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Effective Modeling Technology

Technology for DSLs

Languages for expressing problems in a domain

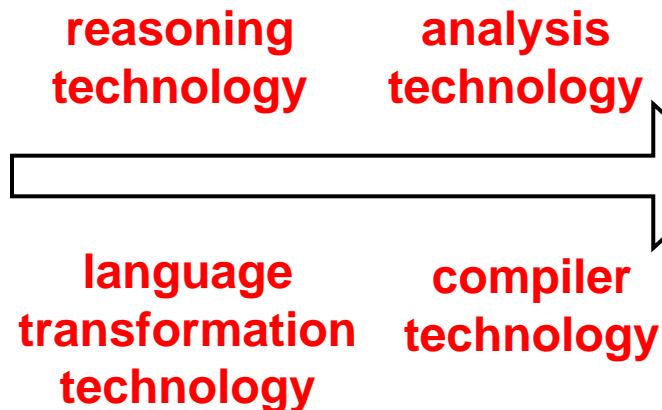
e.g., specification of a software application

Languages for expressing solution techniques

e.g., generic algorithms, data types

Languages for expressing deployment environment

e.g., operating system, data profiles



Analysis tools

e.g., flaw finder

Problem solvers

e.g., executable code

Documentation

e.g., proof of code correctness

syntax & semantics

***reusable
across domains***

***optimized to
domain,
environment***

Successful Application: Java/JavaCard

Java byte code semantics

Specification of Java byte
code verifier

Specification of security
characteristics for
networked applications

Compact DSL for Java
smart cards

Specification of JavaCard
runtime environment

analyzer

**verifier
translator**

**Security analysis of specification
and reference implementation**

**Security analyses regarding
untrusted input data**

**Type safety analyses
Java code for cards
Proofs of code correctness**

FIPS Certification (future)

Successful Application: Communication Protocols

DSL for comm. protocols

Models of protocols

Models of protocol families

Model protocol attacks

code generator

protocol
derivation
tool

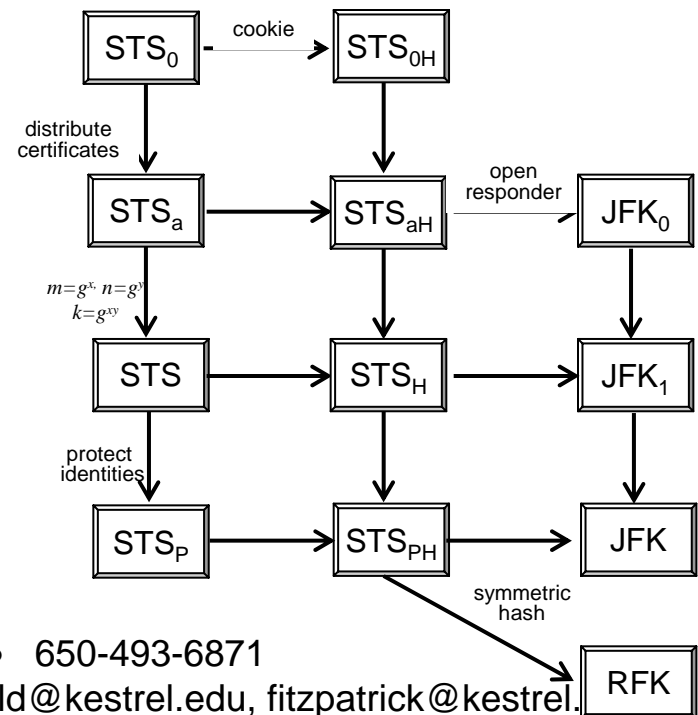
analyzer

executable code

discovery of new protocols

discovery of security flaws

Specification of separation
kernel for AIM chip supported
security endorsement



Other Areas of Expertise

Planning & Scheduling

- Resource & task modeling
- Algorithm specification
- Code generation & optimization
- Orders-of-magnitude code speed-up
- Vastly reduced cost for evolution

Coordination in Scalable Networks

- Application modeling as distributed constraint problems
- Truly scalable, anytime algorithms for distributed constraint optimization

Model-based Code Generation for Embedded Controllers

- Semantics for standard modeling languages
- Generate compilers (to C) based on semantics
- High-quality C code, 10x fewer errors