

Short presentation of the  
**Software Engineering** area  
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## MISSION

- M1. to develop novel methods, techniques, and tools that advance the way in which software is designed, synthesized and assessed;
- M2. to ensure that our research results have a lasting impact in software development practice;
- M3. to offer students an education that prepares them to take a leading role in complex software development projects;
- M4. to contribute to improve the competitiveness of the industry

Values: Pragmatic, industry-oriented, high-quality, cost-effective

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## SUBAREAS

### Software Design and Construction

- Model-Driven Software Engineering
- Software Architecture and Design

### Software Testing and Analysis

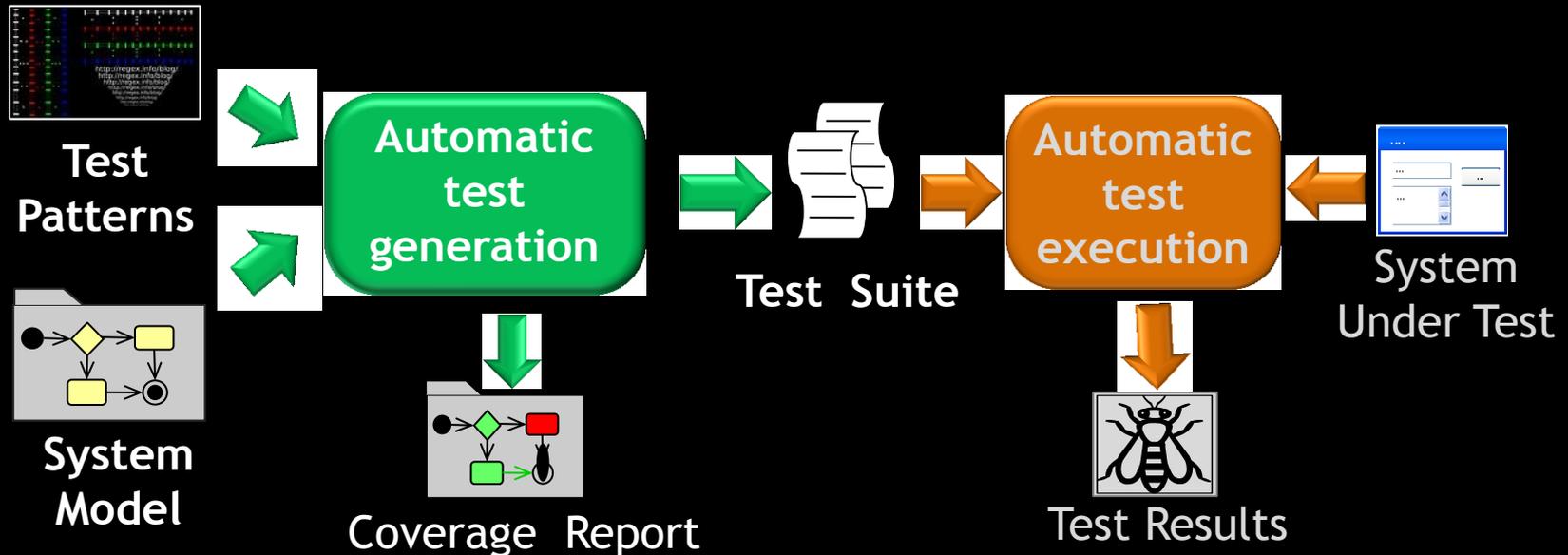
- Software Test Automation
- Automatic Fault Localization and Debugging

Software  
Quality

### Software Processes Engineering and Knowledge Management

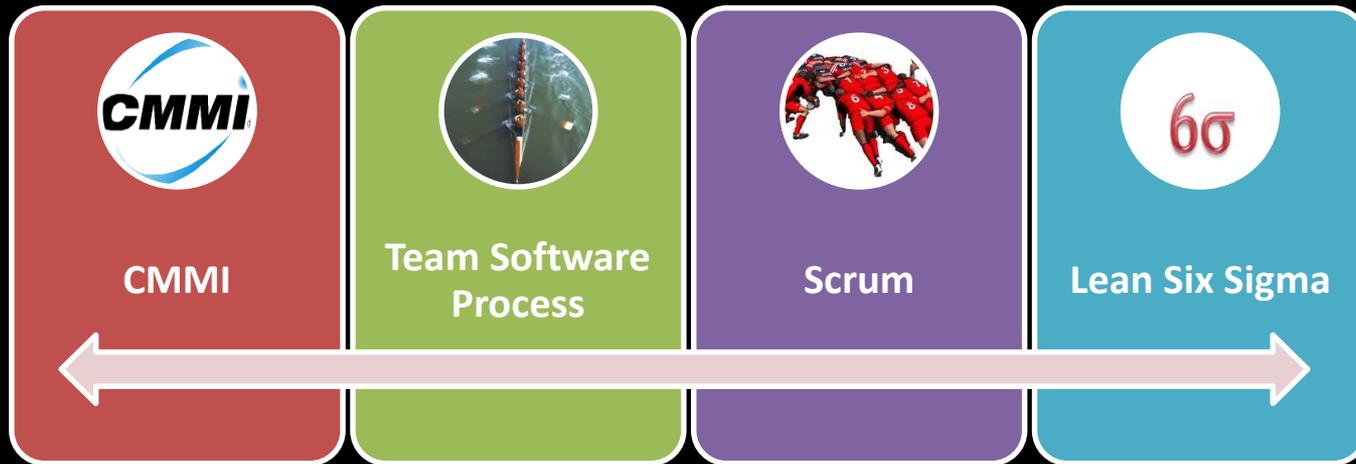
- Software Process Improvement
- Software Knowledge Management

**SOFTWARE TEST AUTOMATION:** Focuses on the development of novel techniques and tools to improve testing effectiveness and efficiency, particularly through automatic test generation based on models and patterns.



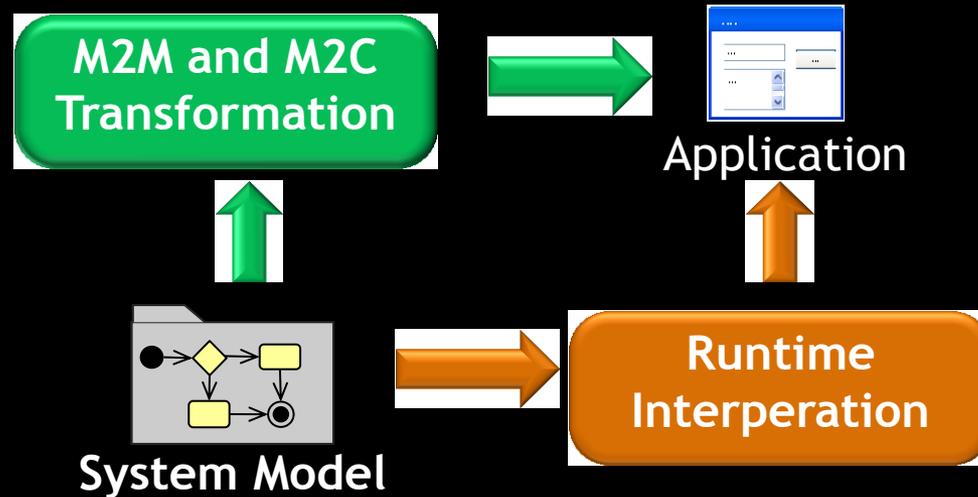
- [AAL4ALL - Ambient Assisted Living for All - Testing & Certification](#) [QREN, 1MSc, 2011-15]
- [GENT - Automatic test generation from algebraic specs of generic types](#) [2MSc, 2010-14]
- [PBGU - Pattern-based GUI testing](#) [2PhDs, 3MScs, 2011-2015]
- [UML Checker - A Toolset for Conformance Testing against UML Sequence Diagrams](#) [1PhD, 1MSc, 2010-]

**SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT:** Concerned with the improvement of the methods and processes of software development to achieve higher levels of productivity, predictability and quality,.



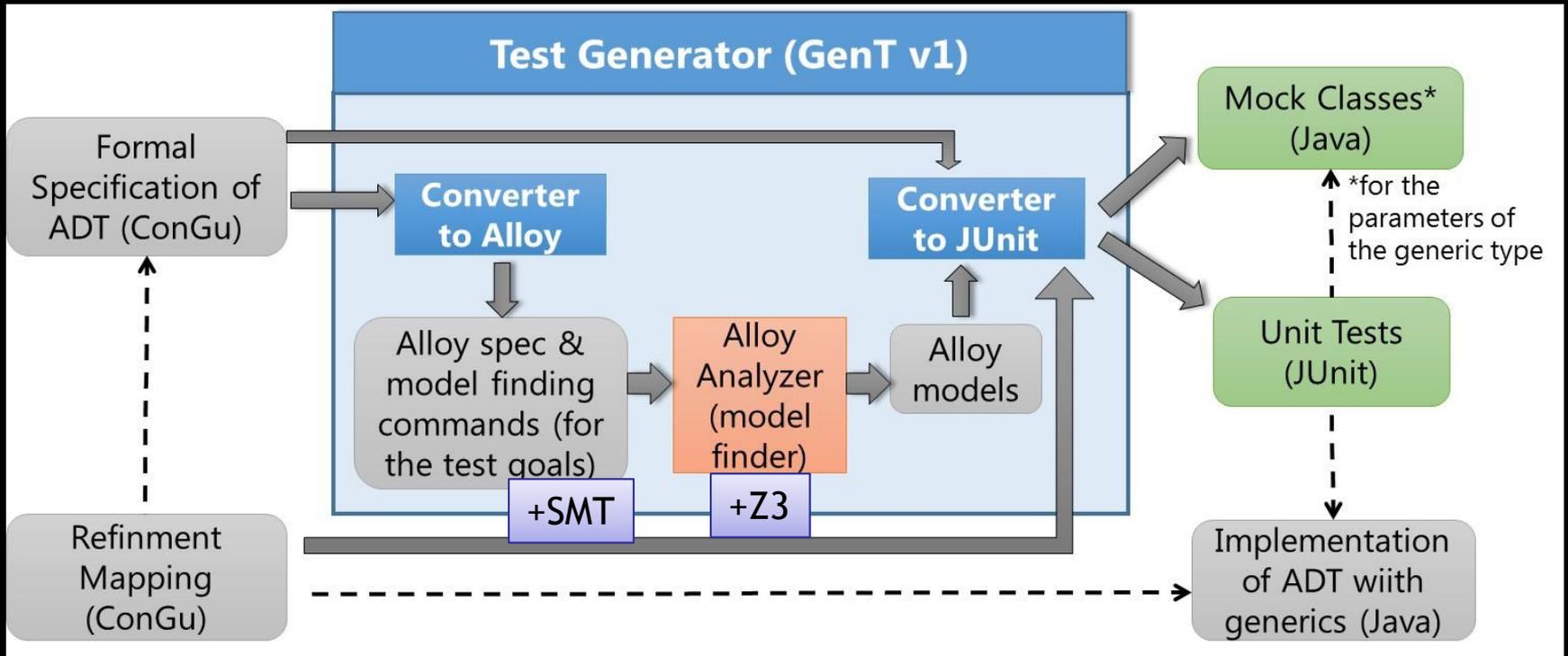
- [Process PAIR - Automated Software Process Performance Analysis & Improvement Recommendation](#)  
[+SEI,1MSc, 1PhD, 2011-15]
- AIMS - SaaS Platform To Support the Accelerated Improvement Method  
[QREN,+Strongstep+Multicert, 2MSc, 11-14]
- Framework to Evaluate & Improve the Quality of Implementation of CMMI Practices  
[1PhD,+UC+SEI,2010-15]

**MODEL-DRIVEN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING:** Focuses on the development of novel generative and interpretative model-driven engineering approaches, for rapid application development and adaptation, ensuring quality by construction.



- Adaptive Object-Modelling: Patterns, Tools and Applications [1PhD, 2008-11]
- Automatic UI Gen. from Rigorous Domain and Use Case Models [1PhD, 2008-11]

## SOFTWARE TEST AUTOMATION: GenT



## SOFTWARE TEST AUTOMATION: UML Checker

The screenshot displays the EA Academic software interface. The main window shows a UML sequence diagram for an ATM withdrawal process. The diagram includes lifelines for Client, Account, and Movement. The Client sends a message to Account, which then sends a message to Movement. The diagram is annotated with test execution results, including a failure message: "Execution result: covered Execution result: expected: <[INSUF\_BALANCE]> but was: <[FAIL]>".

The diagram shows the following sequence of events:

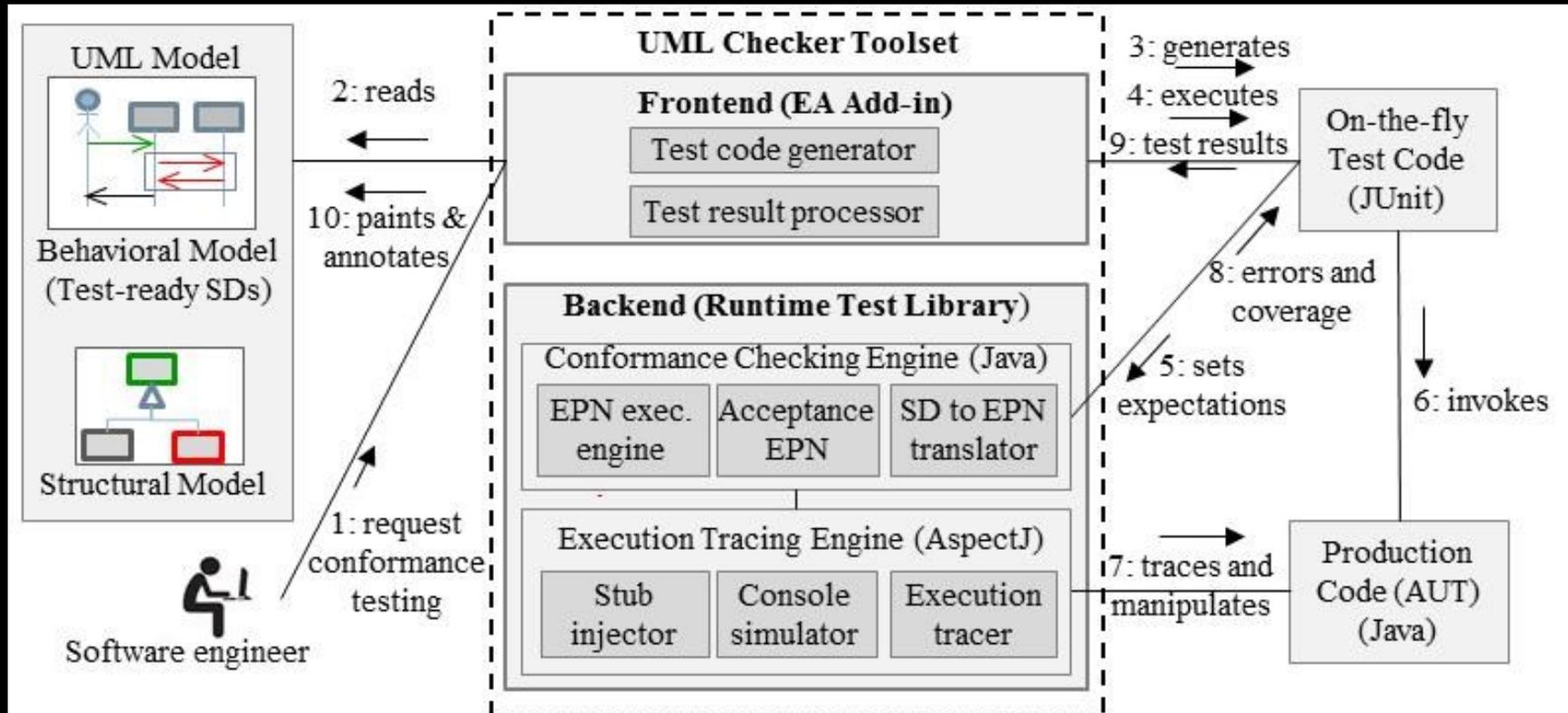
- Client sends a message to Account (a:Account).
- Account sends a message to Movement (m:Movement).
- Account sends a message to Client (:"OK").
- Client sends a message to Account (:"INSUF\_BALANCE").

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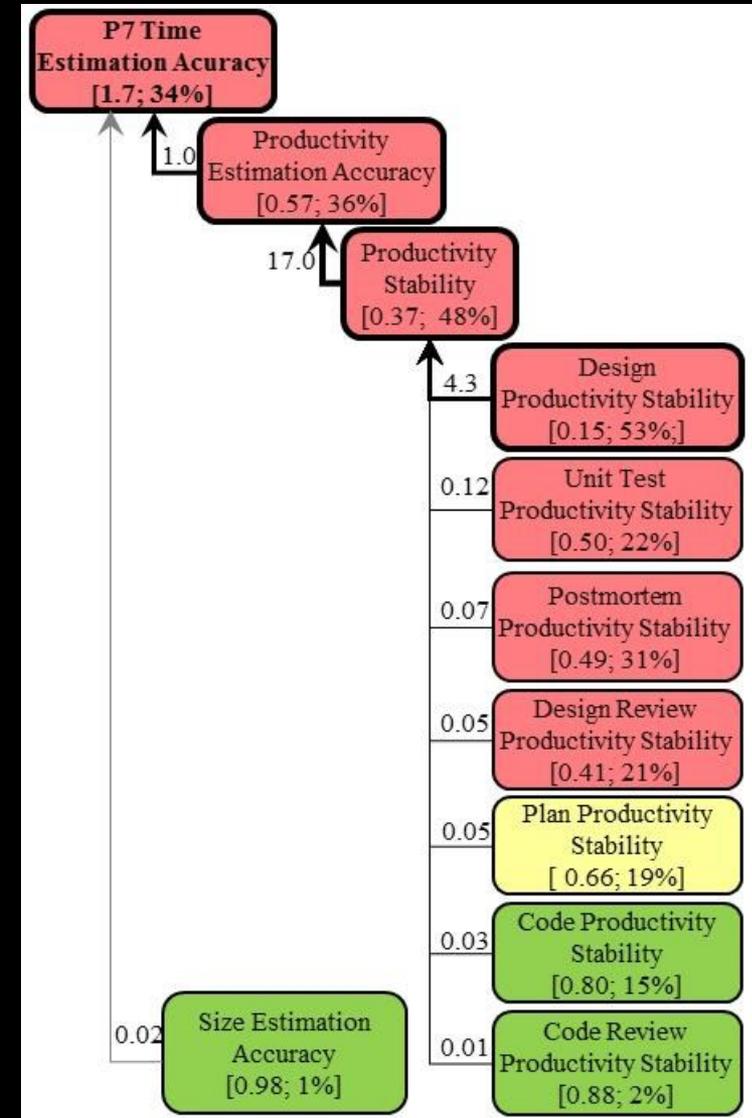
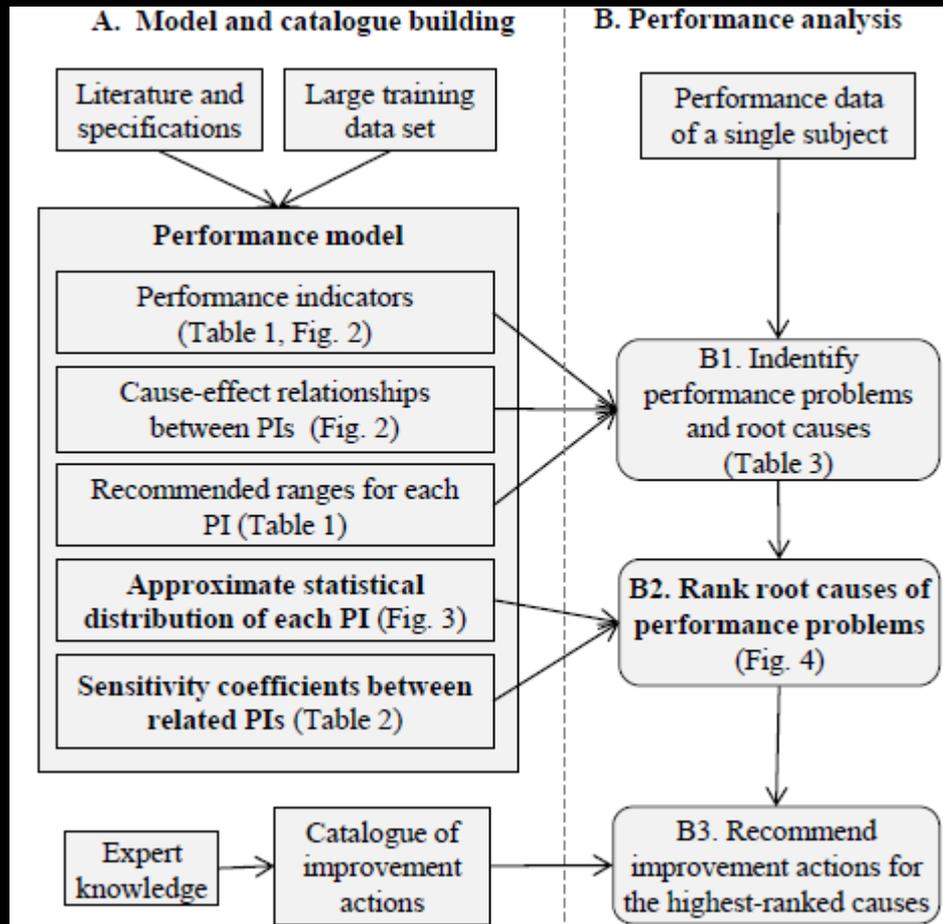
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## SOFTWARE TEST AUTOMATION: UML Checker



## SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT: Process PAIR



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## Research Opportunities

Model-based Testing

Security Testing

Mobile Testing

Data Analytics & Data Mining for SPI

Usage Monitoring for Requirements Maintenance

NLP and MDE in Requirements Engineering

Games for Software Engineering Education

Reverse Engineering (Model Extraction)

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