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PROBLEMS  
OF  
SESSION  $\pi$   
TYPE

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$\pi$ -calculus, Session Types research at Imperial College

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## NEWS

Our recent work [Fencing off Go: Liveness and Safety for Channel-based Programming](#) was summarised on [The Morning Paper](#) blog.

2 Feb 2017

Weizhen passed her viva today, congratulations Dr. Yang!

24 Jan 2017

Mariangiola Dezani-Ciancaglini, a long-term collaborator with our group working on Session Types turns 70 today, more details [here](#).

23 Dec 2016

Rumyana passed her viva today,

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2017

Raymond Hu , Nobuko Yoshida : [Explicit Connection Actions in Multiparty Session Types](#). *To appear in FASE 2017* .

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<http://mrg.doc.ic.ac.uk/>

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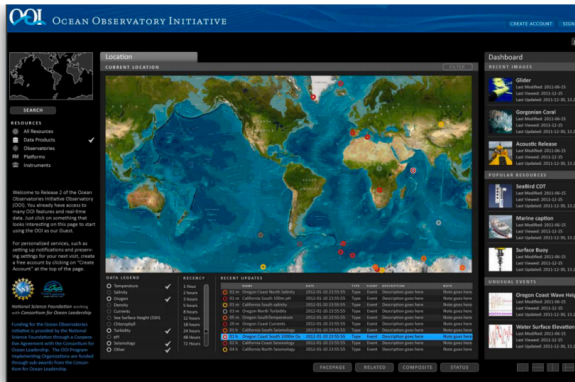
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# OOI Collaboration



- **TCS'16:** Monitoring Networks through Multiparty Session Types. Laura Bocchi , Tzu-Chun Chen , Romain Demangeon , Kohei Honda , Nobuko Yoshida
- **LMCS'16:** Multiparty Session Actors. Rumyana Neykova, Nobuko Yoshida
- **FMSD'15:** Practical interruptible conversations: Distributed dynamic verification with multiparty session types and Python. Romain Demangeon , Kohei Honda , Raymond Hu , Rumyana Neykova , Nobuko Yoshida
- **TGC'13:** The Scribble Protocol Language. Nobuko Yoshida , Raymond Hu , Rumyana Neykova , Nicholas Ng

## Scribble: Describing Multi Party Protocols

Scribble is a language to describe application-level protocols among communicating systems. A protocol represents an agreement on how participating systems interact with each other. Without a protocol, it is hard to do meaningful interaction: participants simply cannot communicate effectively, since they do not know when to expect the other parties to send data, or whether the other party is ready to receive data. However, having a description of a protocol has further benefits. It enables verification to ensure that the protocol can be implemented without resulting in unintended consequences, such as deadlocks.

### Describe

Scribble is a language for describing multiparty protocols from a global, or endpoint neutral, perspective.

### Verify

Scribble has a theoretical foundation, based on the Pi Calculus and Session Types, to ensure that protocols described using the language are sound, and do not suffer from deadlocks or livelocks.

### Project

Endpoint projection is the term used for identifying the responsibility of a particular role (or endpoint) within a protocol.

### Implement

Various options exist, including (a) using the endpoint projection for a role to generate a skeleton code, (b) using session type APIs to clearly describe the behaviour, and (c) statically verify the code against the projection.

### Monitor

Use the endpoint projection for roles defined within a Scribble protocol, to monitor the activity of a particular endpoint, to ensure it correctly implements the expected behaviour.



Online tool : <http://scribble.doc.ic.ac.uk/>

```
1 module examples;
2
3 ▾ global protocol HelloWorld(role Me, role World) {
4     hello() from Me to World;
5 ▾   choice at World {
6       goodMorning1() from World to Me;
7 ▾   } or {
8       goodMorning1() from World to Me;
9   }
10 }
11
```

Load a sample ▾

Check

Protocol:

Role:

Project

Generate Graph

# End-to-End Switching Programme by DCC

1. All design work takes place in ABACUS, DCC's enterprise architecture tool. This can export standard XMI files (an open standard for UML5)

2. XMI is converted into OpenTracing format for consumption by managed service



7. Generate exception report and send back to DCC



OPENTRACING



3. OpenTracing files are combined to build a model in Scribble

4. Model holds types rather than instances to understand behaviour

5. Scribble compiler identifies inconsistency, change & design flaws

6. Issues highlighted graphically in Eclipse

# End-to-End Switching Programme by DCC

## Caveats:

1. Using earlier implementation of Scribble (CDL), because we already have those tools
2. Using earlier plugin to Eclipse - we'd want to improve this
3. We're not going via OpenTracing - this is part of the bid costs



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Scope of the demo



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# Interactions with Industries

## Strange Loop

SEPTEMBER 15-17 2016 / PEABODY OPERA HOUSE / ST. LOUIS, MO



**Adam Bowen** @adamnbowen · Sep 15

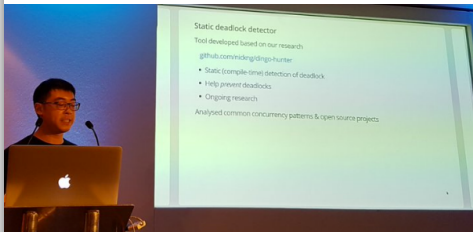
I didn't even know that session types existed an hour ago, but thanks to Nobuko Yoshida's great talk at [#pwlconf](#), I want to learn more.



**Nobuko Yoshida**  
Imperial College, London

## DoC researcher to speak at Golang UK conference

by *Vicky Kapogianni*  
20 July 2016



DoC researcher to speak at industry-focused Golang UK conference on results of concurrency research

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[@nicholascwng](#) rocking on [@GolangUKconf](#) about static deadlock detection in [#golang](#) [#gouk16](#)

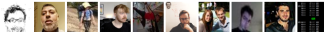


# Interactions with Industries

## #unctional Londoners Meetup Group

6 days ago · 6:30 PM

### Session Types with Fahd Abdeljallal



43 Members

Synopsis: Session types are a formalism to codify the structure of a communication, using types to specify the communication protocol used. This formalism provides the... [LEARN MORE](#)

## Distributed Systems vs. Compositionality

Dr. Roland Kuhn  
@rolandkuhn — CTO of Actyx

actyx

### Current State

- behaviors can be composed both sequentially and concurrently
- effects are not yet tracked
- Scribble generator for Scala not yet there
- theoretical work at Imperial College, London (Prof. Nobuko Yoshida & Alceste Scalas)

# Selected Publications 2016/2017



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# HOW to

- derive theories to practices
- make theories understandable
- meet theoretical challenges ( concurrency · distributions )
- Communicate people





# Behavioural Type-Based Static Verification Framework for

# GO



Julien Lange



Nicholas Ng



Bernardo  
Toninho



Nobuko  
Yoshida

## Go concurrency verification research at DoC grabs headline

**A paper by DoC researchers at POPL on Go concurrency verification was featured in a tech blog and generates a buzz outside of the research community.**

A [paper](#) by researchers at the department was recently featured in the morning paper, a [blog](#) by venture capitalist Adrian Colye, which summarises an important, influential, topical or otherwise interesting paper in the field of computer science every weekday in an easily digestible way by non-researchers. On the [2 Feb 2017 issue](#) of the morning paper, It was highlighted as "the true spirit of POPL (Principles of Programming Languages)".

# GO

programming language @ Google (2009)

- ▶ **Message - Passing** based multicore PL, successor of C
- ▶ Do not communicate by shared memory;  
instead, share memory by communicating

Go Lang Proverb

- ▶ **Explicit channel-based concurrency**
  - Buffered I/O communication channels
  - Lightweight thread spawning - **goroutines**
  - Selective **send/receive**

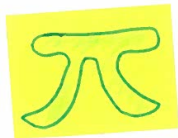
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# FUN

Dropbox, Netflix, Docker, CoreOS

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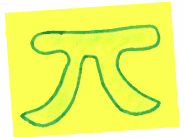


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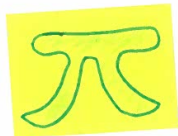
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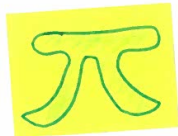
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Understandable



# Our Framework

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- ▶ (Most) Message passing features of GO
- ▶ Tricky primitives : selection, channel creation

## STEP 2 Check Safety/Liveness of Behavioural Types

- ▶ Model-Checking (Finite Control)

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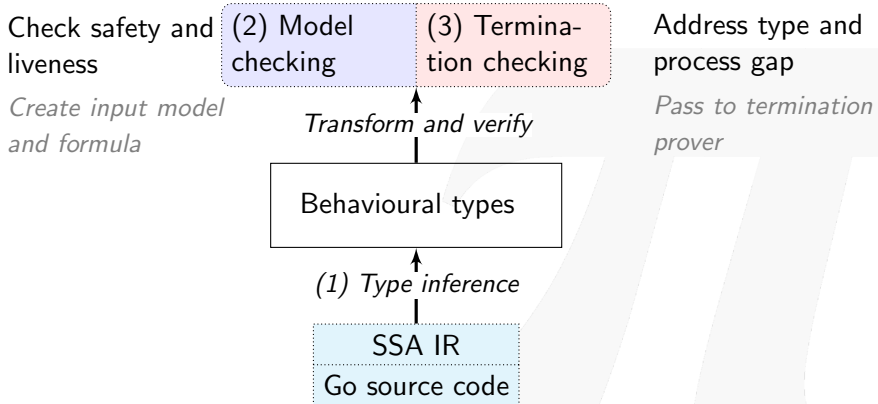


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# Verification framework for Go

## Overview



# Concurrency in Go

```
func main() {  
    ch, done := make(chan int), make(chan int)  
    go send(ch) // Spawn as goroutine.  
    go func() {  
        for i := 0; i < 2; i++ {  
            print("Working...")  
        }  
    }()  
    go recv(ch, done)  
    go recv(ch, done) // Who is ch receiving from?  
    print("Done:", <-done, <-done) // 2 receivers, 2 replies  
}  
  
func send(ch chan int) { ch <- 1 } // Send to channel.  
func recv(in, out chan int) { out <- <-in } // Fwd in to out.
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- Send/receive blocks goroutines if channel full/empty resp.
- Close a channel `close(ch)`
- Guarded choice `select { case <-ch.; case <-ch2: }`

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Run program:

```
$ go run main.go
fatal error: all goroutines are asleep - deadlock!
```

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		if $e$ then $P$ else $Q$	
		newchan( $y:\sigma$ ); $P$	

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# Abstracting Go with Behavioural Types

## Types

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &:= \bar{u} \mid u \mid \tau \\ T, S &:= \alpha; T \mid T \oplus S \mid \&\{\alpha_i; T_i\}_{i \in I} \mid (T \mid S) \mid \mathbf{0} \\ &\quad \mid (\text{new } a)T \mid \text{close } u; T \mid \mathbf{t}\langle \tilde{u} \rangle \\ \mathbf{T} &:= \{\mathbf{t}(\tilde{y}_i) = T_i\}_{i \in I} \text{ in } S\end{aligned}$$

- Types of a CCS-like process calculus
- Abstracts Go concurrency primitives
  - Send/Recv, new (channel), parallel composition (spawn)
  - Go-specific: Close channel, Select (guarded choice)

MiGo Liveness / Safety

$P \Downarrow a$

Barb  
[Milner 8  
Sangiorgi 92]

## Channel Safety

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$P$  is channel safe if  $P \rightarrow^* (\nu \tilde{c})Q$  and  $Q \Downarrow \text{close}(a)$

$$\neg(Q \Downarrow \text{end}(a)) \wedge \neg(Q \Downarrow \bar{a})$$

never closing

never send

a closed

# Migo Liveness / Safety

## ► Liveness

All reachable actions are eventually performed

$P$  is live if  $P \rightarrow^*_{(vc)} Q$

$$Q \downarrow a \Rightarrow Q \Downarrow \tau \text{ at } a$$

$$Q \downarrow \bar{a} \Rightarrow Q \Downarrow \tau \text{ at } a$$

Reduction  
( $\tau$ )  
at  $a$

# Select



$P_1 = \text{select } \{a!, b?, z.P\}$

Time  
Out

if  $P$  is live  
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$P_2 = \text{select } \{a!, b?\}$

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Barb  $\downarrow \tilde{a}$

$$\frac{\pi_i \downarrow a_i}{\text{select } \{\pi_i. P_i\} \downarrow \tilde{a}}$$

$$\frac{P \downarrow \tilde{a} \quad Q \downarrow \bar{a}_i}{P \mid Q \downarrow [a_i]}$$

Liveness  $Q \downarrow \tilde{a} \Rightarrow Q \Downarrow z \text{ at } a_i$

# Verification framework for Go

## Model checking with mCRL2

Generate LTS model and formulae from types

- Finite control (no parallel composition in recursion)
- Properties (formulae for model checker):
  - ✓ Global deadlock
  - ✓ Channel safety (no send/`close` on closed channel)
  - ✗ Liveness (partial deadlock)
  - ✗ Eventual reception
    - Require additional guarantees



the  $\lambda$ -calculus

encoding properties with barbs

Global Deadlock

$$\bigwedge a \in C (\downarrow a \vee \downarrow \bar{a}) \Rightarrow \langle \alpha \rangle T$$

Channel Safety

$$\bigwedge a \in C \downarrow \text{close } a \Rightarrow \neg (\downarrow \bar{a} \vee \downarrow \text{close } a)$$

Liveness

$$\bigwedge a \in C (\downarrow a \vee \downarrow \bar{a}) \Rightarrow \Box (\langle [a] \rangle T) \wedge \\ \bigwedge \tilde{a} \in C^m \downarrow \tilde{a} \Rightarrow \Box (\vee a \in \tilde{a} \langle [a] \rangle T)$$

[Lange & NY  
TACAS'17]

# Verification framework for Go

## Termination checking with KITTeL

- Extracted types do not consider *data* in process
- Type liveness  $\neq$  program liveness
  - Especially when involving iteration
  - Check for loop termination
- Properties:
  - ✓ Global deadlock
  - ✓ Channel safety (no send/`close` on closed channel)
  - ✓ Liveness (partial deadlock)
  - ✓ Eventual reception

```
func main() {  
    ch := make(chan int)  
    go func() {  
        for i := 0; i < 10; i-- {  
            // Does not terminate  
        }  
        ch <- 1  
    }()  
    <-ch  
}
```

- Type: **Live**
- Program: **NOT** live

# Relating Programs and Types

## Program

$$F(n, i, o) \triangleq i?(x); \text{if } (x \% n \neq 0) \text{ then } o!\langle x \rangle; F\langle n, i, o \rangle \text{ else } F\langle n, i, o \rangle$$

## Type

$$\text{filter}(i, o) \triangleq i; (\bar{o}; \mathbf{t}_F\langle i, o \rangle \oplus \mathbf{t}_F\langle i, o \rangle)$$

► Identify  $\exists$  classes (Liveness)

1. May Terminate

2. Without infinitely running conditionals

3. Non-deterministic conditional

► Channel Safety Programs = Types



# Verification framework for Go

## Termination checking with KITTeL

- Extracted types do not consider *data* in process
- Type liveness  $\neq$  program liveness
  - Especially when involving iteration
  - Check for loop termination
- Properties:
  - ✓ Global deadlock
  - ✓ Channel safety (no send/`close` on closed channel)
  - ✓ Liveness (partial deadlock)
  - ✓ Eventual reception

```
func main() {  
    ch := make(chan int)  
    go func() {  
        for i := 0; i < 10; i-- {  
            // Does not terminate  
        }  
        ch <- 1  
    }()  
    <-ch  
}
```

- Type: **Live**
- Program: **NOT** live

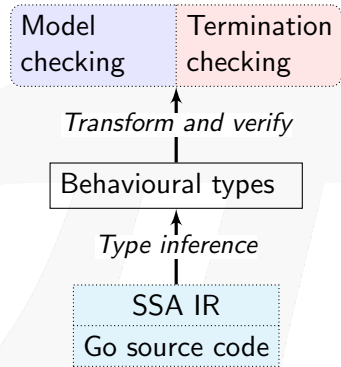
Tool demo



# Conclusion

## Verification framework based on **Behavioural Types**

- Behavioural types for Go concurrency
- Infer types from Go source code
- Model check types for safety/liveness
- + termination for iterative Go code



# Future work

- Extend framework to support more properties
- Unlimited possibilities!
  - Different verification techniques
    - e.g. [POPL'17], Choreography synthesis [CC'15]
  - Different concurrency issues
    - Other synchronisation mechanisms
    - Race conditions





**Table 3: Go programs verified by our framework and comparison with existing static deadlock detection tools.**

Programs	# states	$\psi_g$	$\psi_l$	$\psi_s$	$\psi_e$	Godel Checker				Term	dingo-hunter [35]		gopherlyzer [39]		GoInfer/Gong [30]		
						Infer	Live	Live+CS	Term		Live	Time	DF	Time	Live	CS	Time
1 mismatch [35]	53	×	×	✓	✓	620.68	996.79	996.67	✓	×	×	639.40	×	3956.41	×	×	616.78
2 fixed [35]	16	✓	✓	✓	✓	624.41	996.50	996.34	✓	✓	✓	603.18	✓	3166.26	✓	✓	609.95
3 fanin [35, 38]	39	✓	✓	✓	✓	631.12	996.15	996.23	✓	✓	✓	607.98	✓	19.76	✓	✓	696.65
4 sieve [30, 35]	∞			n/a		-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	-	✓	✓	778.29
5 philo [39]	65	×	×	✓	✓	6.10	996.51	996.56	✓	×	×	34.23	×	26.99	×	✓	16.84
6 dinephil3 [13, 32]	3838	✓	✓	✓	✓	645.15	996.42	996.31	✓	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	-	✓	✓	13.2 min
7 starvephil3	3151	×	×	✓	✓	628.20	996.50	996.46	✓	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	-	×	✓	3.5 min
8 sel [39]	103	×	×	✓	✓	4.23	996.70	996.61	✓	×	×	15.31	×	13.04	×	✓	50.46
9 selfixed [39]	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	4.02	996.33	996.39	✓	✓	✓	14.93	✓	3168.32	✓	✓	13.08
10 jobsched [30]	43	✓	✓	✓	✓	632.67	996.69	1996.14	✓	n/a	n/a	-	✓	4753.56	✓	✓	635.20
11 forselect [30]	26	✓	✓	✓	✓	623.31	996.36	996.38	✓	✓	611.79	n/a	-	-	✓	✓	618.57
12 cond-recur [30]	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	3.95	996.21	996.22	✓	✓	9.40	n/a	-	-	✓	✓	14.74
13 consys [41]	15	×	×	✓	✓	549.69	996.50	996.40	✓	n/a	n/a	-	×	5278.59	×	✓	521.26
14 alt-bit [30, 34]	112	✓	✓	✓	✓	634.43	996.34	996.26	✓	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	-	✓	✓	916.81
15 prod-cons	106	✓	×	✓	✓	4.10	996.37	1996.24	✓	×	10.15	×	×	30.10	×	✓	21.84
16 nonlive	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	630.10	996.55	996.47	timeout	×	613.62	n/a	-	-	×	✓	613.79
17 double-close	17	✓	✓	×	×	3.48	996.58	1996.62	✓	×	8.68	×	×	11.83	✓	×	9.13
18 stuckmsg	4	✓	✓	✓	×	3.45	996.58	996.60	✓	×	n/a	-	×	-	✓	×	7.55
19 dinephil5	~1M	✓	✓	✓	✓	626.45	41194.18	41408.00	✓	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	-	timeout	> 48 hrs	-
20 prod3-cons3	57493	✓	✓	✓	✓	465.09	40859.24	40902.06	✓	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	-	timeout	> 48 hrs	-
21 async-prod-cons	164897	✓	✓	✓	✓	4.29	47720.30	89414.60	✓	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	-	timeout	> 48 hrs	-
22 astranet [26]	1160	✓	✓	✓	✓	2512.54	70399.00	75043.00	✓	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	-	n/a	-	-

CS: Channel Safe, Term: Termination check, DF: Deadlock-free, timeout: Termination check timeout (likely does not terminate), ✖: False Alarm, ✖: Undetected liveness error.

most programs use traditional imperative control flow features such as for loops, for-range loops (i.e. loops over a fixed finite data structure) and for-select loops (i.e. an infinite loop with a **select** that can break the loop – the Consumer function of Figure 1) instead of recursion; we assume that loop indices are not modified in loop bodies and that no **goto**-like constructs are used in a loop.

Since the analysis only takes into account loop parameters, a loop that indefinitely blocks (e.g. due to communication) may be identified as terminating. However, if our analysis identifies the inferred types as live *and* the termination check validates the program, both termination and program liveness are guaranteed.

## 6 EVALUATION

Table 3 lists several benchmarks of our tool against other static deadlock detection tools for Go (a detailed comparison of these tools is given in § 7). The benchmarks were run with go1.8.3 on an 8-core Intel i7-3770 machine with 16GB RAM on a 64-bit Linux. The model checker we used was mCRL2 v201707.1.

The results for Godel Checker are shown in columns 3–11. Column 3 shows the number of states in the input LTS as a measurement of the relative complexity of each program (proportional to the number of concurrency-related operations rather than the number of lines of code). Columns 4–7 shows the core properties of Figure 6 in § 4, i.e. no global deadlock ( $\psi_g$ ), liveness ( $\psi_l$ ), channel safety ( $\psi_s$ ) and eventual reception ( $\psi_e$ ). Columns 8–10 list the running time of Godel Checker, where Column 8 lists the inference time, Columns 9 and 10 are the model checking times for liveness, and both liveness and channel safety, respectively. The total run time can be obtained by adding Column 8 to Column 9 or 10. Unless otherwise stated, all times are in milliseconds. Column 11 (Term) shows the result of the termination check, which proves the termination of loops in the given program, or times out after 15s. A program that times out is conservatively assumed not to terminate.

Columns 12–13 pertain to the dingo-hunter tool from [35]. The time includes both communicating finite state machine extraction and their analysis, but does not include building the global graph and only checks for liveness. Columns 14–15 pertain to the

gopherlyzer tool [39], which only checks for global deadlock-freedom (most programs had to be manually adjusted in order to be accepted by this tool – see § 7 for the severe practical limitations of the tool). Columns 16–18 refer to the GoInfer/Gong tool from [30]. The times include both type inference and analysis stages, which only accounts for liveness and channel safety checks. Most programs in Table 3 are taken either from other papers on the static verification of Go programs [30, 35, 39] or from publicly available source code. Programs 7, and 15–22 are introduced by this work. Programs that are unsupported by a tool are marked with *n/a*.

Programs 1–7 are typical concurrent programs from the literature. The sieve program is not finite control (it spawns an infinite number of threads), thus it can only be analysed by GoInfer/Gong. Program 6 is a (three) dining philosophers program where the first fork can be released, while Program 7 is the traditional deadlock-ing version (Program 19 is as Program 6 but with 5 philosophers). dingo-hunter does not support Programs 6, 7, and 19 due to dynamically spawned goroutines, while gopherlyzer does not support them due to a nested select statement. GoInfer/Gong analyses them correctly, but is much slower than Godel Checker.

Programs 8–12 consist of idiomatic Go patterns which are all handled correctly and quickly by our tool. Program 13 is a publicly available program which is not live. Program 14 is an implementation of the alternating bit protocol. Program 15 is the Producer-Consumer example from § 1, which is not live. All tools were able to verify this simple program. Program 16 demonstrates the mismatch between type and program liveness, where the type is live but due to an erroneous loop the program does not terminate and causes a partial deadlock. The termination check identifies this as possibly non-terminating, while GoInfer/Gong incorrectly identifies it as live. Program 17 closes a channel twice which flags a violation of channel safety in Godel Checker and GoInfer/Gong. Interestingly, dingo-hunter detects a deadlock (a false alarm) due to its representation of channel closure as a message exchange, but not due to the double close. gopherlyzer also detects a deadlock incorrectly due to the same reason. Program 18 is a program that violates the *eventual reception* property by sending an asynchronous message that is never received – none of the earlier tools can detect this.