

Osiris: Formal Semantics and Program Logics for a Fragment of OCaml

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This talk:

- Sequential OCaml 5
- Effect Handlers

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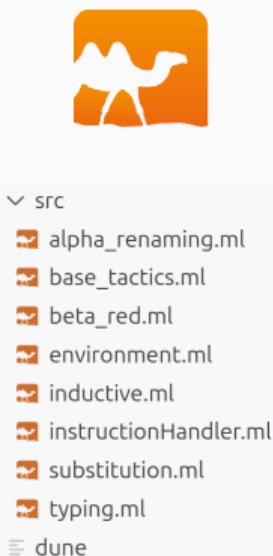
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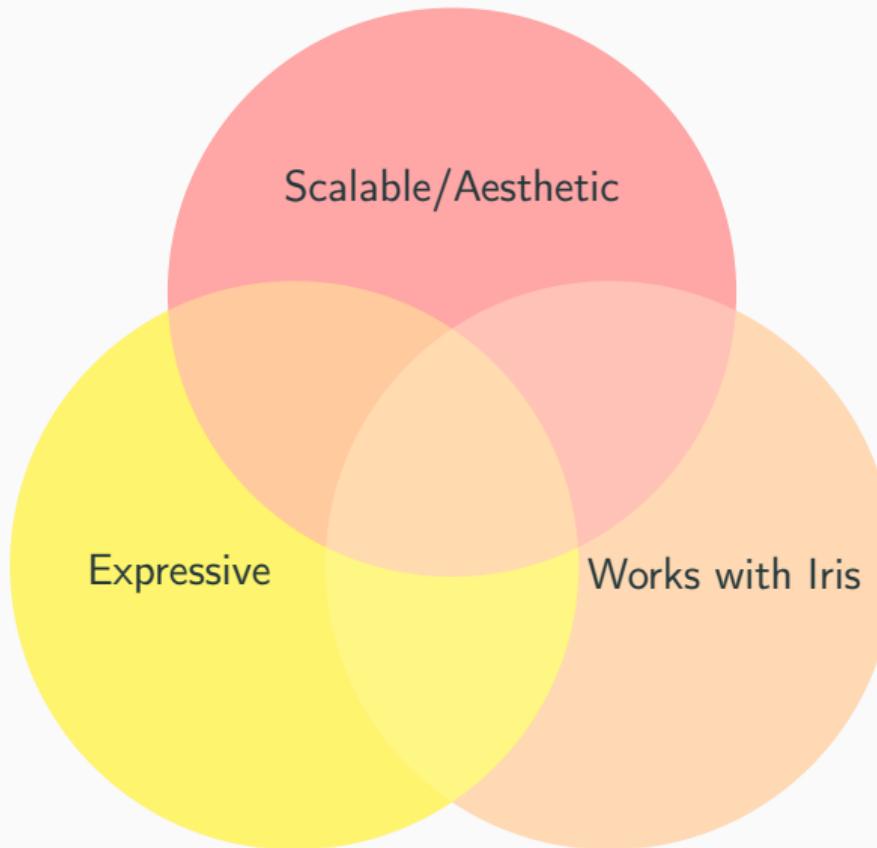
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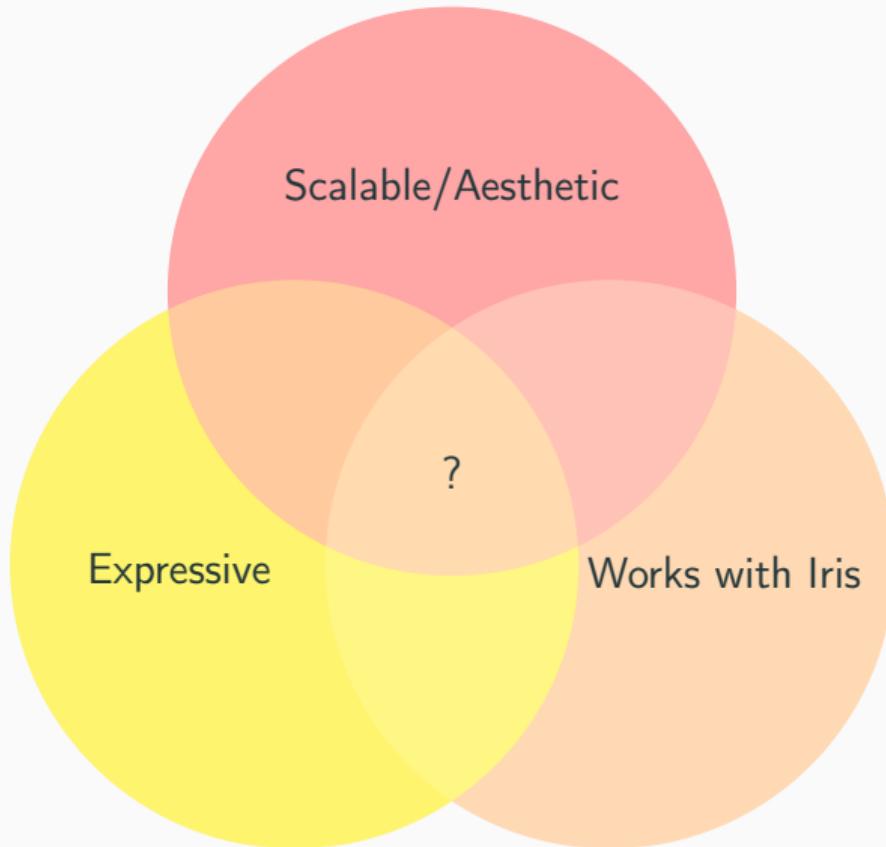
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- Design and implement formal, mechanized semantics for OCaml
- Build a framework to reason about these semantics

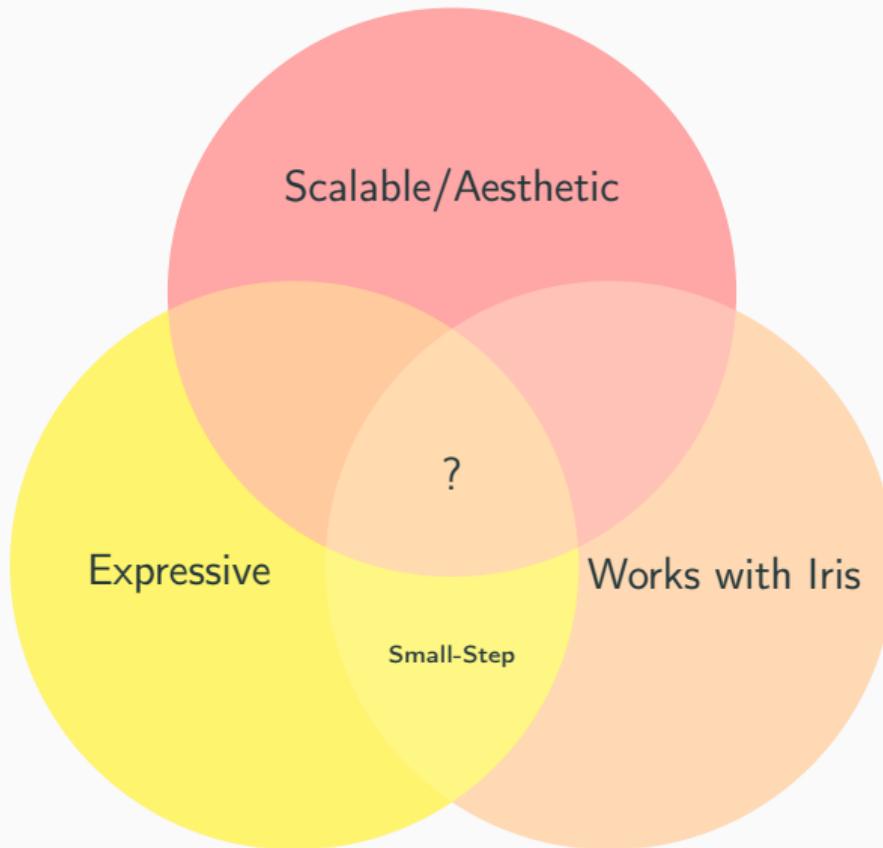
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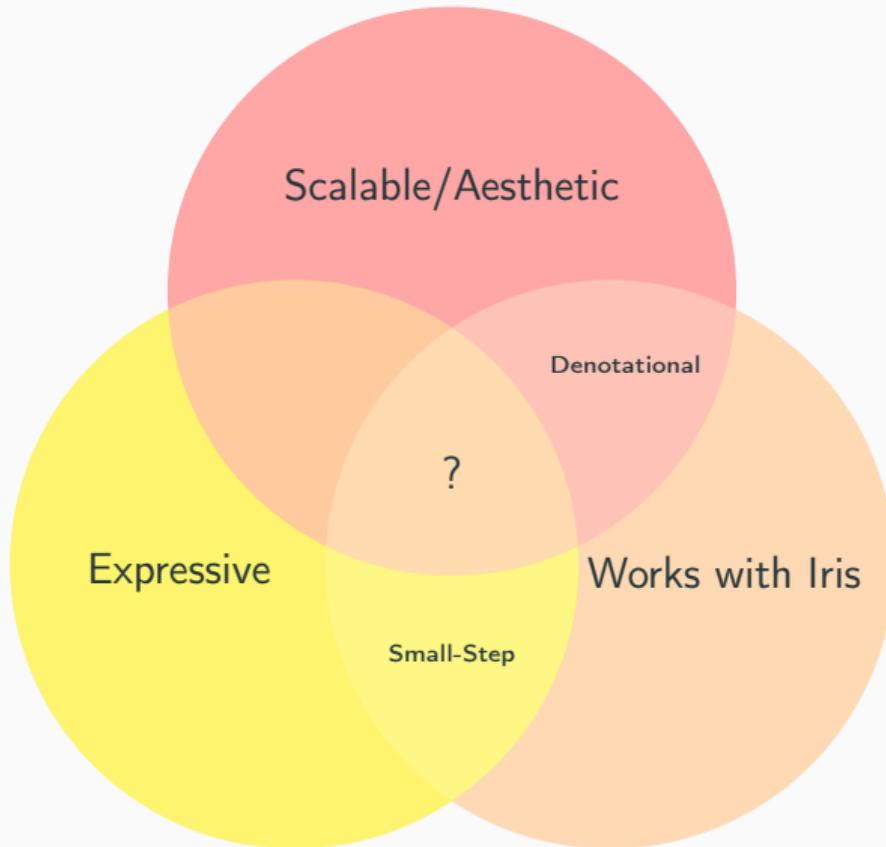
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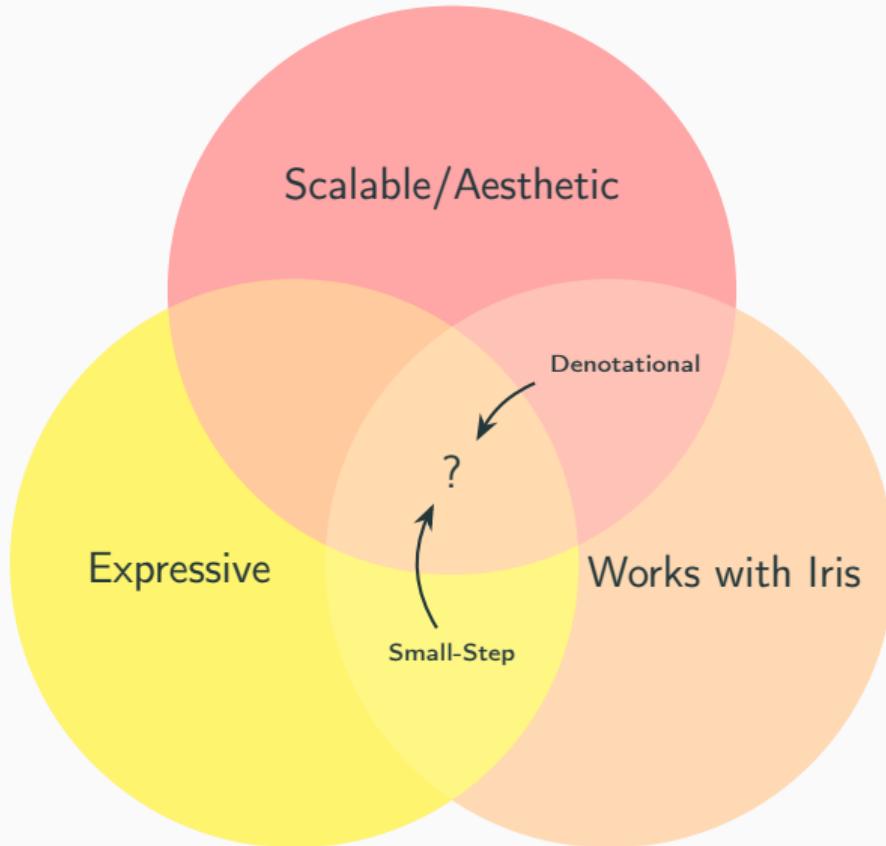
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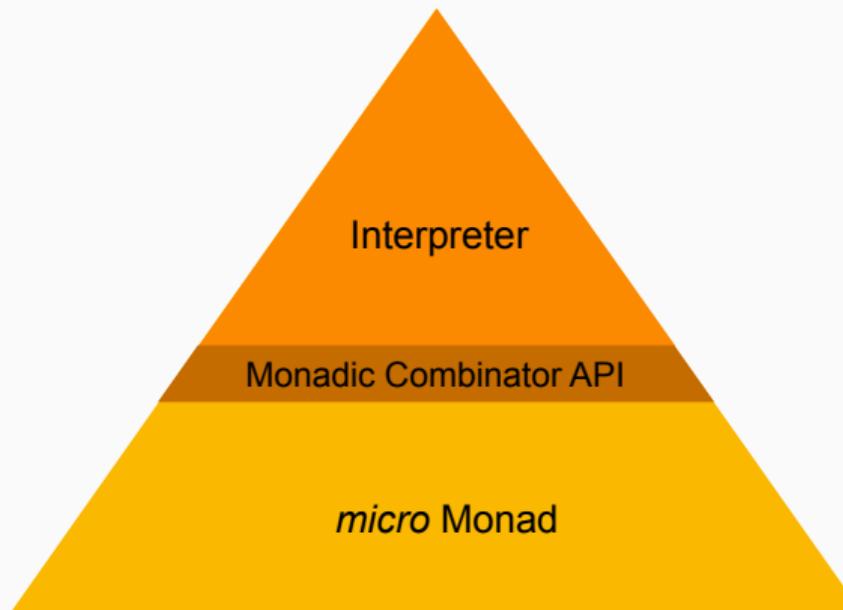
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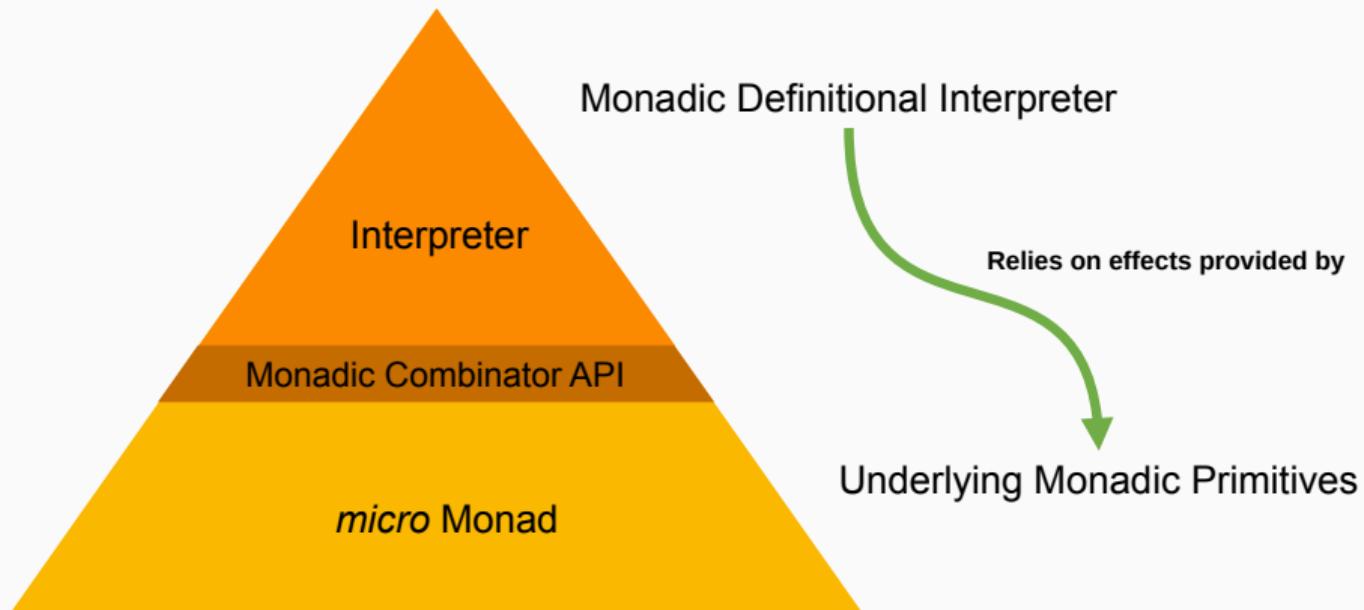
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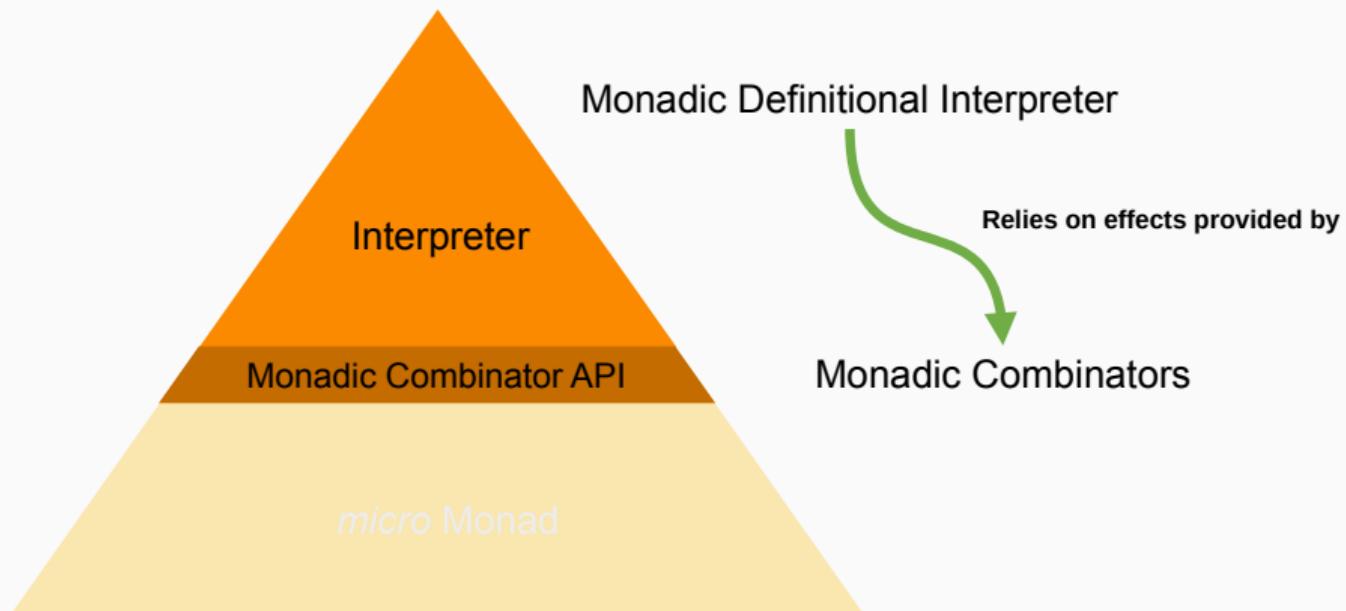
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| VTuple (vs : list val)  
| VData (c : data) (v : list val)  
| VClo ( $\eta$  : env) (x : var) (e : expr)  
| VCont (l : loc)  
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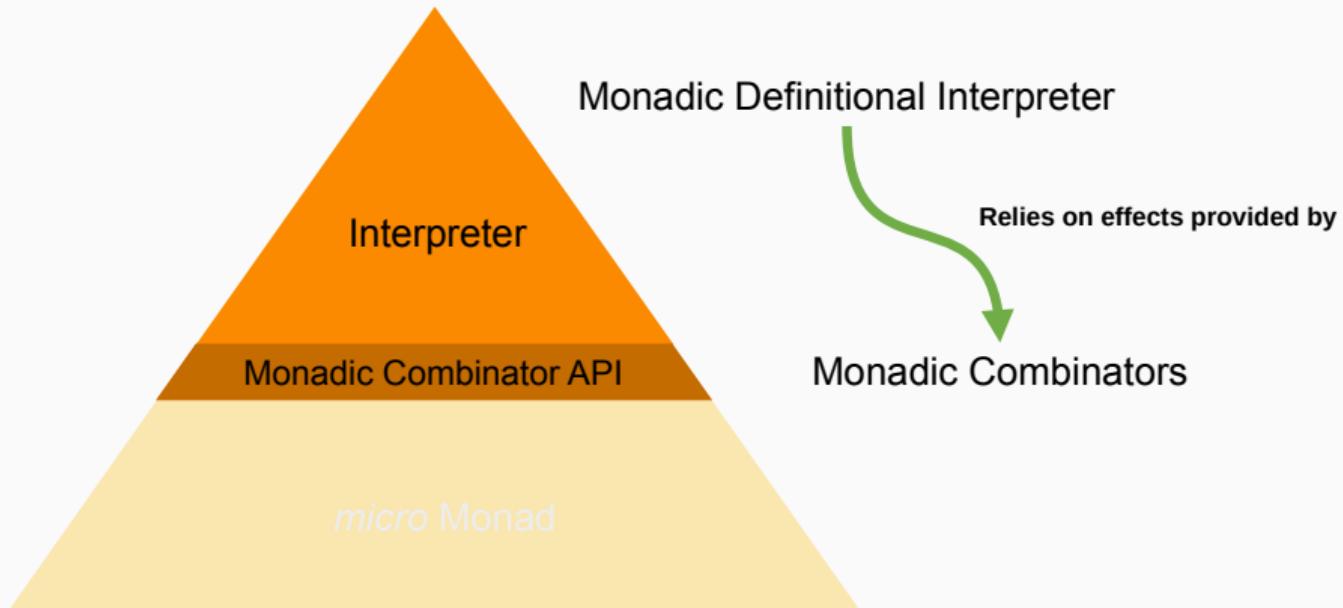
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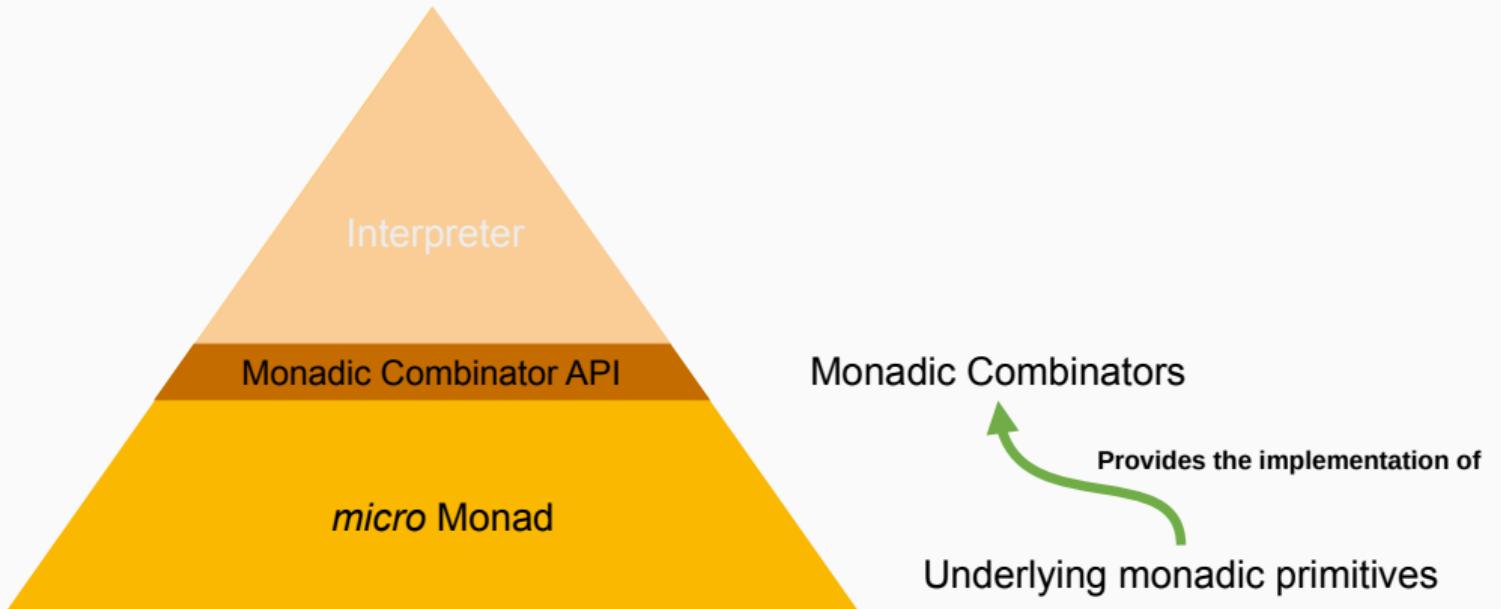
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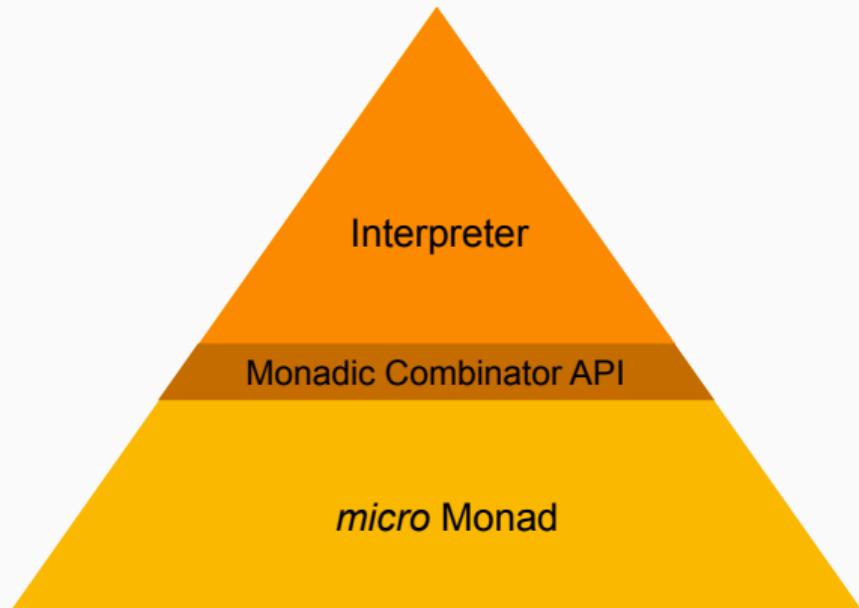
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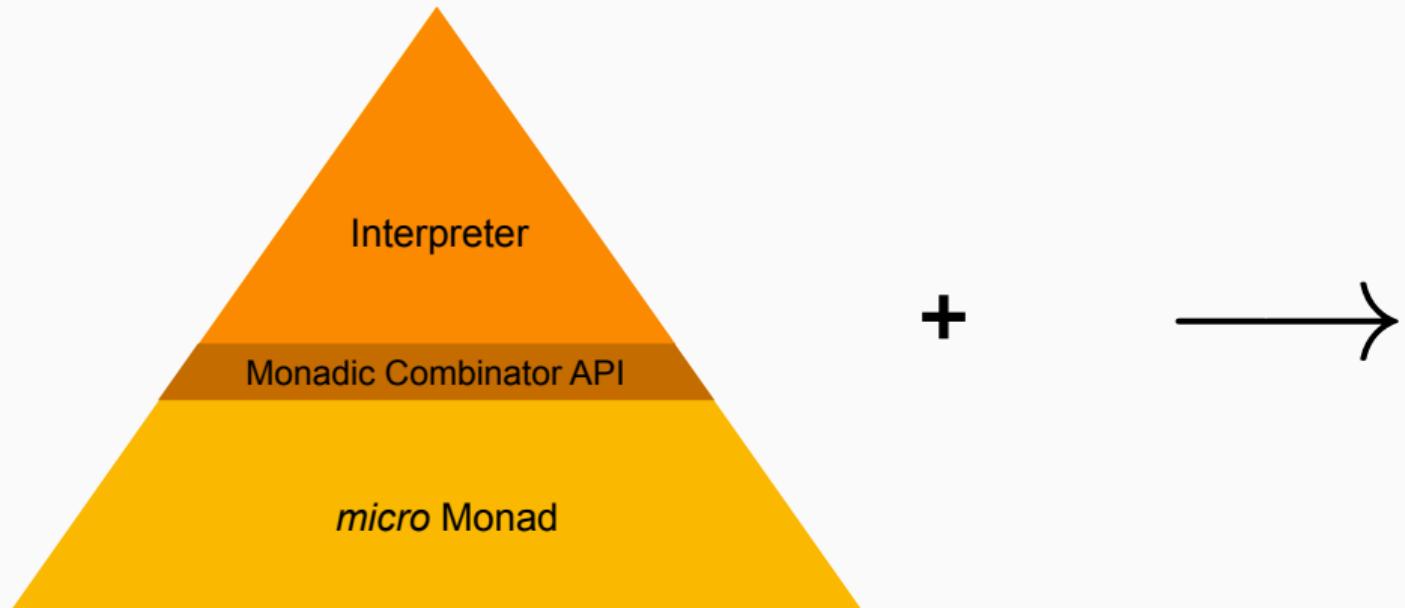
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Inductive $\text{micro } A \ E :=$

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A *heap* σ maps memory locations to values (v) or continuations (k or ℓ).

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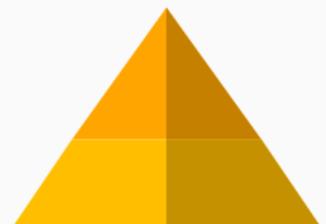
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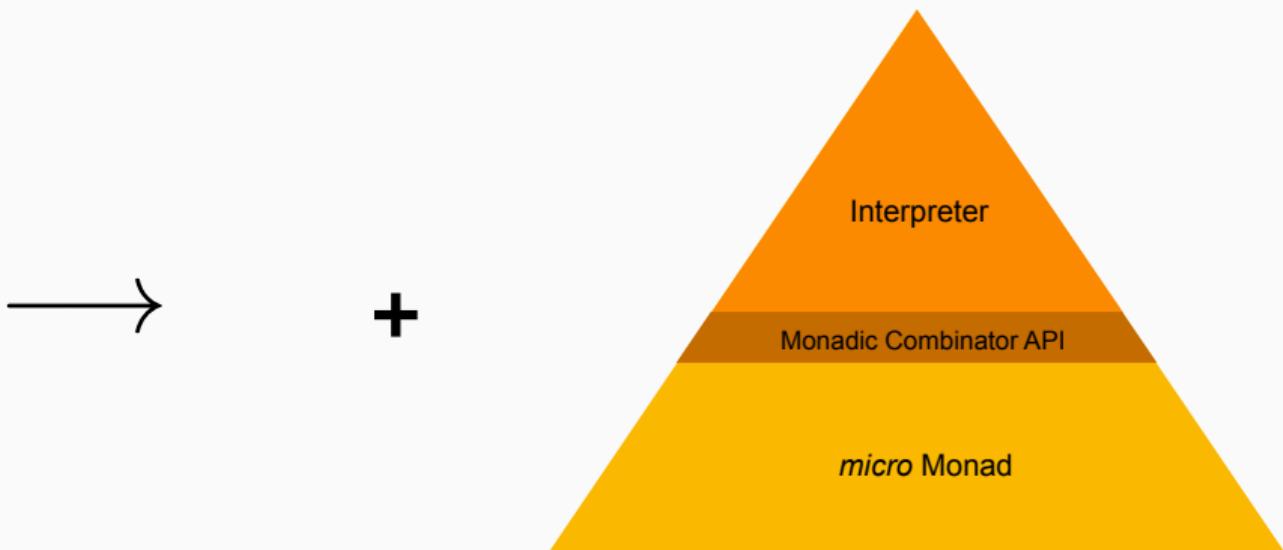
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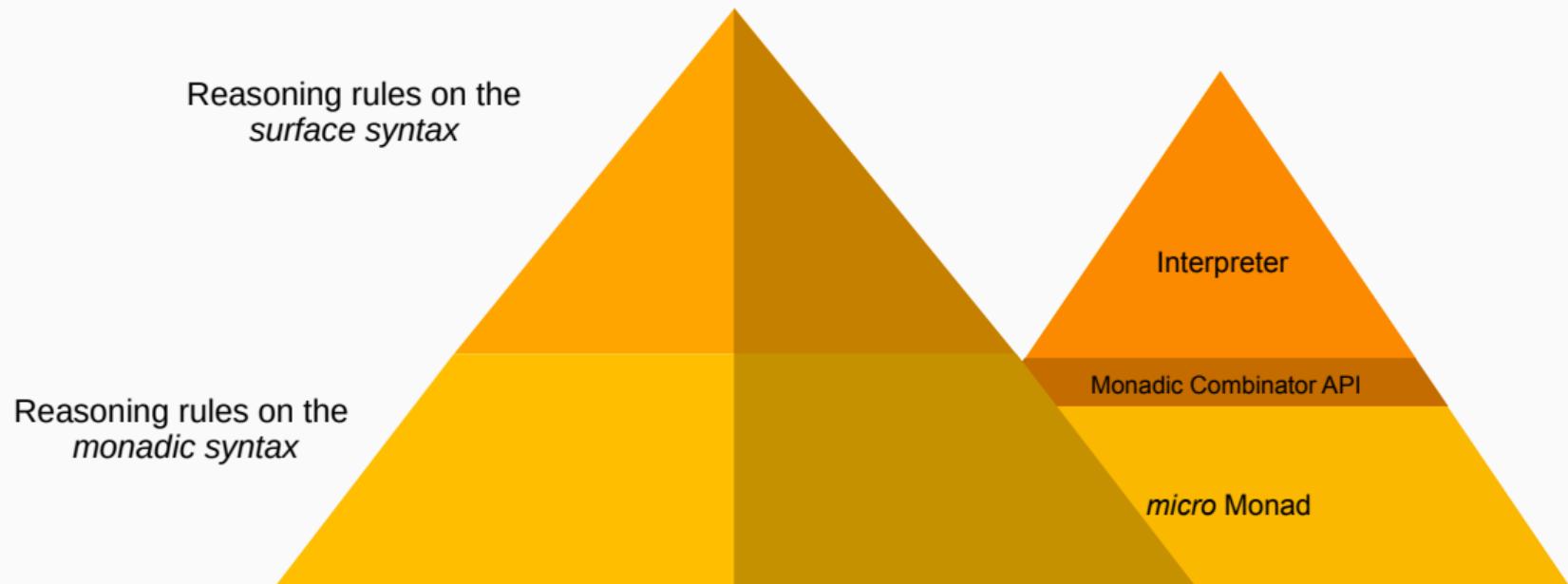
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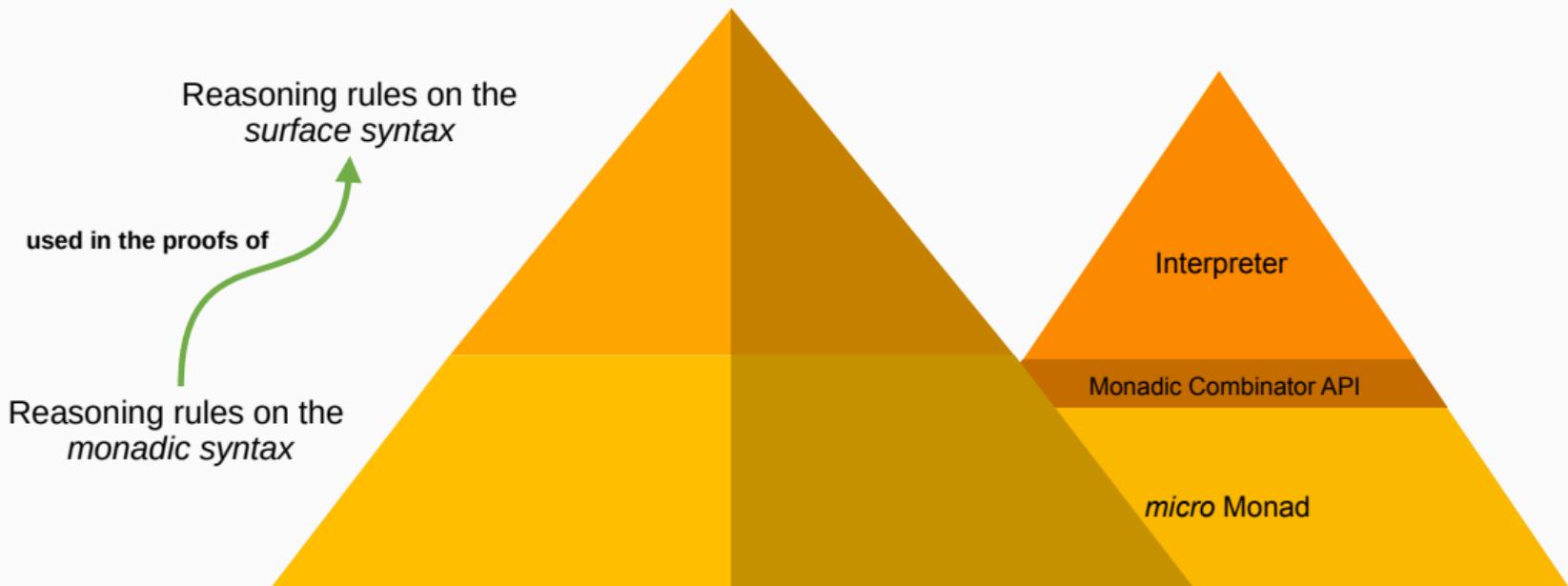
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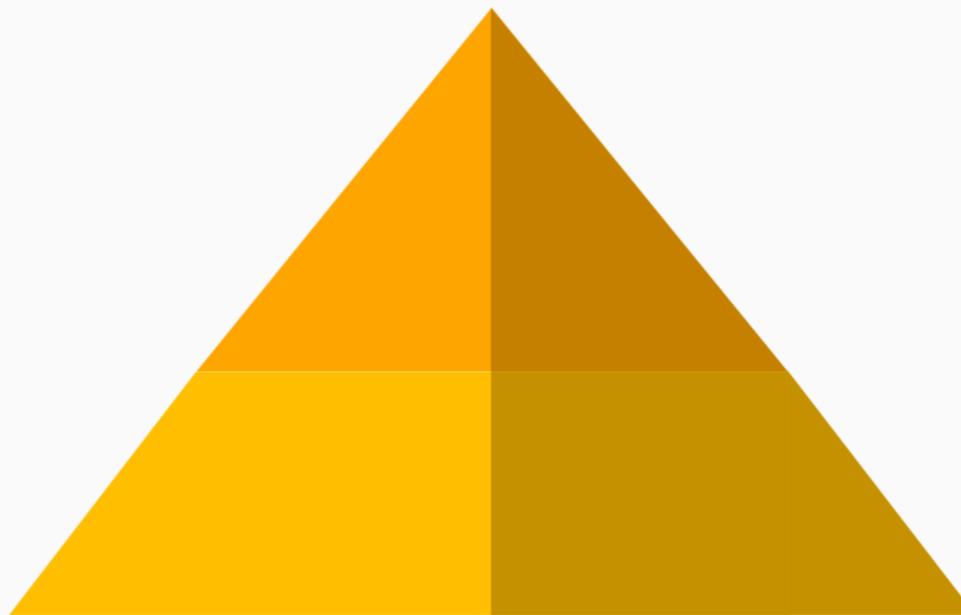
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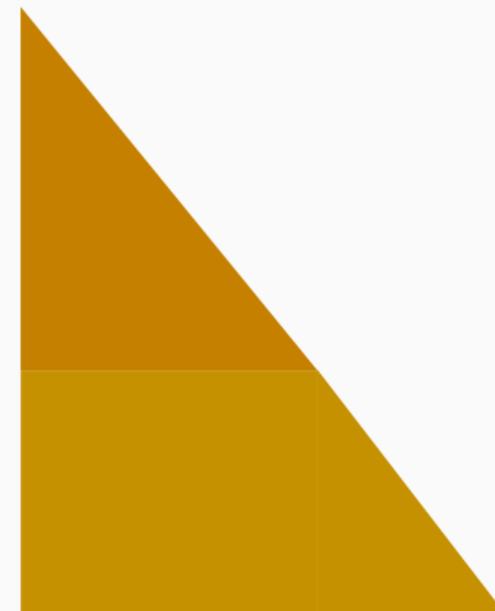
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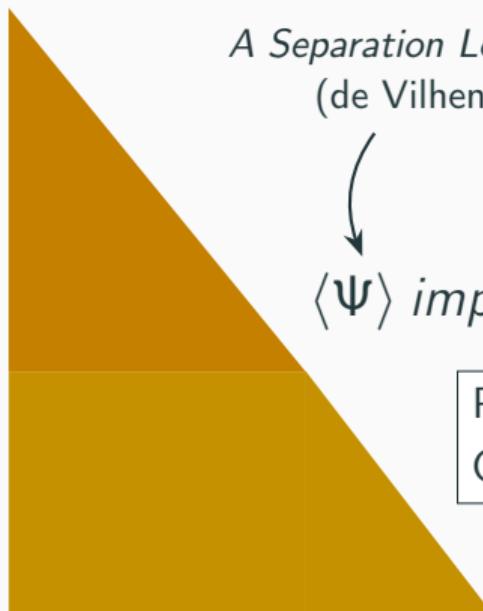
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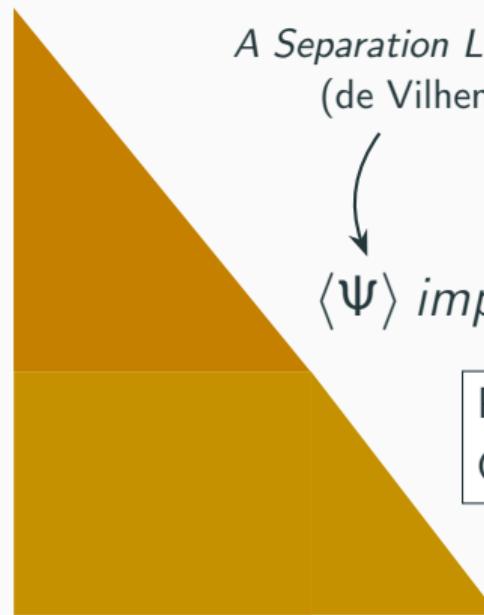
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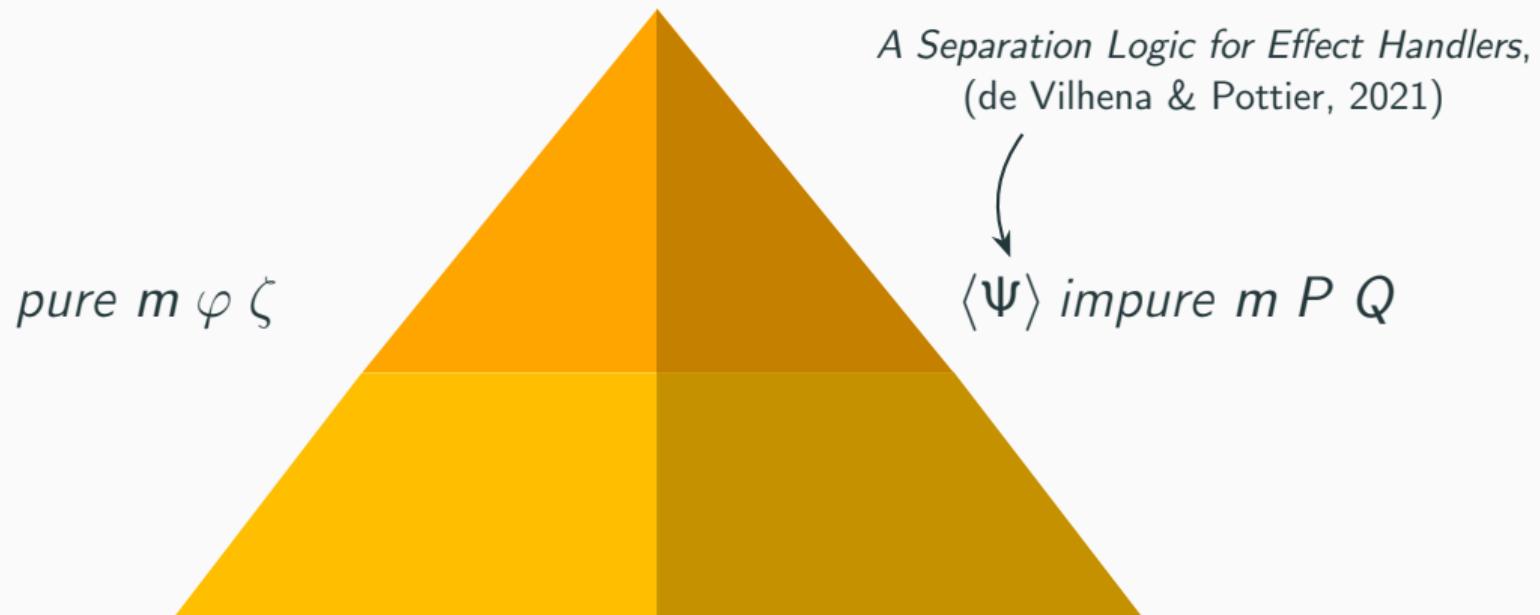
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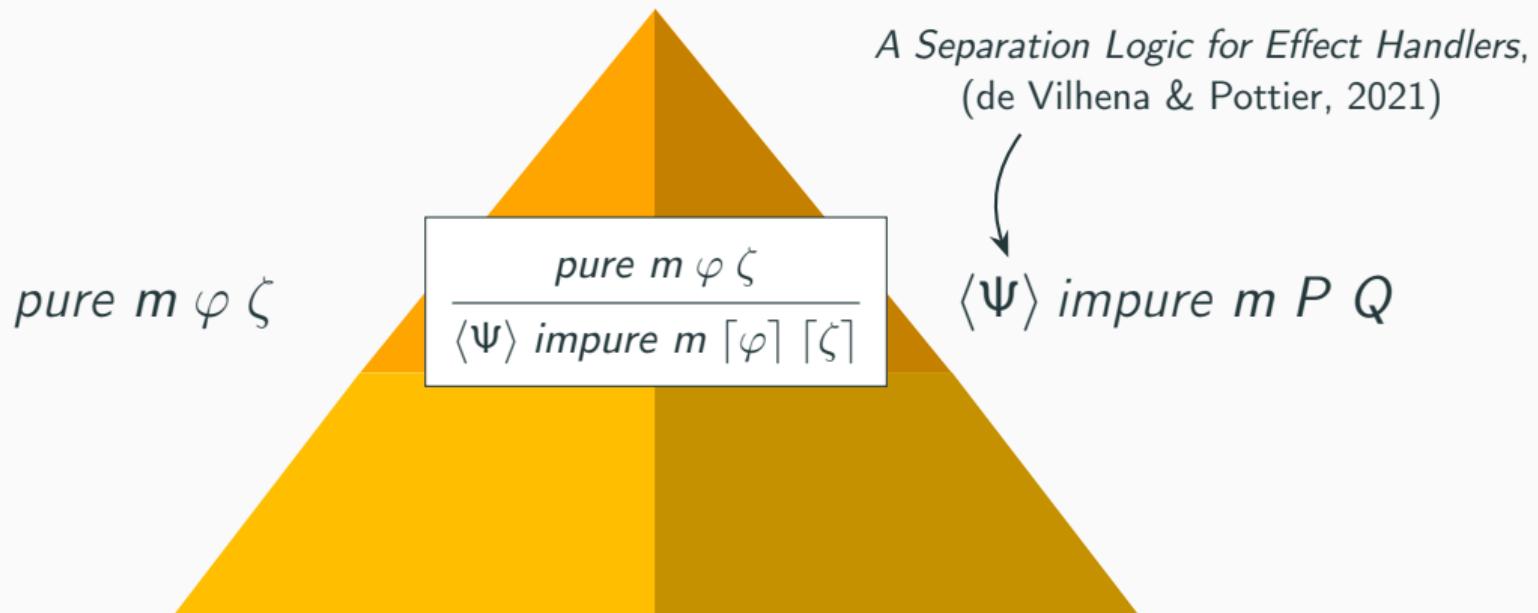
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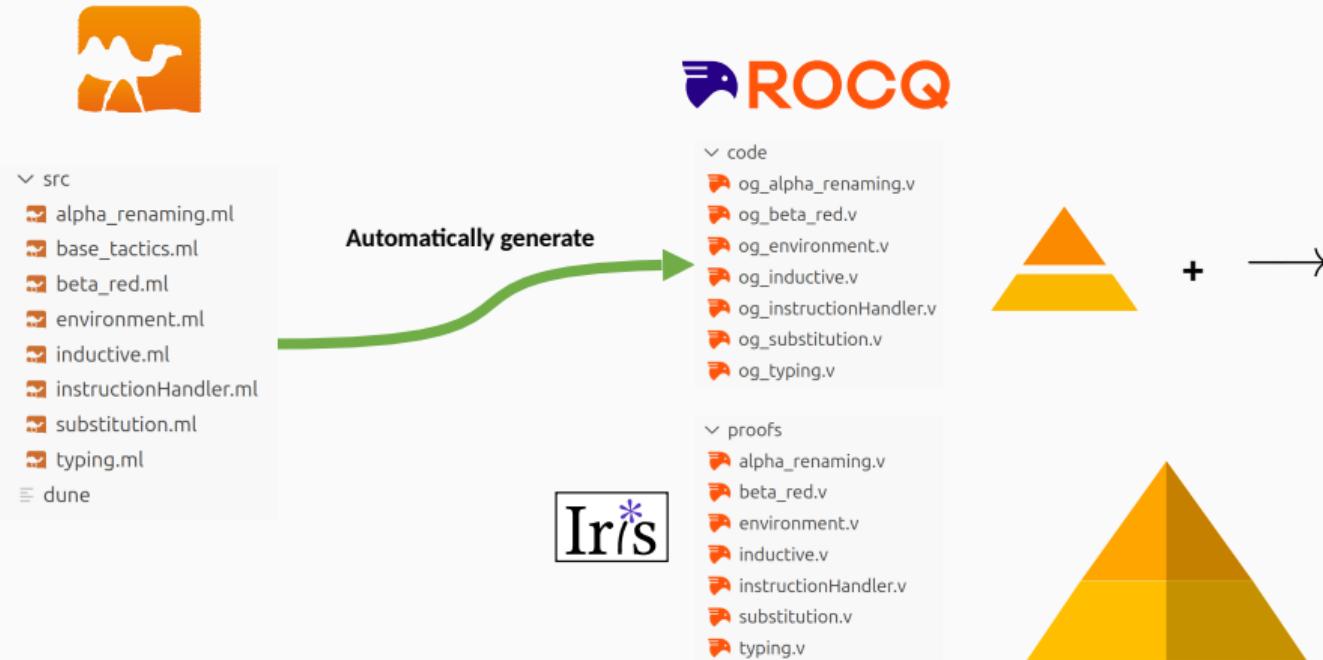
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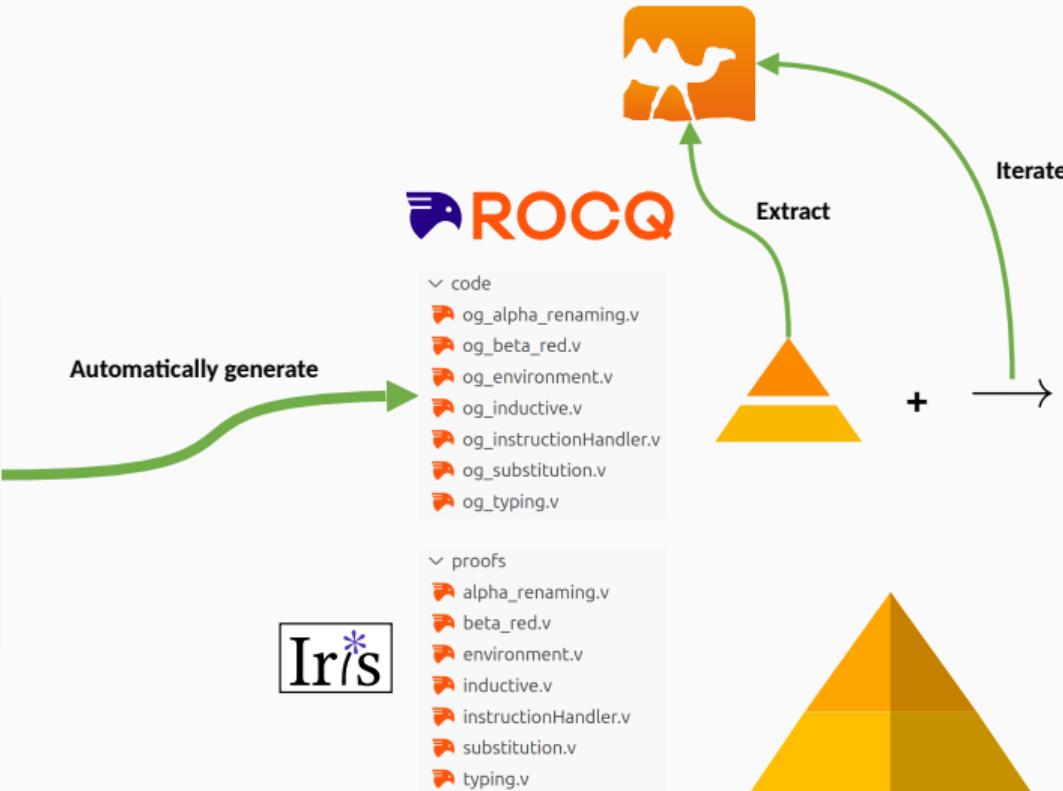
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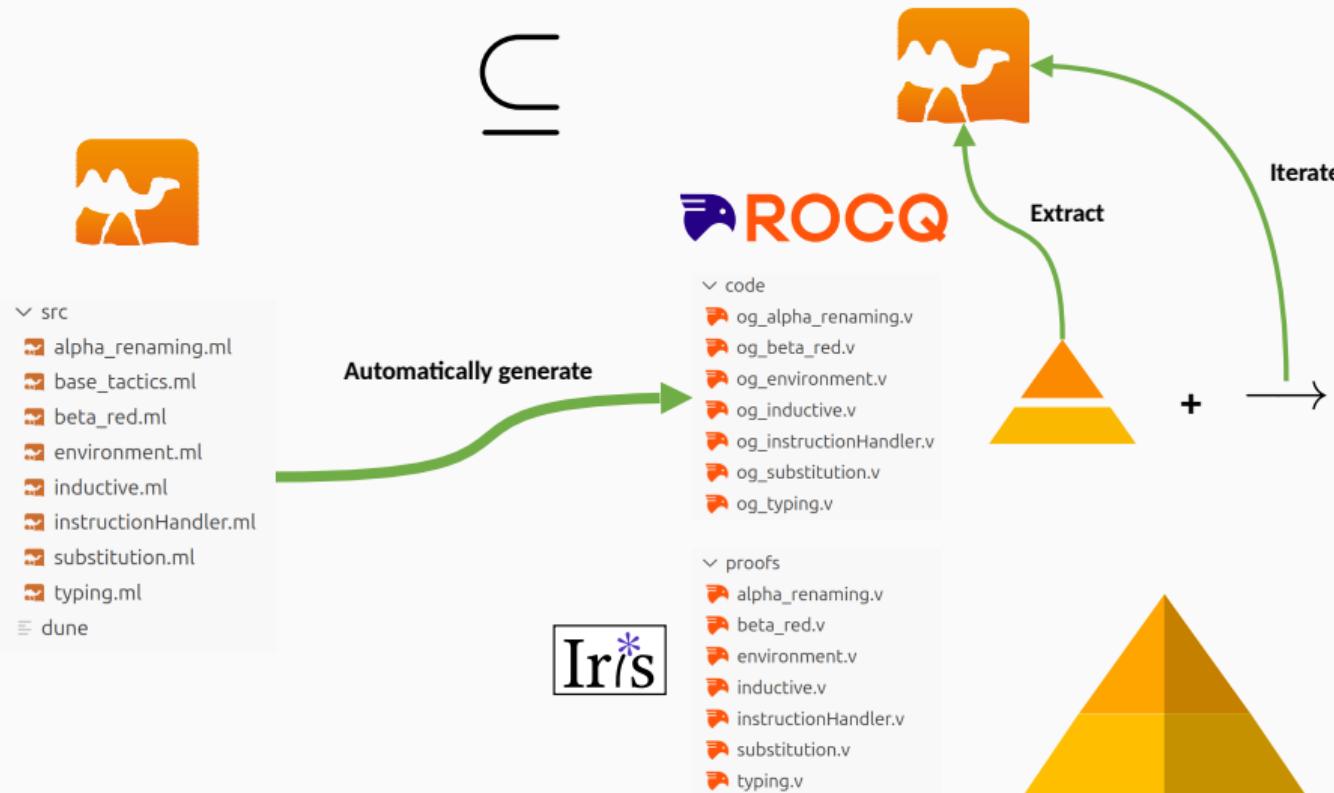
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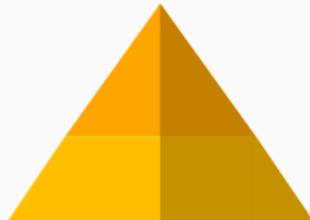
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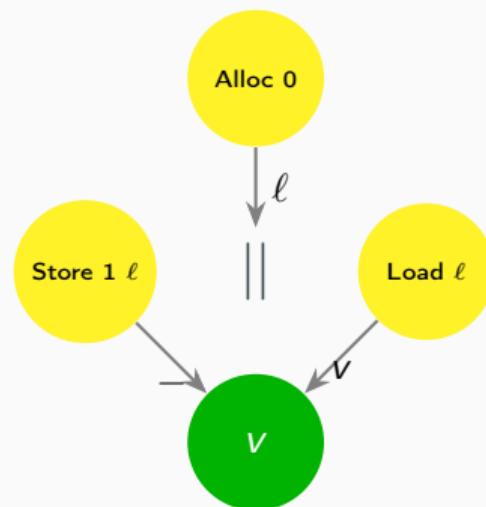


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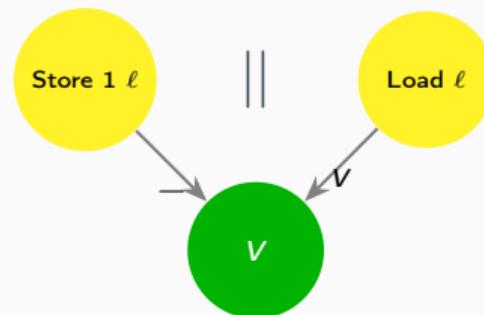
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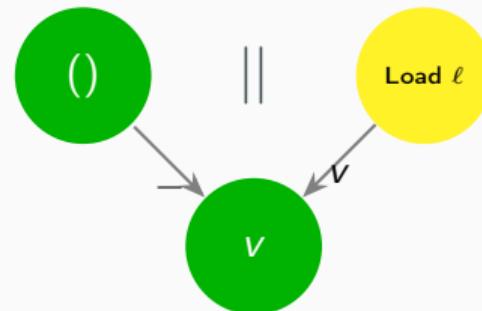
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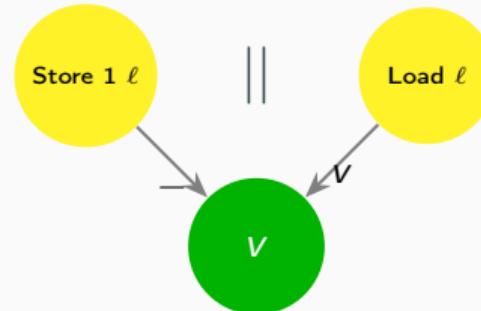
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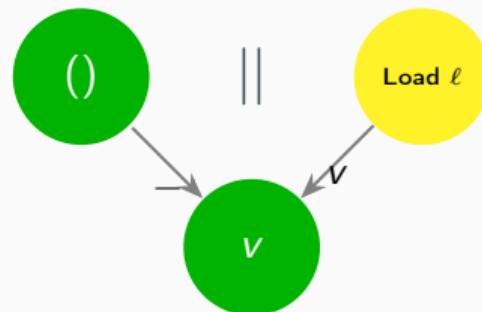
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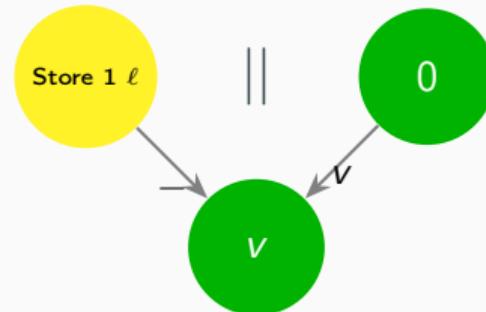
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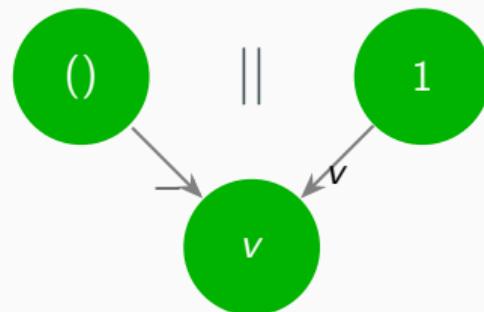
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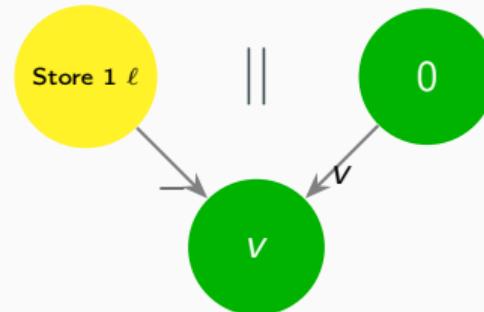
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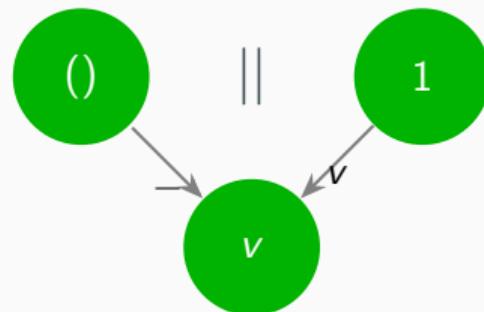
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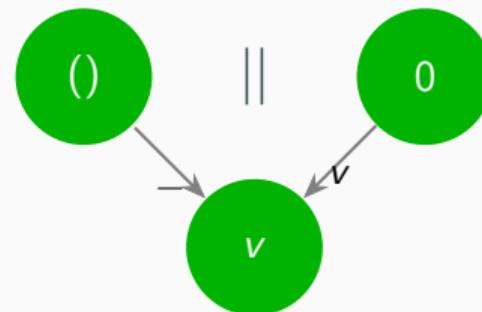
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Shallow Effect Handlers

Supporting shallow effect handlers only requires removing the instance of *wrap* in *eval_branches*.

```
Fixpoint eval  $\eta$  e :=  
...  
| EShallowMatch e bs  $\Rightarrow$   
  handle (eval  $\eta$  e) ( $\lambda$  o  $\Rightarrow$  shallow_eval_branches  $\eta$  o bs)
```

Shallow matches have a different set of proof rules, but they are built atop of the same *EWP*.

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