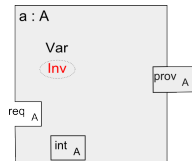
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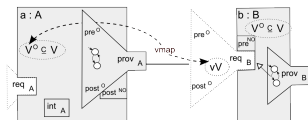
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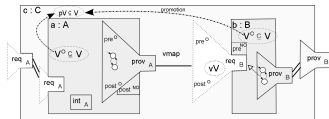
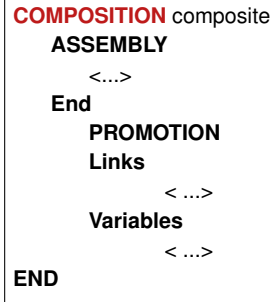
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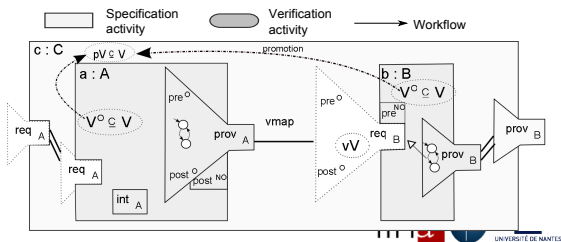
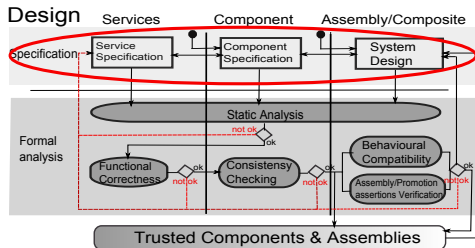
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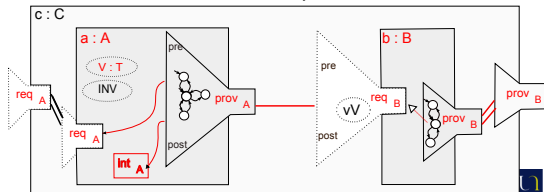
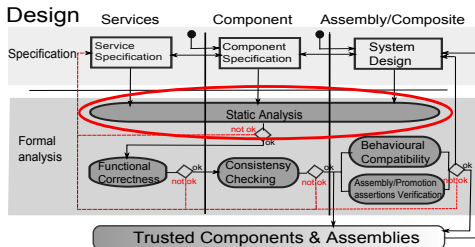
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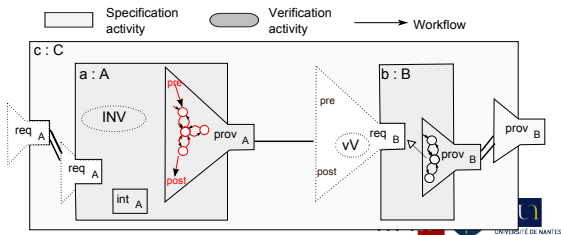
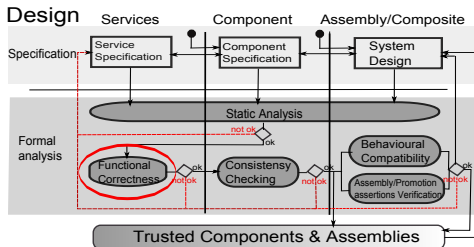
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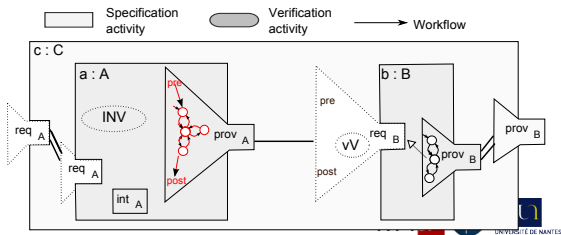
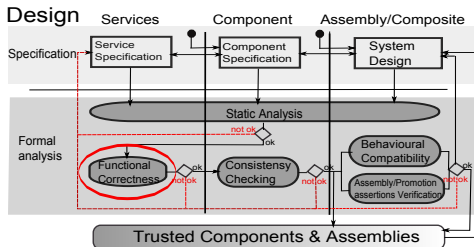
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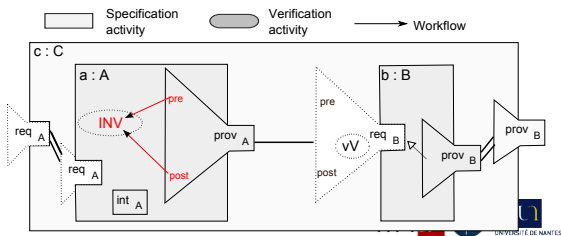
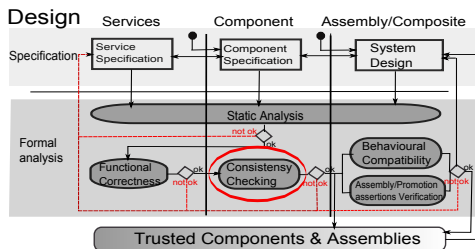
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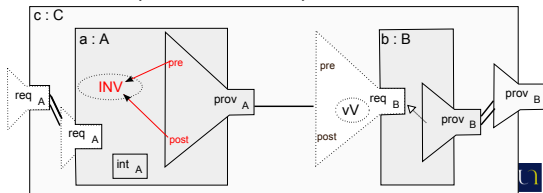
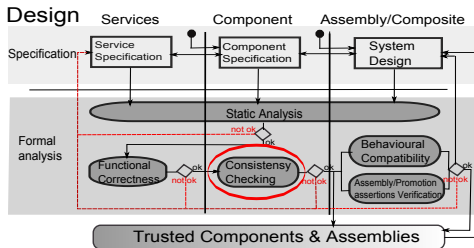
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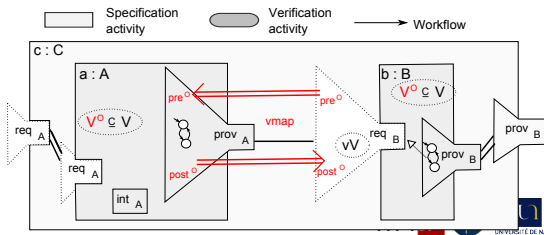
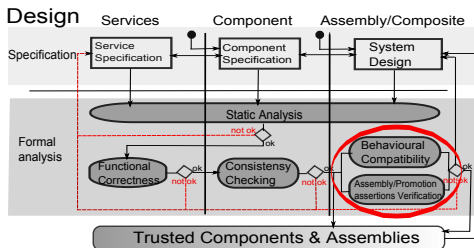
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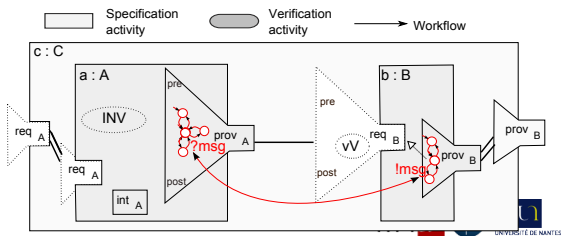
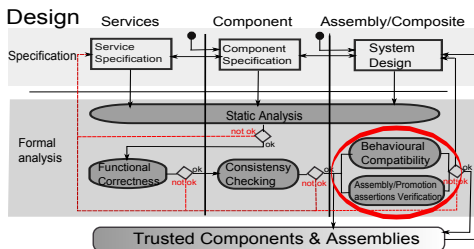
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# COSTO Tool Overview



## COSTO / Kmelia : a Platform to Specify and Verify Component and Service Software

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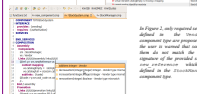
### SPECIFICATION

#### Overview

The COSTO toolchain is an Eclipse platform that consists of a core module with an ANTLR-based parser and an API to access the Kmelia (internal) model. \*Source verification and operations modules, as well as editor plugins.



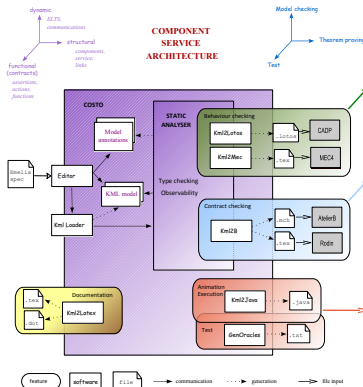
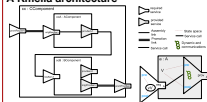
Figure 1. Kmelia editor in Eclipse



In Figure 2, only required services defined in the `contract` component type are proposed and the user is warned that other of them do not match the exact signature of the provided service `new`, `update` which is defined in the `Device` component type.

Figure 2. Smart completion

#### A Kmelia architecture



### VERIFICATION

#### Behaviour checking

Using the expansion feature on the top of the editor while selecting an assembly task generate models in MEC. LOTOS files are verified as external tools.

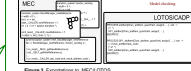


Figure 3. Expansion to MEC/LOTOS

#### Contract checking



#### Test and code generation



#### Some Publications

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#### Key features

- Component and Service
- Required service contract
- Contract and Protocols
- Assembly and mappings
- Composability and preservation
- System and type checking
- Multi-checking
- Theorem proving
- Test and relation

#### For further information

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 More information on this and related projects can be obtained at [http://www.lina.univ-nantes.fr/research/StructureIndex\\_en.php](http://www.lina.univ-nantes.fr/research/StructureIndex_en.php)  
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