

A Formally Verified Compiler for Lustre

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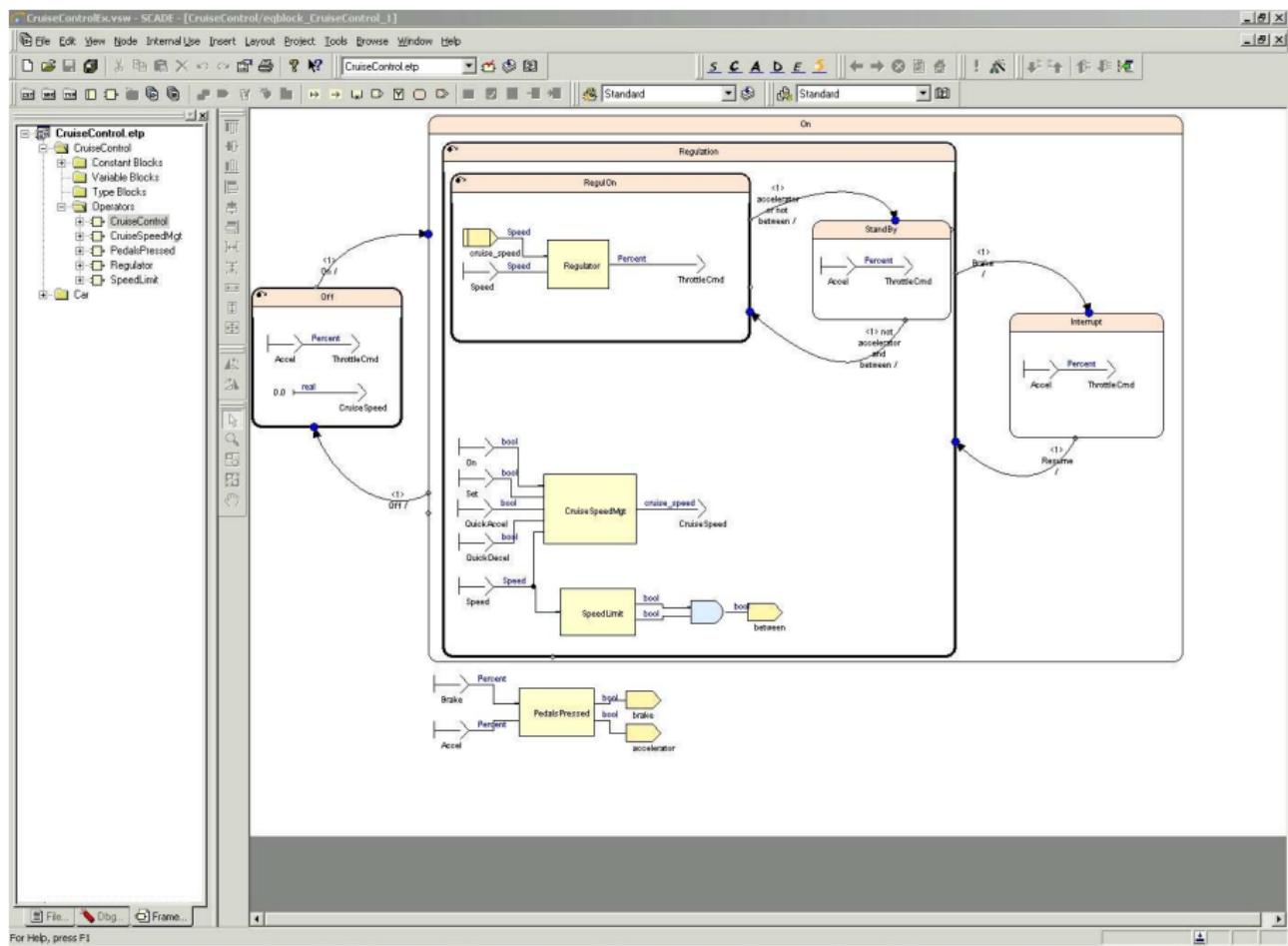
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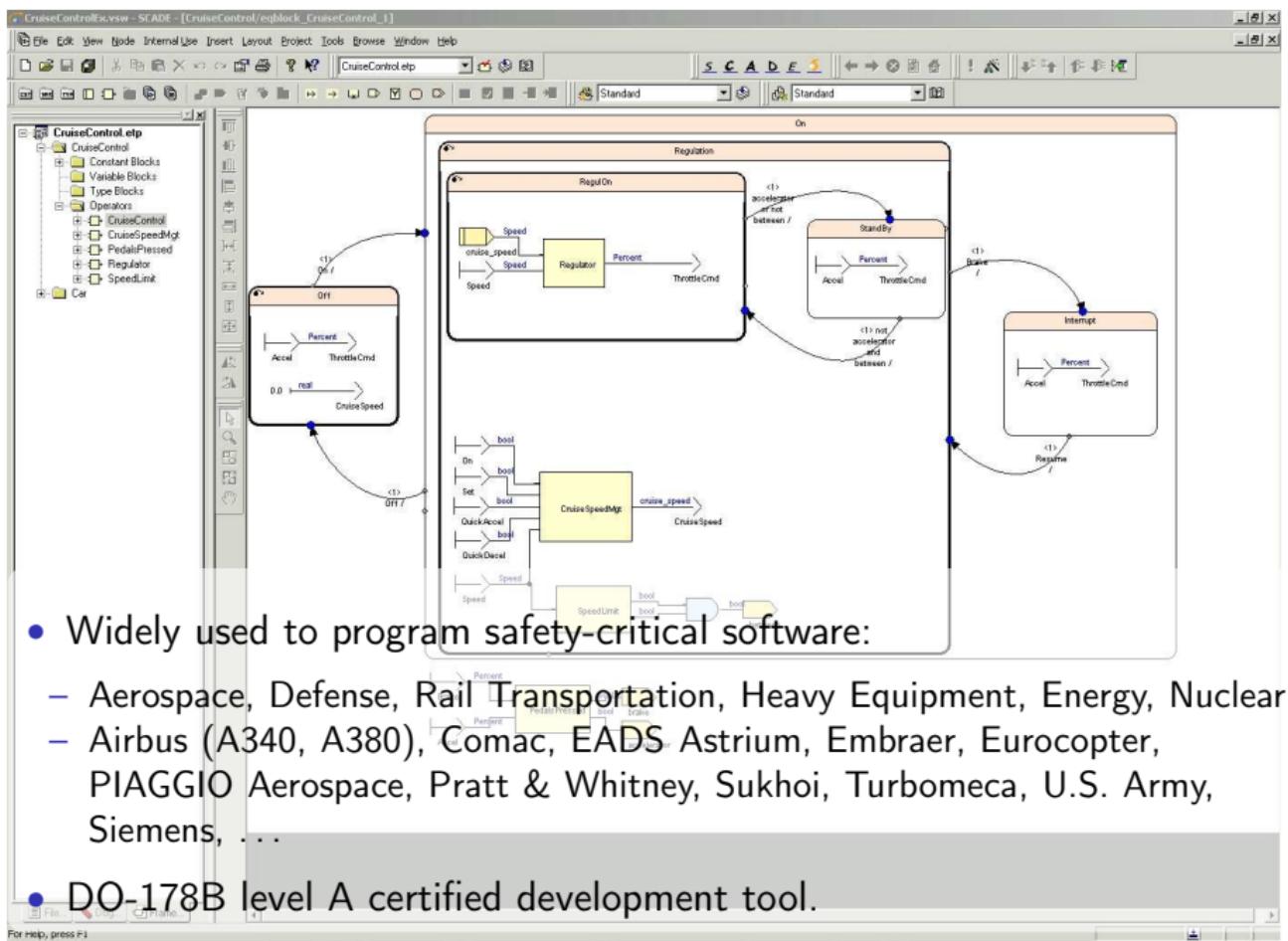
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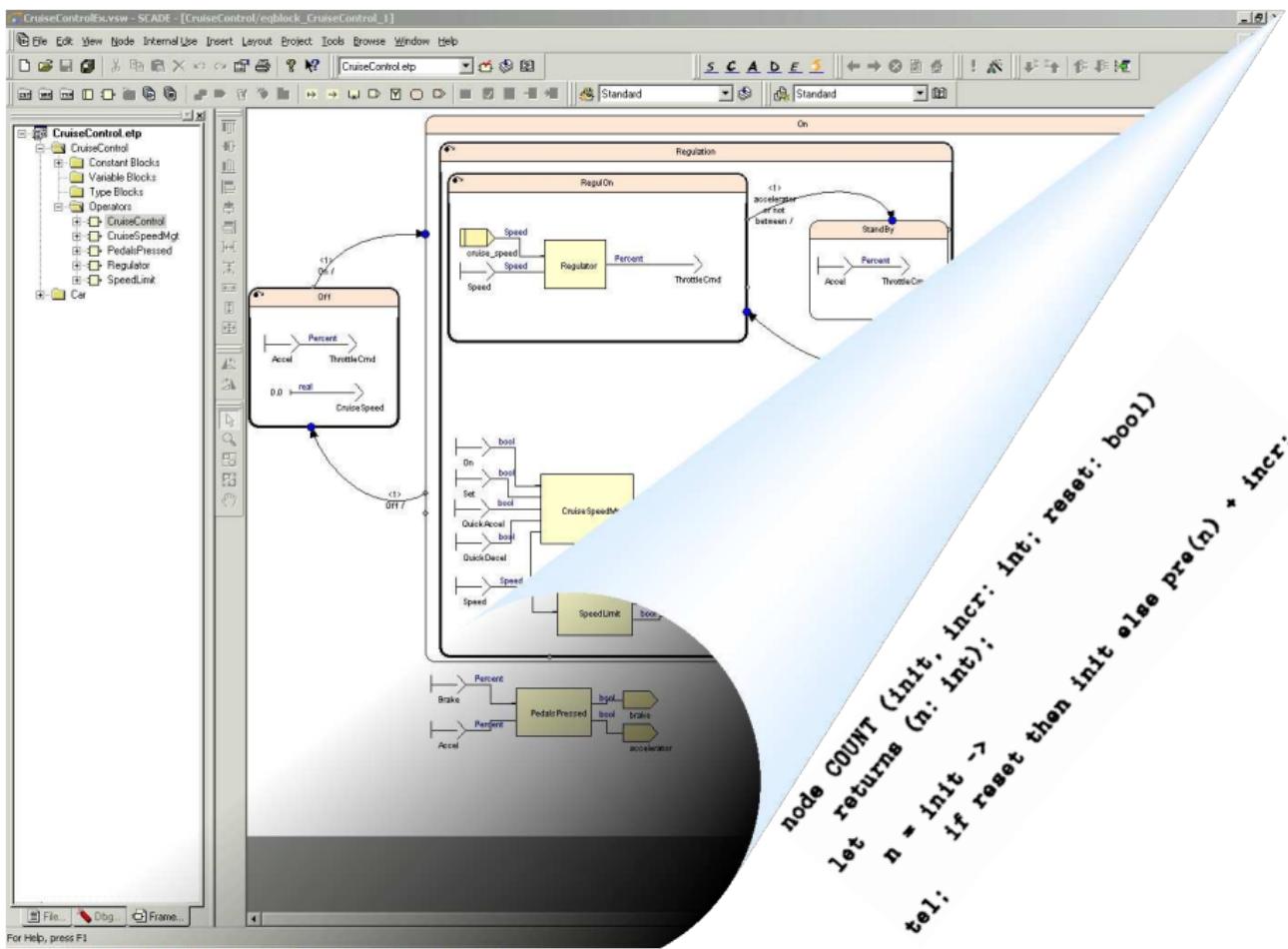
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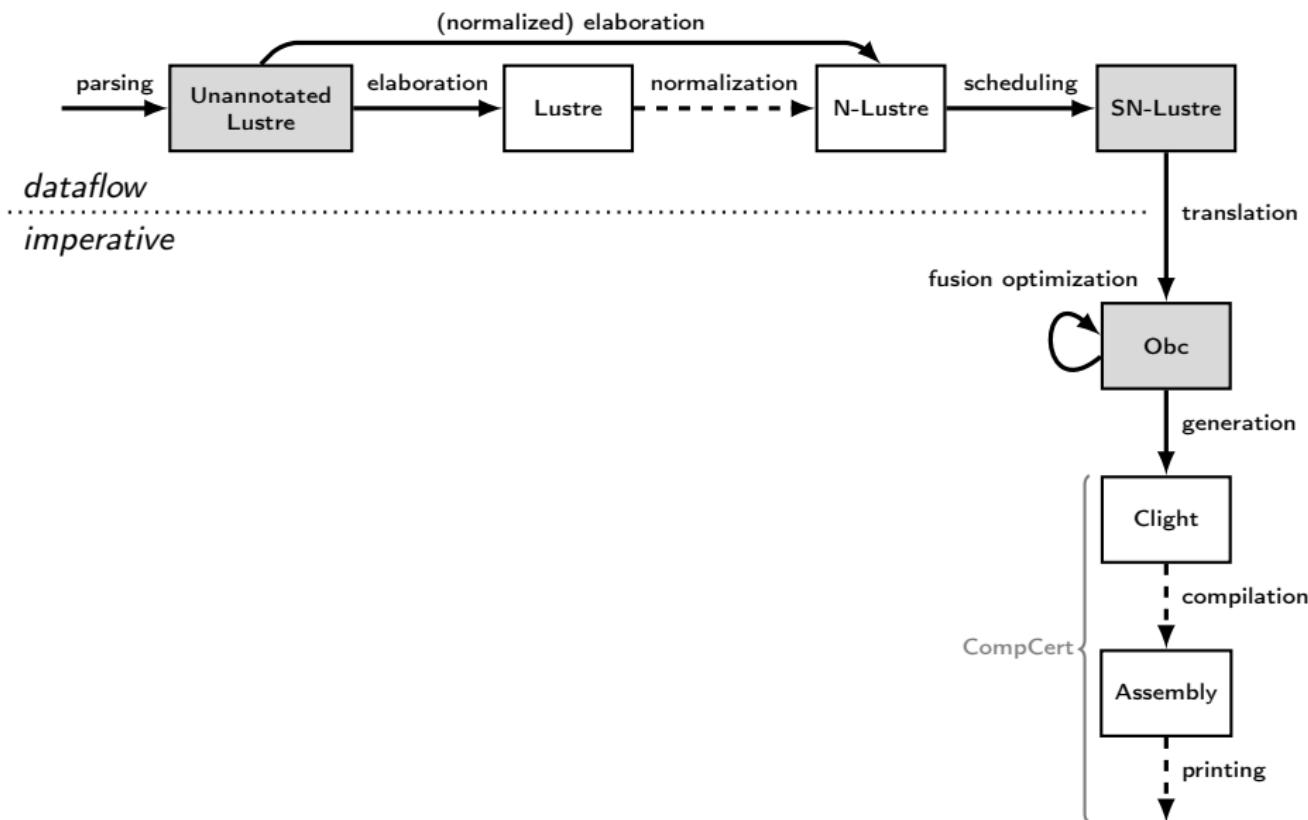
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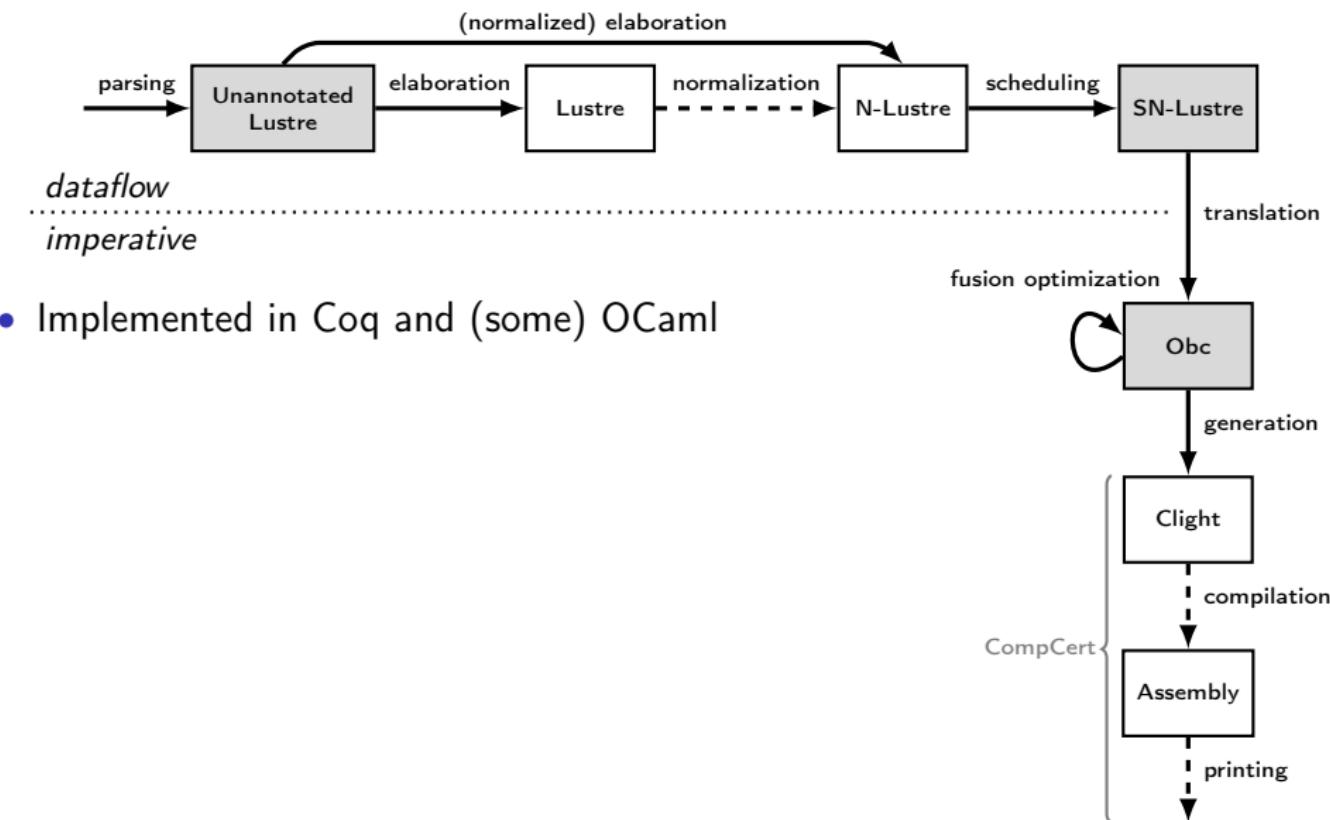
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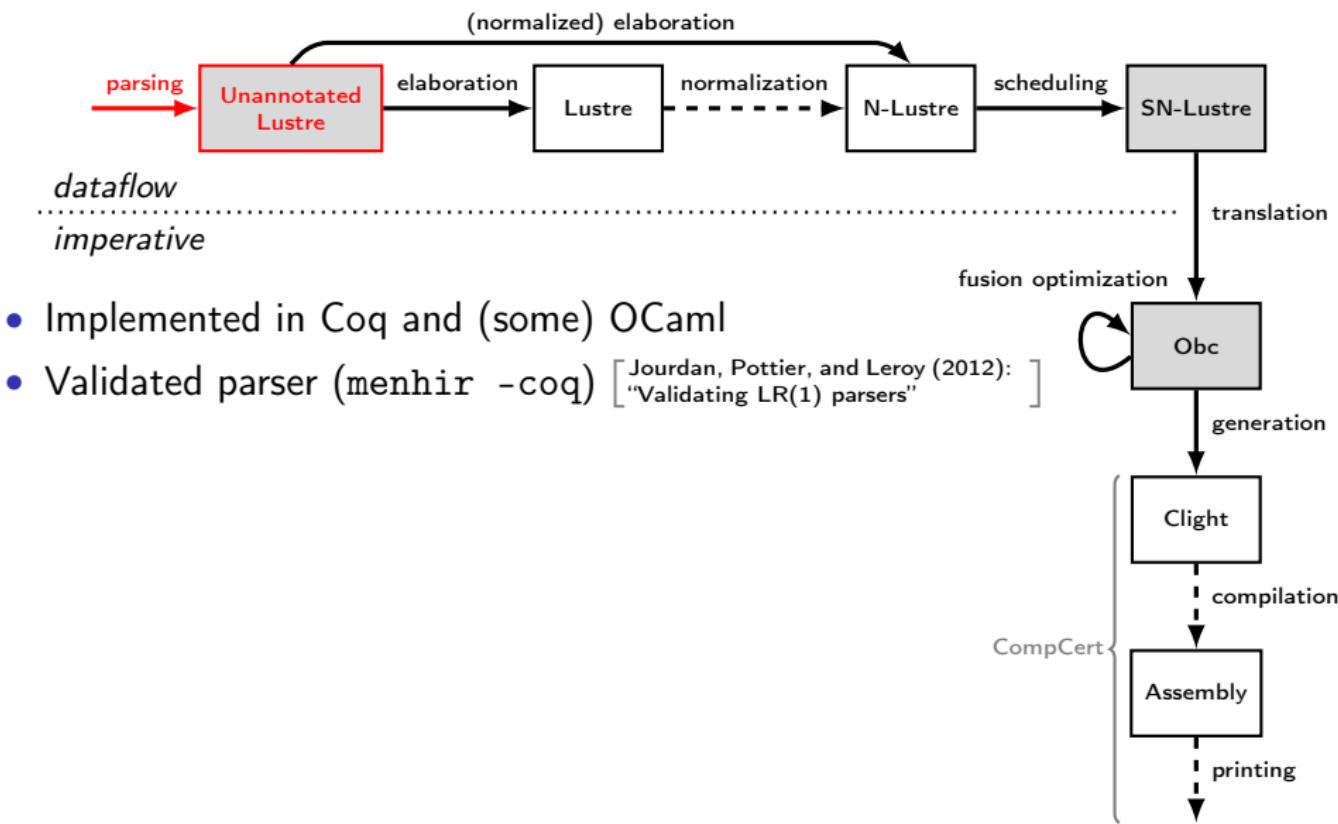


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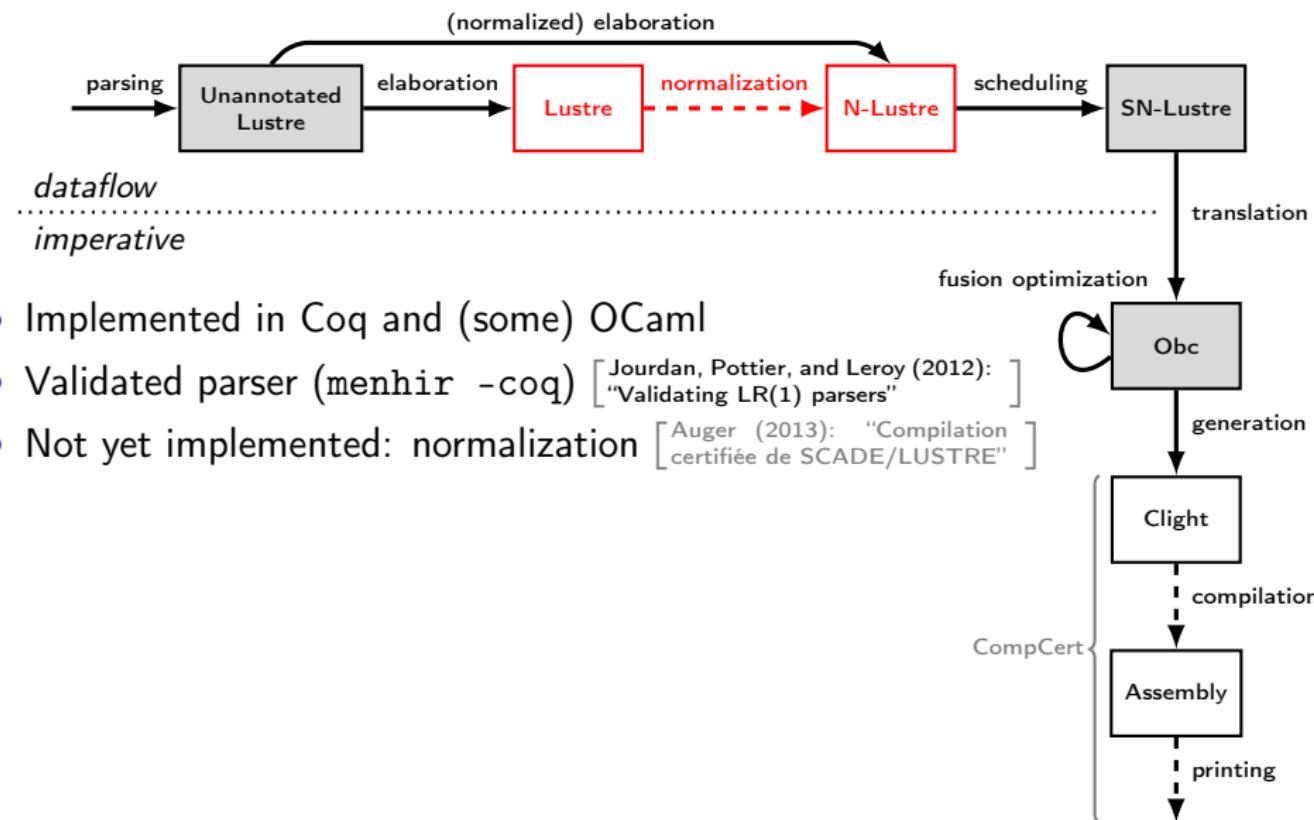


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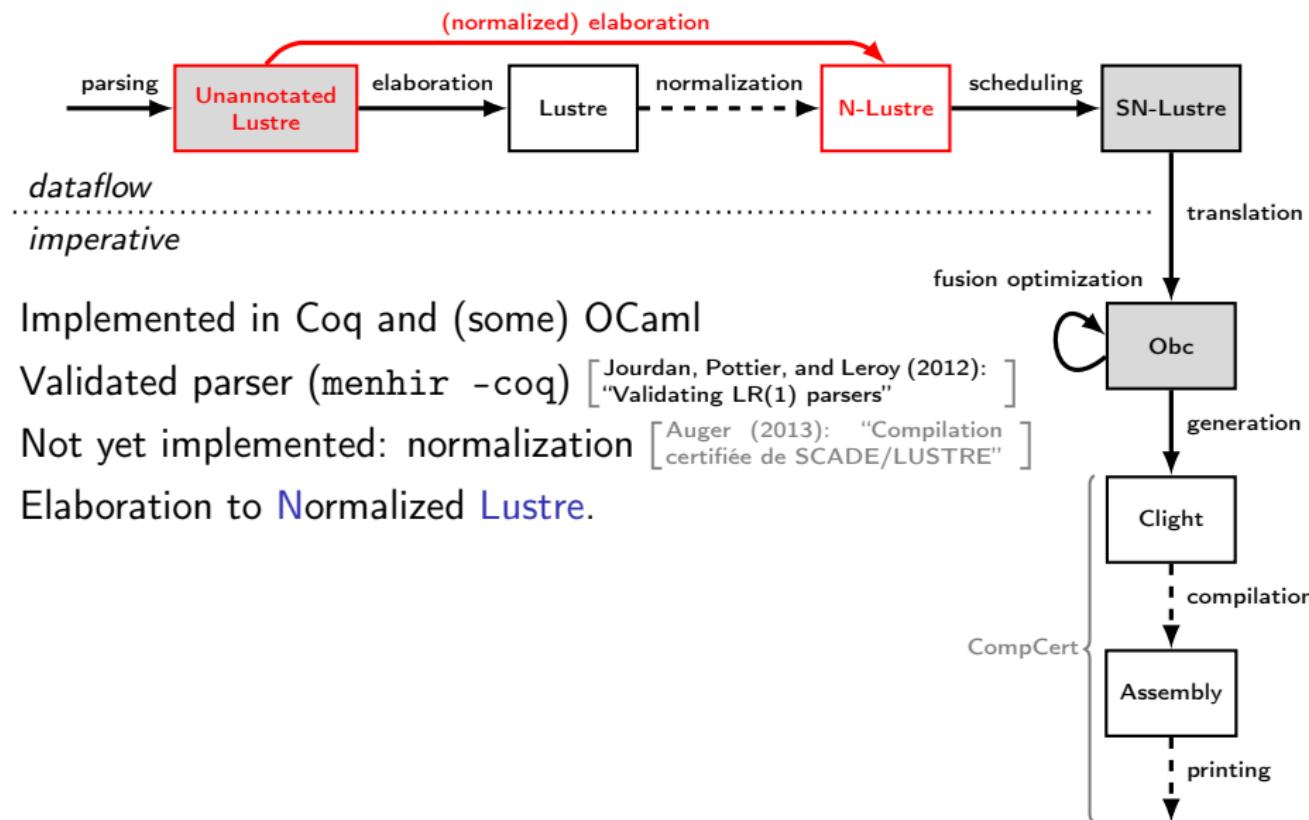


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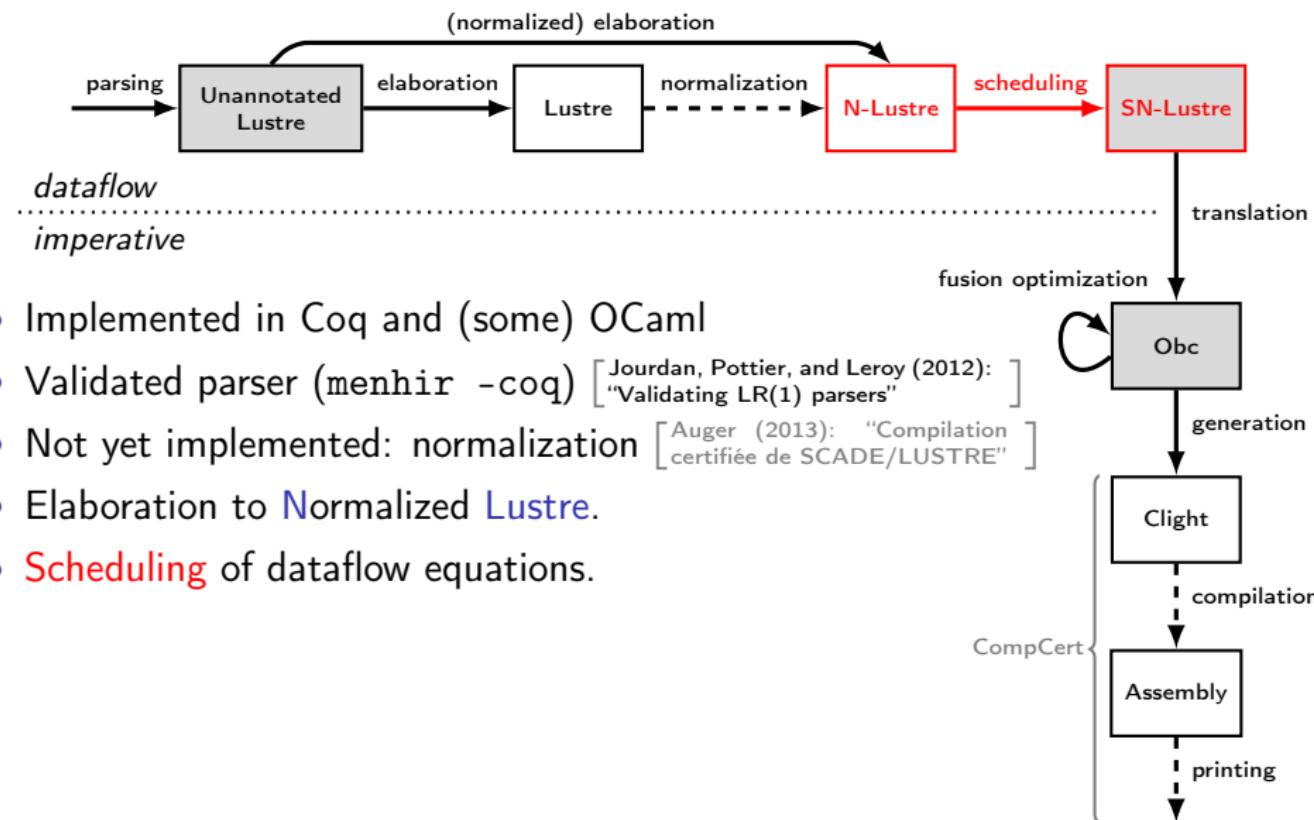
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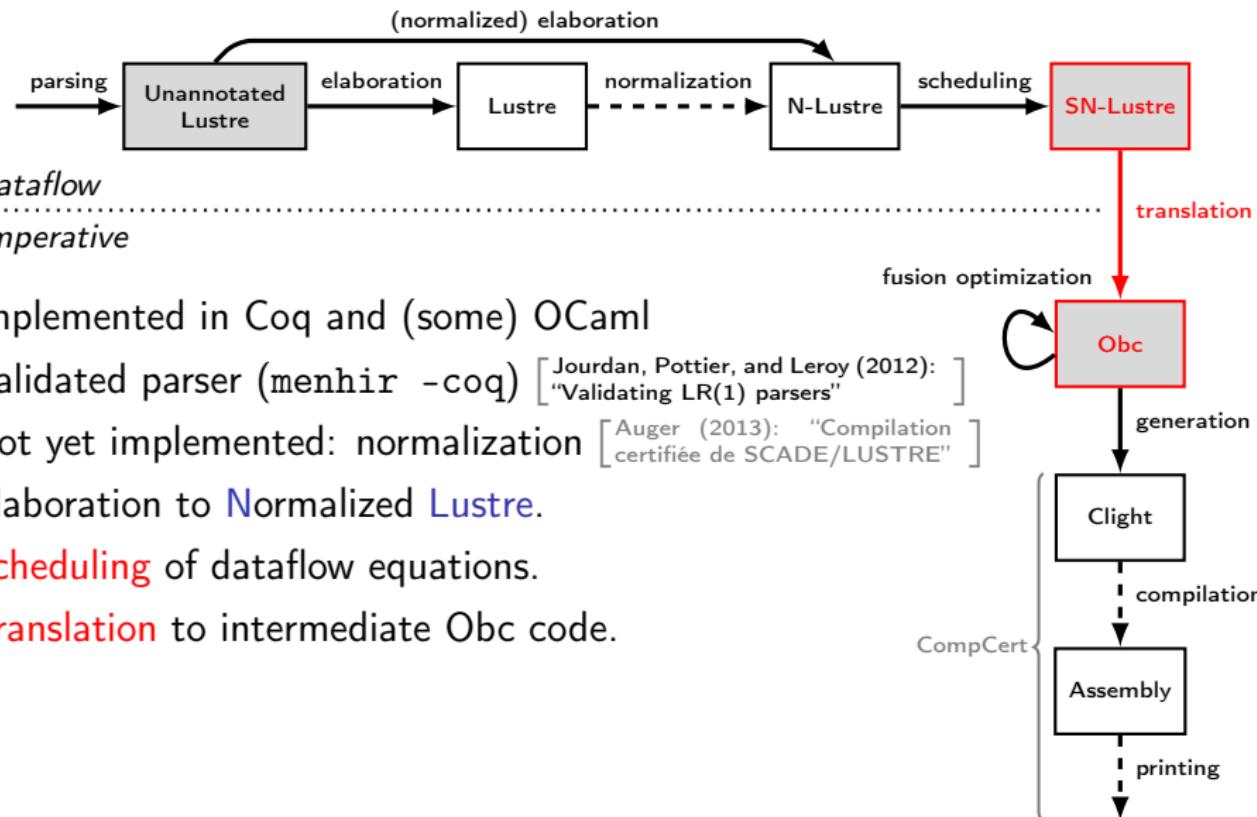


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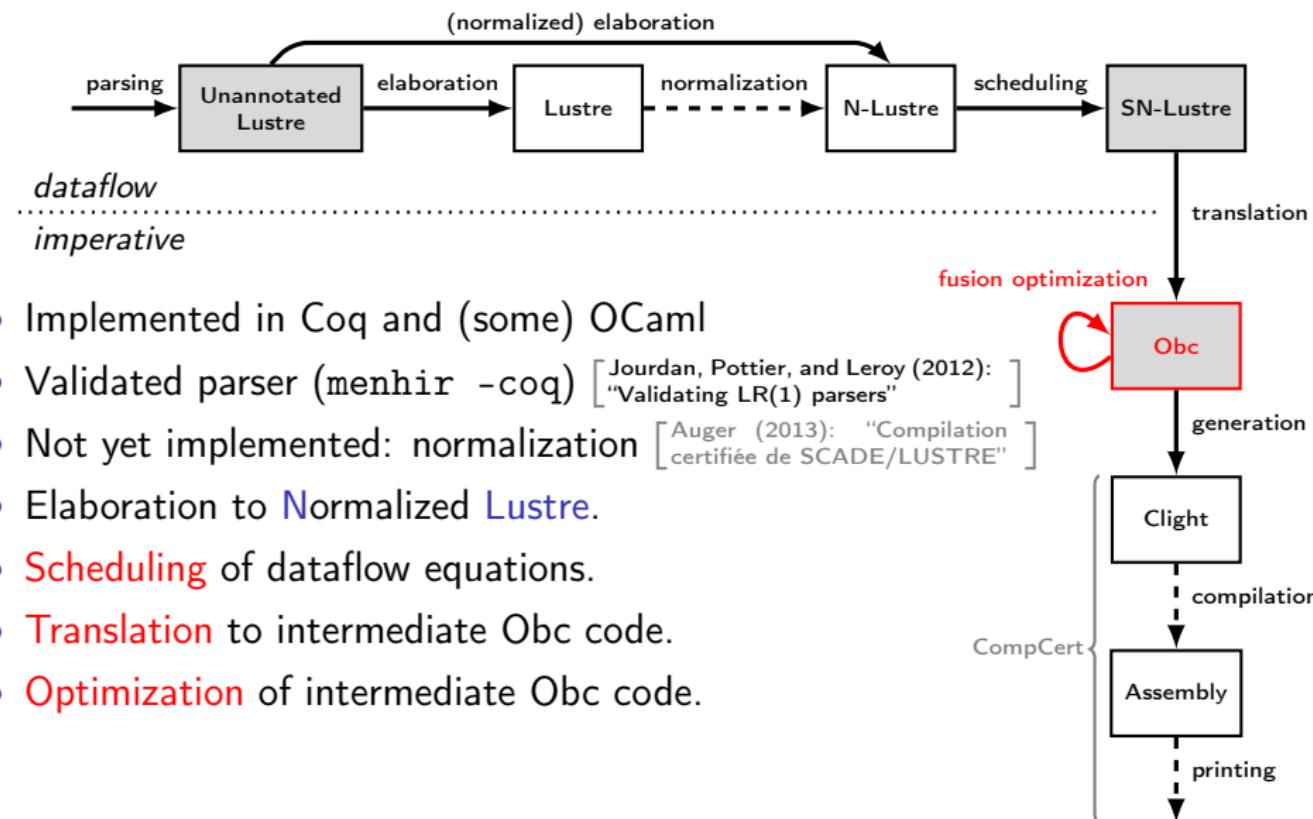


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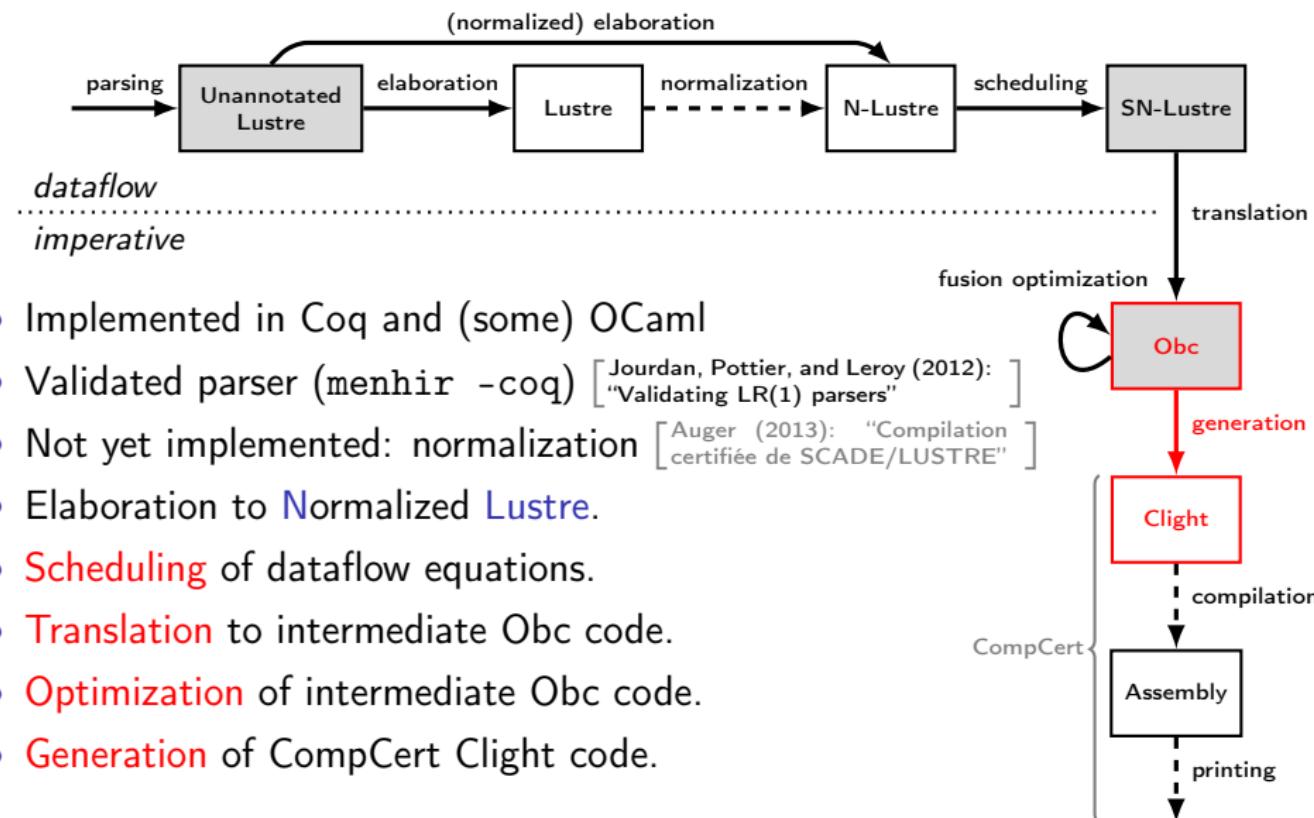
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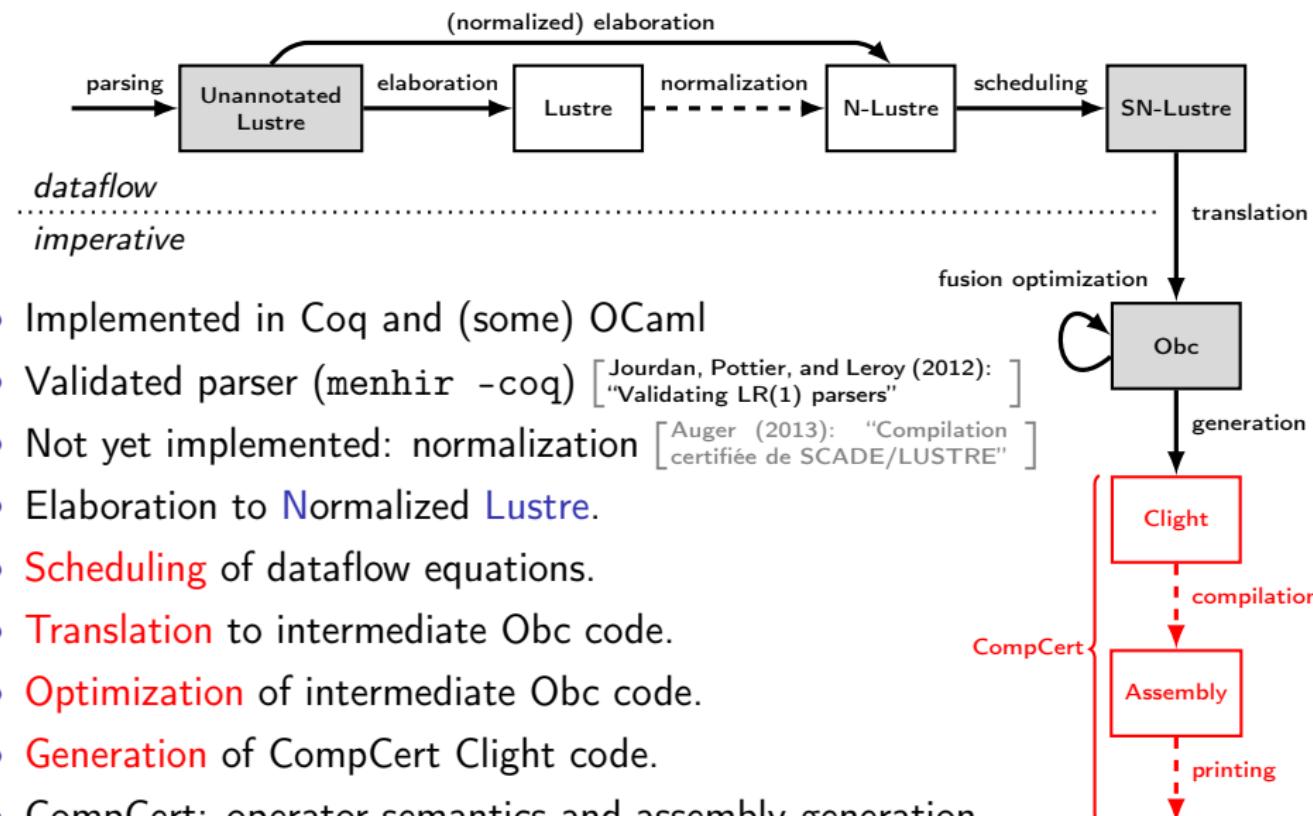


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- **Optimization** of intermediate Obc code.
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What is Lustre?

- A language for programming cyclic control software.

```
every trigger {
    read inputs;
    calculate; // and update internal state
    write outputs;
}
```

- A language for *programming* transition systems
 - ...+ functional abstraction
 - ...+ conditional activations
 - ...+ efficient (modular) compilation
- A restriction of Kahn process networks [Kahn (1974): "The Semantics of a Simple Language for Parallel Programming"], guaranteed to execute in bounded time and space.

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- Node: set of causal equations (variables at left).
- Semantic model: synchronized streams of values.
- A node defines a function between input and output streams.

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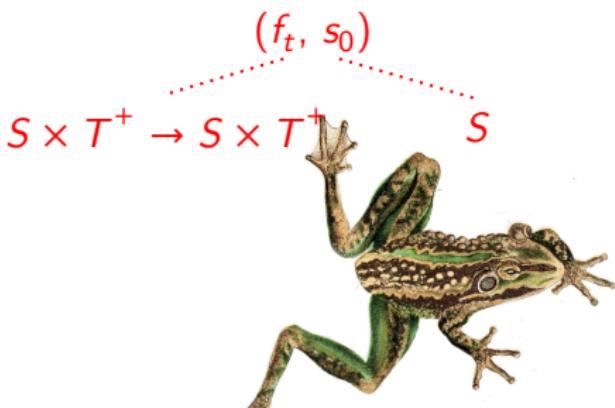
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Lustre: instantiation and sampling

Semantic model

- History environment maps identifiers to streams.
- Maps from natural numbers: **Notation** stream A := nat → A
- Model absence: **Inductive** value := absent | present v

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Lustre compilation: translation to clocked imperative code

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```

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```

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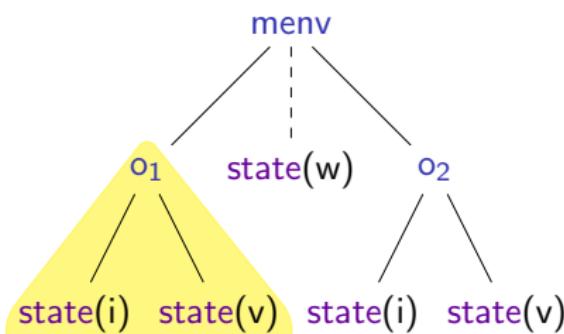
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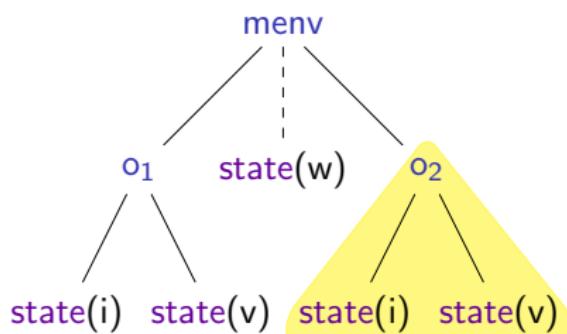
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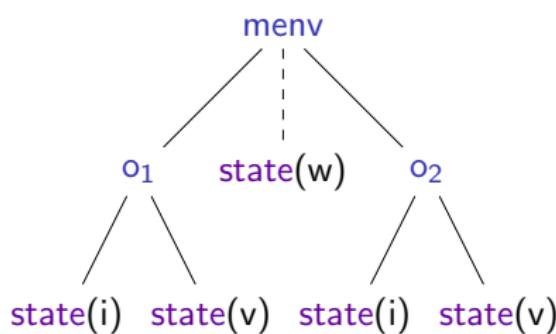
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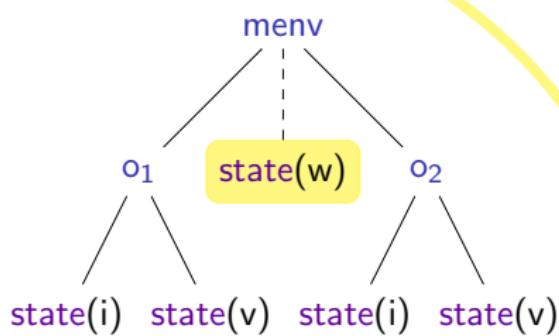
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Implementation of translation

- Translation pass: small set of functions on abstract syntax.
- Challenge: going from one semantic model to another.

```
Definition tovar (x: ident) : exp :=  
  if PS.mem x memories then State x else Var x.
```

```
Fixpoint Control (ck: clock) (s: stmt) : stmt :=  
  match ck with  
  | Cbase => s  
  | Con ck x true => Control ck (Ifte (tovar x) s Skip)  
  | Con ck x false => Control ck (Ifte (tovar x) Skip s)  
 end.
```

```
Fixpoint translate_lexer (e : lexer) : exp :=  
  match e with  
  | Econst c => Const c  
  | Evar x => tovar x  
  | Ewhen e c x => translate_lexer e  
  | Eop op es => Op op (map translate_lexer es)  
 end.
```

```
Fixpoint translate_cexpr (x: ident) (e: cexpr) : stmt :=  
  match e with  
  | Emerge y t f => Ifte (tovar y) (translate_cexpr x t)  
    (translate_cexpr x f)  
  | Eexpr l => Assign x (translate_lexer l)  
 end.
```

```
Definition translate_eqn (eqn: equation) : stmt :=  
  match eqn with  
  | EqDef x ck ce => Control ck (translate_cexpr x ce)  
  | EqApp x ck f les => Control ck (Step_ap x f x (map translate_lexer les))  
  | EqFby x ck v le => Control ck (AssignSt x (translate_lexer le))  
 end.
```

```
Definition translate_eqns (eqns: list equation) : stmt :=  
  fold_left (fun i eq => Comp (translate_eqn eq) i) eqns Skip.
```

```
Definition translate_reset_eqn (s: stmt) (eqn: equation) : stmt :=  
  match eqn with  
  | EqDef _ _ _ => s  
  | EqFby x _ v0 _ => Comp (AssignSt x (Const v0)) s  
  | EqApp x _ f _ => Comp (Reset_ap f x) s  
 end.
```

```
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  fold_left translate_reset_eqn eqns Skip.
```

```
Definition ps_from_list (l: list ident) : PS.t :=  
  fold_left (fun s i => PS.add i s) l PS.empty.
```

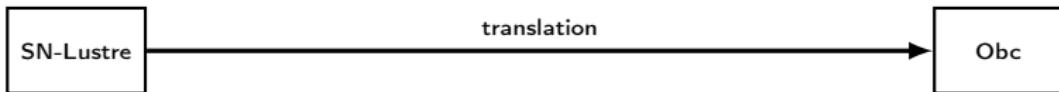
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Definition translate_node (n: node) : class :=  
  let names := gather_eqs n.(n_eqs) in  
  let mems := ps_from_list (fst names) in  
  mk_class n.(n_name) n.(n_input) n.(n_output)  
    (fst names) (snd names)  
    (translate_eqns mems n.(n_eqs))  
    (translate_reset_eqns n.(n_eqs)).
```

```
Definition translate (G: global) : program := map translate_node G.
```

Correctness of translation

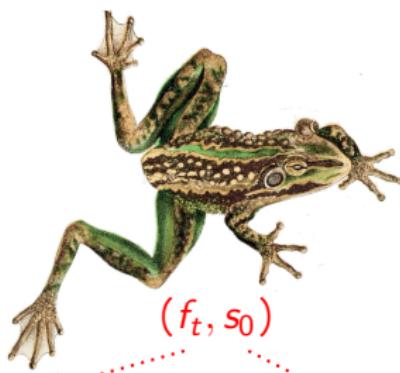


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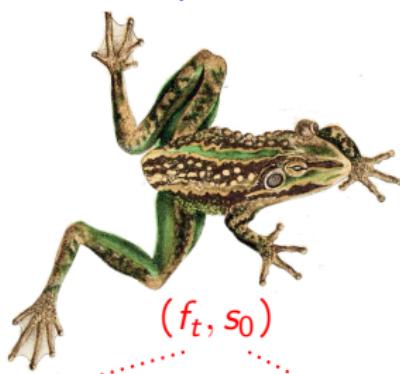


too weak for a direct proof by induction \times



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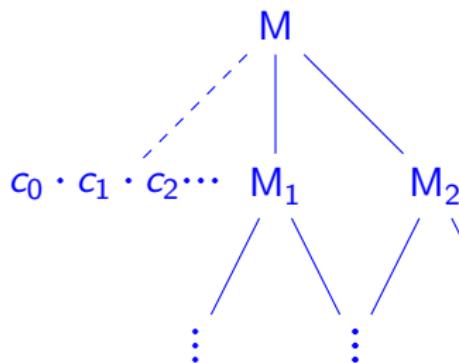
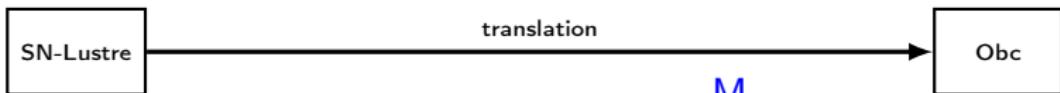


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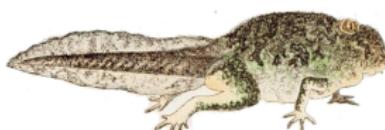
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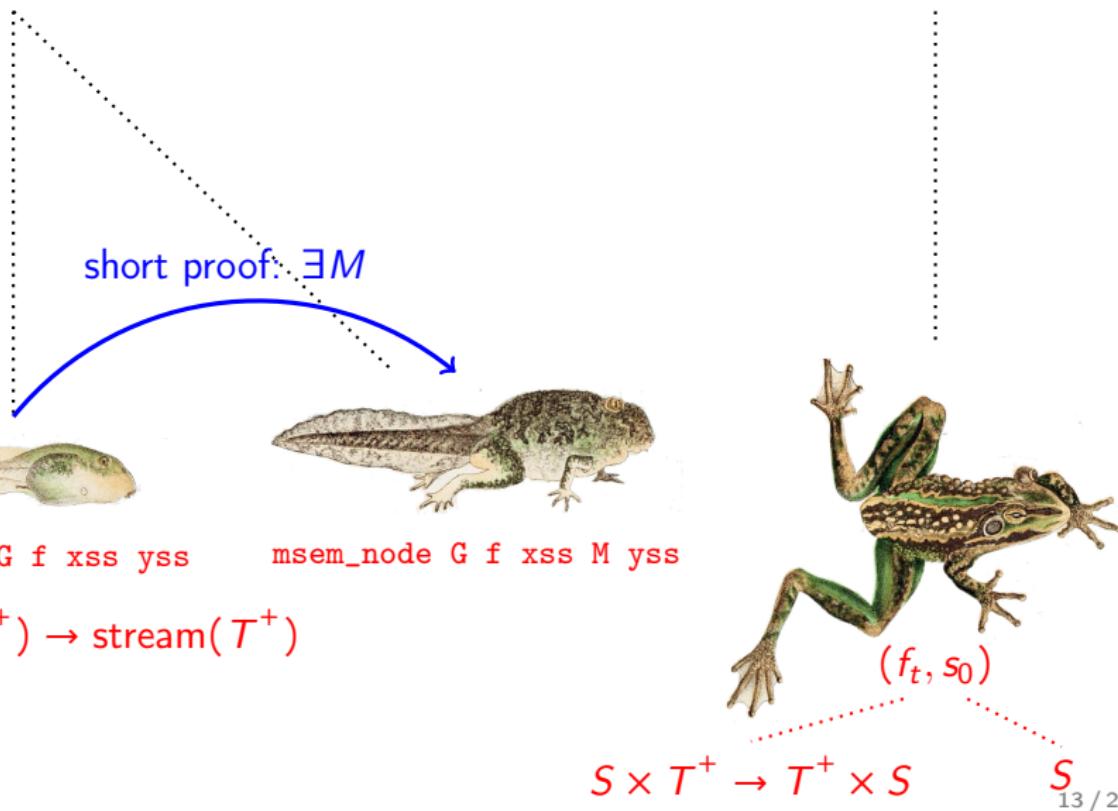
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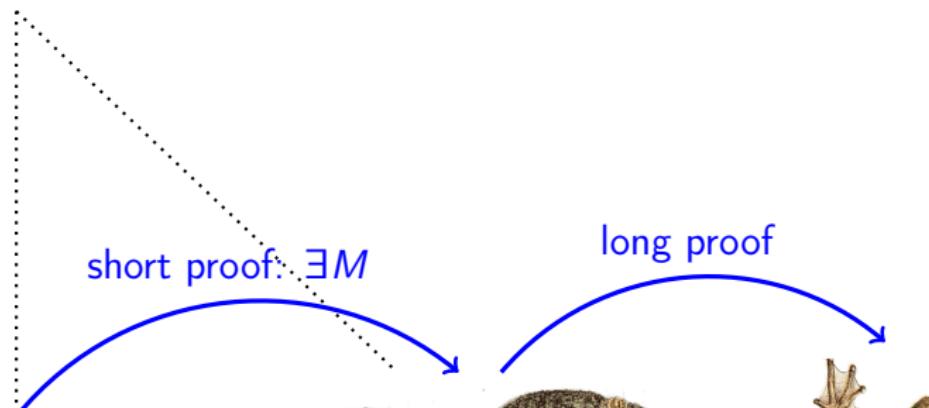
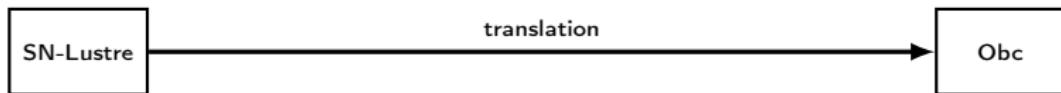


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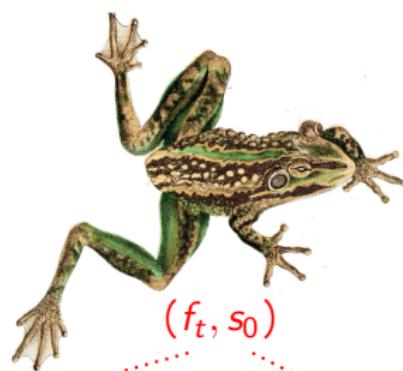


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Correctness of translation

induction n

SN-Lustre

tran_{at} ≈ 100 lemmas

Obc

induction G

induction eqs

case: $x = (ce)^{ck}$

case: present
short proof: $\exists M$

case: absent

case: $x = (f e)^{ck}$

case: present

case: absent

case: $x = (k fby e)^{ck}$

case: present

case: absent

sem_node G f xss yss

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stream(T^+) → stream(T)

- Tricky proof full of technical details.
- Several iterations to find the right definitions.
- The intermediate model is central.

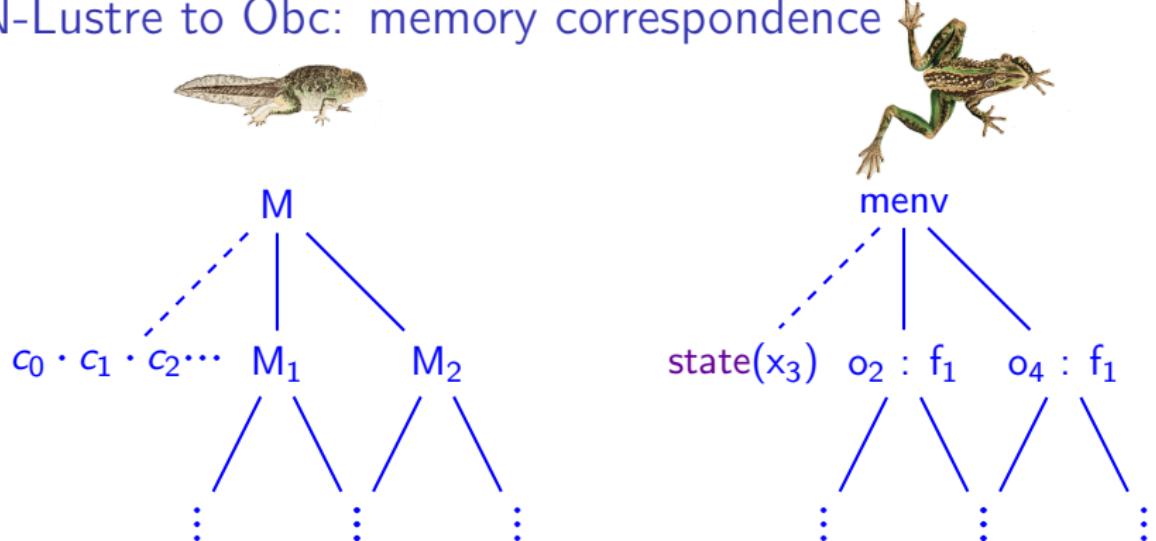
long proof



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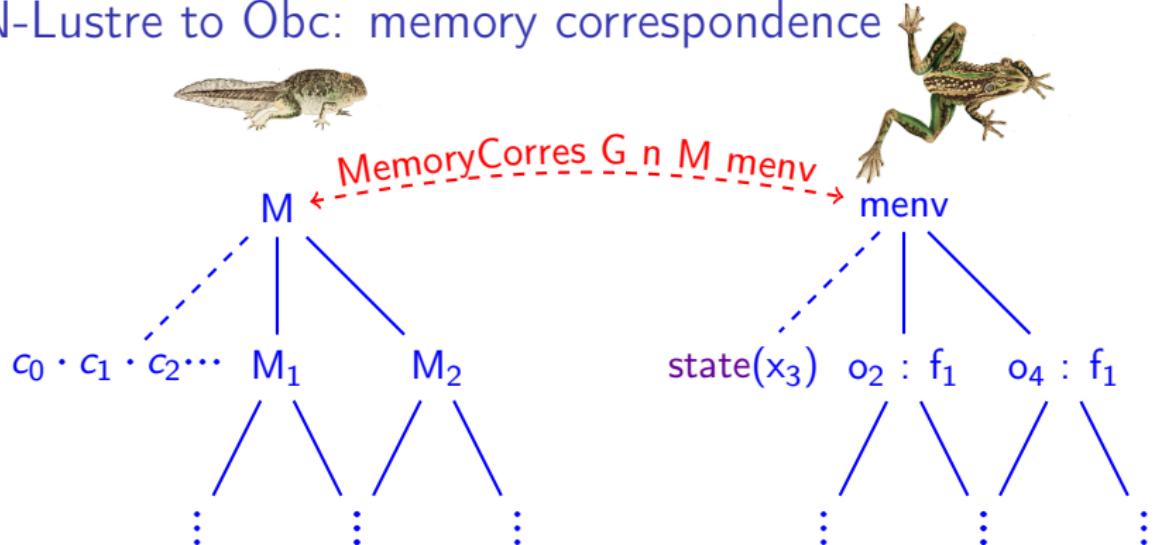
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SN-Lustre to Obc: memory correspondence



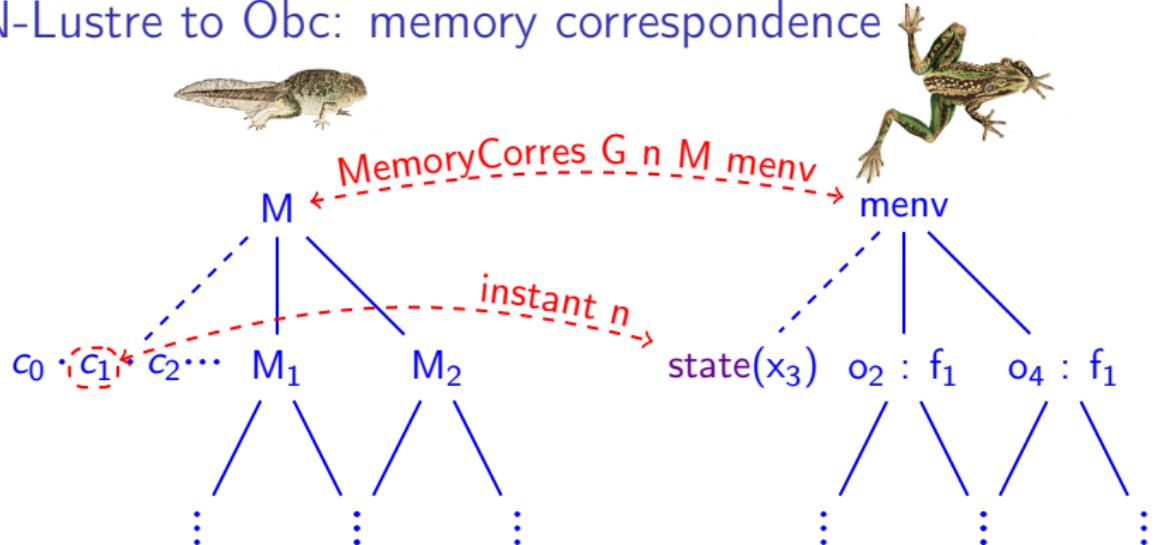
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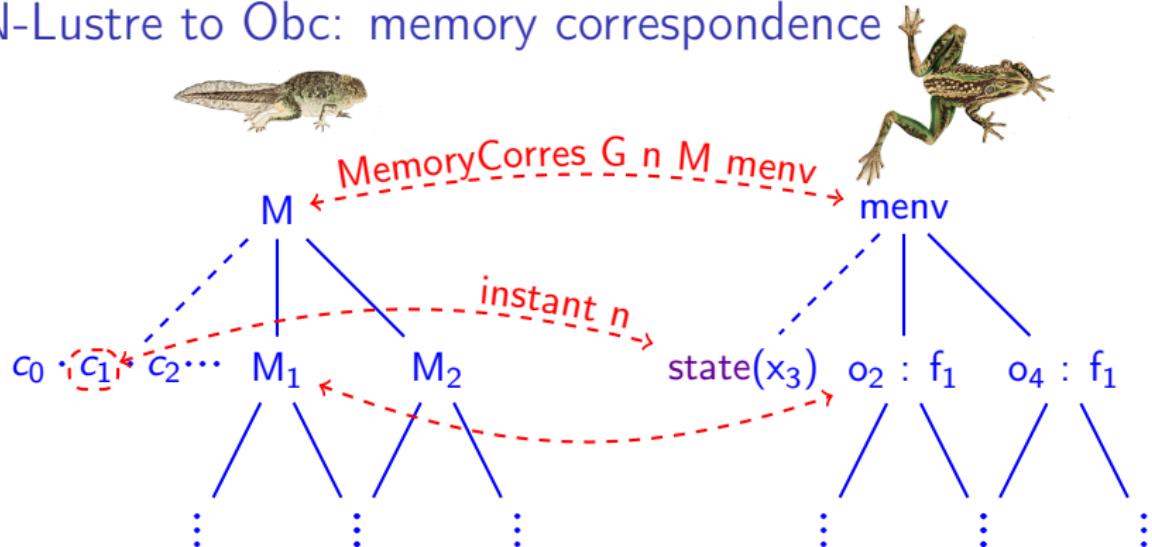
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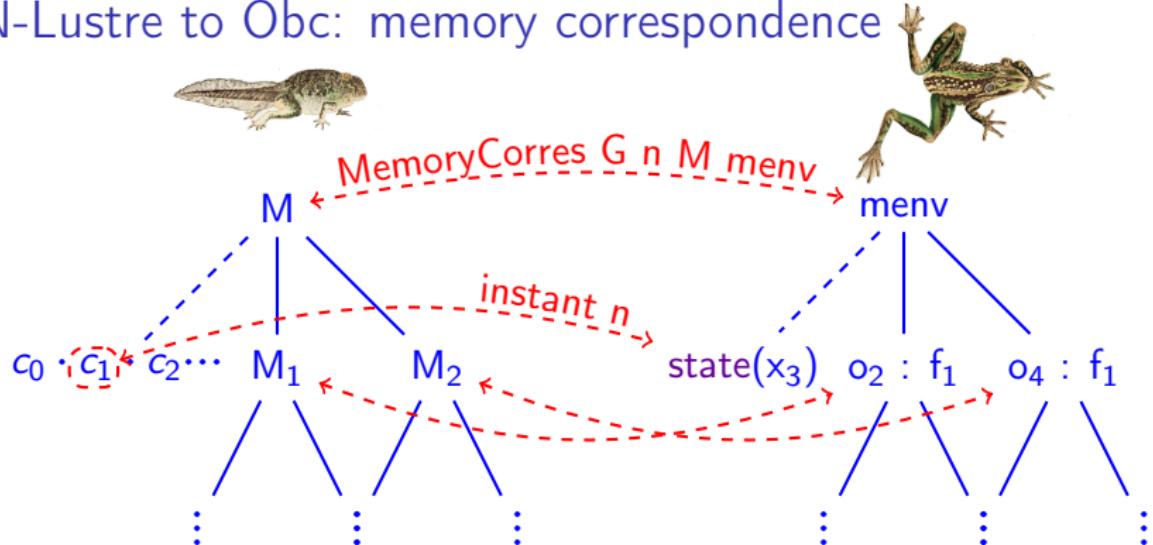
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Control structure fusion

[Biernacki, Colaço, Hamon, and Pouzet (2008): "Clock-directed modular code generation for synchronous data-flow languages"]

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step(delta: int, sec: bool)
```

```
    returns (v: int) {  
        var r, t : int;
```

```
        r := count.step o1 (0, delta, false);
```

```
        if sec then {
```

```
            t := count.step o2 (1, 1, false);
```

```
        };
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```
            v := r / t
```

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        } else {
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```
            v := state(w)
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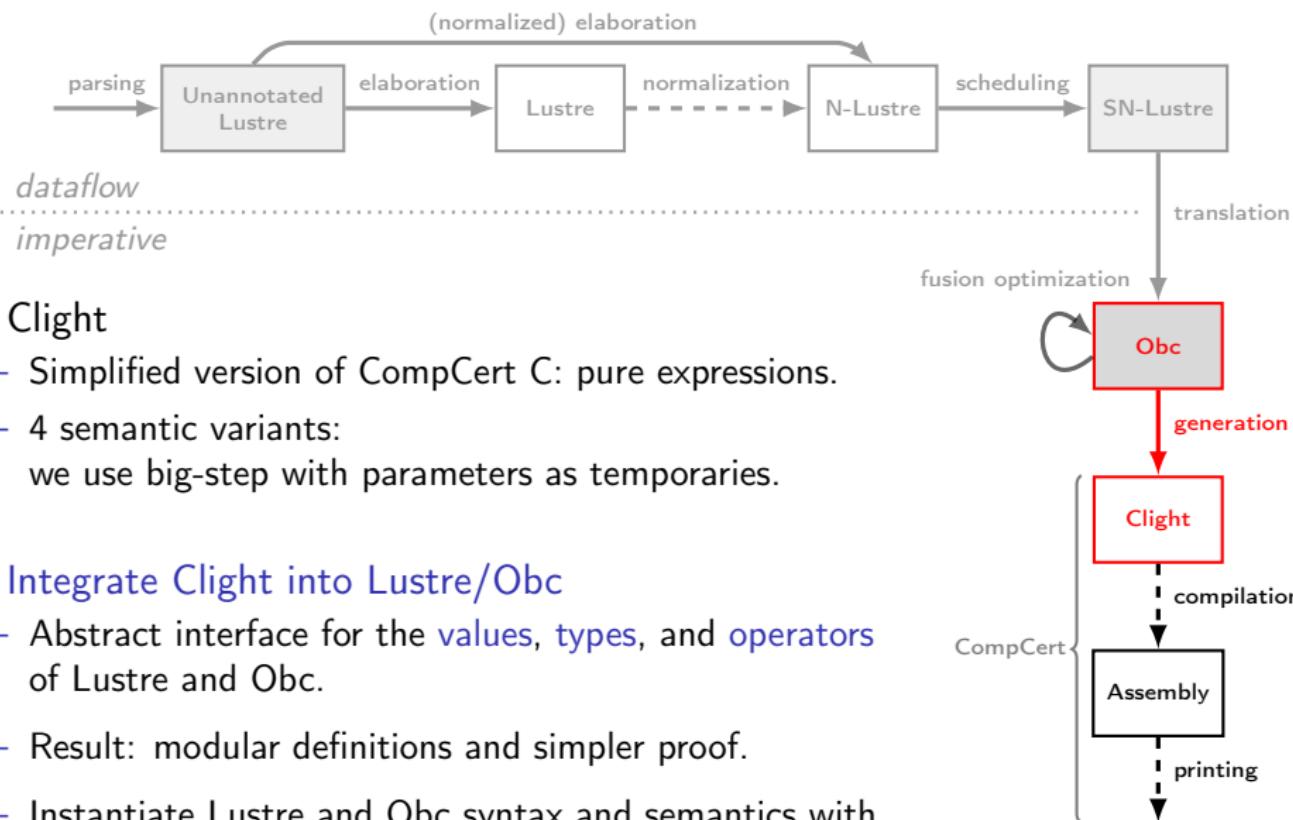
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```

- Generate control for each equation; splits proof obligation in two.
- Fuse afterward: scheduler places similarly clocked equations together.
- Use whole framework to justify required invariant.
- Easier to reason in intermediate language than in Clight.

Generation: Obc to Clight



- **Clight**

- Simplified version of CompCert C: pure expressions.
 - 4 semantic variants:
we use big-step with parameters as temporaries.

- **Integrate Clight into Lustre/Obc**

- Abstract interface for the **values**, **types**, and **operators** of Lustre and Obc.
 - Result: modular definitions and simpler proof.
 - Instantiate Lustre and Obc syntax and semantics with CompCert definitions.

```

class count { ... }

class avgvelocity {
    memory w : int;
    class count o1, o2;

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```

```

struct count { _Bool f; int c; };
void count$reset(struct count *self) { ... }
int count$step(struct count *self, int ini, int inc, _Bool res) { ... }

struct avgvelocity {
    int w;
    struct count o1;
    struct count o2;
};

struct avgvelocity$step {
    int r;
    int v;
};

void avgvelocity$reset(struct avgvelocity *self)
{
    count$reset(&(self->o1));
    count$reset(&(self->o2));
    self->w = 0;
}

void avgvelocity$step(struct avgvelocity *self,
                     struct avgvelocity$step *out, int delta, _Bool sec)
{
    register int t, step$n;

    step$n = count$step(&(self->o1), 0, delta, 0);
    out->r = step$n;
    if (sec) {
        step$n = count$step(&(self->o2), 1, 1, 0);
        t = step$n;
        out->v = out->r / t;
    } else {
        out->v = self->w;
    }
    self->w = out->v;
}

```

- Standard technique for encapsulating state.
- Each detail entails complications in the proof.

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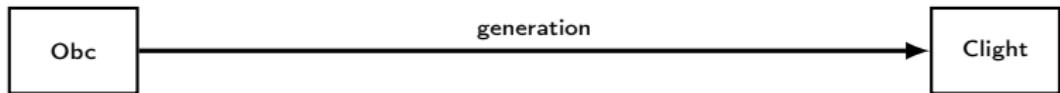
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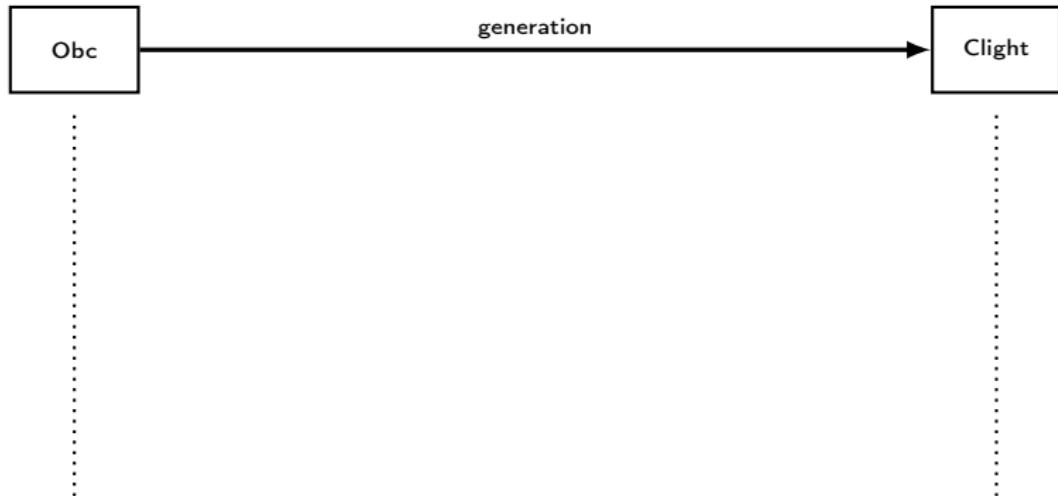
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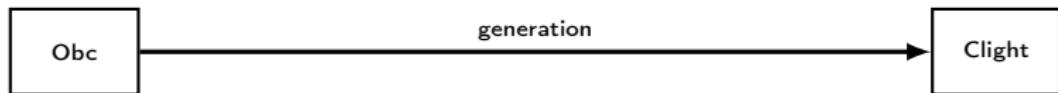


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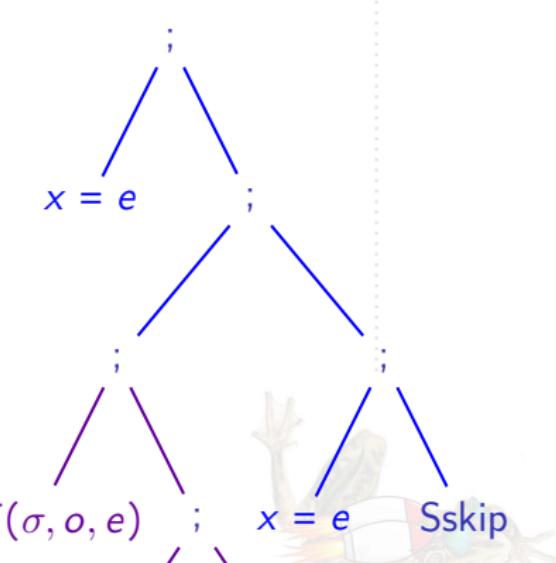
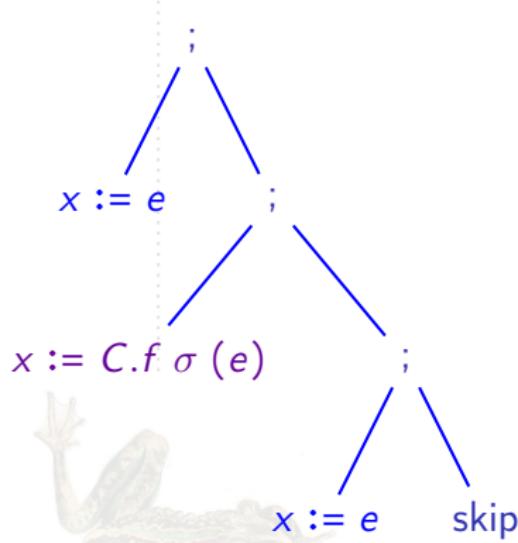
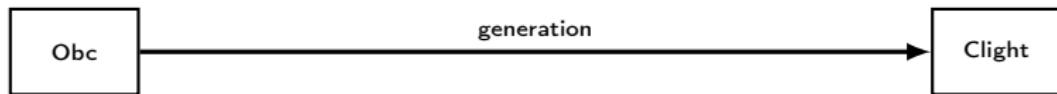
direct proof by induction on *big step semantics*



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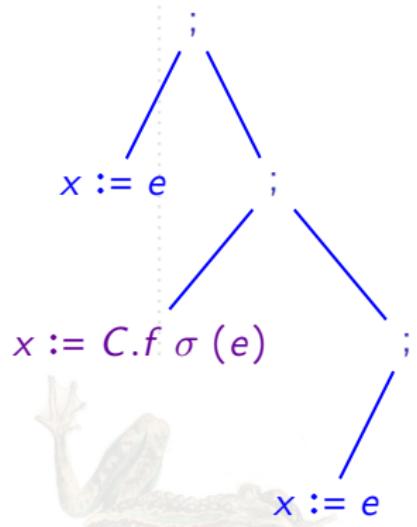
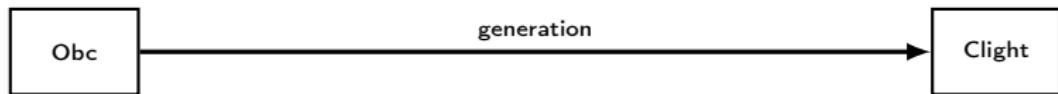
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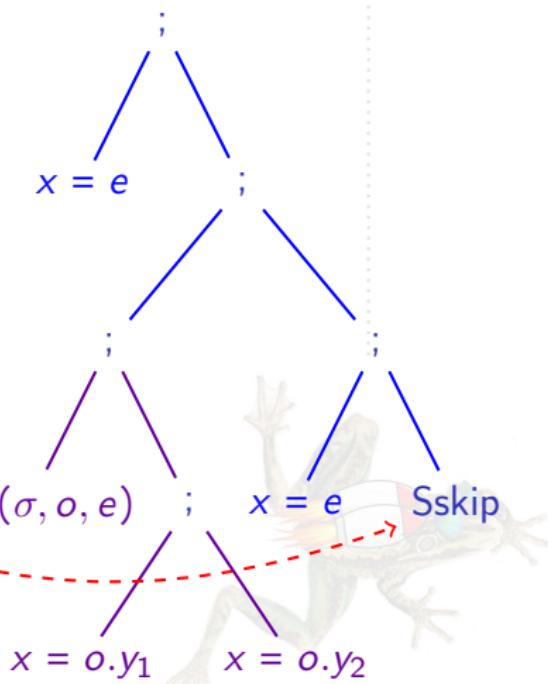
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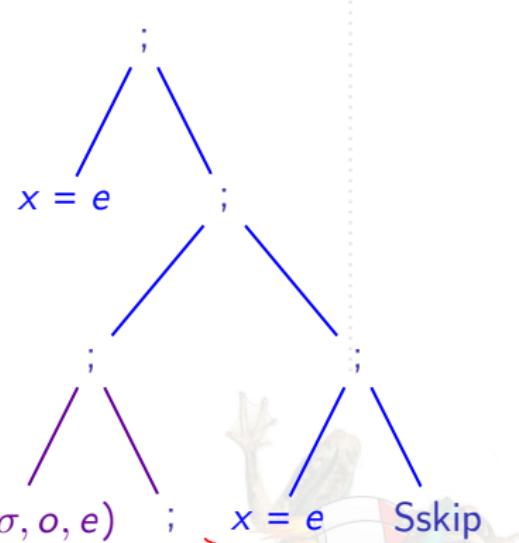
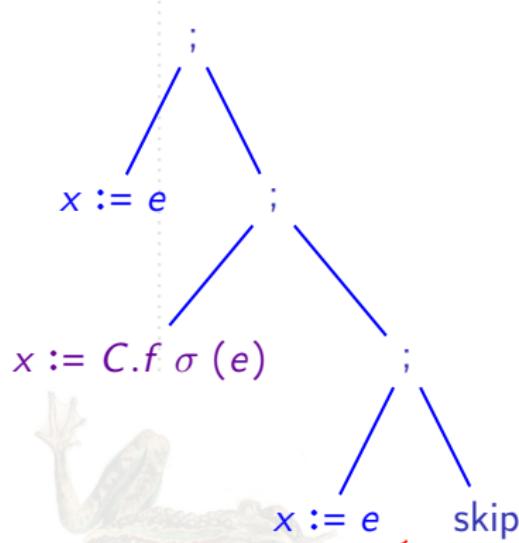
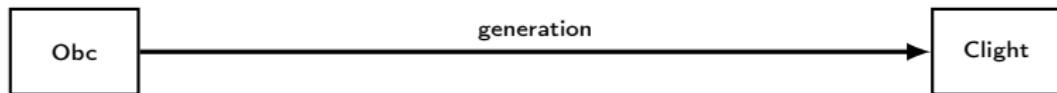


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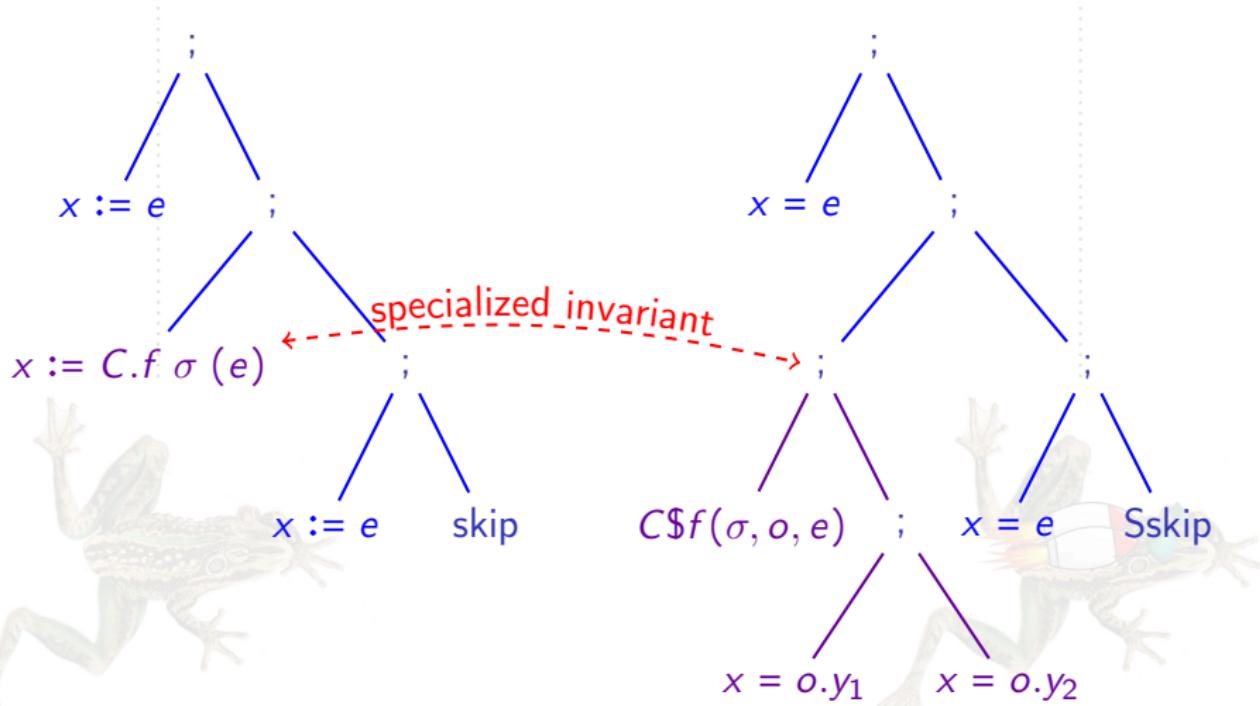
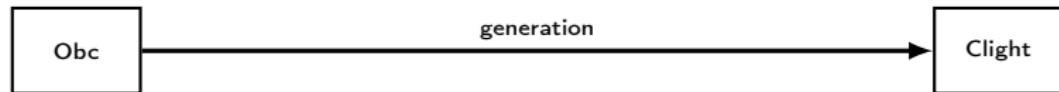
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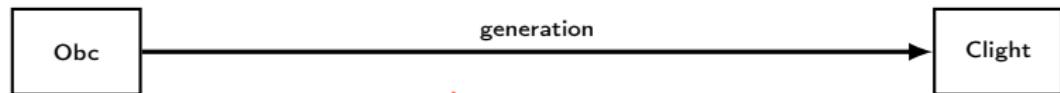
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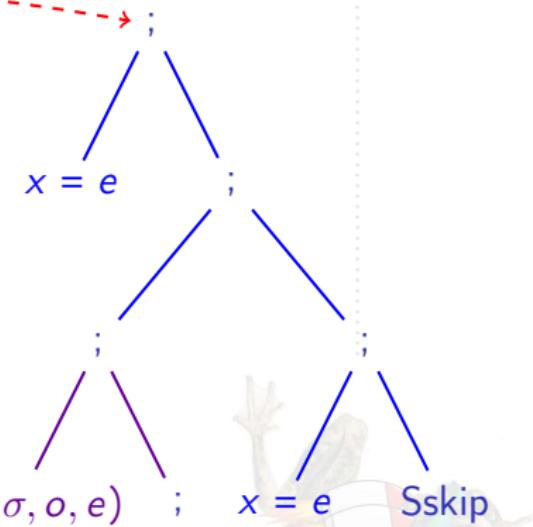
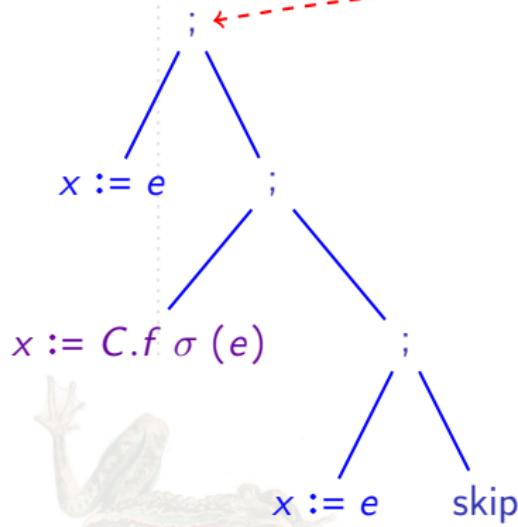
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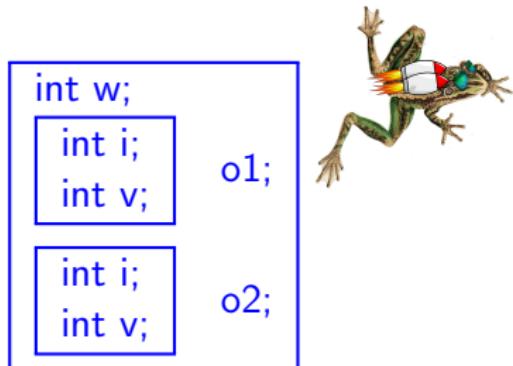
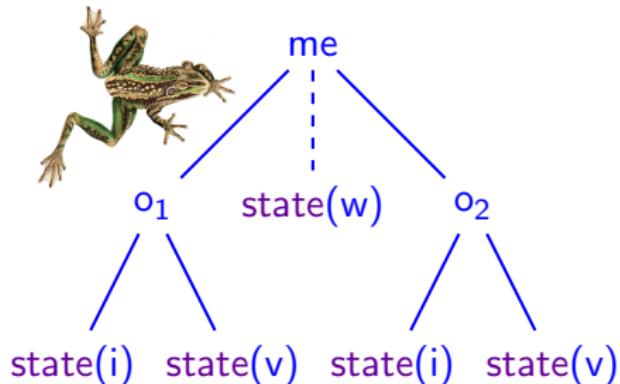
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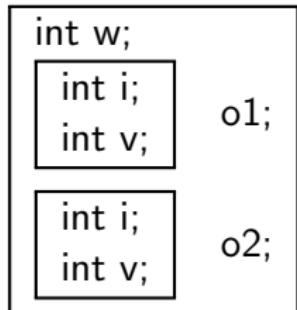
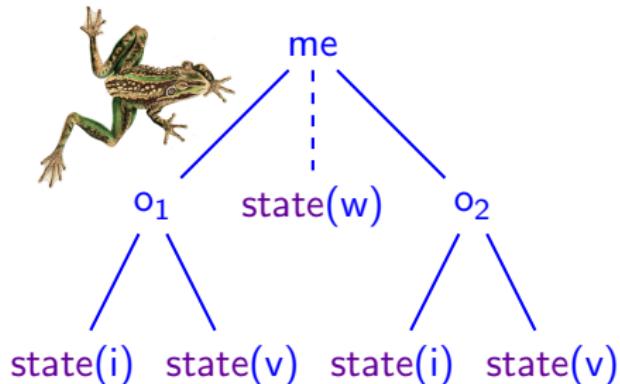
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cruise [54]	1760	1875 (+6%)	1230 (-30%)	1230 (-30%)	5855 (+22%)	3995 (+10%)	1965 (+11%)
risingedgetrigger [19]	285	300 (+5%)	190 (-30%)	190 (-30%)	1440 (+40%)	820 (+37%)	335 (-17%)
chrono [20]	410	425 (+3%)	305 (-25%)	305 (-25%)	2490 (+20%)	1500 (+20%)	670 (+3%)
watchdog3 [26]	610	575 (-6%)	355 (-47%)	310 (-47%)	2015 (+20%)	1135 (-8%)	530 (-13%)
functionchain [17]	11\,550	13\,535 (+17%)	8\,545 (+20%)	7\,525 (-34%)	23\,085 (+9%)	14\,280 (+20%)	8\,240 (-20%)
landing_gear [11]	9\,660	8\,475 (-14%)	5\,880 (+9%)	5\,810 (+9%)	25\,470 (+10%)	15\,055 (-10%)	8\,025 (-10%)
minus [57]	896	900 (+4%)	580 (+4%)	580 (+4%)	2825 (+27%)	1620 (+25%)	800 (+10%)
prodcell [32]	1\,020	990 (+3%)	620 (+9%)	410 (+9%)	3\,615 (+25%)	2\,050 (+10%)	1\,070 (+4%)
ums_verif [57]	2\,590	2\,285 (-11%)	1\,380 (+40%)	920 (+40%)	11\,725 (+20%)	6\,730 (+20%)	3\,420 (+2%)

Figure 12. WCET estimates in cycles [4] for step functions compiled for an arm7t-a/fpv3-d16 target with CompCert 2.6 (CC) and GCC 4.4.8 -O1 without inlining (gcc) and with inlining (gcc). Percentages indicate the difference relative to the first column.

It performs loads and stores of volatile variables to model, respectively, input consumption and output production. The conductive predicate presented in Section 1 is introduced to relate the trace of these inputs to input and output streams.

Finally, we exploit an existing CompCert lemma to transfer our results from the big-step model to the small-step one, from whence they can be extended to the generated assembly code to give the property stated at the beginning of the paper. The transfer lemma requires showing that a program does not diverge. This is possible because the body of the main loop always produces observable events.

5. Experimental Results

Our prototype compiler, Vélus, generates code for the platforms supported by CompCert (PowerPC, ARM, and x86). The code can be executed in a ‘test mode’ that acquires inputs and generates outputs using a single (unverified) entry point. The verified integration of generated code into a complete system where it would be triggered by interrupts and interact with hardware is the subject of ongoing work.

As there is no standard benchmark suite for Lustre, we adapted examples from the literature and the Lustre v4 distribution [57]. The resulting test suite comprises 14 programs, totaling about 160 nodes and 960 equations. We compared the code generated by Vélus with that produced by the Hephaeston 1.03 [23] and Lustre v6 [35, 57] automatic compilers. For the example with the deepest nesting of clocks (3 levels), both Hephaeston and our prototype found the same optimal schedule. Otherwise, we follow the approach of [23, §6.2] and estimate the Worst-Case Execution Time (WCET) of the generated code using the open-source OTAWA v5 framework [4] with the ‘trivial’ script and default parameters.¹⁰ For the targeted domain, an over-approximation to the WCET is

usually more valuable than raw performance numbers. We compiled with CompCert 2.6 and GCC 4.4.8 -O1 for the arm7t-a-none-eabi target (arm7t-a) with a hardware floating-point unit (fpv3-d16).

The results of our experiments are presented in Figure 12. The first column shows the worst-case estimates in cycles for the step functions produced by Vélus. These estimates compare favorably with those for generation with either Hephaeston or Lustre v6 and then compilation with CompCert. Both Hephaeston and Lustre (automatically) re-normalize the code to have one operator per equation, which can be costly for nested conditional statements, whereas our prototype simply maintains the (manually) normalized form. This re-normalization is unsurprising: both compilers must treat a richer input language, including arrays and automata, and both expect the generated code to be post-optimized by a C compiler. Compiling the generated code with GCC but still without any inlining greatly reduces the estimated WCETs, and the Hephaeston code then outperforms the Vélus code. GCC applies ‘if-conversions’ to exploit predicted ARM instructions which avoids branching and thereby improves WCET estimates. The estimated WCETs for the Lustre v6 generated code only become competitive when inlining is enabled because Lustre v6 implements operators, like `pr` and `>`, using separate functions. CompCert can perform inlining, but the default heuristic has not yet been adapted for this particular case. We note also that we use the modular compilation scheme of Lustre v6, while the code generator also provides more aggressive schemes like clock enumeration and automation minimization [29, 58].

Finally, we tested our prototype on a large industrial application ($\approx 6\,000$ nodes, $\approx 162\,000$ equations, ≈ 12 MB source file without comments). The source code was already normalized since it was generated with a graphical interface,

¹⁰This configuration is quite pessimistic but suffices for the present analysis.

Experimental results

Industrial application

- $\approx 6\,000$ nodes
- $\approx 162\,000$ equations
- ≈ 12 MB source file (minus comments)
- Modifications:
 - Remove constant lookup tables.
 - Replace calls to assembly code.
- Vélus compilation: $\approx 1 \text{ min } 40 \text{ s}$

	Vélus	Hep+GCC	Hep+gcc	Hep+gcl	Luv6+GCC	Luv6+gcl	Luv6+gcc
avgvelocity	315	388 (22%)	265 (+5%)	70 (-7%)	1150 (26%)	625 (-9%)	350 (11%)
count	55	55 (0%)	25 (-54%)	25 (-54%)	300 (+6%)	160 (19%)	50 (-99%)
tracker	680	790 (16%)	530 (27%)	500 (+26%)	2610 (20%)	1515 (12%)	735 (8%)
pip_ex	4415	4065 (-10%)	2565 (+41%)	2040 (-19%)	10845 (0%)	6245 (-40%)	2905 (-34%)
mp_longitudinal [16]	5525	5465 (1%)	3465 (-37%)	2835 (-48%)	11675 (11%)	6785 (22%)	3135 (40%)
cruise [54]	1760	1875 (6%)	1230 (-30%)	1230 (-30%)	5855 (22%)	3995 (18%)	1965 (11%)
risingedgetrigger [19]	285	300 (5%)	190 (-30%)	190 (-30%)	1440 (40%)	820 (10%)	335 (17%)
chrono [20]	410	425 (3%)	305 (-25%)	305 (-25%)	2490 (20%)	1500 (20%)	670 (6%)
watchdog3 [26]	610	575 (-6%)	355 (-47%)	310 (-47%)	2015 (2%)	1135 (8%)	530 (-1%)
functionalchain [17]	11 550	13 535 (17%)	8 545 (+40%)	7 525 (-34%)	23 085 (0%)	14 280 (2%)	8 240 (-28%)
landing_gear [11]	9 660	8 475 (-14%)	5 880 (-39%)	5 810 (-39%)	25 470 (0%)	15 055 (0%)	8 025 (-16%)
minus [57]	896	900 (0%)	580 (-40%)	580 (-40%)	2 825 (2%)	1 620 (0%)	800 (0%)
prodcell [32]	1 020	990 (3%)	620 (-36%)	410 (-90%)	3 615 (2%)	2 050 (0%)	1 070 (0%)
ums_verif [57]	2 590	2 285 (-11%)	1 380 (-48%)	920 (-64%)	11 725 (0%)	6 730 (0%)	3 420 (32%)

Figure 12. WCET estimates in cycles [4] for step functions compiled for an arm7t-a/fpu3-d16 target with CompCert 2.6 (CC) and GCC 4.4.8 -O1 without inlining (gcc) and with inlining (gcl). Percentages indicate the difference relative to the first column.

- It performs loads and stores of volatile variables to model memory access contention and contention between cores. The compiler also handles the memory model and the memory ordering rules of the target architecture.
- **Compare WCET of generated code with two academic compilers on smaller examples.**

Finally, we exploit an existing CompCert lemma to transfer our proof from the step model to the small C one. This lemma states that if a program is proved to be WCET-optimal in the step model, it is also WCET-optimal in the small C one. The transfer lemma requires showing that a program does not diverge in the step model. We prove this by abstracting away from the step model to the small C one.

5. **[Ballabriga, Cassé, Rochange, and Sainrat (2010); “OTAWA: An Open Toolbox for Adaptive WCET Analysis”]**

On page 10 of the paper, the authors write: “In her root language, the generated code is post-optimized by a C compiler. CompCert automatically re-normalizes the code to give one operator per equation, which can be costly for nested conditional statements; whereas our prototype simply maintains the original C code.”

The generated code with CompCert but still without any inlining greatly reduces the estimated WCETs, and the Heptagon code then outperforms the Vélus code. GCC applies “if-then-else” optimization to the generated C code, which makes it much more competitive than the Vélus code. The Vélus code only becomes competitive when inlining is enabled because Luv6 is not able to handle the modular composition scheme of the generated code.

- **Results depend on C compiler:**
 - **CompCert:** Vélus code same/better
 - **gcc -O1 no-inlining:** Vélus code slower
 - **gcc -O1:** Vélus code much slower

¹⁰This configuration is quite pessimistic but suffices for the present analysis.

- **[TODO]:** 12
adjust CompCert inlining heuristic.

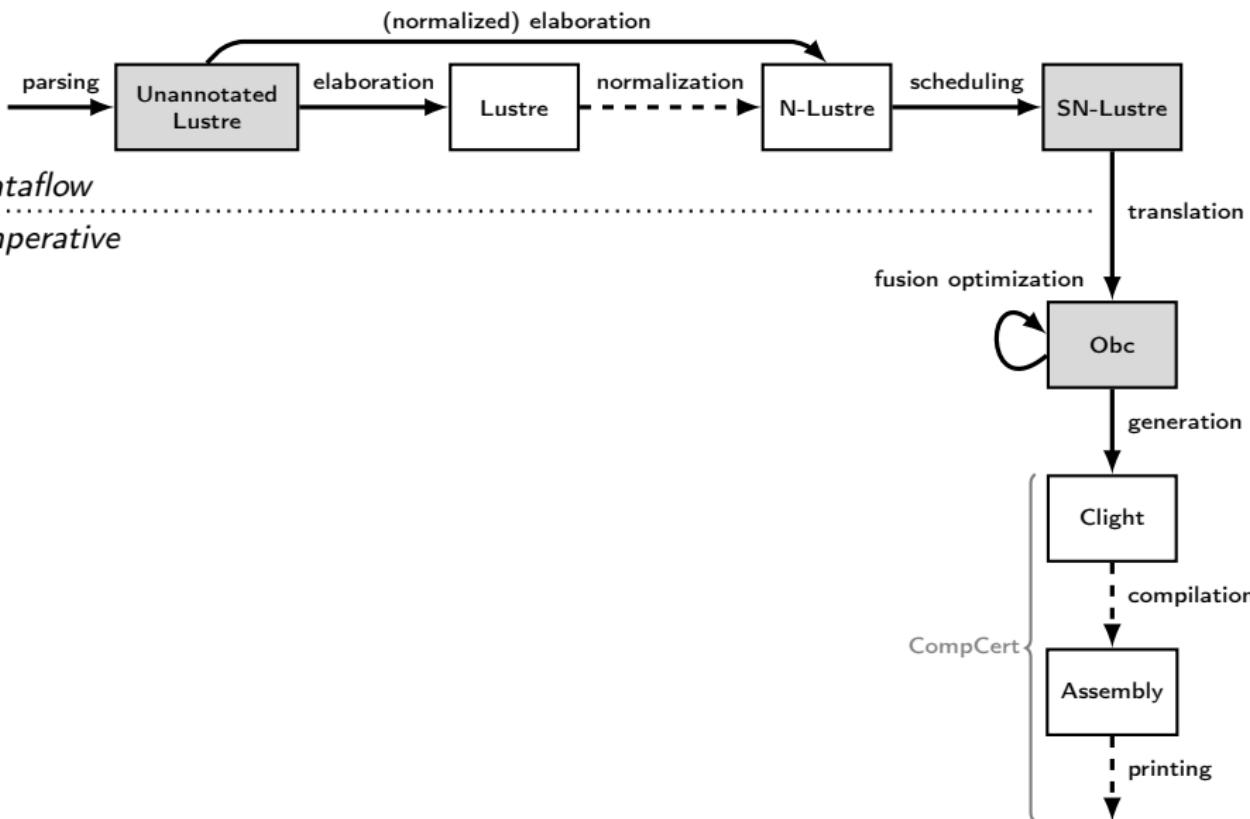
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Results (after 2 years)

- Working compiler from Lustre to assembler in Coq.
- Formally relate dataflow model to imperative code.
- Generate Clight for CompCert; change to richer memory model.

Ongoing work

- Finish normalization pass.
- Prove that a well-typed program has a semantics.
- Combine interactive and automatic proof to verify Lustre programs.



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