

# Q\*cert

## A platform for specifying and verifying query compilers

### Challenges?

Precise Language Semantics  
Long Compilation Pipeline  
Query Optimizer

### What for?

Correctness guarantees  
New Languages (e.g., DSLs)  
Education

### How?

Formal Specification  
Mechanized Proof  
Code Extraction

#### Algebraic Equivalence

```
(* Selection distributes over union *)
Lemma select_union_distr q0 q1 q2 :
  σ( q0 )(q1 ∪ q2) ≡ σ( q0 )(q1) ∪ σ( q0 )(q2).
Proof.
  ... (* proof omitted *)
Qed.
```

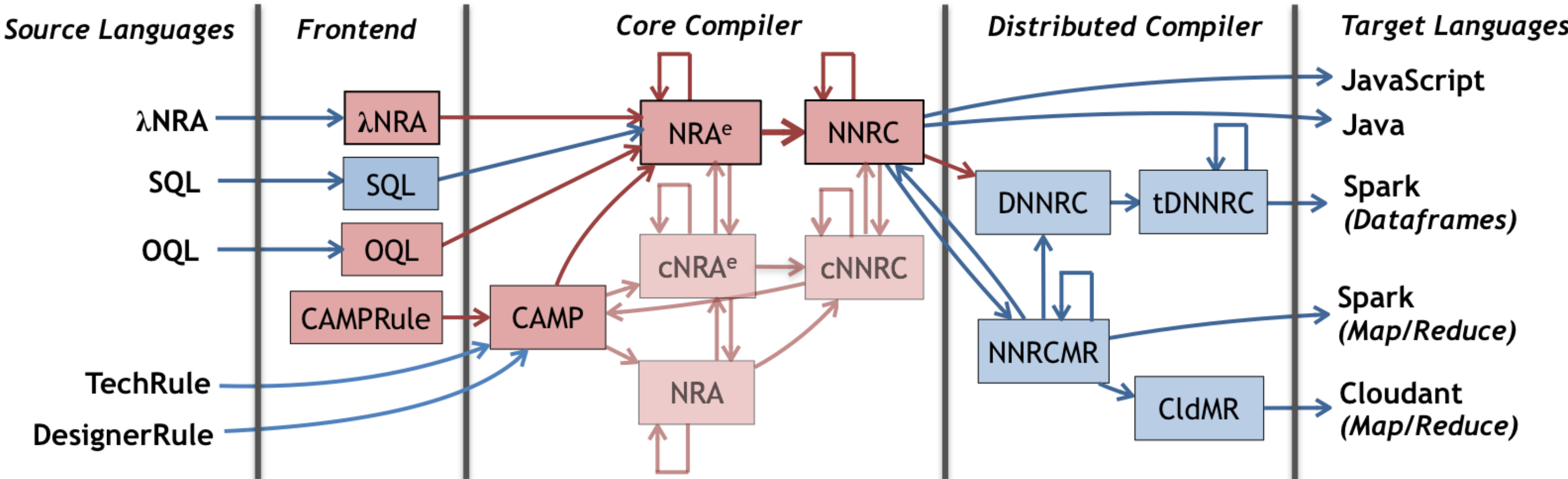
#### Functional Rewrite

```
(* Selection over union push-down *)
Definition select_union_distr_fun q :=
  match q with
  | NRAEnvSelect q0 (NRAEnvBinop AUnion q1 q2) =>
    NRAEnvBinop AUnion
      (NRAEnvSelect q0 q1) (NRAEnvSelect q0 q2)
  | _ => q
end.
```

#### Correctness Proof

```
(* Selection over union push-down is correct *)
Property select_union_distr_fun_correctness q0 q1 q2 :
  select_union_distr_fun q ≡ q.
Proof.
  Hint Rewrite select_union_distr : envmap_eqs.
  prove_correctness q.
Qed.
```

#### Compilation Pipeline



**SQL:** Structured Query Language  
**OQL:** Object Query Language  
**λNRA:** NRA with Lambdas  
**CAMPRule:** Rule Macros for CAMP  
**TechRule:** ODM technical rules  
**DesignerRule:** ODM designer rules

**NRA:** Nested Relational Algebra  
**NRA<sup>e</sup>:** NRA with Environments  
**cNRA<sup>e</sup>:** Core NRA<sup>e</sup>  
**NNRC:** Named Nested Relational Calculus  
**cNNRC:** Core NNRC  
**CAMP:** Calculus of Aggregating Matching Patterns

**DNNRC:** Distributed NNRC  
**tDNNRC:** Typed DNNRC  
**NNRCMR:** NNRC + Map/Reduce  
**ClMR:** NNRC + Cloudant Map/Reduce

### Features

Nested Data Model with Objects  
Type Checking  
Aggregate Queries  
External Types and Functions  
JSON Support

#### Compiler Extraction

