

# GRAPH IRs

## FOR

## IMPURE

## HIGHER-ORDER

## LANGUAGES

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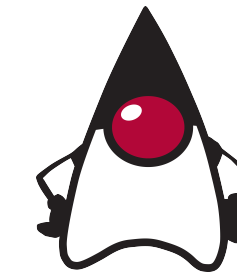


The image features a vast, flat landscape of teal and dark blue, populated with a dense field of small, reddish-brown circular nodes. These nodes are interconnected by a network of thin, light-colored lines, creating a complex web that recedes into the distance. In the foreground, the nodes are larger and more detailed, showing some with arrows pointing towards or away from them. The background is a dark blue sky with a large, glowing sun or moon in the center, and several smaller, stylized clouds on either side. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and digital.

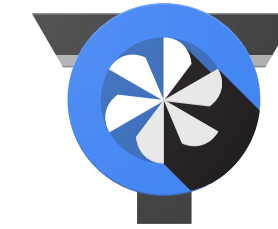
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- **Imperative languages:** used in optimizing compilers & runtimes for (Java & JavaScript).
- **Pure functional languages:** used for graph reduction/term-graph rewriting (not considered here).
- **Sea-of-nodes:** dissolve programs into **graphs with data and control edges**.
  - Relaxed execution order & **highly localized** reasoning at nodes through dependencies.
  - More flexible & aggressive optimizations, code motion [Click 1995].
- Limitations
  - **Intraprocedural/local optimization scope!**
  - **First-order languages!**

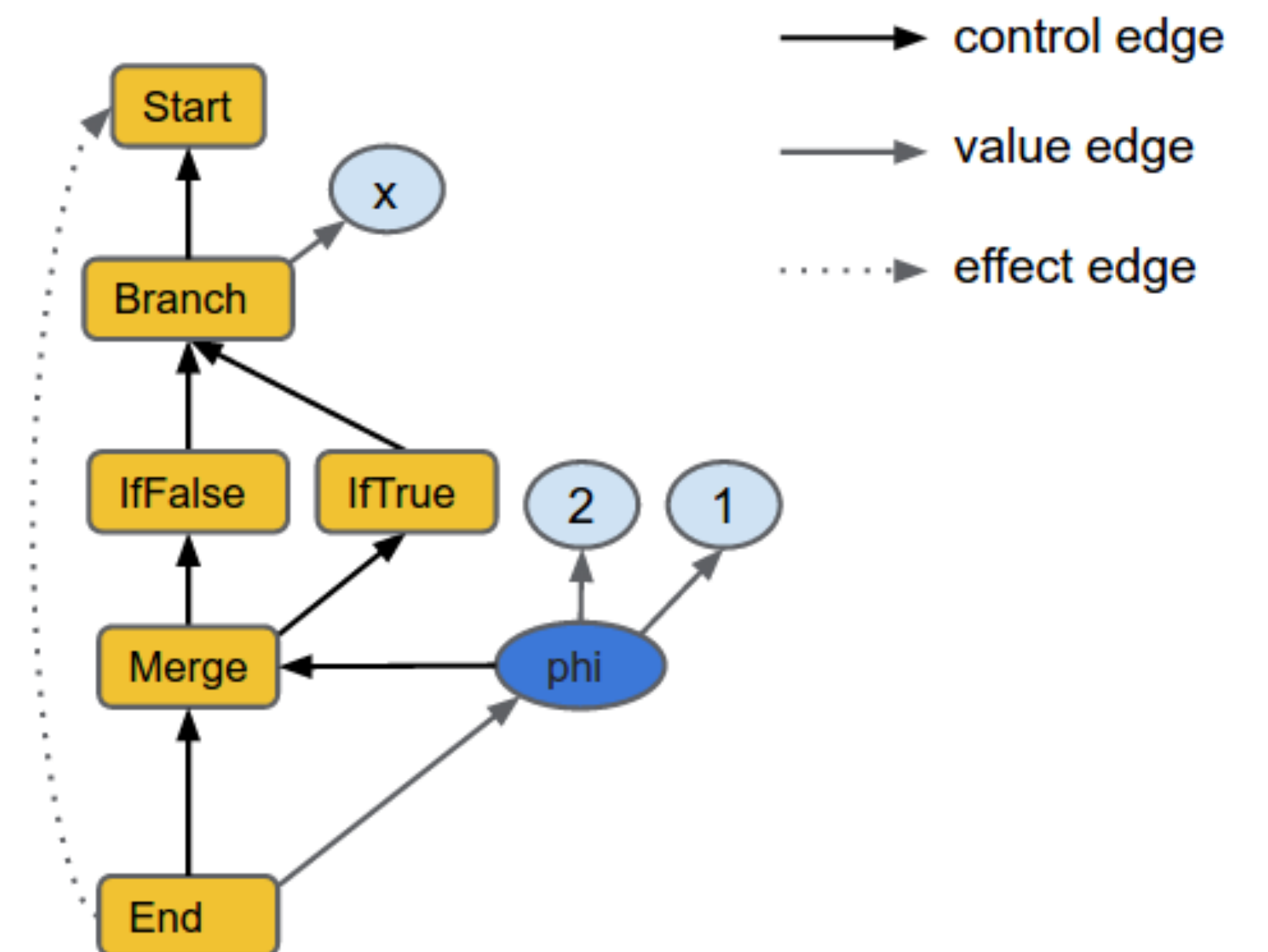


GraalVM™



**Now what?**

```
function (x) { return f(x) ? 1 : 2; }
```



Source: V8 TurboFan <https://v8.dev/blog/turbofan-jit>

# SEA-OF-NODES & GRAPH IRs

## How Could They Support Higher-Order Languages with Effects?

Say, what is the graph for this program?

```
def map(f: Int => Int) = List(1, 2, 3).map(f)
```

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

Imprecise Control Transfers ⚠

```
map(i => c := c+1; !c)
```

```
val d = c
```

Aliasing ⚠

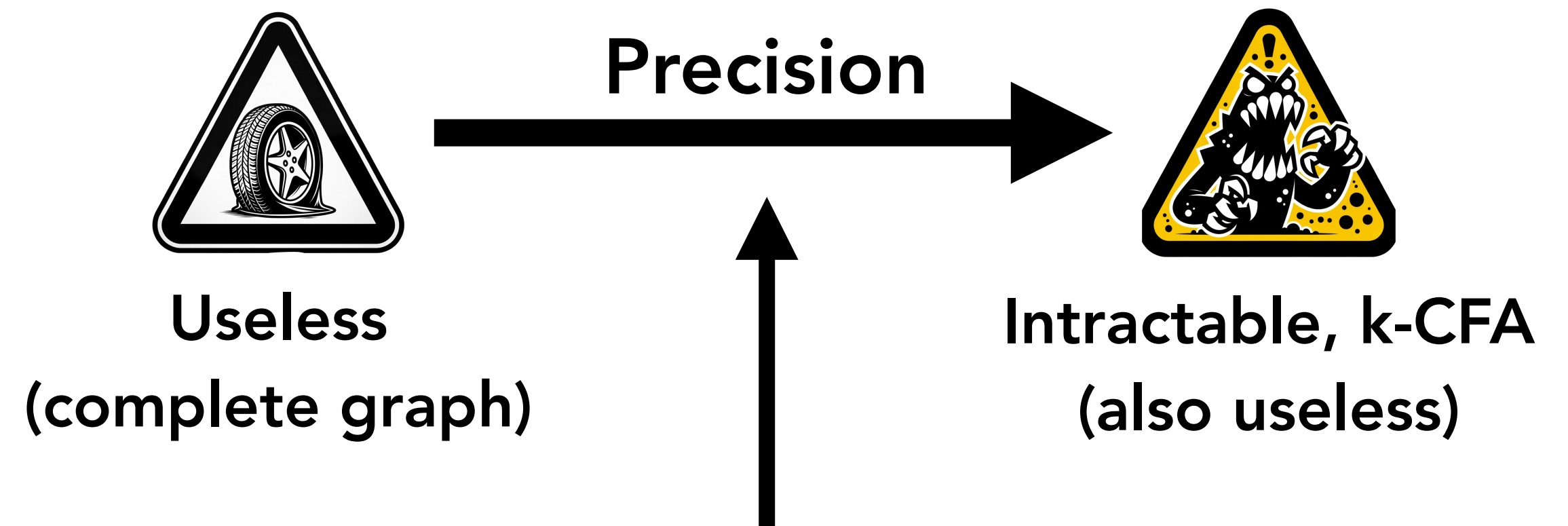
```
val res = !d
```

Effects ⚠

```
map(i => if (i == 0) free(c); i)
```

```
res
```

How do we obtain dependencies?  
Precision vs. Cost



How do we achieve a *reasonable* price-to-performance ratio?

Is this necessarily whole program?

**IMPLEMENTED IN  
SCALA LMS!**



**THIS WORK**

**EFFECTS**

**SEA-OF-NODES IRs**

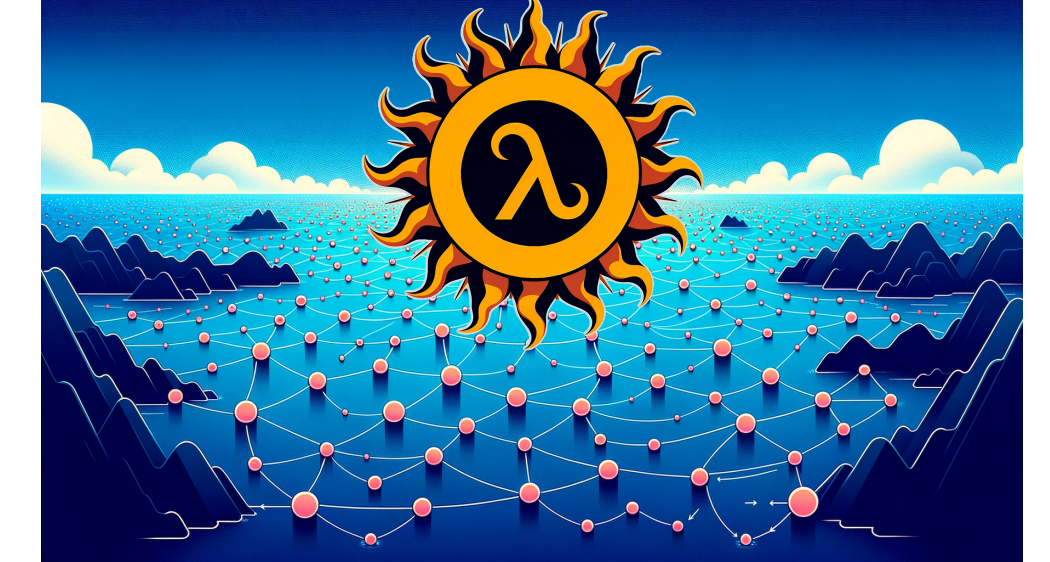
**GLOBAL**

**MODULAR**

**AFFORDABLE**

# APPROACH IN A NUTSHELL

**Problem: *Modular, Affordable, and Precise Dependencies***  
for Higher-Order Programs + Effects



**Solution:**

- **(Path-)Dependent types** carry all relevant information (e.g., **context and capabilities**).
- **Type inference** which is **efficient in practice** replaces expensive flow analyses.
  - **General-purpose languages:** rely on **lightweight user annotations** (no worse than Rust).
  - **DSLs:** types built into language constructs, **no user annotation needed**.
- Naturally inherits the virtues of type systems: **separate compilation**.

**Foundation: *Reachability Types***

Seamless Ownership Types for Higher-Order Programs + Effects  
(OOPSLA'21, Conditionally accepted at POPL'24)



# REACHABILITY TYPES



OOPSLA'21, Successor Conditionally Accepted at POPL'24

`val c1 : Ref[Int]{c1}` ← Reachability sets track

`val c2 : Ref[Int]{c2}` ← aliasing\*

`val c3 : Ref[Int]{c1,c3} = c1`

addRef's implementation  
**must not share aliasing**

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

addRef's implementation  
**reaches/closes over** c1.

`def addRef(x : Ref[Int] $\phi$ ) =`  
`c1 := !c1 + !x; c1`

`// ((x: Ref[Int] $\phi$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Ref[Int]{c1} {c1,x}){c1}`

**Dependent effect!**

`addRef(c2) // ok: separate`

`// ((x: Ref[Int] $\phi$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Ref[Int]{c1} w:{c1} r:{c1,x}){c1}`

`addRef(c1) // error: overlap`

**Refinement: reads and writes**

`addRef(c3) // error: overlap`

\*it is actually a stronger relation! We do not need full alias analysis

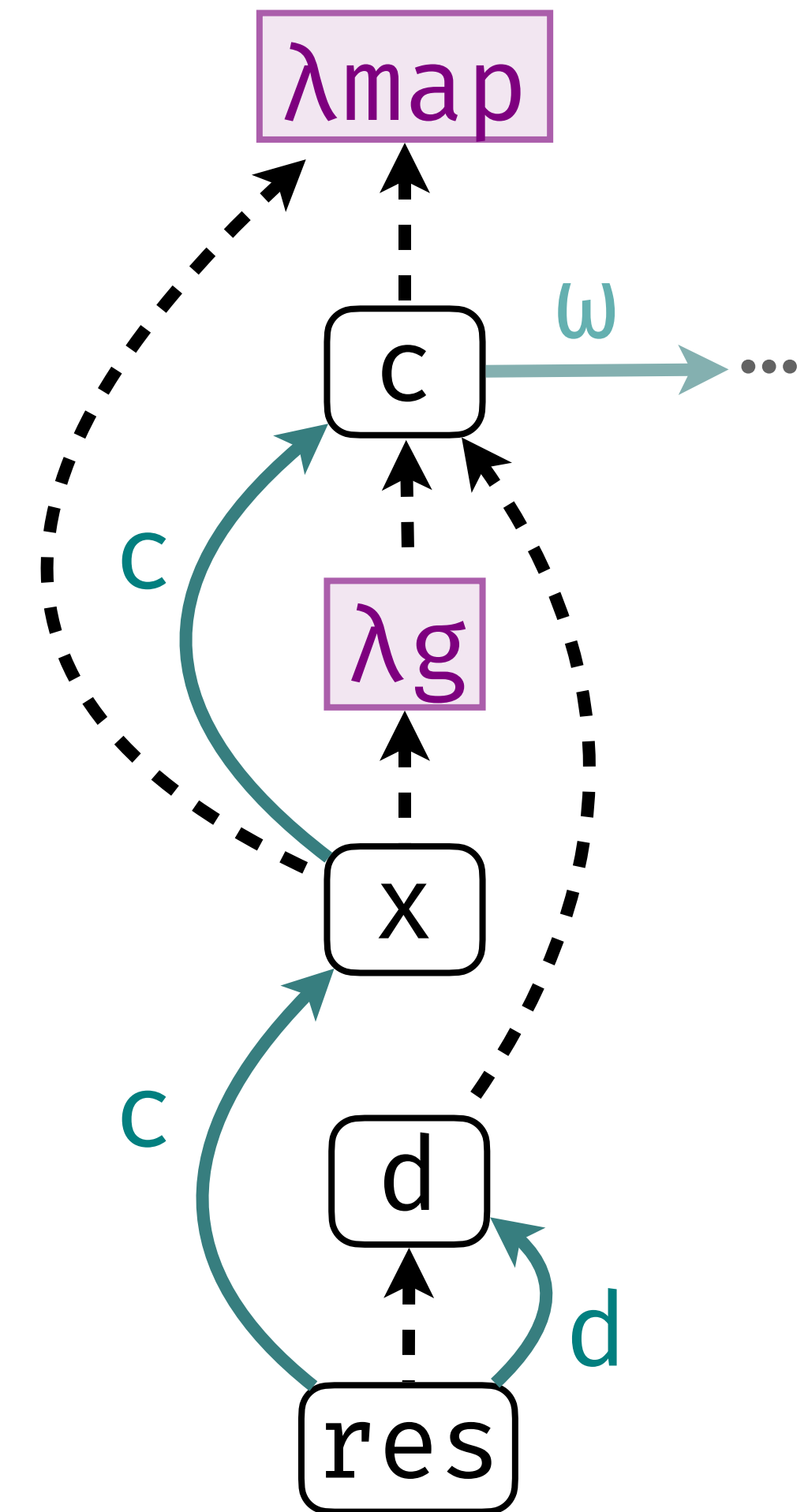
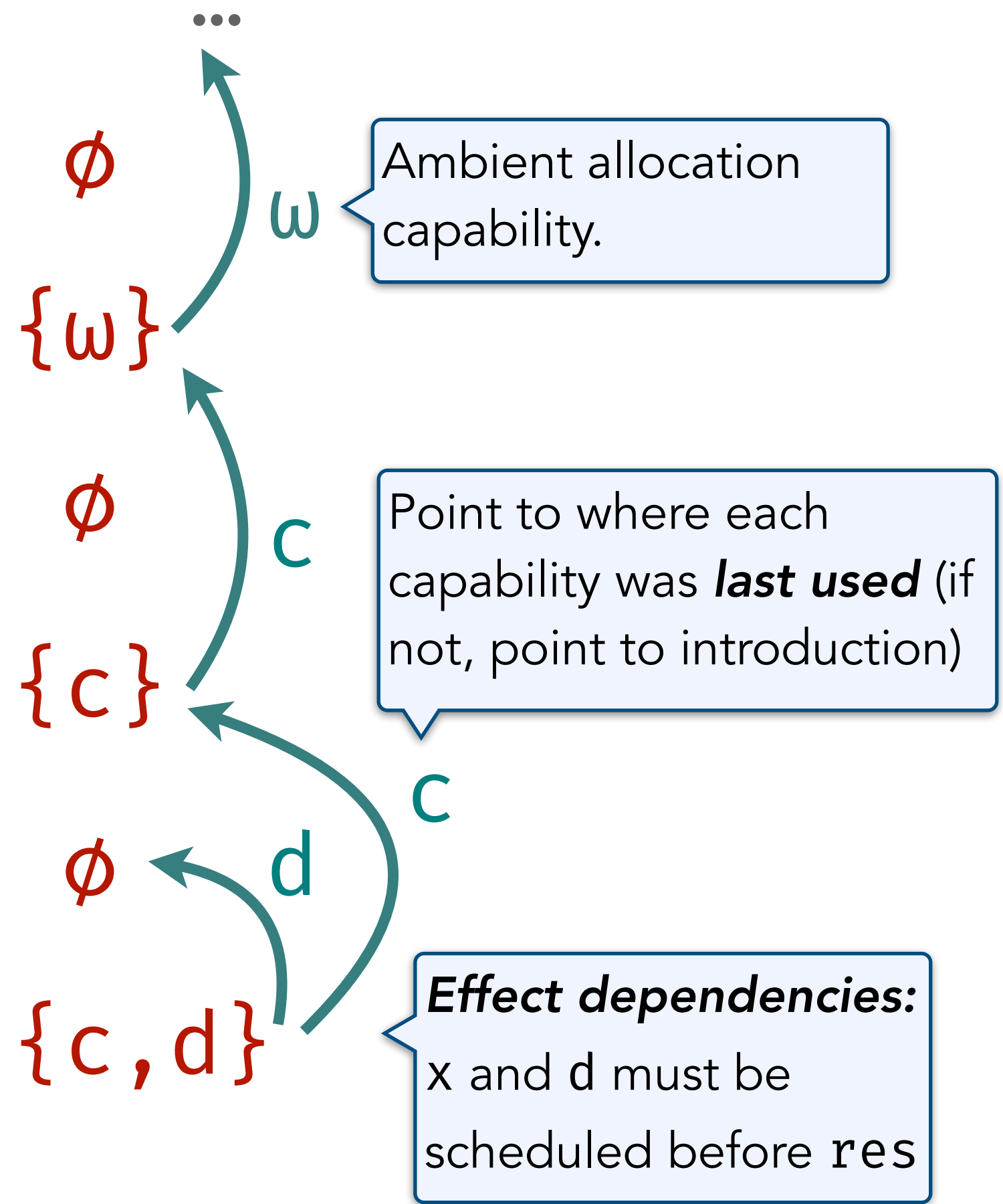
# TYPES AND EFFECTS → GRAPHS

ANF Informs **Nodes** and **Data Edges**, **Effects** Inform **Control Edges**

```

def map(f) = ...
val c = new Ref(0)
def g(i) = c := c+1; !c
val x = map(g)
val d = c
val res = !d
    
```

**Data dependencies:**  
free variables to binders





# LEXICAL STRUCTURE

## Lambda, the Ultimate Graph IR!

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

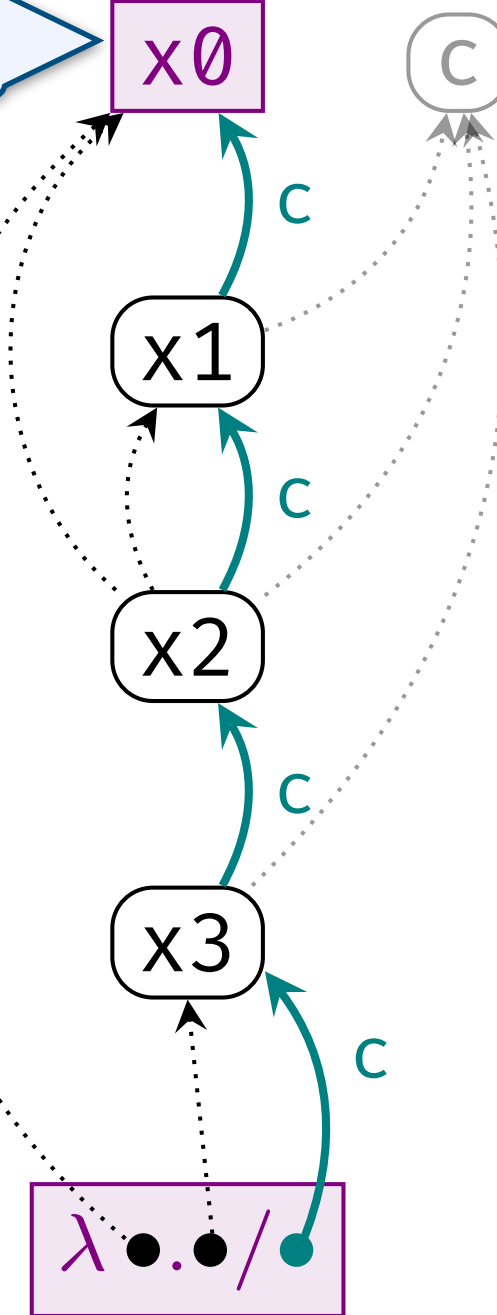
```
def inc(x0: Int) = {
  val x1 = !c
  val x2 = c := x1 + x0
  val x3 = !c
  x3
}
```

**Block-start variable:**

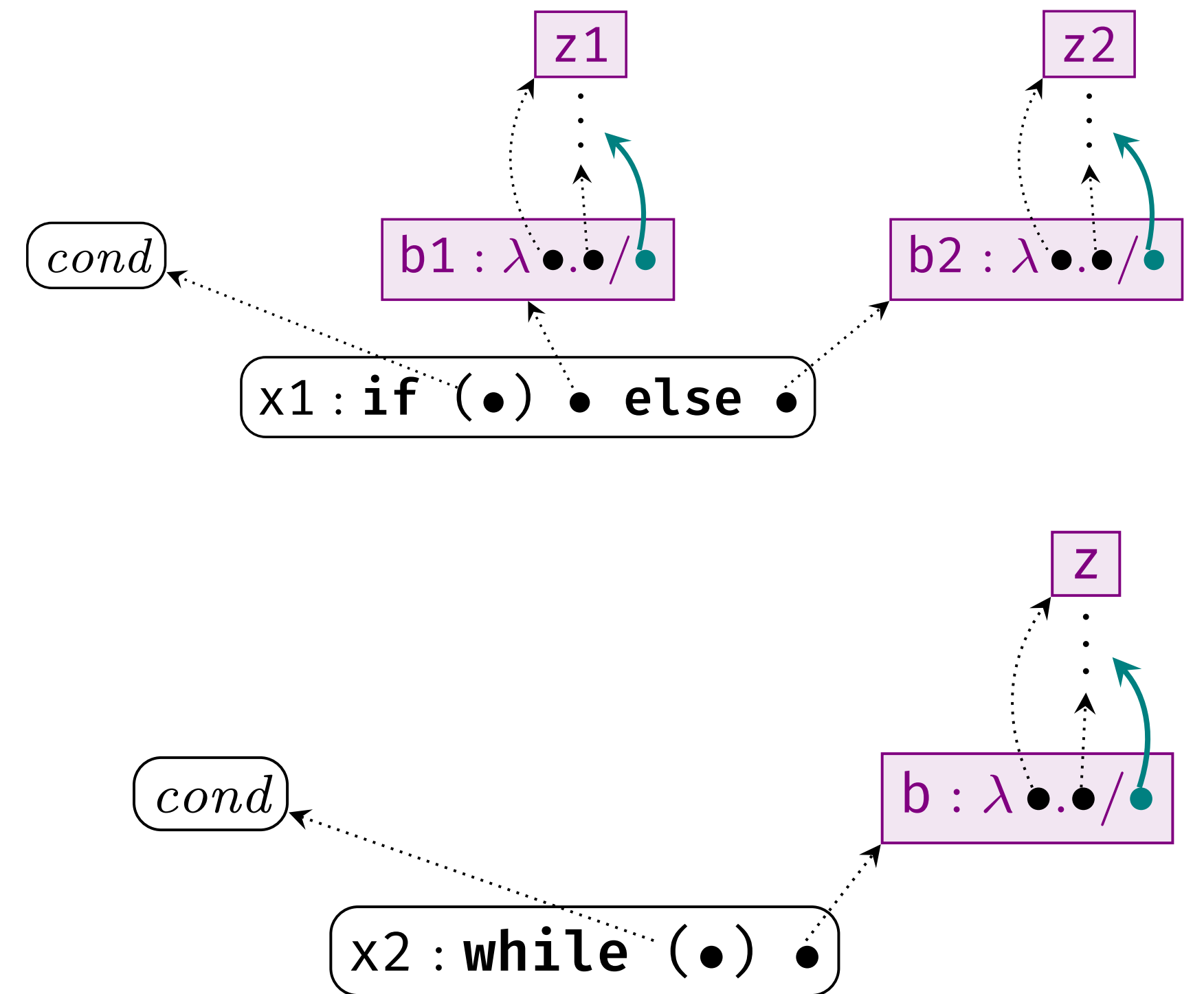
- Argument placeholder
- Control-flow predecessor placeholder

**Lambda node:**

- Block-start variable
- (+Self-variable if recursive)
- Return node
- Effect summary (for control-flow successors)



### Control Structures from Lambda Blocks:



# ANTI DEPENDENCE

From Read vs. Write Distinction

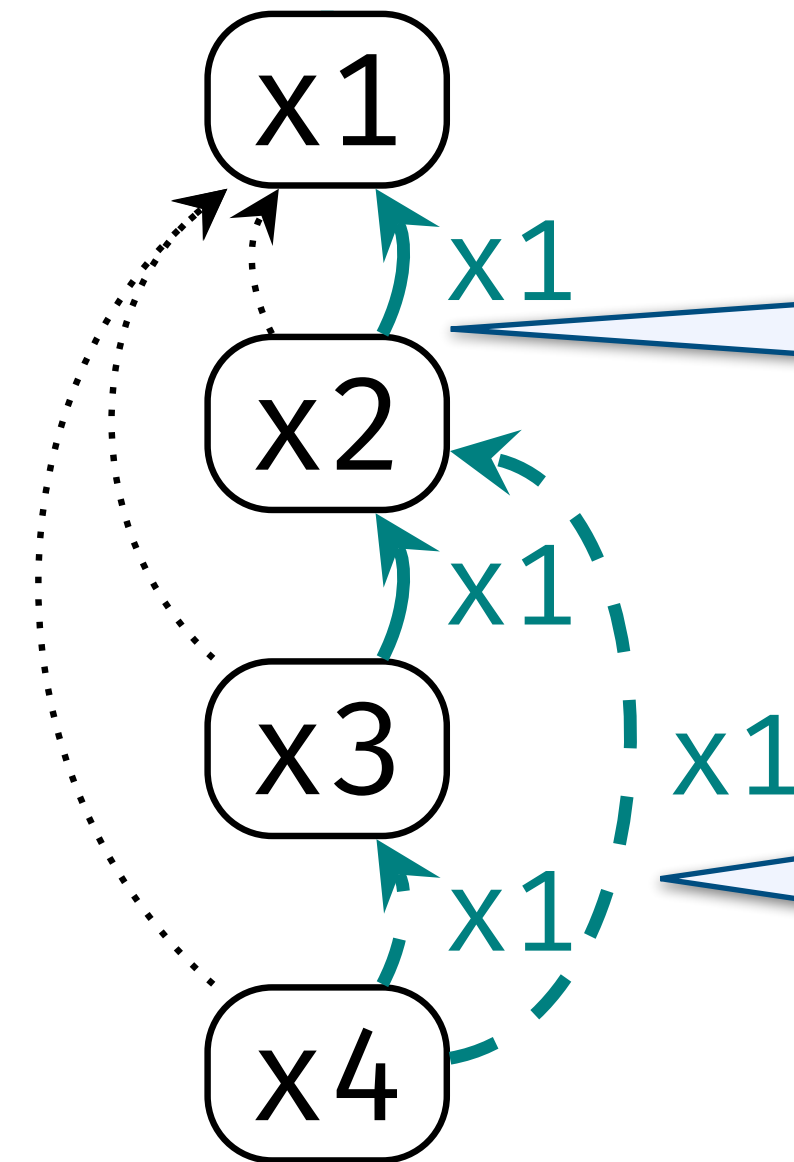
```
val x1 = new Ref(0)
```

```
val x2 = x1 := 21
```

```
val x3 = !x1
```

```
val x4 = x1 := 42
```

Needed?

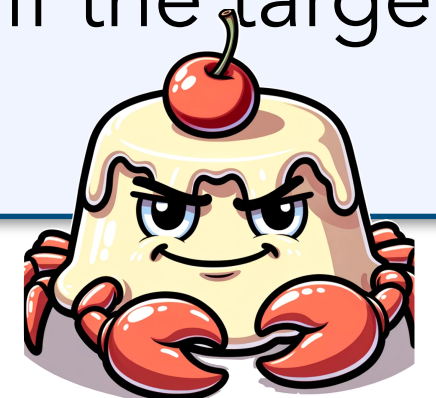


**Hard dependency:** strict adherence (as before).

If the current node is scheduled, then the target must have been scheduled beforehand.

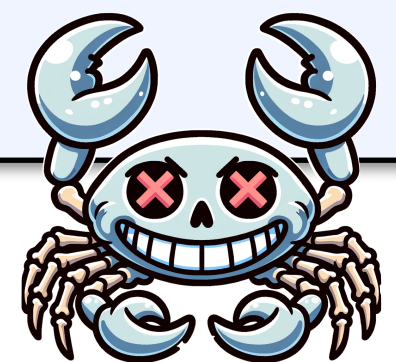


**Soft dependency:** current node may be scheduled even if the target isn't.

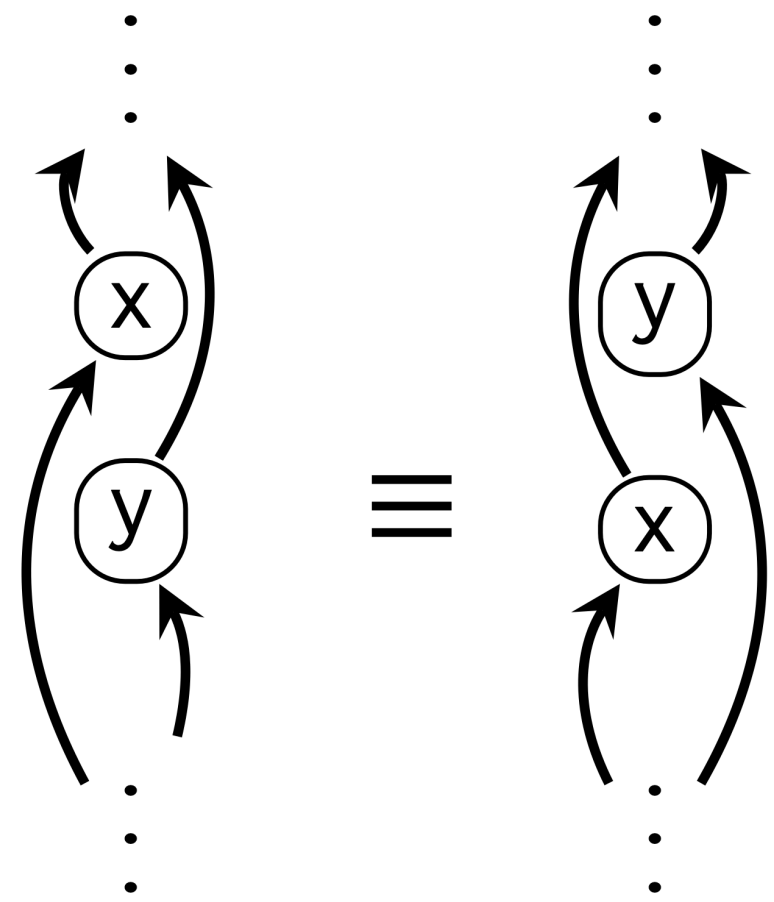


**More Effect Goodness in the Paper!**

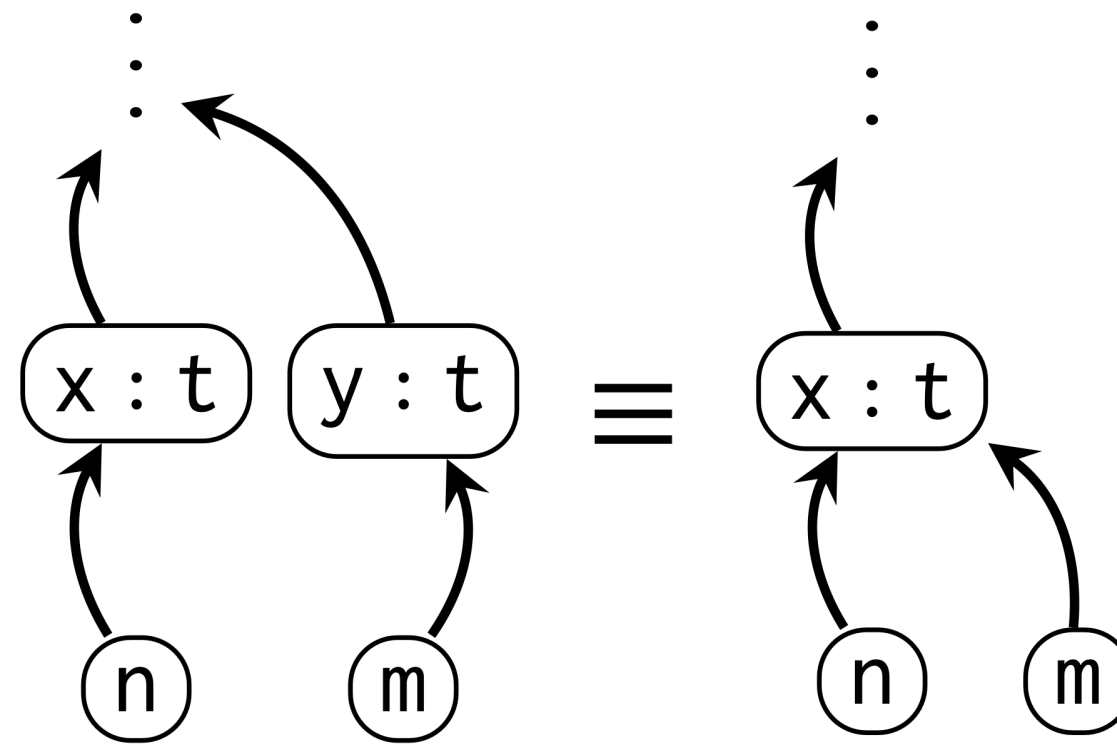
Destructive "**kill**" effects model type state and uniqueness (but add no new edges).



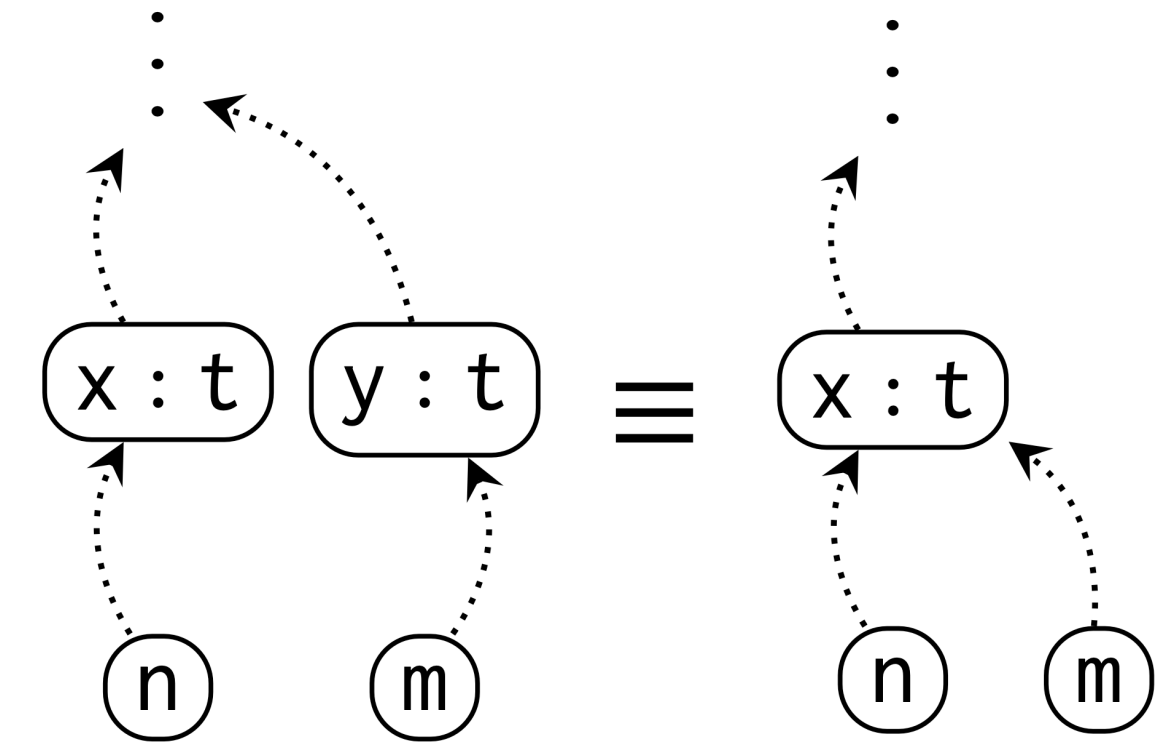
# GRAPH-LEVEL OPTIMIZATIONS



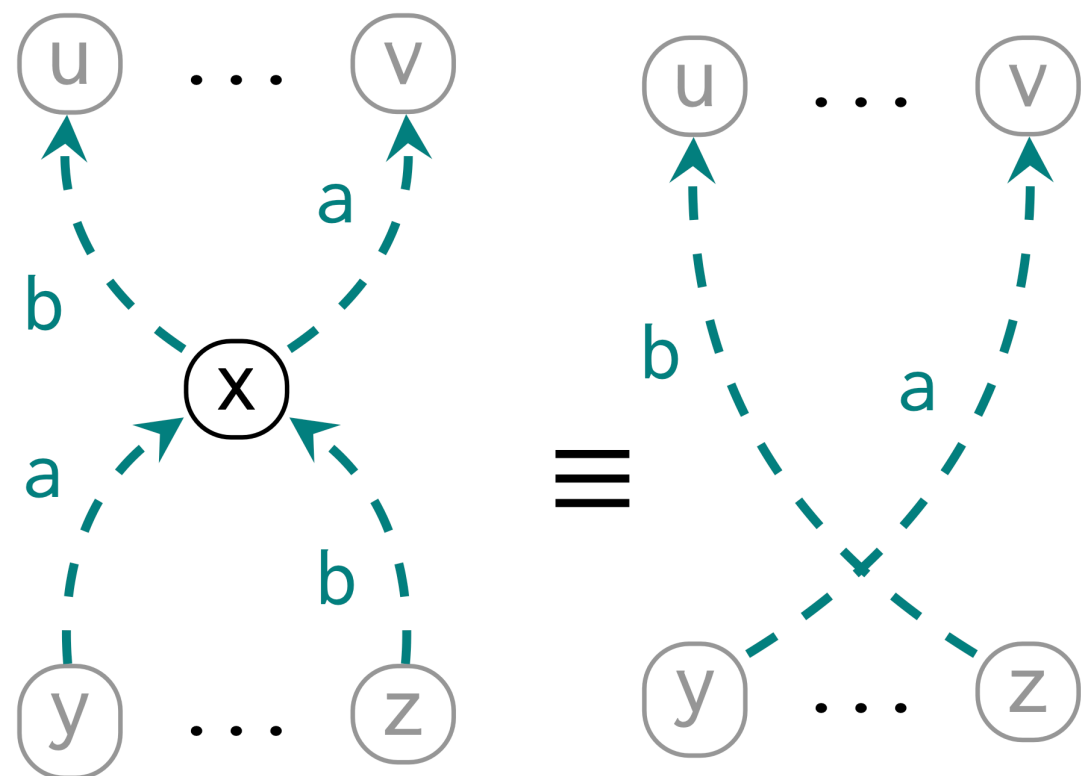
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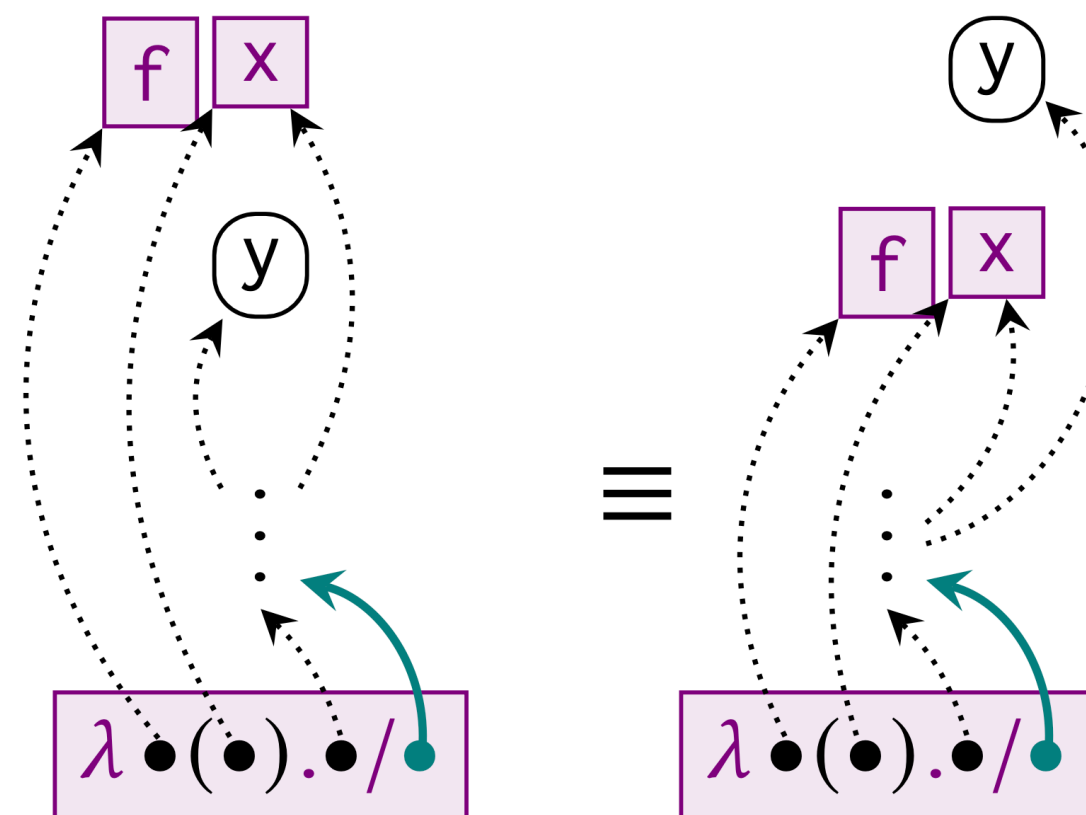
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CSE



DCE



LAMBDA-HOIST



# FUNCTION CALLS & INLINING

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```

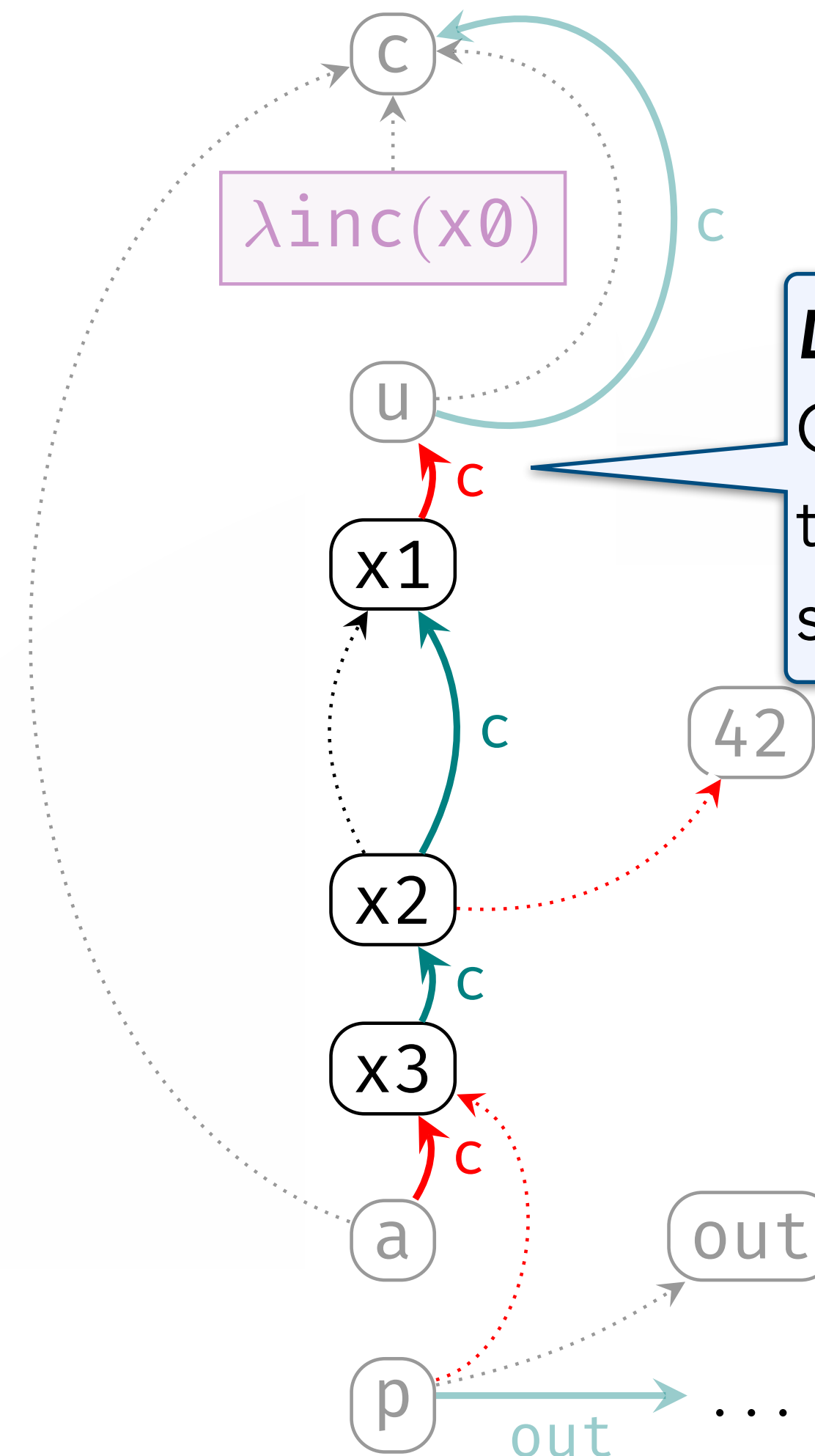
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def inc(x0: Int) = {  
  val x1 = !c  
  val x2 = c := x1 + x0  
  val x3 = !c  
  x3  
}
```

```
val u = c := 21
```

```
val x1 = !c  
val x2 = c := x1 + 42  
val x3 = !c
```

```
val a = c := 0
```

```
val p = println(out, r)
```



**Dependency Rewiring**  
Graph-level analogue of term- and type-level substitution.

# FORMAL METATHEORY

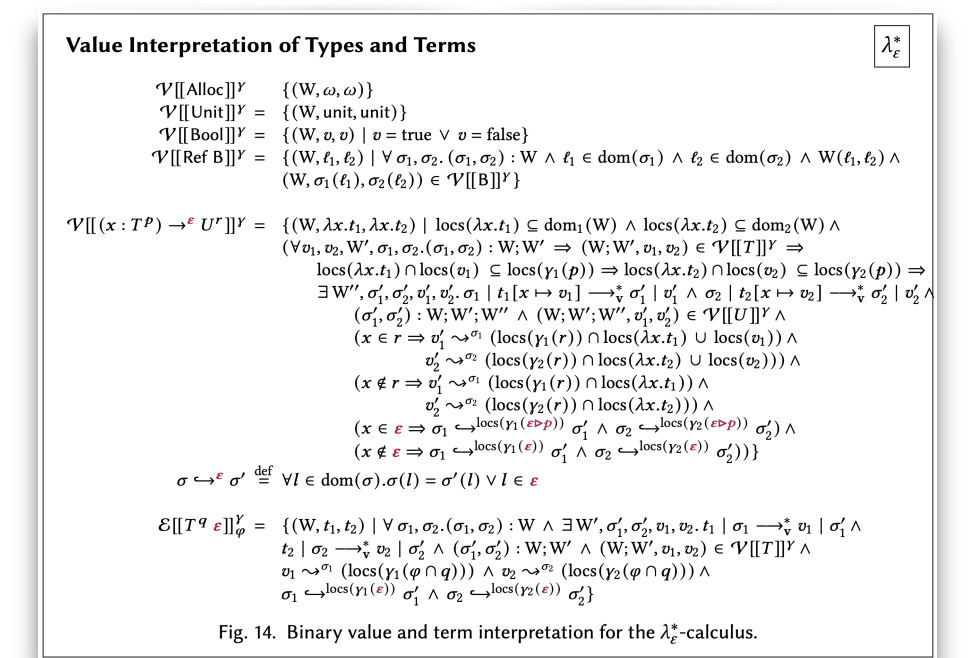
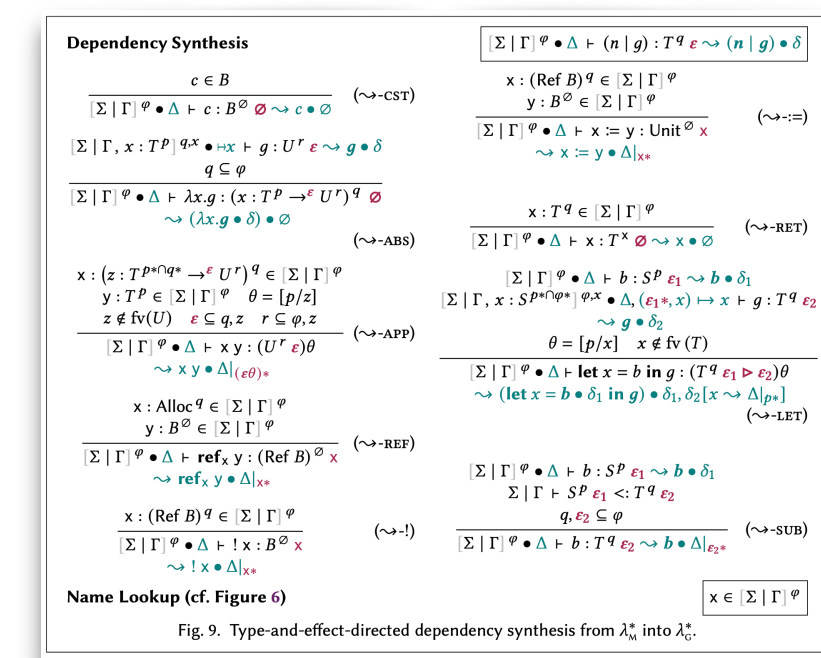
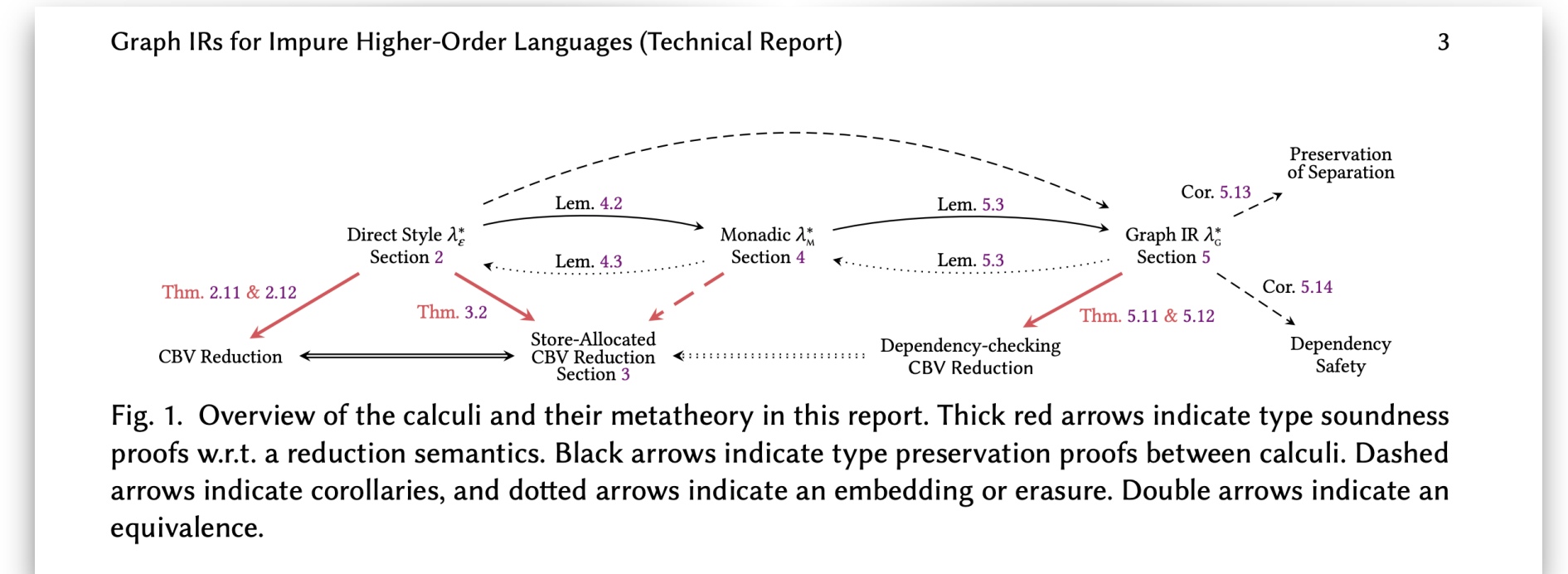
## Proved Properties of the Core Graph IR:

- **End-to-end type-preserving translation** from direct style lambda calculus with reachability types to graph terms.
- **Type-and-Dependency safety**
  - Dependencies of well-typed graph terms respect the program's control flow.
- **Soundness of equational graph-term transformations**, including  $\beta$ -equality.
  - Justifies that our ANF terms are really graphs.
  - Proof by contextual equivalence using logical relations.

Our results have **strong formal backing**, based on the fully mechanized reachability types metatheory in Coq:



<https://github.com/tiarkRompf/reachability>



For full details:  
Check out our **60-page companion paper!**

<http://arxiv.org/abs/2309.08118>

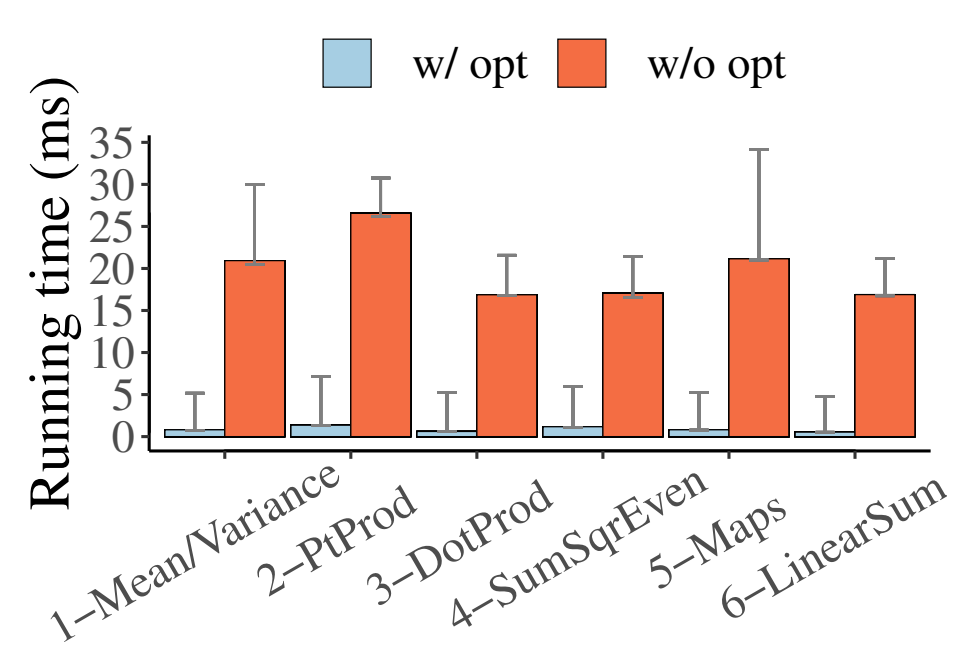
# EVALUATION

## Case Studies in Scala LMS + Graph IR

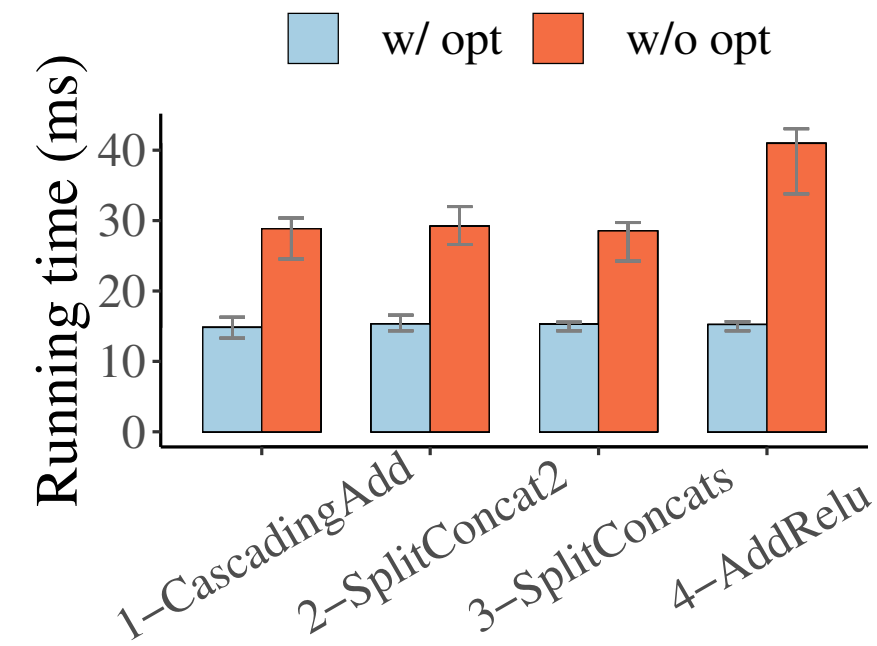


### Tensor Fusion CPU/GPU

[Wang et al. Big Data'19, ICFP'19]



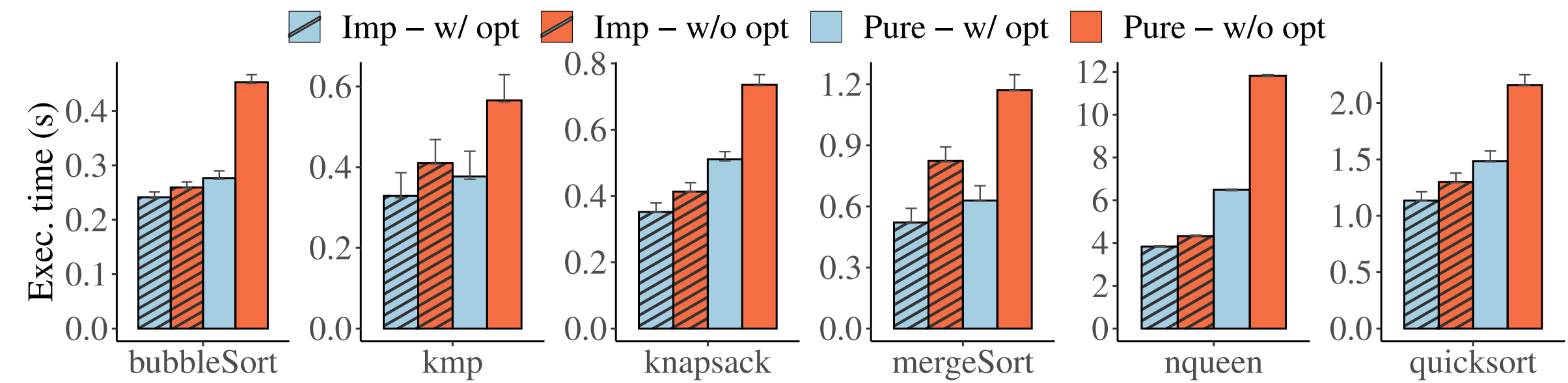
Tensor Loop Fusion - max. 21x



CUDA Kernel Fusion - max. 2x

### Symbolic-Execution Compiler

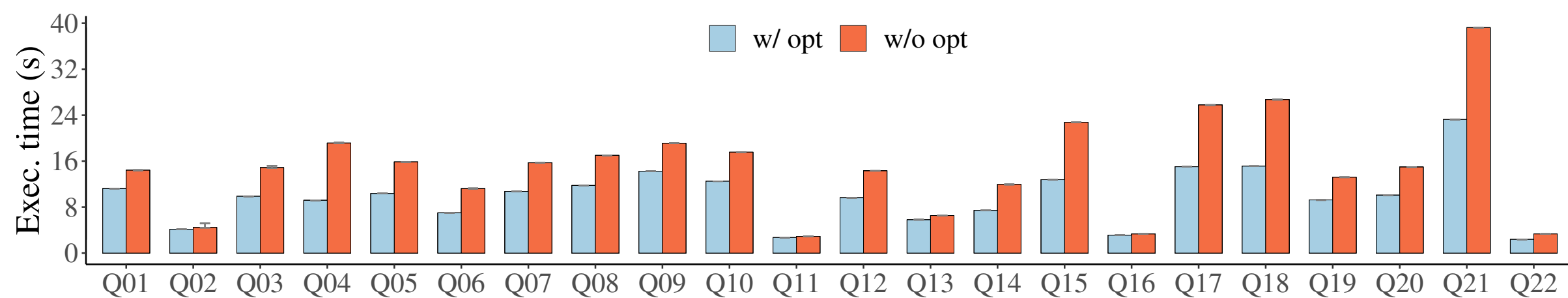
[Wei et al. OOPSLA'20, FSE'21, ICSE'23]



Imperative reimplementation - max. 3.1x

### SQL-Query Compiler

[Essertel et al. OSDI'18; Rompf and Amin ICFP'15; Tahboub et al. SIGMOD'18]

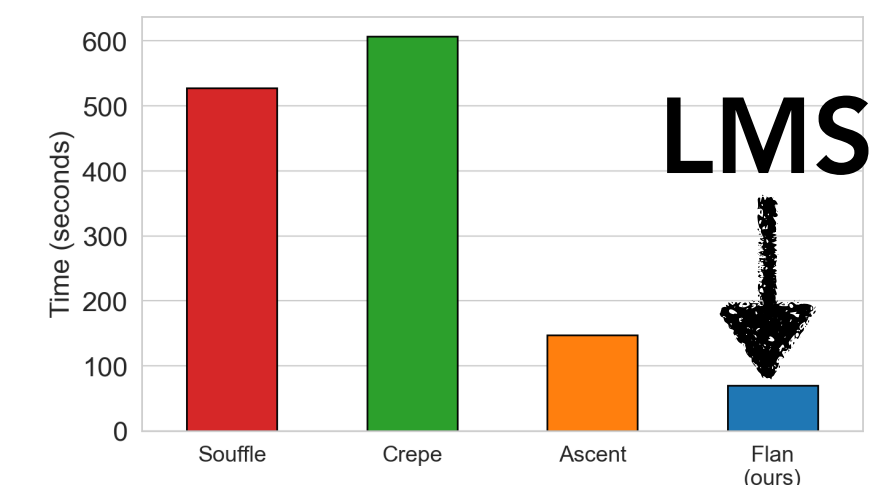


TPC-H Benchmark - max. 1.8x

### Datalog Compiler



[Abeyasinghe et al., conditionally accepted at POPL'24]



E.g., Points-to Analysis (7.1x faster than Souffle) & more real-world stuff

# SUMMARY & CONTRIBUTIONS

## Finally, a Graph IR for Lambda and Effects!

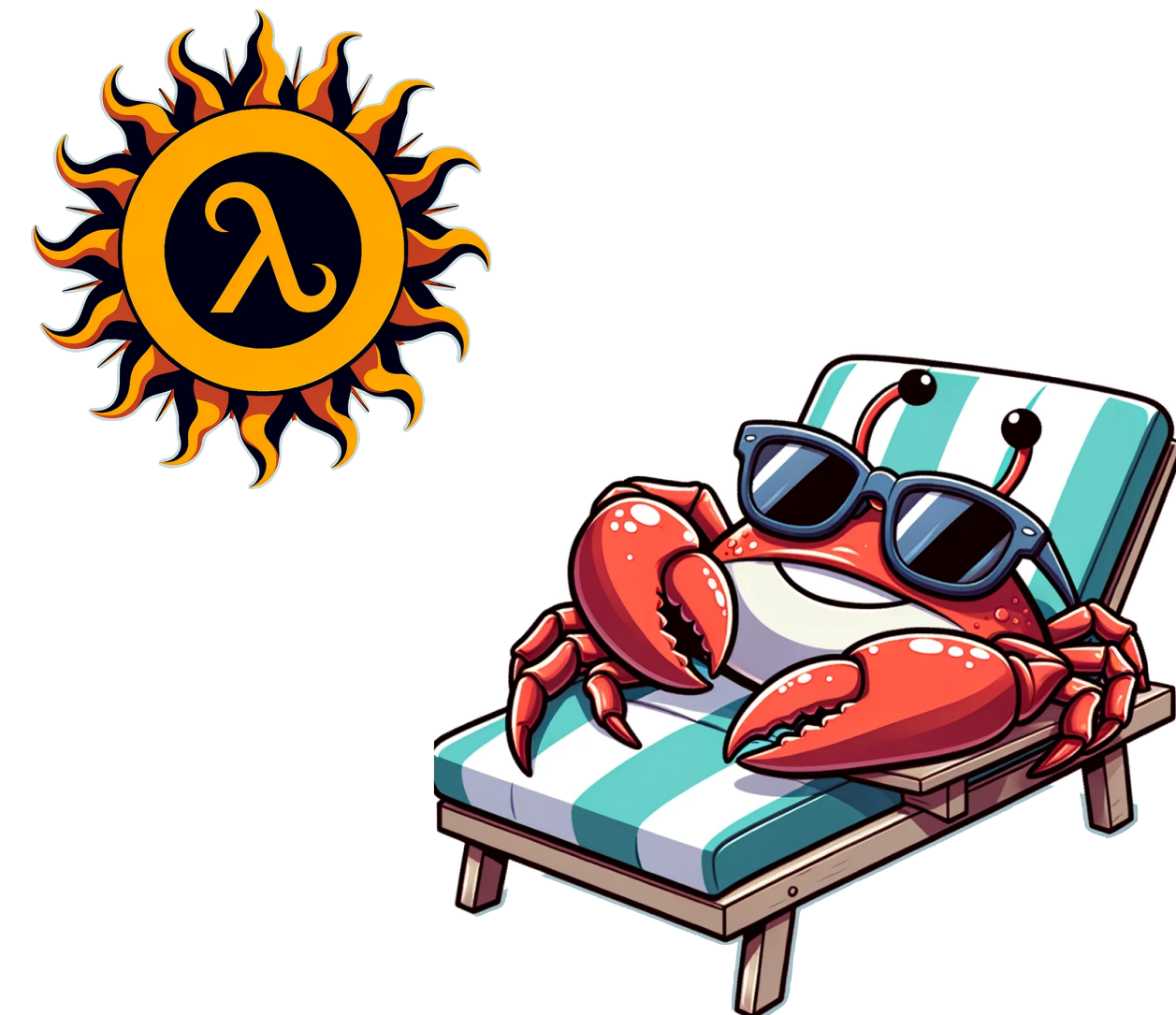
- We unlock **aggressive, affordable, and global optimizations** for impure functional languages.
- **Ownership types, dependent types, and type inference** yield good dependencies!
- **Seamless code motion from lambdas in the graph!**
- Correctness backed by **strong formal metatheory**. Full details at <http://arxiv.org/abs/2309.08118>

## More Goodness in the Paper:

- **From graphs back to trees:** Code generation and code motion. Basic algorithm + dead code elimination + frequency estimation. Full details at <http://arxiv.org/abs/2309.08118>
- **Higher-order program optimization:** Restricted cases out of the box for lambda lifting and super-beta inlining. Need flow analyses for the full deal.

## Artifacts:

- Scala LMS with Effect Dependencies  
<https://github.com/tiarkRompf/lms-clean>
- Mechanized metatheory of the reachability types universe + mini LMS/Graph IR prototype  
<https://github.com/tiarkRompf/reachability>



Thanks, and enjoy Cascais!