

# Two Decades of Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems

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# Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems

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FMICS: oldest active WG of ERCIM

*Following an initial successful workshop bringing together ERCIM members interested in formal verification, held in Pisa in December 1992, Stefania Gnesi and Diego Latella, CNR, Pisa, proposed to create an ERCIM working group dedicated to **Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems (FMICS)**. Although at that time, model checking was in its early days, the early ERCIM FMICS community was already aware of the great potential of formal verification techniques.*

# Aim of FMICS

## The main objectives of the WG are:

- To bring together scientists mainly (but not only) of ERCIM institutions, who are active in the field of formal methods and are willing to exchange their experience in the **industrial usage** of **formal methods**.
- To coordinate efforts in the transfer of the **formal methods** technology and knowledge to the **industry**.
- To promote research and development for the improvement of **formal methods** and **tools** with respect to their **usage** in the **industry**.

## The above objectives will be met by means of:

- **Workshops** where the participation of industrial professionals will be solicited.
- **Development projects** with **industrial partners**.
- **Research projects** and researchers **mobility**.

# FMICS WG Board and Coordination

## FMICS WG Board:

- [Alvaro Arenas](#) (STFC)
- [Lubos Brim](#) (CRCIM): Liaison with ERCIM board
- [Alessandro Fantechi](#) (University of Firenze)
- [Hubert Garavel](#) (INRIA): Dissemination and Web site
- [Stefania Gnesi](#) (ISTI-CNR): "Formal Methods" handbook coordination
- [Diego Latella](#) (ISTI-CNR)
- [Tiziana Margaria](#) (University of Potsdam): European projects
- [Pedro Merino](#) (University of Malaga): Relation with industry and standardization bodies
- [Jaco van de Pol](#) (CWI): Vice-chair, journal special issues and liaison with other WGs

## Former FMICS Chairs :

- [Diego Latella](#) (August 1996 - July 1999)
- [Hubert Garavel](#) (July 1999 - July 2002)
- [Stefania Gnesi](#) (July 2002 - November 2005)
- [Pedro Merino](#) (November 2005 - October 2008)
- [Alessandro Fantechi](#) (November 2008 - October 2011)
- [Radu Mateescu](#) (November 2011 – October 2014)

Next FMICS Chair: **Tiziana Margaria**

# Twenty FMICS Yearly Workshops

FME

Oxford  
1996

ICALP

Cesena  
1997

FLoC

Trento  
1999

CAV

Paris  
2001

ICALP

Malaga  
2002

ASE

Linz  
2004

ESEC/FSE

Lisbon  
2005

CONCUR

Bonn  
2006

CAV

Berlin  
2007

ASE

L'Aquila  
2008

FM

Eindhoven  
2009

ASE

Antwerp  
2010

RE

Trento  
2011

FM

Paris  
2012

SEFM

Madrid  
2013

FLORENCE

Florence  
2014

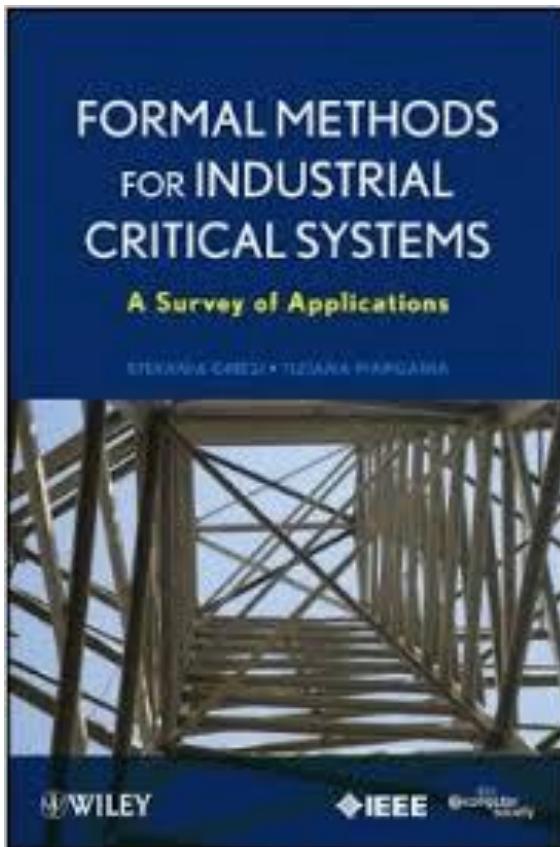
FM

Oslo  
2015

# Journal Special Issues



# FMICS Book



Editors: **Stefania Gnesi,**  
**Tiziana Margaria**  
Wiley-IEEE, 2013, 292 pages

Today, formal methods are widely recognized as an essential step in the design process of industrial safety-critical systems. In its more general definition, the term formal methods encompasses all notations having a precise mathematical semantics, together with their associated analysis methods, that allow description and reasoning about the behavior of a system in a formal manner. [...]

The purpose of the book is threefold: to reduce the effort required to learn formal methods, which has been a major drawback for their industrial dissemination; to help designers to adopt the formal methods which are most appropriate for their systems; and to offer a panel of state-of-the-art techniques and tools for analyzing critical systems.

# FMICS in ERCIM News

- [ERCIM News No.25 - April 1996](#)  
report by D. Latella and S. Gnesi
- [ERCIM News No.26 - July 1996](#)  
report by D. Latella
- [ERCIM News No.31 - October 1997](#)  
report by S. Gnesi and D. Latella
- [ERCIM News No.34 - July 1998](#)  
report by Diego Latella
- [ERCIM News No.39 - October 1999](#)  
*Towards Reliable Computer Systems?*  
by D. Latella, S. Gnesi, and H. Garavel
- [ERCIM News No.47 - October 2001](#)  
report by H. Garavel
- [ERCIM News No.47 - October 2001](#)  
*How can I be sure that my DVD  
player understands my TV?*  
by W. Fokkink, I. van Langevelde,  
B. Luttik, and Y. Usenko
- [ERCIM News No.54 - July 2003](#)  
report by T. Arts and W. Fokkink
- [FMICS receives the ERCIM Working  
Group Award 2003](#)
- [ERCIM News No. 67 – October 2006](#)  
report by L. Brim and M. Leucker
- [ERCIM News No. 75 – October 2008](#)  
Special theme *Safety-Critical Software*  
Editors: P. Merino and E. Schoitsch
- [ERCIM News No.91 - October 2012](#)  
report by R. Mateescu
- [ERCIM News No.92 - January 2013](#)  
report by A. Fantechi, F. Flammini,  
and S. Gnesi

# European Project EC-MOAN



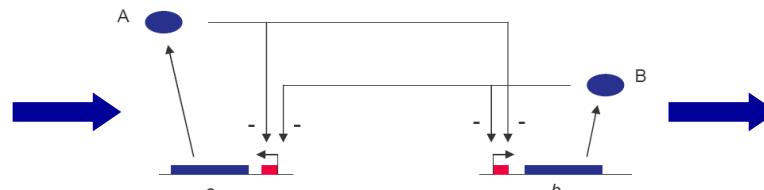
FP6-NEST-PATH-COM-043235 (2007-2009)

<http://www.ec-moan.org/>

## Escherichia Coli – MOdeling and ANalysis



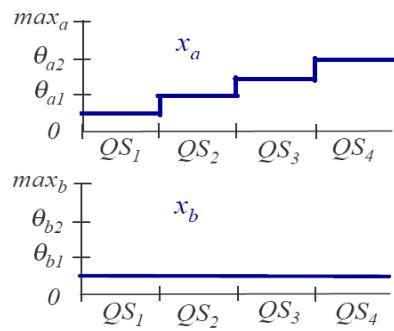
E. coli



Genetic Regulatory Network

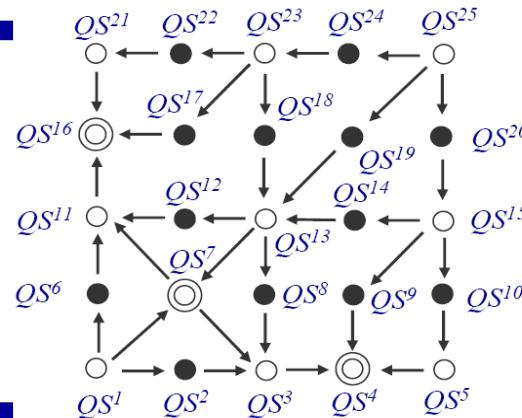
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Piecewise-linear  
differential equations



Simulation  
(GNA)

Model checking  
(CADP)



State-transition graph


Qualitative simulation

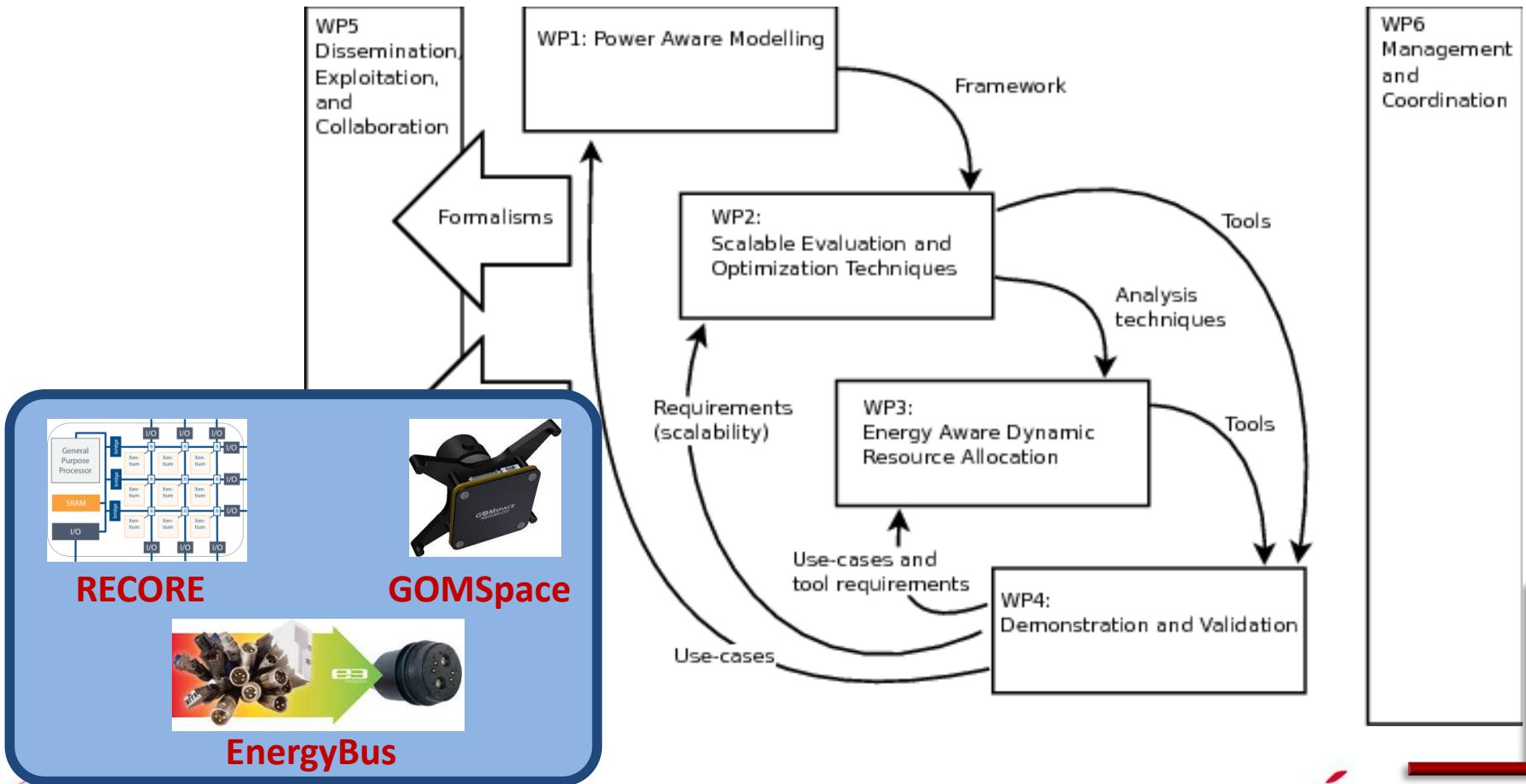
# European Project SENSATION

FP7-ICT-2011-8-318490 (2012-2015)

<http://www.sensation-project.eu/>



## Self ENergy-Supporting Autonomous computaTION



# Perspectives

- Concurrency becomes ubiquitous:  
Networks-on-Chip ↗ multicore computers ↗ clouds  
→ complexity and criticality
- Certification required (avionics, medical devices, ...)
- **Formal methods** and **verification** become increasingly important in the design process
- Many events on formal methods:  
**ATVA, AVOCS, CAV, ETAPS, FM, FMICS, ICFEM, IFM, ISOLA, SEFM, ...**  
→ *carry on and tighten the links within the community*