

Fully Composable and Adequate Verified Compilation with Direct Refinements between Open Modules

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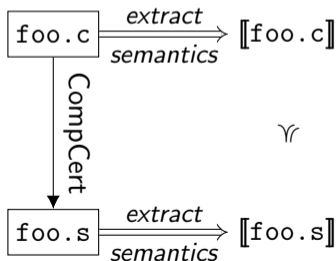
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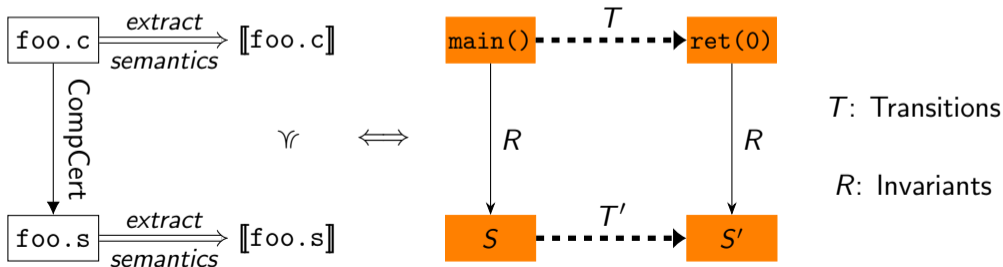
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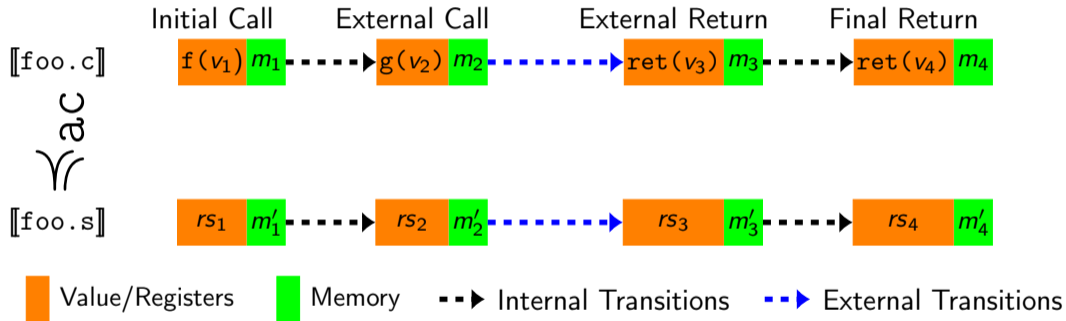
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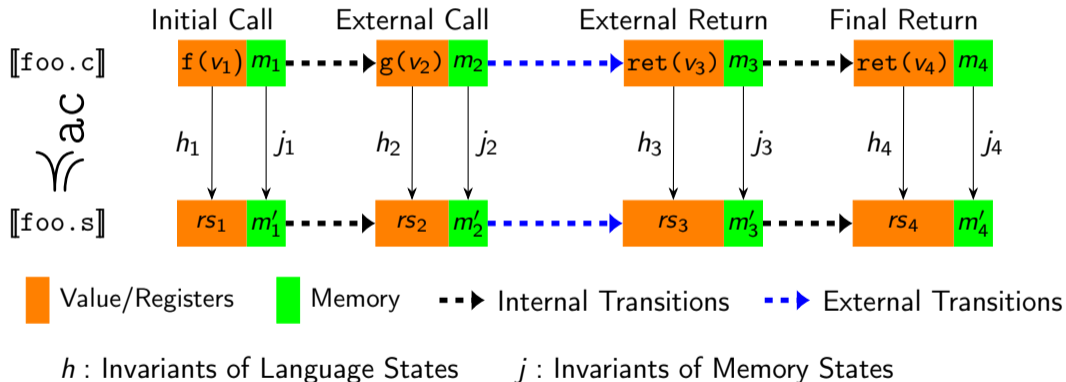
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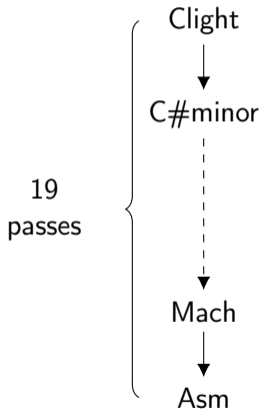
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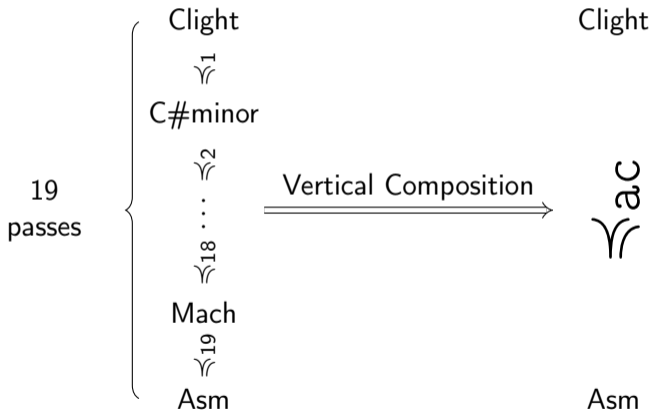
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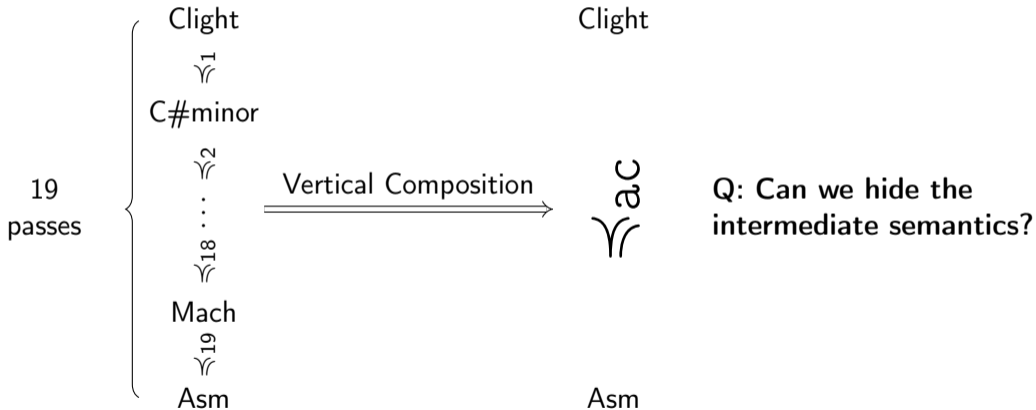
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Our Contributions

Approach to Direct Refinements Supporting:

- Vertical and horizontal composition
- Equivalence of semantics and syntactic linking (i.e., **Adequacy**)
- Heterogeneous modules with mutual calls

Applications:

- CompCert's full compilation chain
- Extension to user-level verification

Notice: We focus on **imperative programs with global memory and pointers**.

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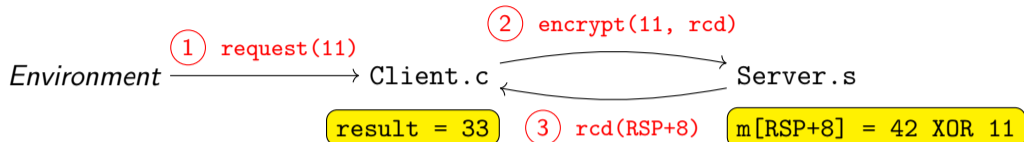
Heterogeneous Modules with Callbacks and Pointer Passing:

- A client written in C;
- An encryption server written in X86 assembly.

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2 int result;
3 void encrypt(int i, void(*p)(int*));
4
5 static void rcd(int *r) {
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7 }
8 // Entry point
9 int request(int i) {
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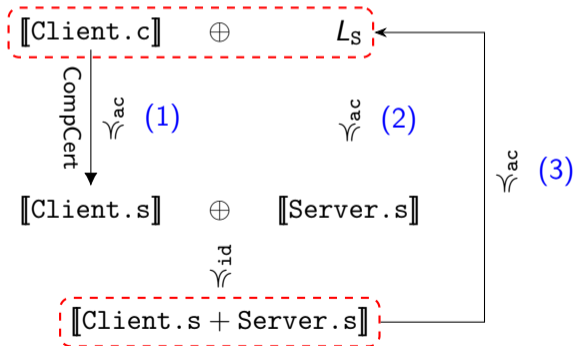


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Verification Steps

- (1) Prove CompCert has the direct refinement \preceq_{ac} ;
- (2) Prove $\llbracket \text{Server.s} \rrbracket \preceq_{ac} L_S$;
- (3) Exploit the compositionality and adequacy of \preceq_{ac} .



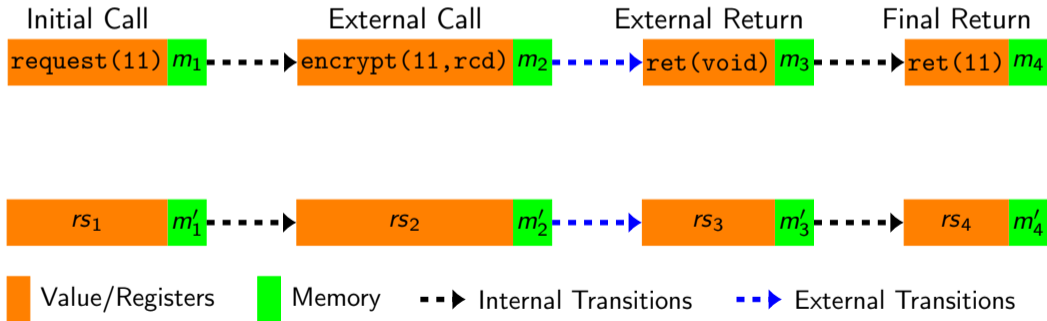
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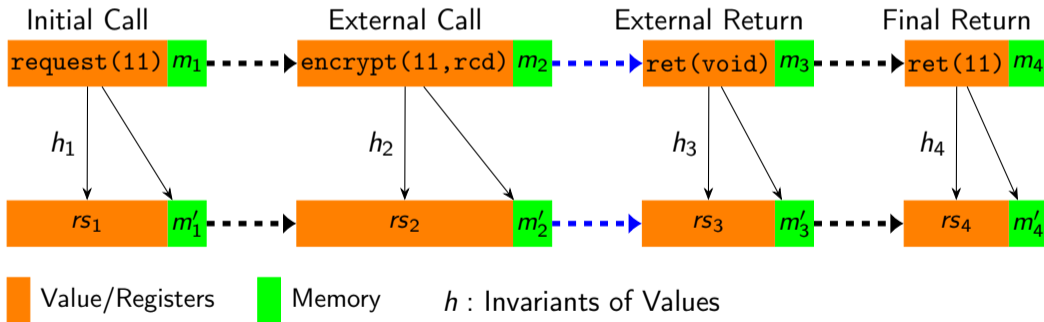


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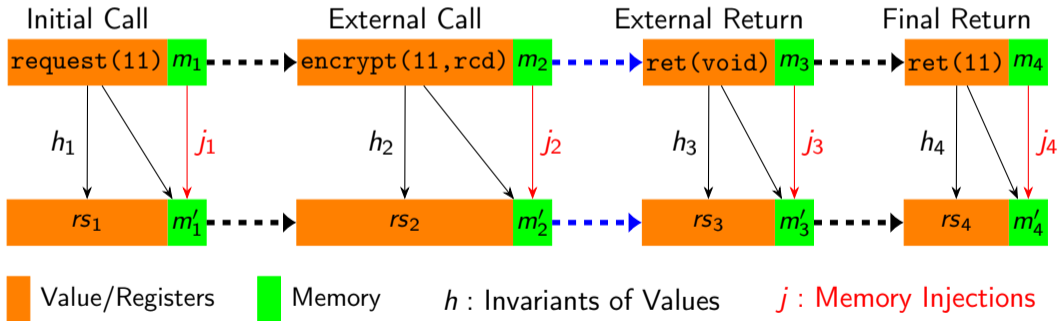


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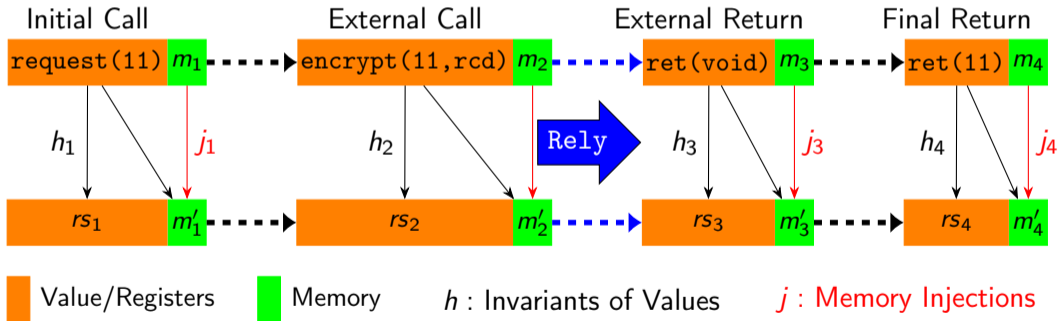


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Adequacy of Direct Refinements

Adequacy trivially holds as **invariants directly relates C and assembly states**:

- Invariants formalize the CompCert C calling convention;
- Source function arguments are mapped directly to registers and the stack.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \llbracket \text{Client.s} \rrbracket & \oplus & \llbracket \text{Server.s} \rrbracket \\ & \Upsilon^{\text{id}} & \\ \llbracket \text{Client.s} + \text{Server.s} \rrbracket & & \end{array}$$

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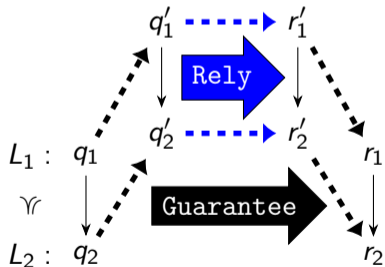
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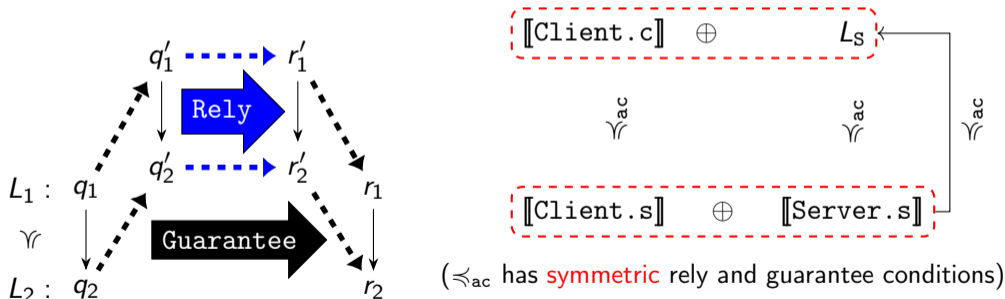


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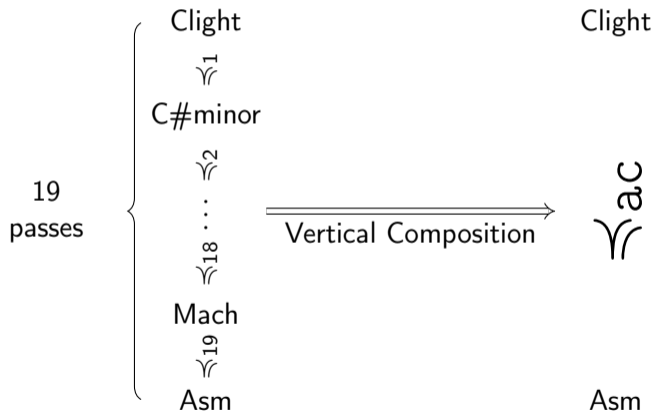


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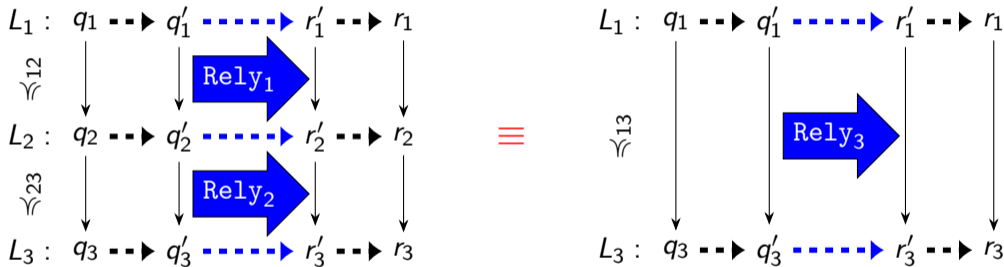
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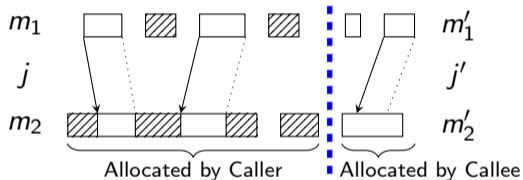
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A Kripke Relation with Memory Protection

Kripke relation injp for protection:

- At an external call, infer private memory from the injection;
- No modification to private memory allowed during the call.

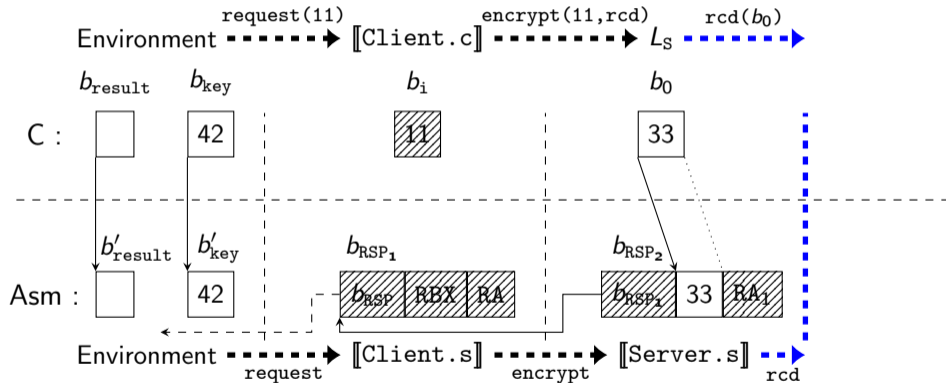


Private memory are the shaded areas, including

- Source caller's memory NOT in the **domain** of j
- Target caller's memory NOT in the **image** of j

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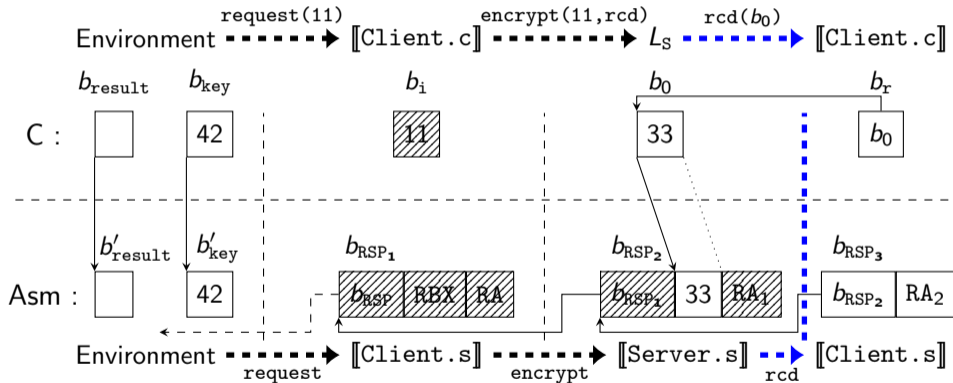
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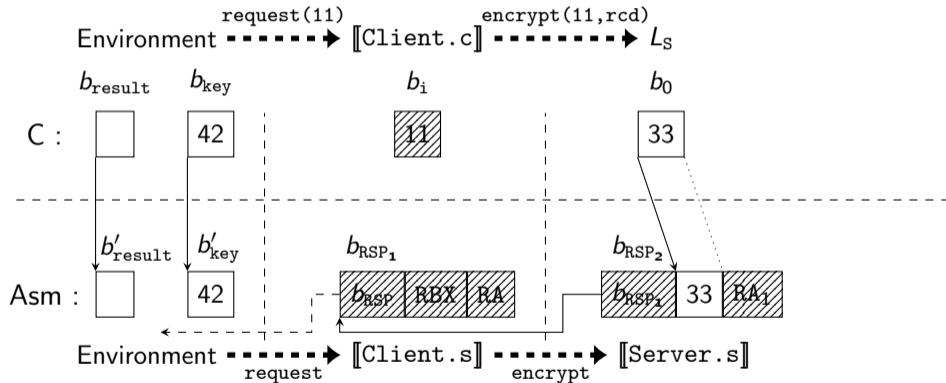
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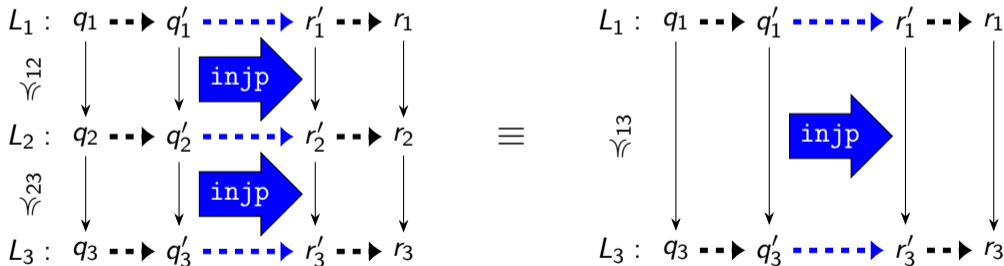


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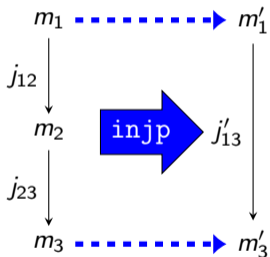
- **injp is uniform**: its protection works for all passes;
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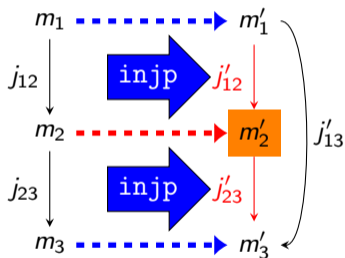
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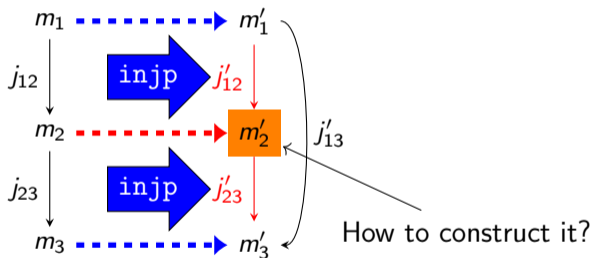
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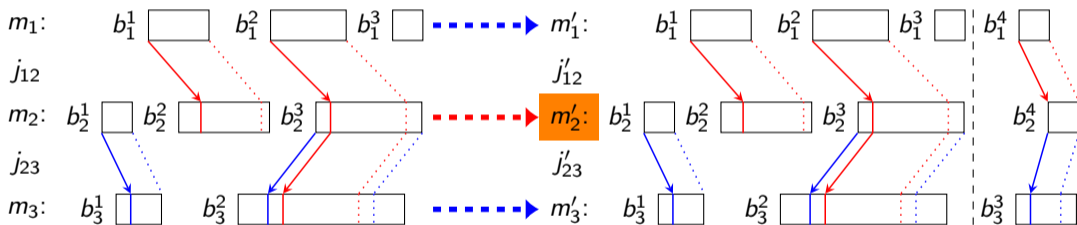
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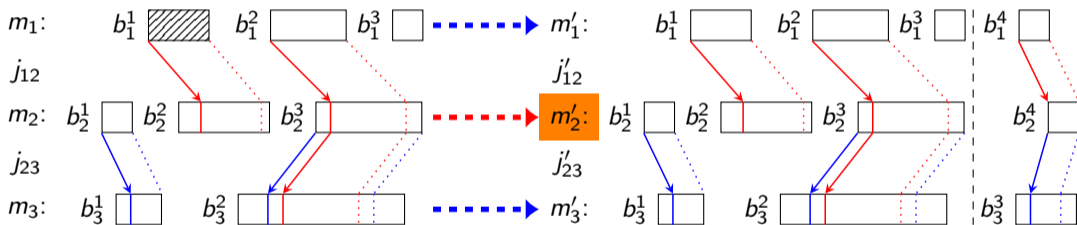
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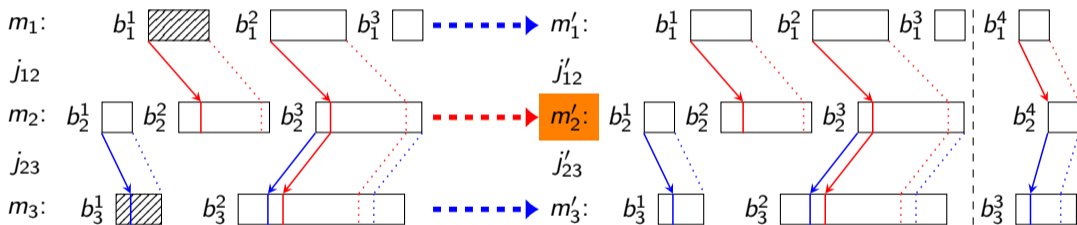
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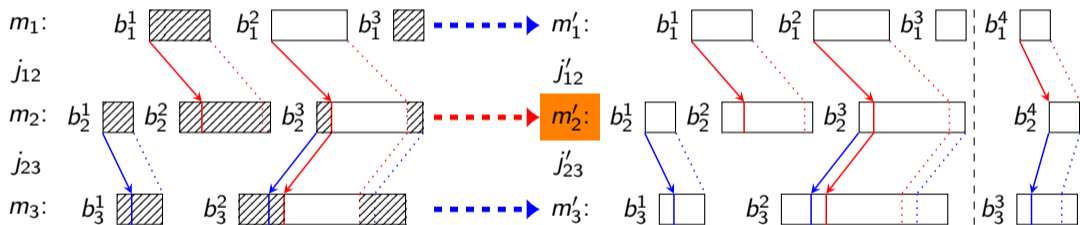
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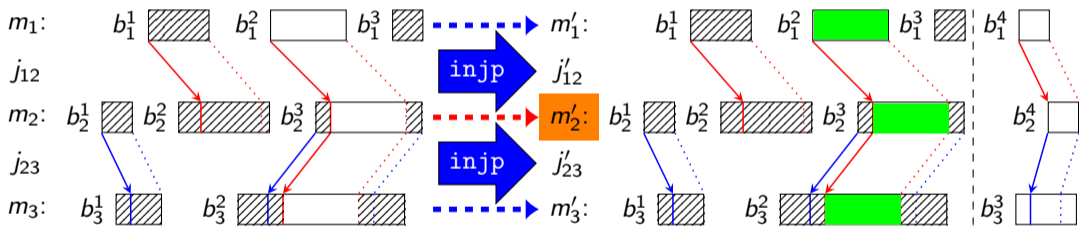
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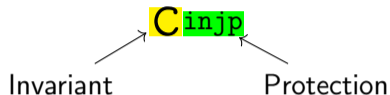


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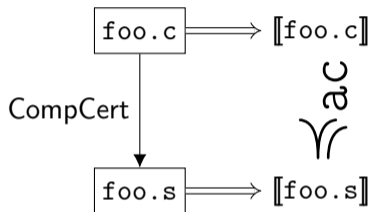
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Conclusion

Direct refinements of realistic verified compilers are feasible:



Discovery: Transitivity of Kripke Relation with Memory Protection

Ongoing/Future work:

- Reduce to the original CompCert
- Connect with Program Verification
- Verified Compilation of Safe/Unsafe Rust



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