



Towards a coordinated approach to software transformation

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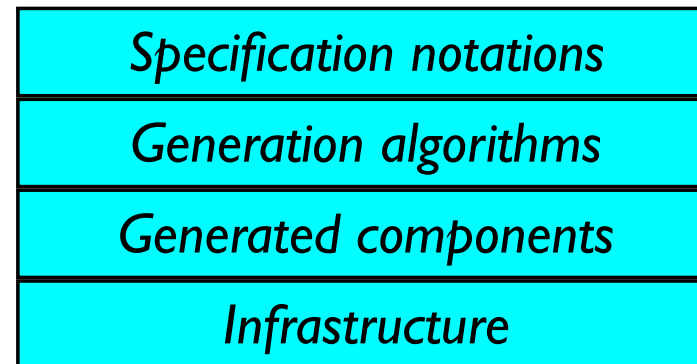
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Our Thesis

STS focus: "architecture, reuse, implementation (data representations and algorithms), application models and benchmarks".

Our slant: generation of software transformation systems from high-level specifications.

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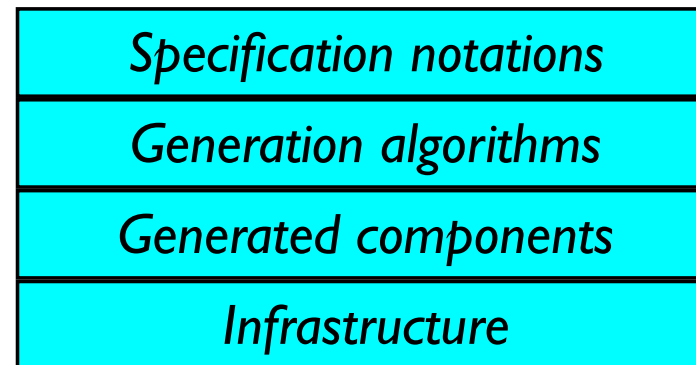
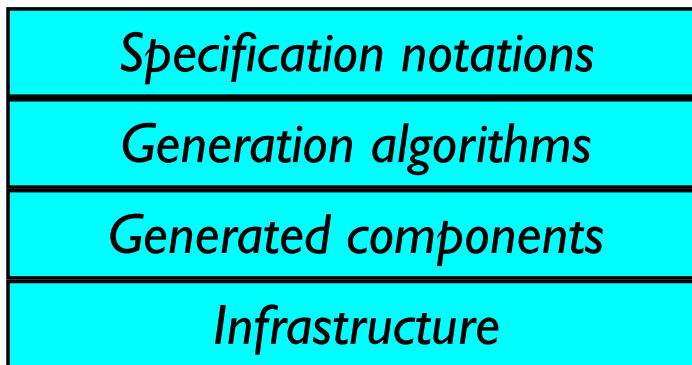


For the STS field to advance most effectively, we need a coordinated approach to these different levels.

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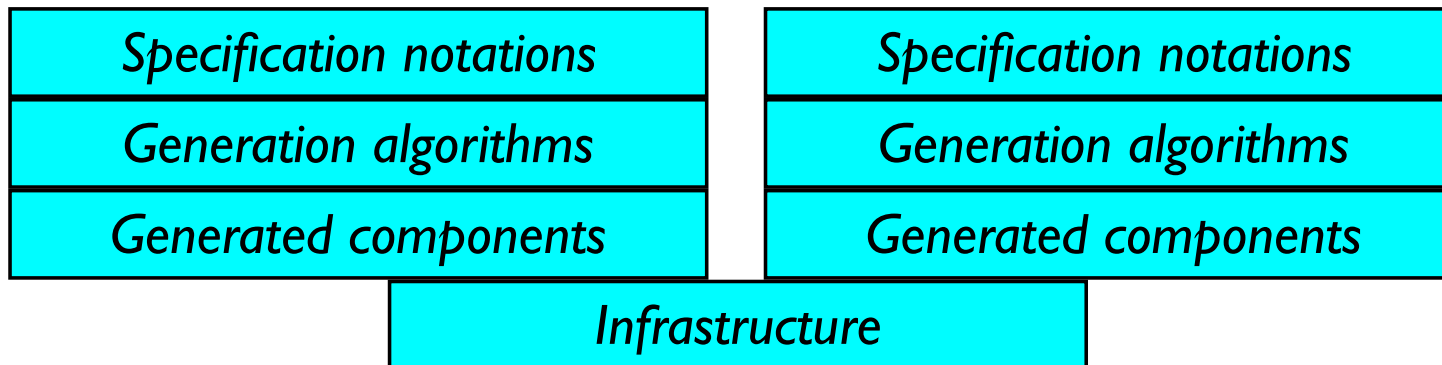
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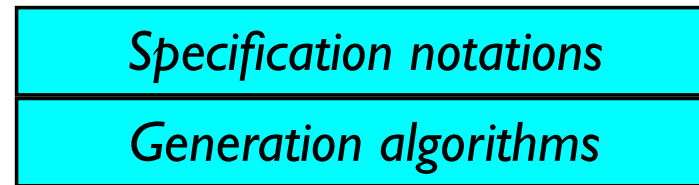
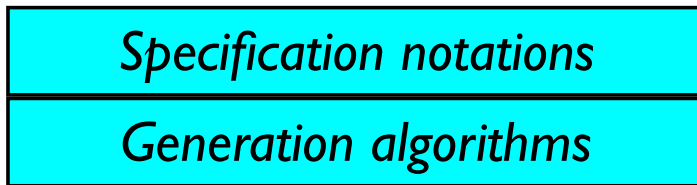
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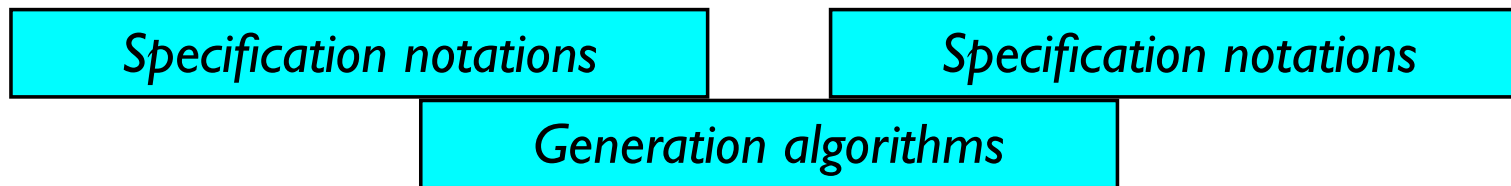
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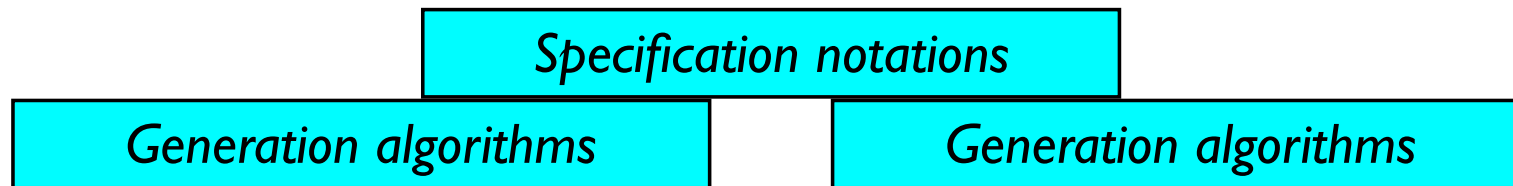
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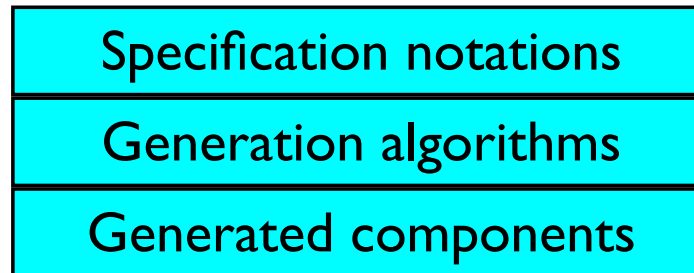
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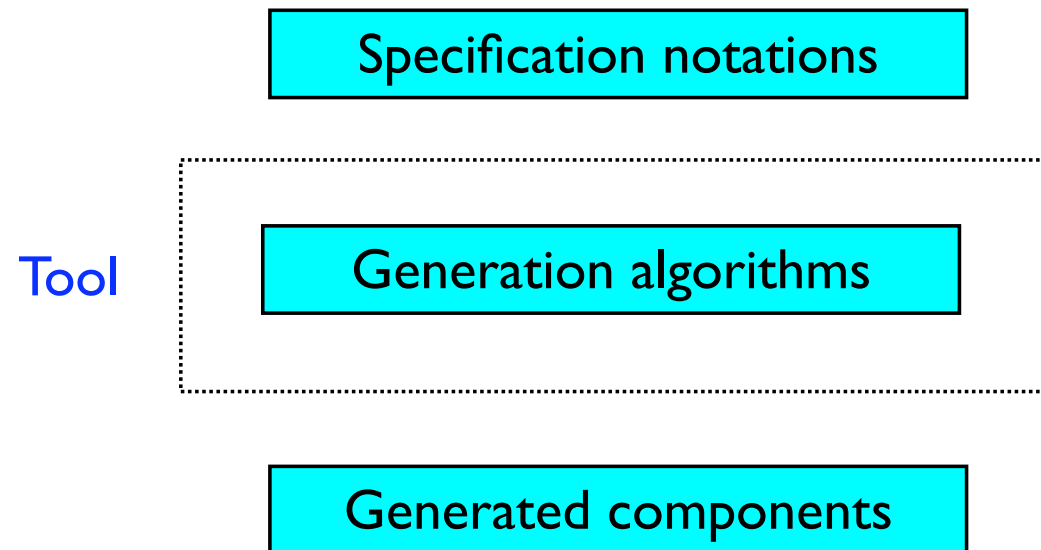
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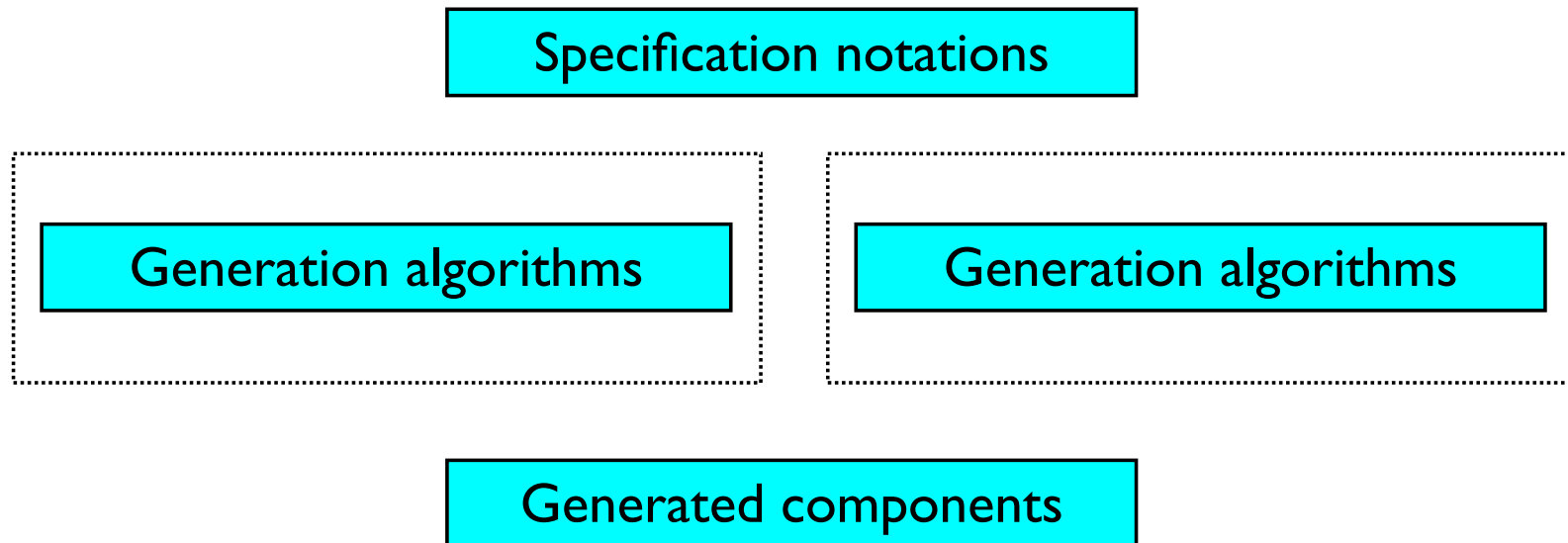
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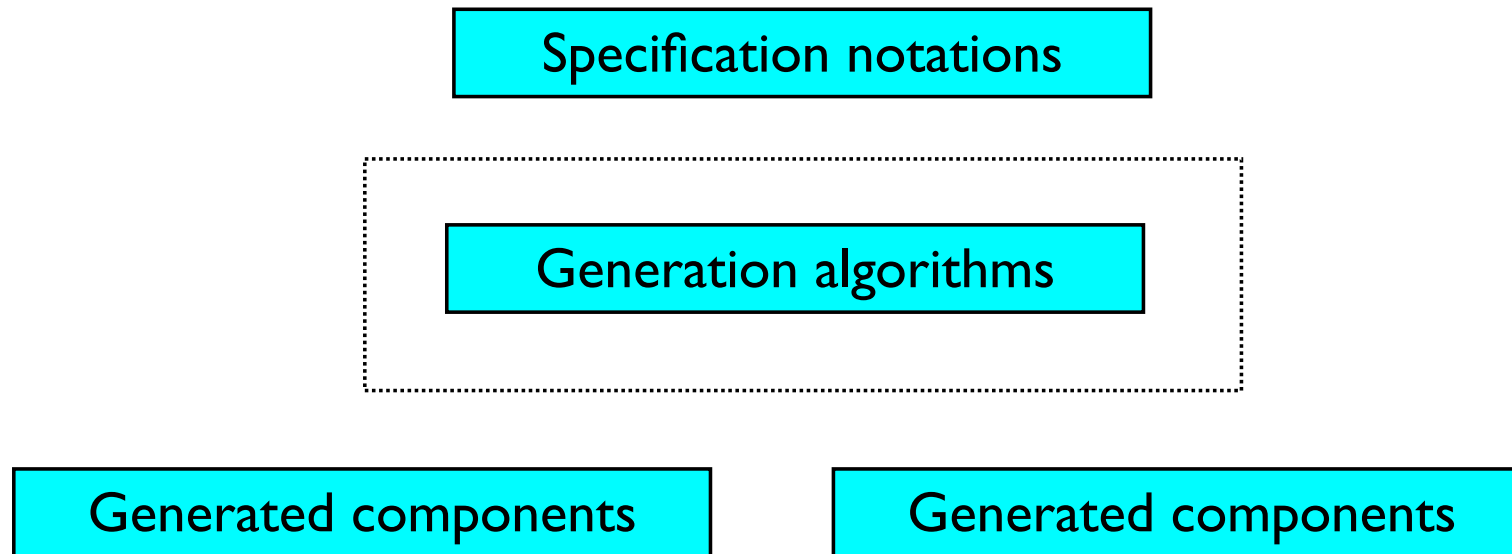
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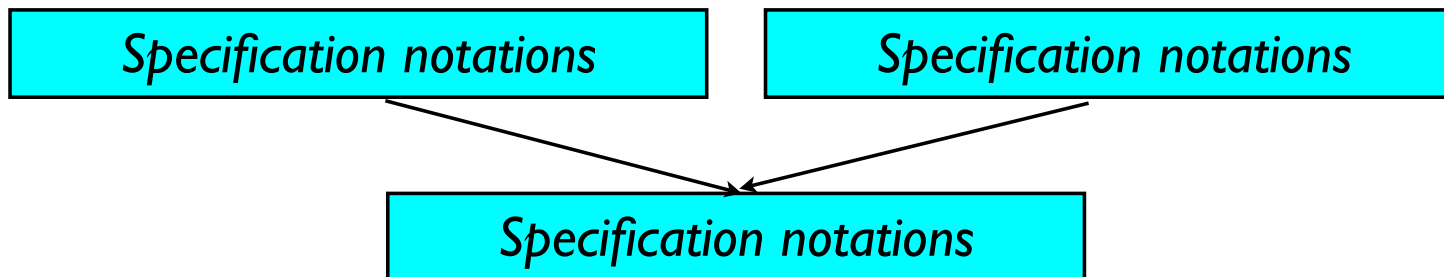
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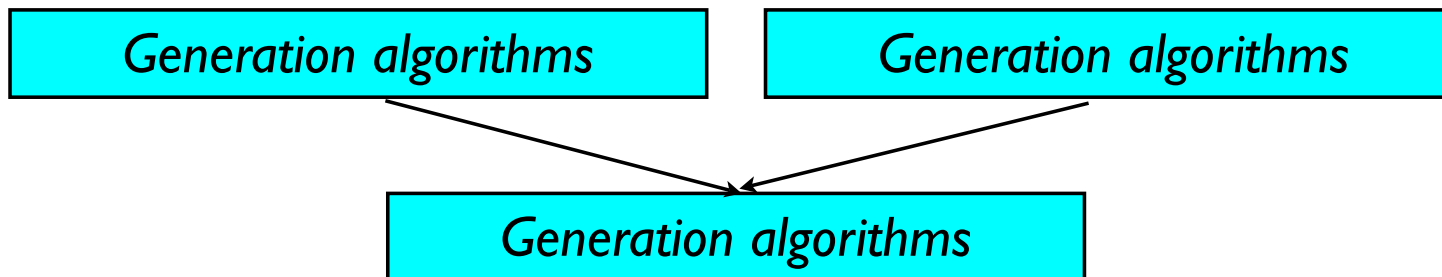
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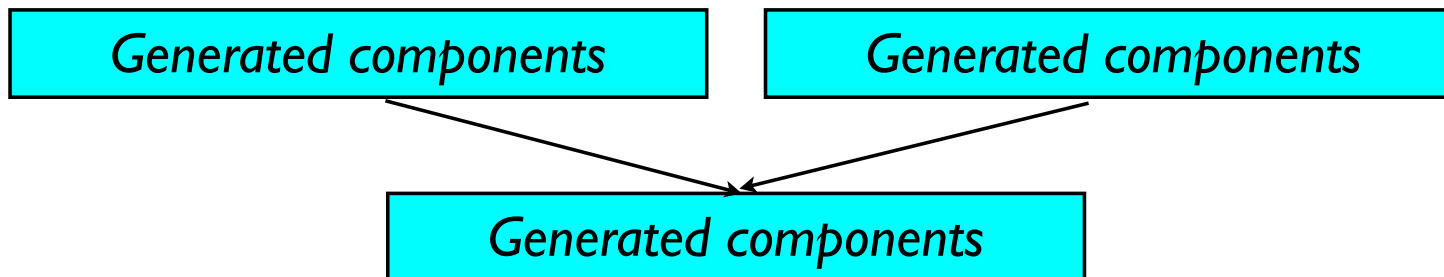
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Where do we go from here?

Coordinate:

designs of specification notations,

high-level specifications of generation algorithms,

language-independent generated components,

integration and optimisation at all levels, and

reusable infrastructure.