

Verifying a Lustre Compiler (Part 1)

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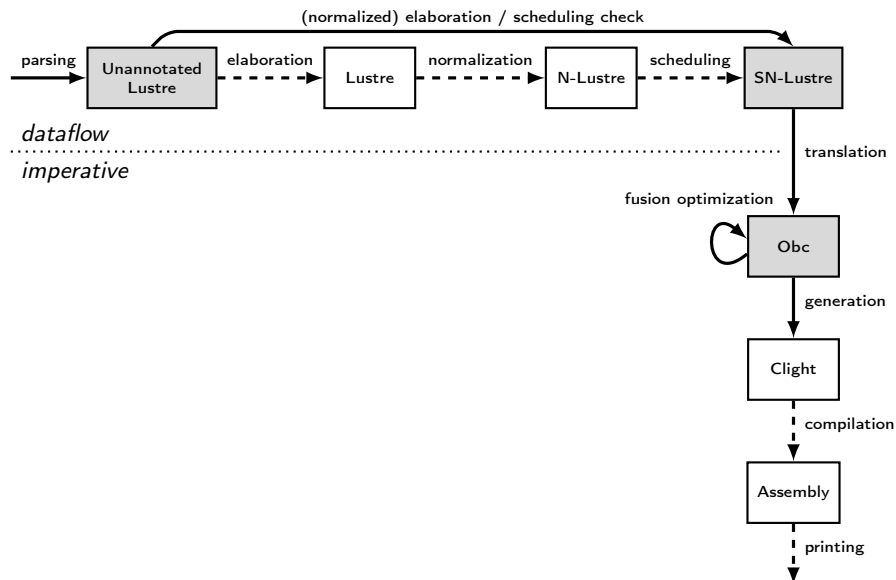
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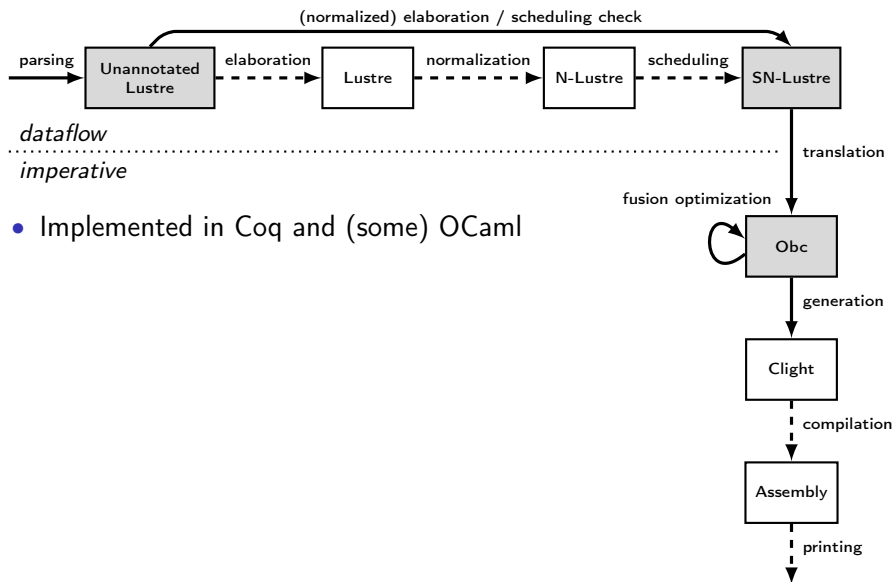
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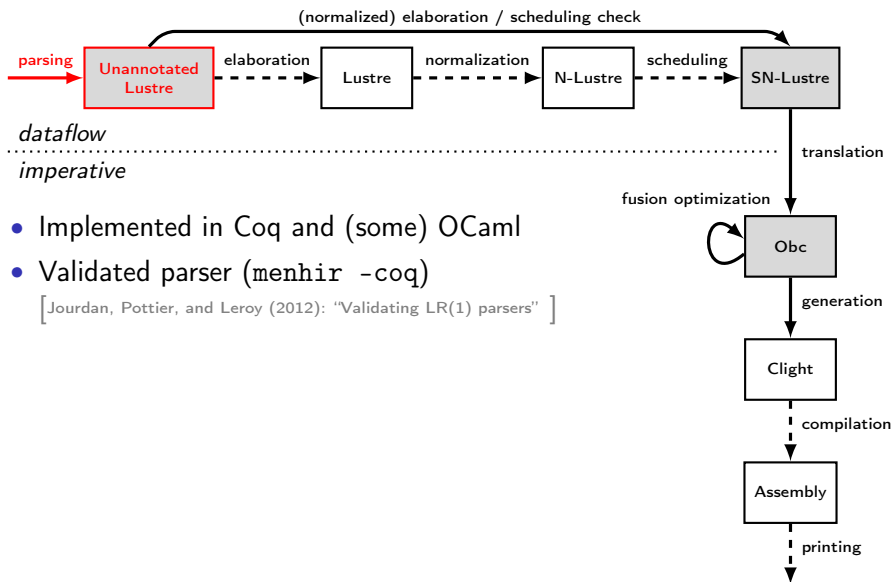
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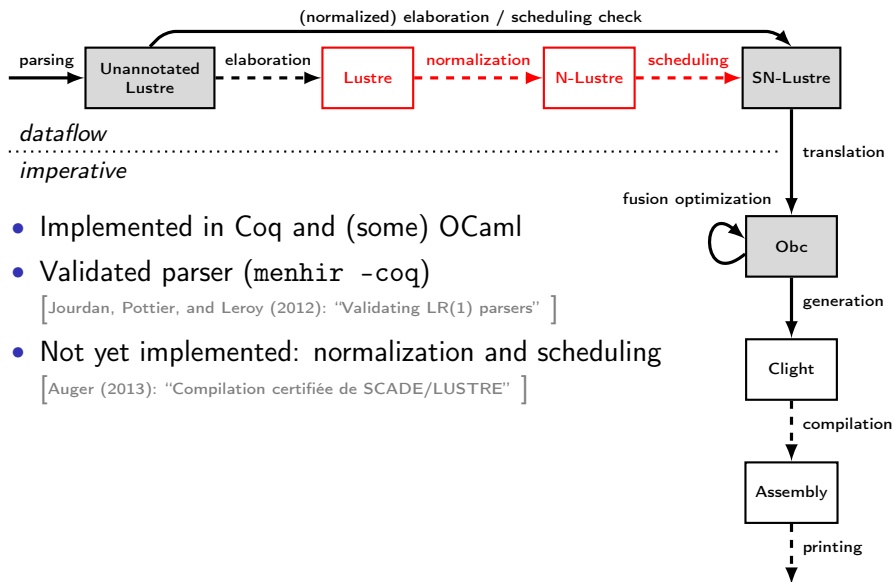
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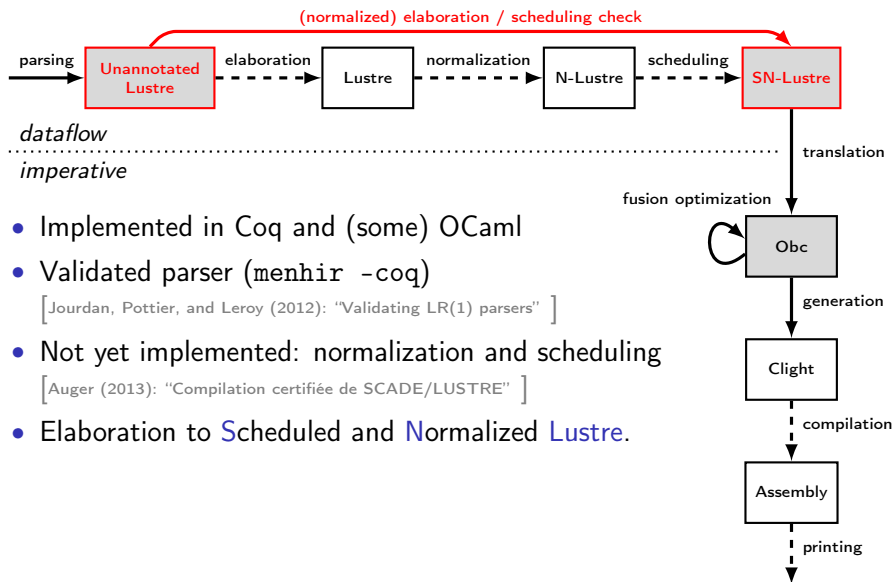
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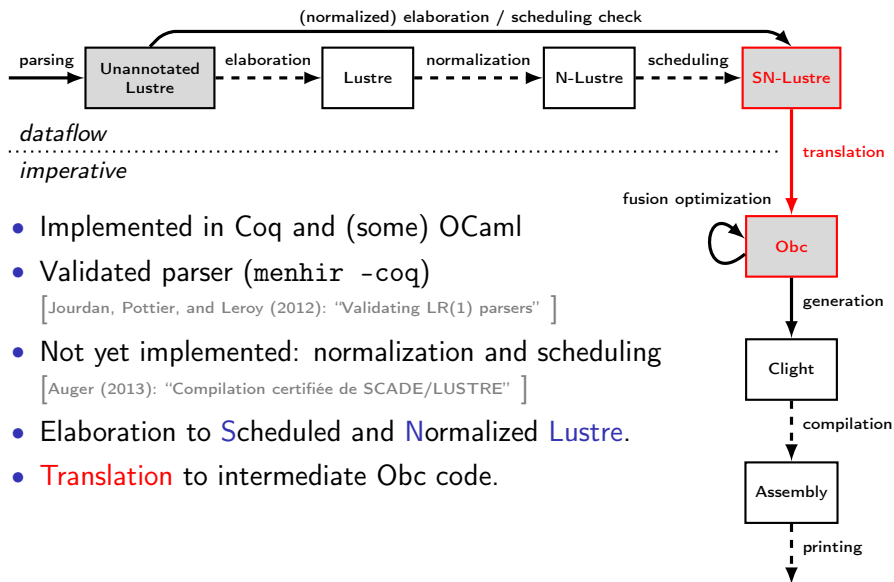
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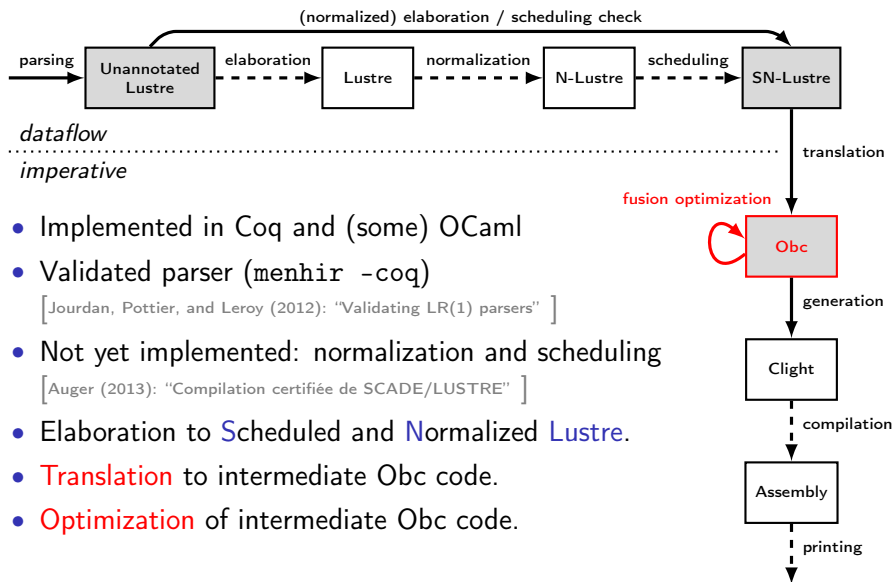
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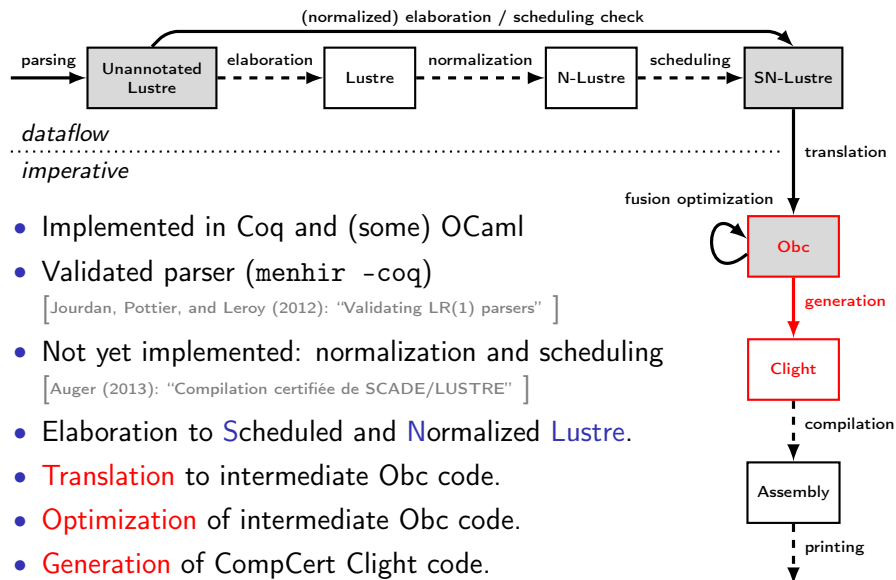
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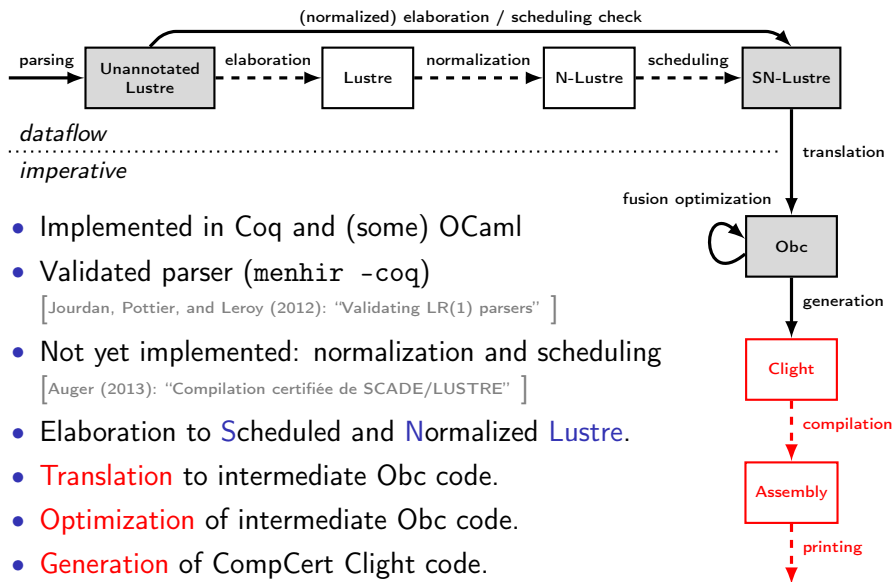
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Two talks

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- Overview
- Translation correctness: SN-Lustre to Obc (recap)
- Control-fusion optimization
- Integration of Clight operators

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- Obc to Clight
- Demo

Outline

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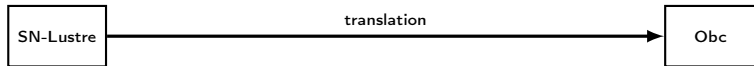
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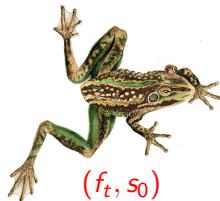


Translation of SN-Lustre to Obscure



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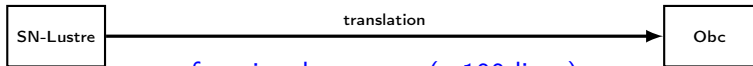
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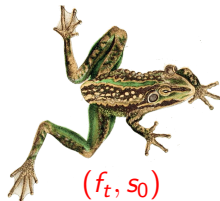


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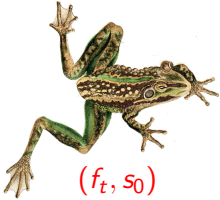
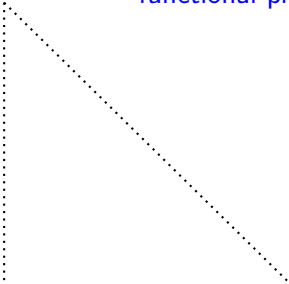
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SN-Lustre

translation

Obc

functional program (≈ 100 lines)



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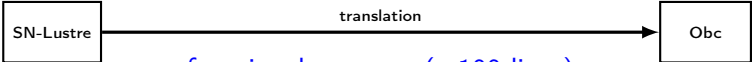
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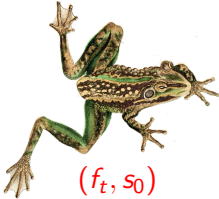
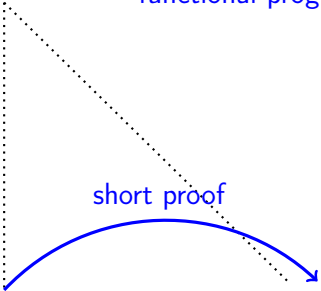
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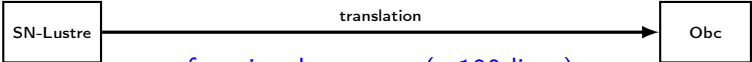
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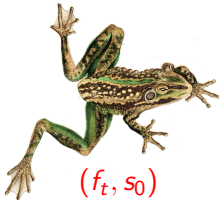
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SN-Lustre

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Obc

induction G

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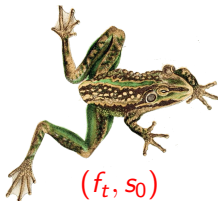
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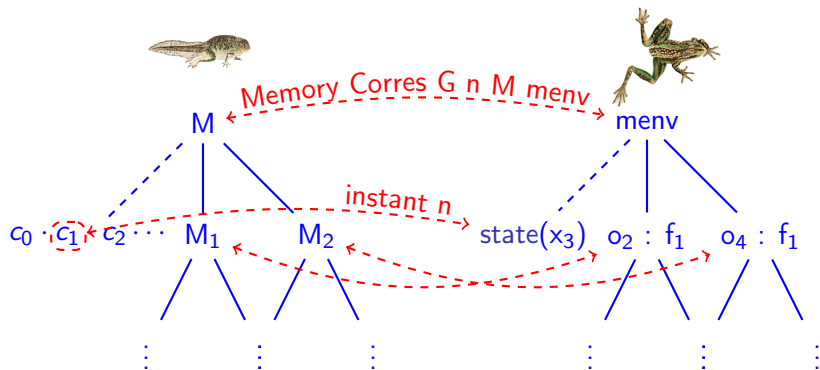
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SN-Lustre to Obs: main invariant



- Memory 'model' does not change between SN-Lustre and Obs.
 - Corresponds at each 'snapshot'.
- The real challenge is in the change of semantic model:
from **dataflow streams** to **sequenced assignments**

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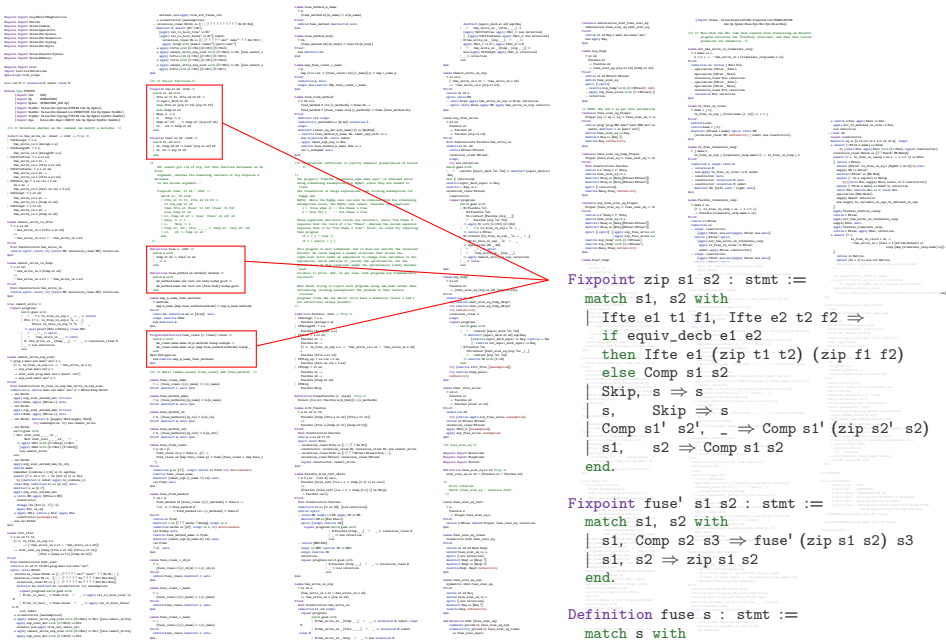
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    if equiv_decb e1 e2
    then Ifte e1 (zip t1 t2) (zip f1 f2)
    else Comp s1 s2
  | Skip, s => s
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  | Comp s1' s2', _ => Comp s1' (zip s2' s2)
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  end.
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  | s1, Comp s2 s3 => fuse' (zip s1 s2) s3
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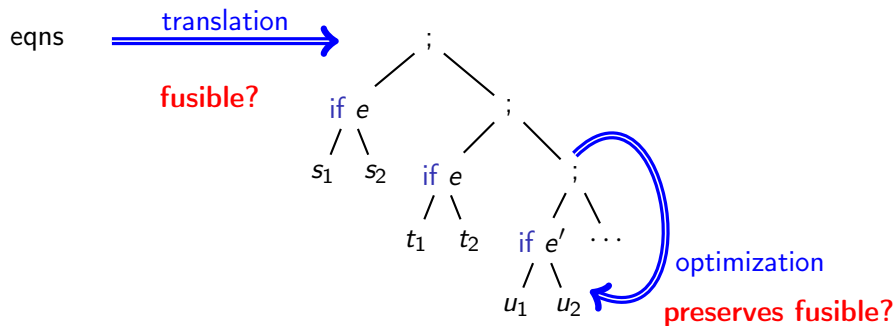
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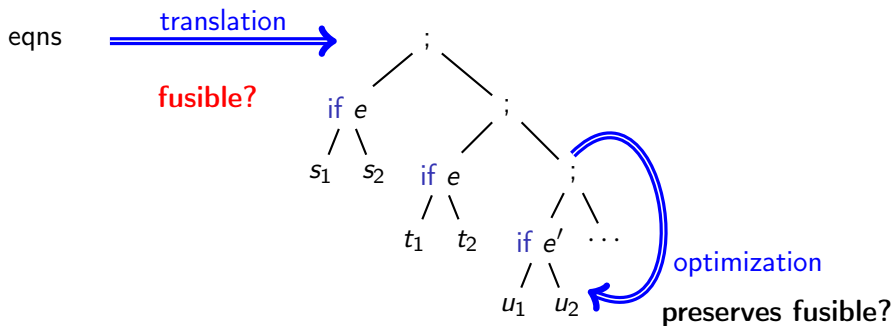
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General Schema

- Implement optimization as a function on code.
- Find invariant under which the semantics is preserved:
 - Satisfied by the generated code.
 - Preserved by (components of) the optimization.

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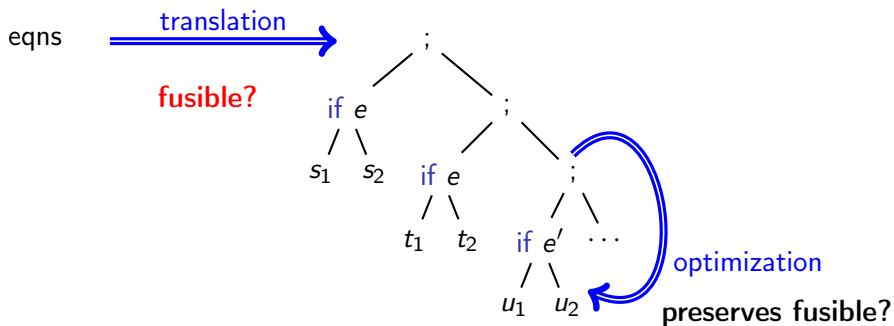


$x = (\text{merge } b \text{ e1 e2})^{\text{base on ck}}$

```
if ck then {  
  if b then {  
    x := e1  
  } else {  
    x := e2  
  }  
}
```

- In a well scheduled dataflow program it is not possible to read x before writing it.
- Compiling $x = (ce)^{\text{ck}}$ and $x = (fle)^{\text{ck}}$ gives **fusible** imperative code.

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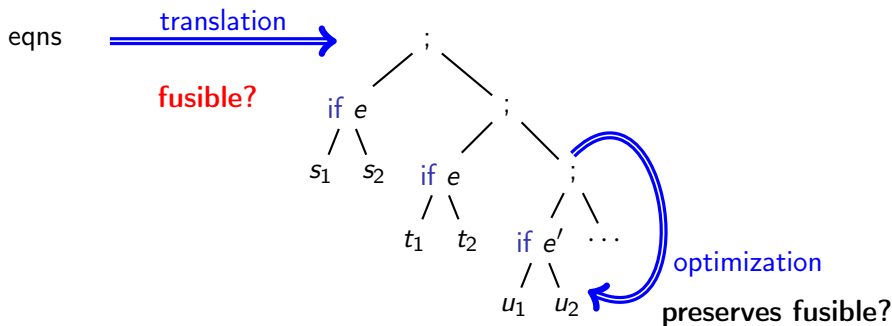


$x = (0 \text{ fby } (x + 1))$ base on ck

```
if ck then {  
  mem(x) := mem(x) + 1  
}
```

- But for **fby** equations, we must read x before writing it.
- A different invariant?
Once we write x , we never read it again.
Trickier to express. Trickier to work with.

Fusion of control structures: correctness



$y = (\text{true when } x)^{\text{base on } x}$
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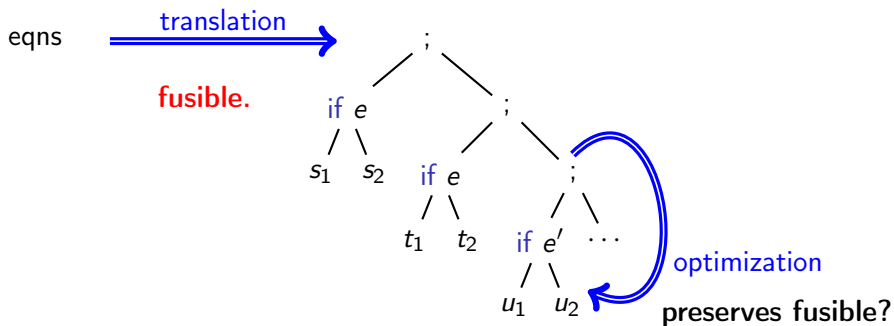
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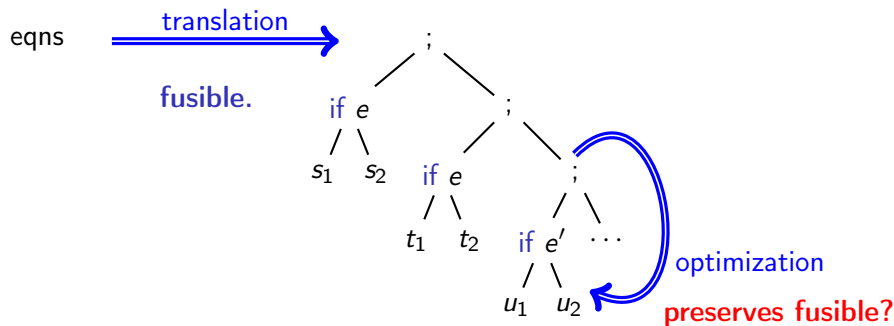


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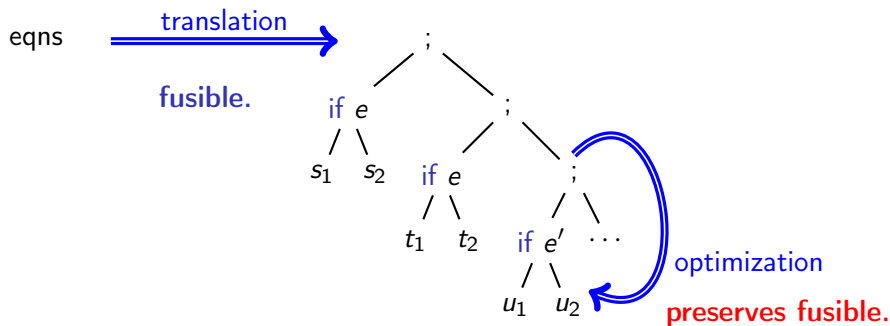


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Open question: what is the usefulness in practice?

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- Can we facilitate certification?
- Can we help developers of industrial tools?

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