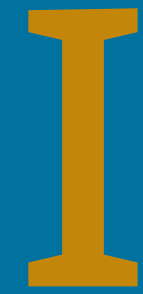


DIAMONDS AND RUST

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REACHABILITY TYPES

SEAMLESS OWNERSHIP FOR IMPURE
FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGES

OWNERSHIP TYPE SYSTEMS

The “Shared XOR Mutable” Principle in Rust



OWNERSHIP TYPE SYSTEMS

Do Not Scale to Higher-Level Functional Languages!

A Counter in { Scheme, ML, Scala,...} :

```
def counter(n: Int) = {  
  val c = new Ref(n)  
  (() => c += 1, () => c -= 1)  
}  
  
val (incr, decr) = counter(0)  
incr(); incr(); decr() // 1
```

Let's Make One in Rust :

```
fn counter(n: i64) -> (impl Fn() -> (), impl Fn() -> ()) {  
  let c = Rc::new(Cell::new(n));  
  let c1 = c.clone();  
  let c2 = c.clone();  
  
  (move || { c1.set(c1.get() + 1); },  
   move || { c1.set(c2.get() - 1); })  
}
```

Dynamic reference counting,
no static lifetime tracking!



OWNERSHIP TYPE SYSTEMS

How Can We Make Them Scale?

Rust & State-of-the-Art Ownership Type Systems

Borrowing: temporarily relax access where needed

Ownership: unique access paths, global heap invariant

Strict foundation, selectively **relaxed**.

Reachability Types: Tracking Aliasing and Separation in Higher-Order Functional Programs

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Lets Flip it on its Head with Reachability Types & Separation Logic!

Uniqueness, separation: restrict access where needed

Sharing, reachability: flexible heap properties, no globally enforced invariants

Liberal foundation, selectively **restricted**.

REACHABILITY IN THE λ^* CALCULUS

new Ref (42) : $\text{Ref}[\text{Int}]^\emptyset$

val $x = \text{new Ref}$ (42) : $\text{Ref}[\text{Int}]^{\{x\}}$

val $i = 42$: Int^\perp

val $y = x$: $\text{Ref}[\text{Int}]^{\{x,y\}}$

val $z = !y$: Int^\perp

$x := 0$: Unit^\perp

Intuition: Reachability Types & Qualifiers

$$\Gamma \vdash t : T^q$$

$$q \in \{ \perp \} \uplus \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\text{Var})$$

Computation t yields a T value which may reach all variables in q .

\perp is untracked (often omitted).

\emptyset means "fresh", no sharing w. context.

A simply-typed lambda calculus (STLC) with qualifiers, mutable references, recursion, and subtyping.

FUNCTIONS

Qualifiers Track Free Variables

```
val c1 : Ref[Int]{c1}; val c2 : Ref[Int]{c2}
```

addRef's implementation
reaches/closes over c1.

```
def addRef(c3 : Ref[Int]∅) = // (Ref[Int]∅ => Ref[Int]{c1}){c1}
```



```
addRef(c2) // ok
```

```
addRef(c1) // type error
```

addRef's implementation
must not share aliasing

with its argument: $\emptyset \sqcap \{c_1\} = \emptyset$

```
def addRef2(c3 : Ref[Int]{c1}) =  
  c1 := !c1 + !c3; c1
```

```
addRef2(c1) // ok now
```

```
// (Ref[Int]{c1} => Ref[Int]{c1}){c1}
```

Intuition: Observable Separation

- Functions track their free variables, consistent with view as closure records.
- To prevent interference from uncontrolled aliasing, functions are separated from their arguments
- If full separation is too strict, we may adjust the function domain's qualifier for degrees of overlap.

ESCAPING CLOSURES

How Can We Track their Free Variables?

Type Assignment **Inside** vs. **Outside** of Lexical Scopes

<code>{ () => new Ref(42) }</code>	<code>: (() => Ref[Int][∅])[∅]</code>	<code>~></code>	<code>(() => Ref[Int][∅])[∅]</code>
<code>{ val y = new Ref(42); () => !y }</code>	<code>: (() => Int){y}</code>	<code>~></code>	<code>(() => Int)[∅]</code>
<code>{ val y = new Ref(42); () => y }</code>	<code>: (() => Ref[Int]{y}){y}</code>	<code>~></code>	<code>what now?</code>

Wrong: `(() => Ref[Int]∅)∅` returns a *fresh* reference on each call!

Right:

`f(() => Ref[Int]{y}){y}`
`<: f(() => Ref[Int]{f}){y}`
`~> f(() => Ref[Int]{f})∅`

Intuition: Function Self-Qualifiers

- Abstract over the free variables by letting a function type refer to itself. A concept borrowed from **DOT/Scala**!
- The self-qualifier's presence indicates that *some* qualifier escapes (existential statement).
- Subtyping (<:) makes their use ergonomic, compared to existential types.

HIGHER-ORDER FUNCTIONS

Non-Escaping Values [Osvald et al. 2016]

```
def try[A⊖](block: (CanThrow⊖ => A⊖)⊖): A⊖
```



Return value cannot
close over the capability.

```
val c1 = new Ref(0)
```

```
try { throw =>
```

```
  c1 += 1
```

```
  if (error) throw(new Exception("legal"))
```

```
  () => throw(new Exception("illegal"))
```

```
}
```

- The base calculus supports effects as capabilities models and lightweight effect polymorphism [Brachthäuser et al. 2020].
- Reachability types alone do not capture linear consumption of capabilities, etc. This requires a proper effect system.

Non-Interference

```
def par(a: (() => Unit)⊖)(b: (() => Unit)⊖): Unit
```



Threads must have
non-overlapping qualifiers

```
val c1 = new Ref(0); val c2 = new Ref(0)
```

```
// ok, no overlap
```

```
par { c1 := !c1 + 1 } { c2 := !c2 + 2 }
```

```
// type error, overlapping
```

```
par { c1 := !c1 + !c2 } { c2 := !c1 + !c2 }
```

```
// type error, overlapping, but safe (!)
```

```
par { !c1 + !c2 } { !c1 + !c2 }
```

- Effect systems can help making more fine-grained distinctions.

LIGHTWEIGHT REACHABILITY POLYMORPHISM

`def inc(x : Ref[Int]∅) = { x := !x + 1; x } // : ((x : Ref[Int]∅) => Ref[Int]{x})⊥`

Dependent function type!

Lightweight Polymorphism (No Quantifiers!)

`val c : Ref[Int]{a,b,c} ; val d : Ref[Int]{d}`

`inc(c) // : Ref[Int]{a,b,c}`

`inc(d) // : Ref[Int]{d}`

`inc(new Ref(0)) // : Ref[Int]∅`

Full details in the OOPSLA'21 paper!

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$t ::= c \mid x \mid \lambda f(x).t \mid t_1 t_2 \mid \text{ref } t \mid !t \mid t_1 := t_2$ $x, y, \dots, f, g, \dots \in \text{Var}$
 $T ::= B \mid \text{Ref } T \mid f(x : T^q) \rightarrow T^q$ $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\text{Var})$
 $\Gamma ::= \emptyset \mid \Gamma, x : T^q$ $q ::= \perp \mid \alpha$

Fig. 2. The syntax of λ^* .

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : T^q}{\Gamma \vdash c : B^\perp}$ T-CST	$\frac{\Gamma(x) = T^q}{\Gamma \vdash x : T^q}$ T-VAR	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : T^\perp}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ref } t : (\text{Ref } T)^\emptyset}$ T-REF	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : (\text{Ref } T)^q \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T^\perp}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 := t_2 : \text{Unit}^\perp}$ T-ASSIGN	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : (\text{Ref } T)^q}{\Gamma \vdash !t : T^\perp}$ T-DEREF
$\frac{F = f(x : T_1^{q_1}) \rightarrow T_2^{q_2}}{(\Gamma, f : F^{q_f+f}, x : T_1^{q_1+x})^{q_f} \vdash t : T_2^{q_2}}$ T-ABS	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : (f(x : T_1^{q_1}) \rightarrow T_2^{q_2})^{q_f}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 t_2 : T_2^{q_2[q_1/x, q_f/f]}}$ T-APP	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : T_1^{q_1} \quad x, f \notin \text{FV}(T_2)}{\Gamma \vdash t : T_2^{q_2}}$ T-SUB		

Fig. 3. Typing and subtyping rules of λ^* .

$C ::= \square \mid C t \mid v C \mid \text{ref } C \mid !C \mid C := t \mid v := C$ $l \in \text{Loc}$
 $v ::= \lambda f(x).t \mid c \mid l \mid \text{unit}$ $\sigma ::= \emptyset \mid \sigma, l \mapsto v$
 $t ::= \dots \mid l$

$\frac{t \mid \sigma \rightarrow t' \mid \sigma'}{C[(\lambda f(x).t) v] \mid \sigma \rightarrow C[t[v/x, (\lambda f(x).t)/f]] \mid \sigma}$	$\frac{[\beta]}{C[\text{ref } v] \mid \sigma \rightarrow C[l] \mid (\sigma, l \mapsto v)}$	$\frac{[REF]}{C[!l] \mid \sigma \rightarrow C[\sigma(l)] \mid \sigma}$	$\frac{[DEREF]}{C[l := v] \mid \sigma \rightarrow C[\text{unit}] \mid \sigma[l \mapsto v]}$	$\frac{[ASSIGN]}{l \in \text{dom}(\sigma)}$
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Fig. 4. Reduction Semantics of λ^* .

TYPE SOUNDNESS

Progress & Preservation [Wright & Felleisen '94], Mechanized in Coq

Preservation

If $\emptyset \mid \Sigma \vdash \sigma$, $\emptyset \mid \Sigma \vdash t : T^q$, and $t \mid \sigma \longrightarrow t' \mid \sigma'$,

then $\emptyset \mid \Sigma' \vdash \sigma'$ and $\emptyset \mid \Sigma' \vdash t' : T^{q \oplus q'}$

for some $\Sigma' \supseteq \Sigma$ and $q' \sqsubseteq \text{dom}(\Sigma') \setminus \text{dom}(\Sigma)$

- Information may increase due to **fresh allocations**.
- Cancelling union ensures that untracked terms remain untracked: $\perp \oplus q = \perp$ $\alpha \oplus q = \alpha \sqcup q$
- Limitation: References must be *shallow*. We will solve this next.

Corollary: Preservation of Separation

$\emptyset \mid \Sigma \vdash t_1 : S^{q_1} \parallel \emptyset \mid \Sigma \vdash t_2 : T^{q_2}$ $q_1 \sqcap q_2 \sqsubseteq \emptyset$



$\emptyset \mid \Sigma' \vdash t'_1 : S^{q'_1} \parallel \emptyset \mid \Sigma' \vdash t'_2 : T^{q'_2}$ $q'_1 \sqcap q'_2 \sqsubseteq \emptyset$

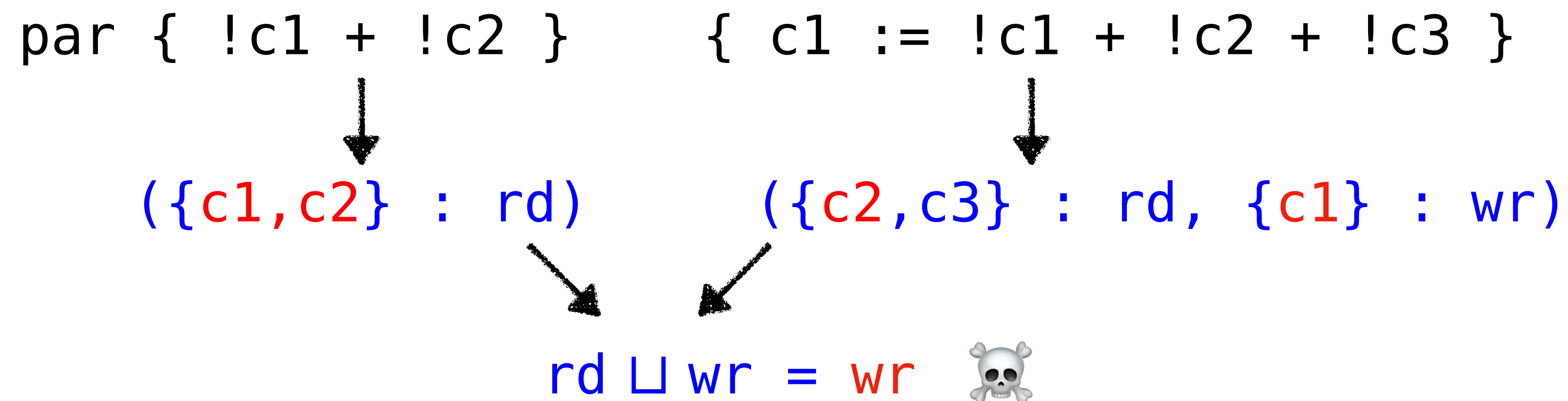
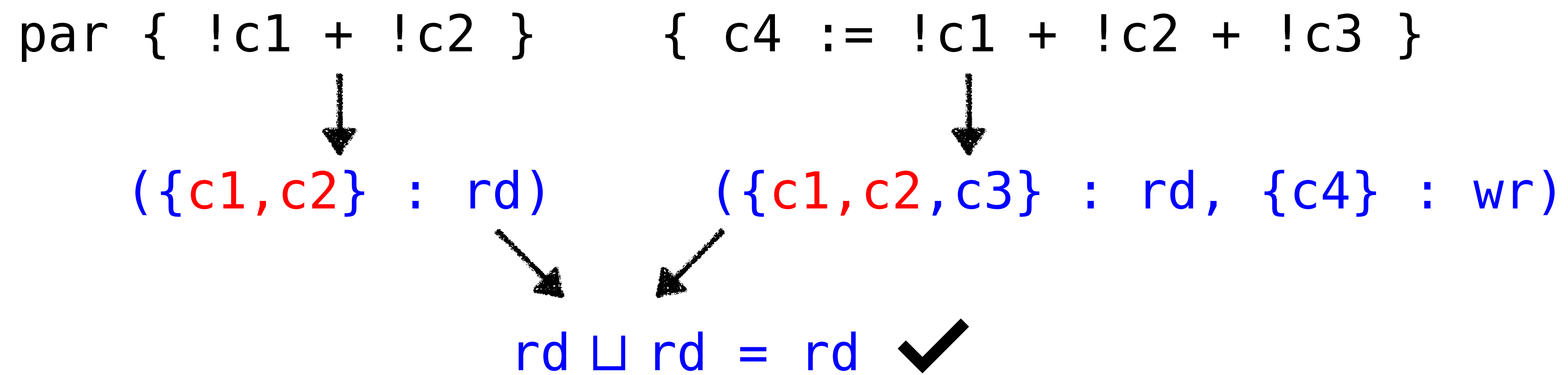
- Interleaving two **computations** with **separate** answers keeps them separate.
- Reduction steps never introduce spurious aliasing/sharing between the two answers.

REACHABILITY-AND-EFFECT SYSTEMS

- We get **a lot of mileage** just from reachability + overlap checking, **at the price of** prohibiting nested references of the form `Ref [Ref [...]]`.
- Reachability sets permit very precise effect systems, at the granularity of variables, in both flow-insensitive and flow-sensitive flavors.
- All we need are flow-sensitive “kill” effects to recover nested references, consumption policies, move semantics, etc.

FLOW-INSENSITIVE EFFECTS

Example: Finer-grained Non-Interference with Read/Write Effects



FLOW-SENSITIVE KILL EFFECTS

Enable Uniqueness, Linearity, Ownership Transfer & More

Example: Use-Once Functions from Self-Killing

```
// fun(Int =>({fun} : kill) String)⊘  
def fun(x) = { "Goodbye, cruel world!" }
```

```
fun(0) // fun at most once
```

```
fun(1) // type error, no more fun!
```

RECOVERING NESTED REFERENCES

Move Semantics and Ownership Transfer via Kill Effects

```
// f((x:Ref[Int]∅) =>({x} : kill) T)q
```

```
def f(x: Ref[Int]∅) = { val y = move(x); ... }
```

```
val z = new Ref(1)
```

```
f(z) // z is killed by f and unusable
```

```
!z // type error
```

EFFECT QUANTALES

Polymorphic Iterable Sequential Effect Systems

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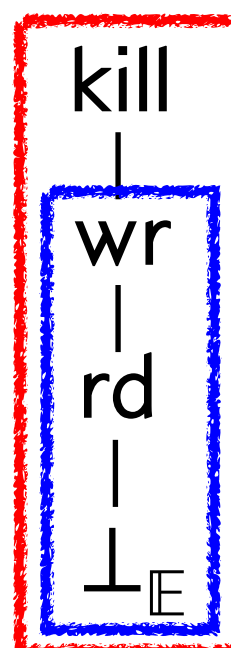
Effect Quantale [Gordon 2021]:

A structure $(\mathbb{E}, \sqcup, \triangleright, I)$ where
 (\mathbb{E}, \sqcup) is a *partial join semi lattice*, and
 $(\mathbb{E}, \triangleright, I)$ is a *partial monoid*.

Store-Sensitive Effect Quantale (New Here):

The lifting of a quantale $(\mathbb{E}, \sqcup, \triangleright, I)$
to a quantale over disjoint finite maps $\{\overline{(\alpha, \epsilon_{\mathbb{E}})}\}$,
assigning effects to reachability sets.

Example Effect Quantale:



Flow
sensitive

Flow
insensitive

\triangleright	$\perp_{\mathbb{E}}$	rd	wr	kill
$\perp_{\mathbb{E}}$	$\perp_{\mathbb{E}}$	rd	wr	kill
rd	rd	rd	wr	kill
wr	wr	wr	wr	kill
kill		undefined		

INTERIM CONCLUSION

Seamless & scalable Rust-style systems can be achieved in impure higher-order languages!

All you need is a little shift in perspective:

Uniqueness, separation:
restrict access where needed

Sharing, reachability: flexible
heap properties, no globally
enforced invariants

Liberal foundation,
selectively **restricted**.

II

POLYMORPHISM
AND
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```
def try[A $\emptyset$ ](block: (CanThrow $\emptyset$  => A $\emptyset$ ) $\emptyset$ ): A $\emptyset$ 
```



Can we be polymorphic in qualifiers and types at the same time?

REACHABILITY POLYMORPHISM REVISITED

```
def id(x: T $\emptyset$ ): T{x} = x
```

```
val x: T{x,a,b} = ...;    val y: T{y,z} = ...
```

```
id(x) // : T{x}[x  $\mapsto$  {x,a,b}] = T{x,a,b}
```

```
id(y) // : T{x}[x  $\mapsto$  {y,z}] = T{y,z}
```


REACHABILITY POLYMORPHISM REVISITED

```
def id(x: T $\emptyset$ ): T{x} = x
```

```
val i: T $\perp$  = ...
```

```
id(i) // : T{x}[x  $\mapsto$   $\perp$ ] = T $\emptyset$  🤔
```

```
def id'(x: T $\perp$ ): T $\perp$  = x
```

```
id'(i) // : T $\perp$ [x  $\mapsto$   $\perp$ ] = T $\perp$ 
```

Suppose $\{x\}[x \mapsto \perp] = \perp$

```
def fakeid(x: T $\emptyset$ ): T{x} = alloc()
```

```
fakeid(i) // : T{x}[x  $\mapsto$   $\perp$ ] = T $\perp$  😱
```

No Reachability-Generic Code!

- Substitution with the non-track qualifier must yield a set.
- Otherwise, reachability tracking can be subverted.
- Reachability polymorphism is imprecise, requires code duplication for track/non-track => impractical!

A NEW REACHABILITY MODEL IN λ^\blacklozenge

new Ref (42) : **Ref[Int]** $\{\blacklozenge\}$

val x = **new Ref** (42) : **Ref[Int]** $\{x\}$

val i = 42 : **Int** \emptyset

val y = x : **Ref[Int]** $\{y\}$

val z = !y : **Int** \emptyset

x := 0 : **Unit** \emptyset

Intuition: Reachability Types & Qualifiers

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : T^q}{q \in \{\perp\} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\text{Var})} \\ q \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\text{Var} \uplus \{\blacklozenge\})$$

Computation t yields a T value which may reach all variables in q .

~~\perp is untracked (often omitted).~~

\emptyset is untracked (often omitted).

~~\emptyset means "fresh", no sharing w. context.~~

\blacklozenge means "contextually fresh",
can grow with unobserved
future locations at run time.

A NEW REACHABILITY MODEL IN λ^\blacklozenge

Contextual Freshness:

$\sigma \mid \mathbf{new\ Ref}(42) : \mathbf{Ref[Int]\{\blacklozenge\}}$ \longrightarrow $\sigma, \ell = 42 \mid \ell : \mathbf{Ref[Int]\{\ell\}}$
where $\ell \notin \text{dom}(\sigma)$

A NEW REACHABILITY MODEL IN λ^\blacklozenge

```
def id(x: T{◆}): T{x} = x
```

```
def id(x: T $\emptyset$ ): T{x} = x
```

```
val x: T{x,a,b} = ...;    val y: T{y,z} = ...;    val i: T $\emptyset$  = ...
```

```
id(x) // : T{x}[x  $\mapsto$  {x,a,b}] = T{x,a,b}
```

```
id(y) // : T{x}[x  $\mapsto$  {y,z}] = T{y,z}
```

```
id(i) // : T{x}[x  $\mapsto$   $\emptyset$ ] = T $\emptyset$  😊
```

```
def fakeid(x: T{◆}): T{x} = alloc()
```



Type error:

alloc(): T{◆} ~~↗~~: T{x}



EAGER VS. ON-DEMAND REACHABILITY

Typing Context in λ^* vs. λ^\blacklozenge

val $x = \text{new Ref}(42)$

$x : \text{Ref}[\text{Int}]\{x\}$

$x : \text{Ref}[\text{Int}]\{\blacklozenge\}$

val $y = x$

$y : \text{Ref}[\text{Int}]\{y, x\}$

$y : \text{Ref}[\text{Int}]\{x\}$

val $z = x$

$z : \text{Ref}[\text{Int}]\{z, x\}$

$z : \text{Ref}[\text{Int}]\{x\}$

val $w = z$

$w : \text{Ref}[\text{Int}]\{w, z\}$

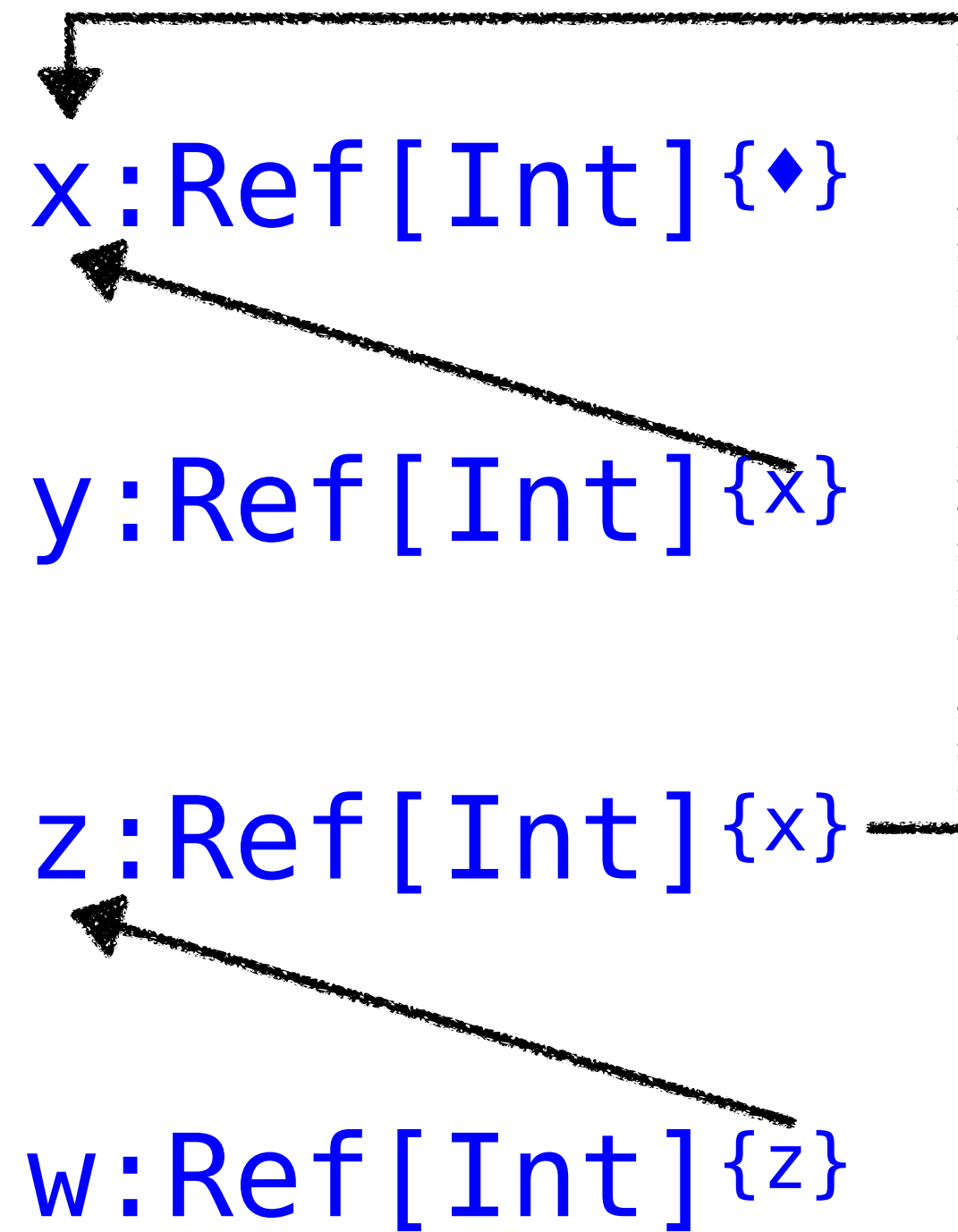
$w : \text{Ref}[\text{Int}]\{z\}$

$$\frac{x : T^{q^*, x} \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T^{q^*, x}}$$

$$\frac{x : T^q \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T^x}$$

ON-DEMAND REACHABILITY

Reachability Chains



Examples:

$$\{w\} <: \{z\} <: \{x\}$$

$$\{y\} <: \{x, y, z, w\}$$

$$\{w, y\} <: \{z, x\} <: \{x\}$$

$$\{x\} <: \{x, \diamond\}$$

$$\{x\} \not<: \{\diamond\}$$

Qualifier Subtyping (Excerpt):

$$\frac{p \subseteq q \subseteq \text{dom}(\Gamma) \cup \{\diamond\}}{\Gamma \vdash p <: q}$$

$$\frac{x : T^q \in \Gamma \quad \diamond \notin q}{\Gamma \vdash \{x\} <: q}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash q <: r}{\Gamma \vdash p, q <: p, r}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash p <: q \quad \Gamma \vdash q <: r}{\Gamma \vdash p <: r}$$

ON-DEMAND REACHABILITY

More Precise Reachability Polymorphism

```
def foo(x: T{a}): T{a,x} = a:=!a+1; x // (x: T{a} => T{a,x}){a}
```



Eager model demands reflexive transitive reachability assignment. **a**'s only purpose here is specifying legal overlap, but we can't get rid of it!

```
def foo(x: T{a,♦}): T{x} = a:=!a+1; x // (x: T{a,♦} => T{x}){a}
```



On-demand model preserves reachability chains, giving us what we really want.

ON-DEMAND REACHABILITY

When is Reflexive-Transitive Reachability Required?

```
val c1 = new Ref(0)           // : Ref[Int]{c1} → c1: Ref[Int]♦
def f(x : Ref[Int]♦) = !c1 + !x // : (x: Ref[Int]♦ => Int){c1}
val c2 = c1                   // : Ref[Int]{c2}
f(c2)                          // : WRONG: {c1} n♦ {c2} = ♦, accept
                               // : RIGHT: {c1}* n♦ {c2}* = {c1,♦} ≠ ♦, reject!
```

Separation/Overlap Checks Must be Eager!

- When applying functions/type abstractions.
- When composing effects in the quantale framework.

TYPE-AND-REACHABILITY ABSTRACTION

λ^\blacklozenge Smoothly Scales to an $F_{<}^\blacklozenge$ -Calculus, Yay!

```
// try( $\forall A^z <: \text{Top}^\blacklozenge. (\text{CanThrow}^\blacklozenge \Rightarrow A^z)^\blacklozenge \Rightarrow A^z$ ) $^\emptyset$ 
```

```
def try[ $A^\blacklozenge$ ](block:  $(\text{CanThrow}^\blacklozenge \Rightarrow A)^\blacklozenge$ ):  $A$ 
```

Observable Separation for Universal Types

- Track free variables, consistent with view as closure records.
- Just as function types, have self-qualifiers for scope transfers.
- To prevent interference from uncontrolled aliasing, type abstractions are separated from their arguments
- If full separation is too strict, we may adjust the universal type's domain's qualifier for degrees of overlap.

Pair Constructor Signature (Strictly Disjoint Components)

```
pair( $\forall A^x <: \text{Top}^\blacklozenge. \forall B^y <: \text{Top}^\blacklozenge. ((u:A\{x\}, v:B\{y\}) \Rightarrow (A\{u\}, B\{v\})\{x,y\})$ )
```

Version With Overlapping Reachability

```
pair( $\forall A^x <: \text{Top}^\blacklozenge. \forall B^y <: \text{Top}^{\{\blacklozenge, x\}}. ((u:A\{x\}, v:B\{y\}) \Rightarrow (A\{u\}, B\{v\})\{x,y\})$ )
```

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```
type Pair[Aa <: Top♦, Bb <: Top♦] = ([Cc <: Top♦] => (((Aa, Bb) => Cc)♦ => Cc){a,b}){a,b}
```

```
// shorthand (implicit qualifiers): ([C♦] => (((A, B) => C)♦ => C){a,b}){a,b}
```

```
def Pair[A♦, B♦](a: A, b: B): Pair[A, B] = [C♦] => (f: (A, B) => C) => f(a, b)
```

```
def fst[A♦, B♦](p: Pair[A, B]): A = p((a, b) => a)
```

```
def snd[A♦, B♦](p: Pair[A, B]): B = p((a, b) => b)
```

Implicit Capability-Polymorphic Elimination!

```
p { (a, b) =>
  file.write(a);
  file.write(b)
}
try { throw =>
  p { (a, b) =>
    if (a == 0) throw("error")
    file.write(a);
    file.write(b)
  }
}
```

Encoding Data Types

- Can build on standard System F encodings of data types modulo reachability sets. Cf., e.g.,
 - Corrado Boehm and Alessandro Berarducci: Automatic Synthesis of Typed Lambda-Programs on Term Algebras. Theoretical Computer Science, 1985
 - <https://okmij.org/ftp/tagless-final/course/Boehm-Berarducci.html>
 - <https://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/wadler/papers/free-rectypes/free-rectypes.txt>

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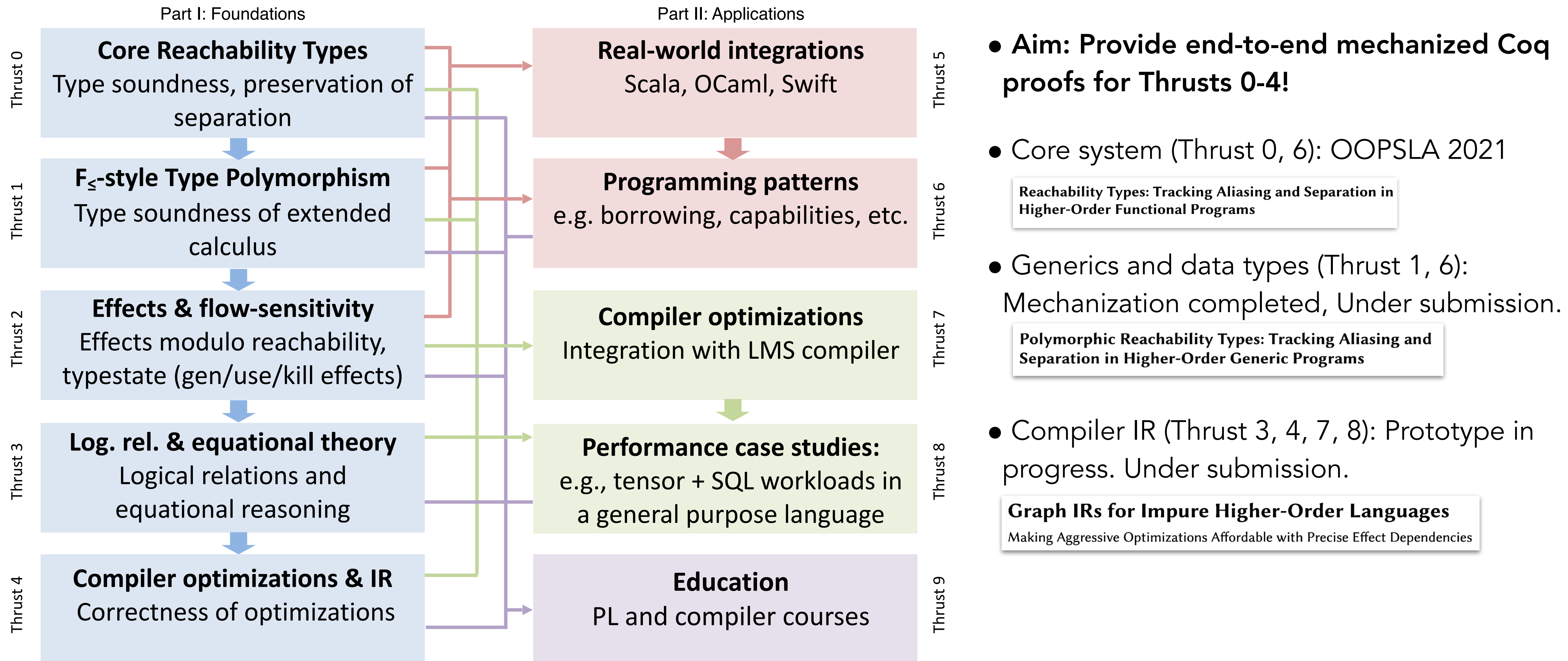
Revisiting the Counter Example

```
type {T} = () => T // thunk type
// counter: Int =>  $\mu p$ .Pair[{{Unit}}{p}, {{Unit}}{p}]∅
def counter(n: Int) = {
  val c = new Ref(n) // : Ref[Int]{c}
  (() => c += 1, () => c -= 1) // : Pair[{{Unit}}{c}, {{Unit}}{c}]{c}
}

// replace p with bound name ctr:
val ctr = counter(0) // : Pair[{{Unit}}{ctr}, {{Unit}}{ctr}]{ctr}
// captured variables abstracted by name ctr:
val incr = fst(ctr) // : {{Unit}}{ctr}
val decr = snd(ctr) // : {{Unit}}{ctr}
```


REACHABILITY TYPES

Research Roadmap, Artifacts @ <https://github.com/TiarkRompf/reachability>



“We both know what memories can bring

They bring diamonds and rust”

— Joan Baez (1975)

REACHABILITY IMPLIES ALIASING

(But Not Vice Versa!)

```
val x = new Ref(42) : Ref[Int]{x}
```

```
val y = x           : Ref[Int]{x,y}
```

```
val z = y           : Ref[Int]{x,y,z}
```

```
val w = x           : Ref[Int]{x,w}
```

```
val u = new Ref(42) : Ref[Int]{u}
```

```
val v = (() => x)() : Ref[Int]{v,x}
```

- Reachability sets in context are immutable once introduced!
- Cheaper to compute and maintain than full aliasing.
- Reachability is sufficient to check if two expressions share aliasing, e.g.,
 - Qualifiers of y and w overlap.
 - Qualifiers of u and x are disjoint.
- **Reachability + separation is sufficient to model most uses of Rust-like systems!**