



Co-modeling Software Architecture and Policy In FORMULA

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FORMULA Overview

- Formal modeling language developed at Microsoft Research.
- Combines abstract data types and logic programming.
- Logic programs are structured into domains, models, and transformations.
- Execution of logic programs provides checking conformance of models to their respective domain and deriving new models as the outputs of transformations.
- Goal-based model finding via automated integration with Z3, a powerful SMT solver.

FORMULA Domains

Type definitions provide strong typing constraints for domain knowledge:

```
Vertex ::= new (idx:Integer) .  
Edge   ::= new (src:Vertex, dst:Vertex) .
```

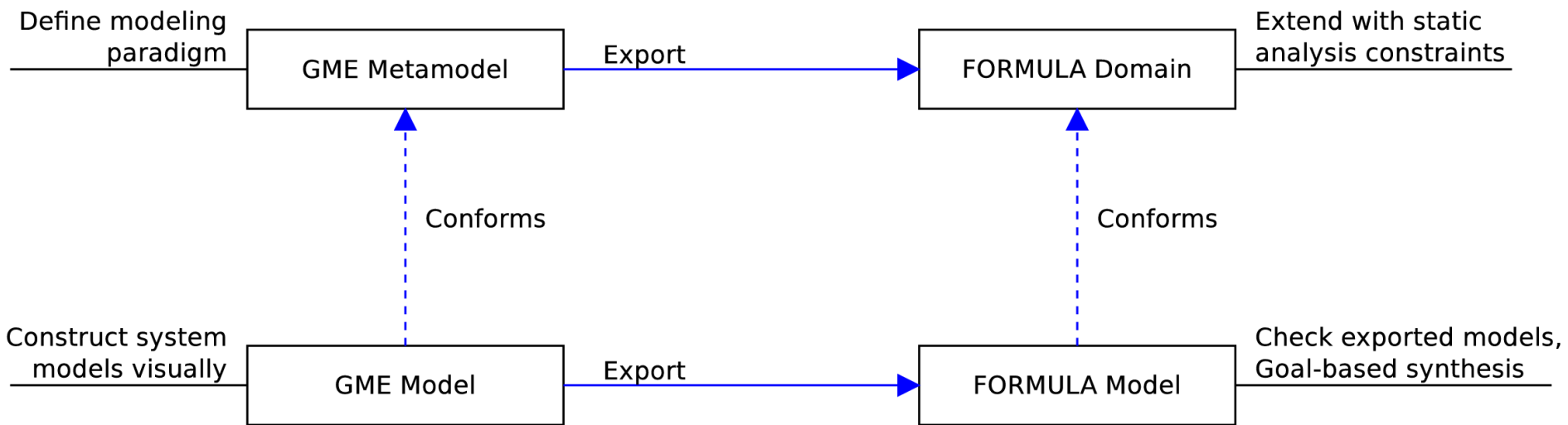
Logic rules for knowledge inference:

```
Path   ::= (src:Vertex, dst:Vertex) .  
Path(x,y) :- Edge(x,y) .  
Path(x,z) :- Path(x,y), Edge(y,z) .
```

Conformance constraints for specifying restrictions on a domain:

```
conforms no Path(x,x) .
```

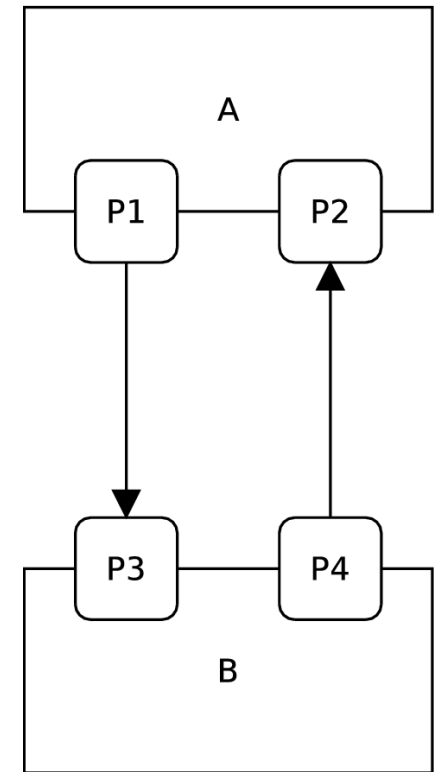
Toolchain Integration



Modeling Software Architecture

```
domain SwArch {  
  Component ::= new (name:String).  
  Port ::= new (name:String, parent:Component).  
  InformationFlow ::= new (src:Port, dst:Port).  
}
```

```
model M of SwArch {  
  A is Component("A").  
  B is Component("B").  
  P1 is Port("P1", A).  
  P2 is Port("P2", A).  
  P3 is Port("P3", B).  
  P4 is Port("P4", B).  
  InformationFlow(P1, P3).  
  InformationFlow(P4, P2).  
}
```



Annotating Ports with Static Information

Adding input/output directionality:

```
Port ::= new (name:String, parent:Component, dir:{INPUT,OUTPUT}).
```

Static analysis constraints:

```
conforms no { x | InformationFlow(x,_) , x.dir = INPUT }.  
conforms no { x | InformationFlow(_,x) , x.dir = OUTPUT }.
```

In this case, we do context-free analysis of individual port connections.

Information Flow Policies

- Annotate individual ports with expectations of information flow restrictions.
- Trace flow of policies through system and check for compatibility at exit points.
- Ensure that hardware deployment of software architecture does not violate the information flow policy.

Questions?