Research vision

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Effects and behaviour

Scattered landscape, effect-specific, little uniformity! :(

- **Hoare Type Theory (state)**

```
M : Ψ.X.{P}x:A{Q}
```

- **F* (state, exceptions, but no I/O)**

$M : ST\ A\ wp_{ST}$

$\cancel{M : IO\ A\ wp_{IO}}$

- **Session Types (I/O & channels)**

```
c : ?Nat.!String.!Nat.T
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- **Graded monads, param. monads**

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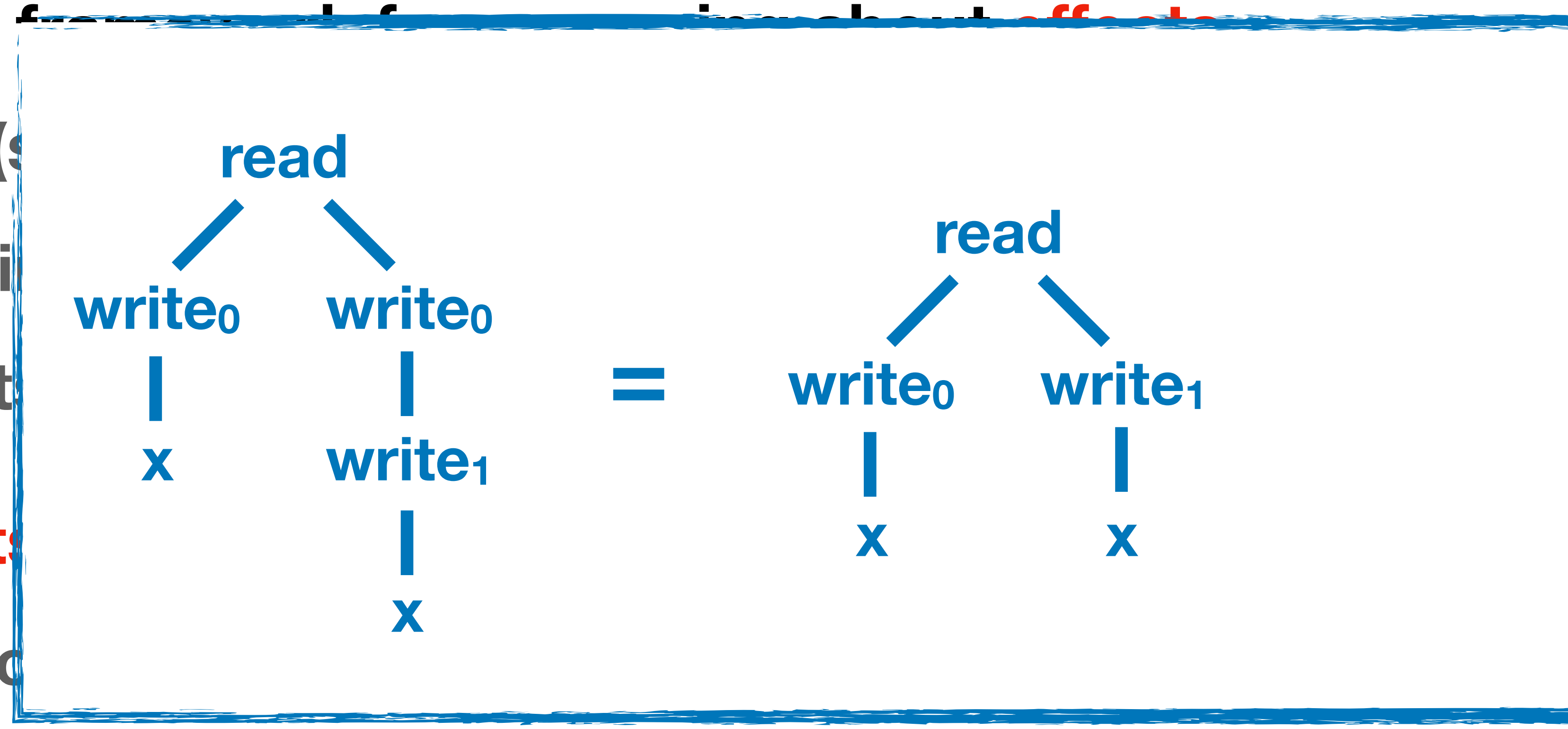

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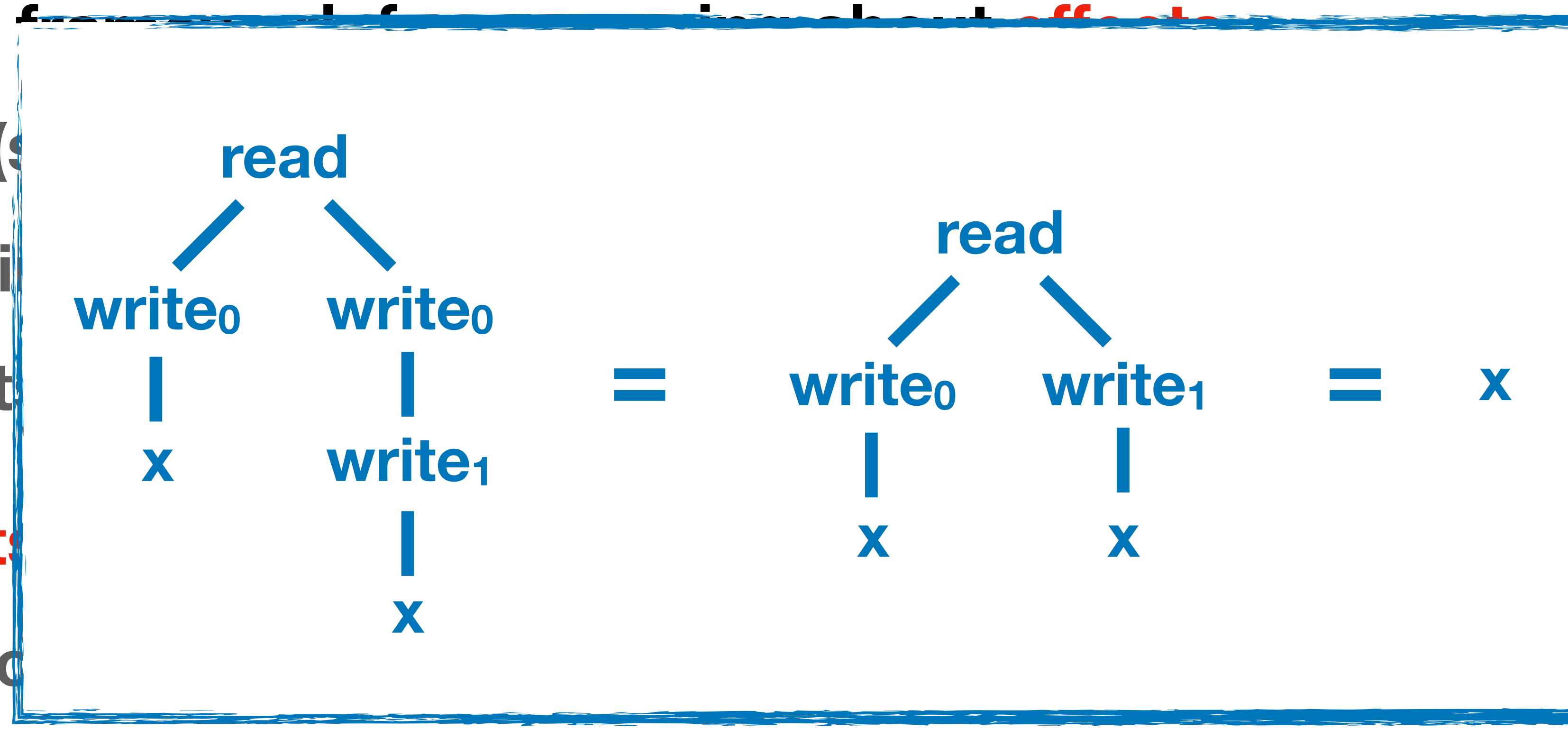

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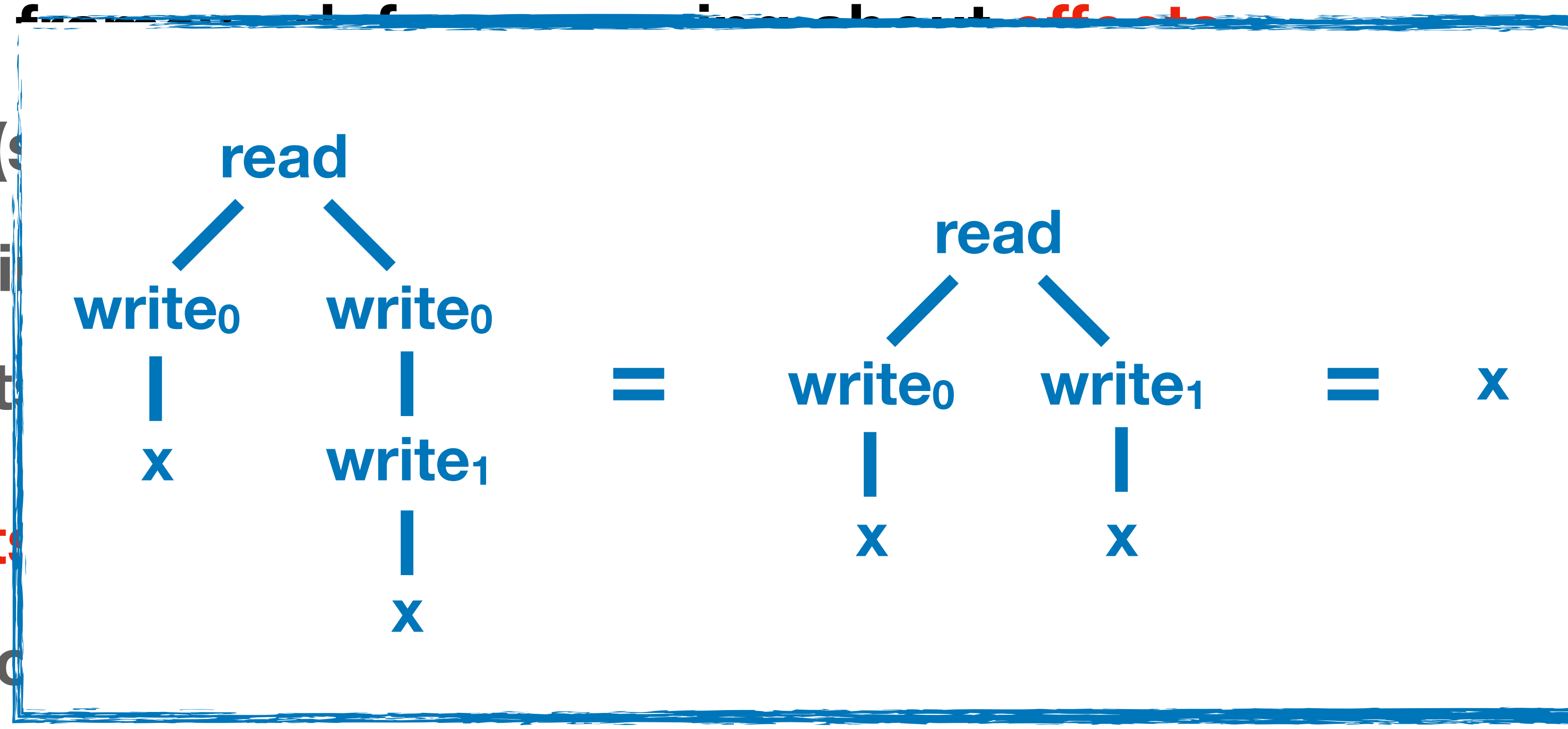

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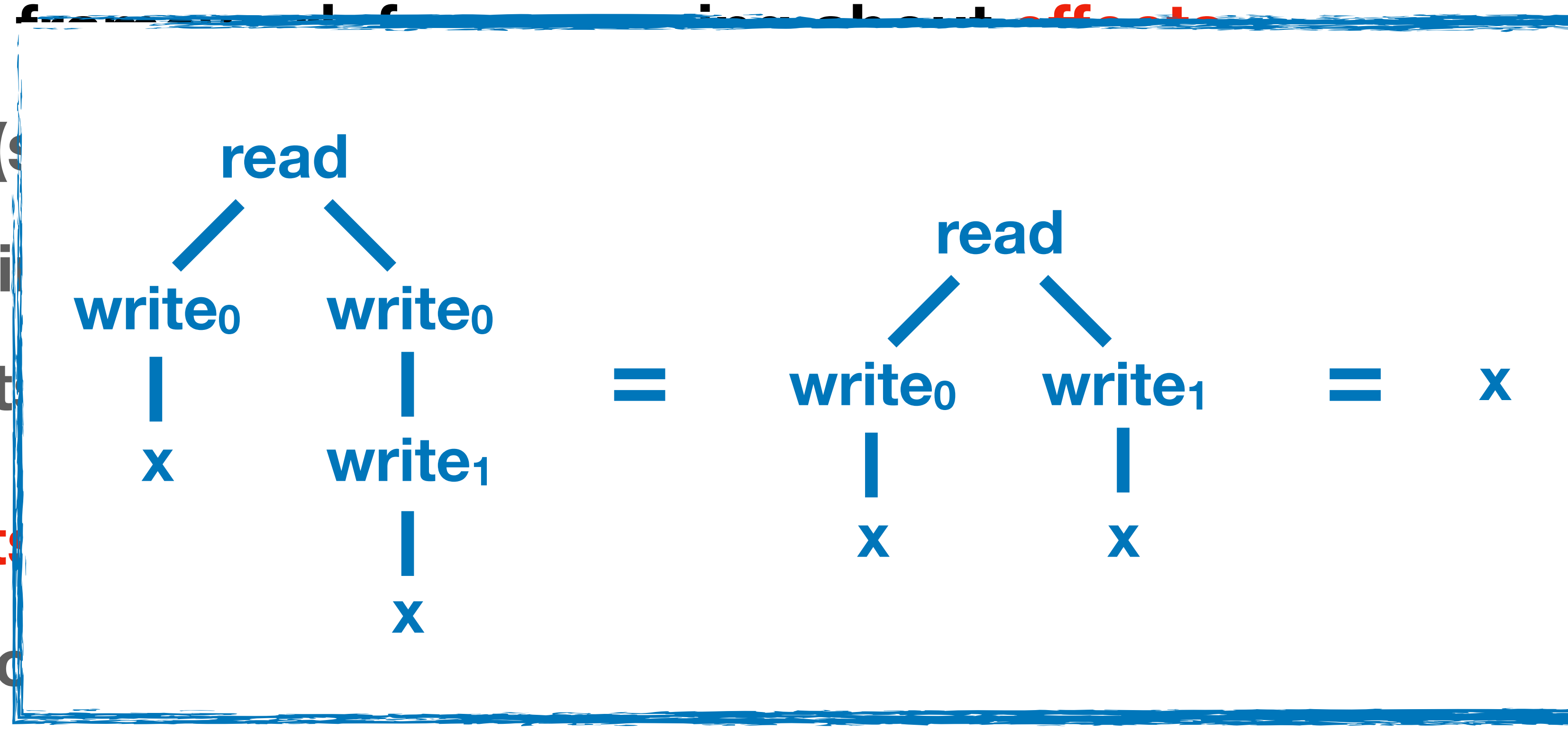

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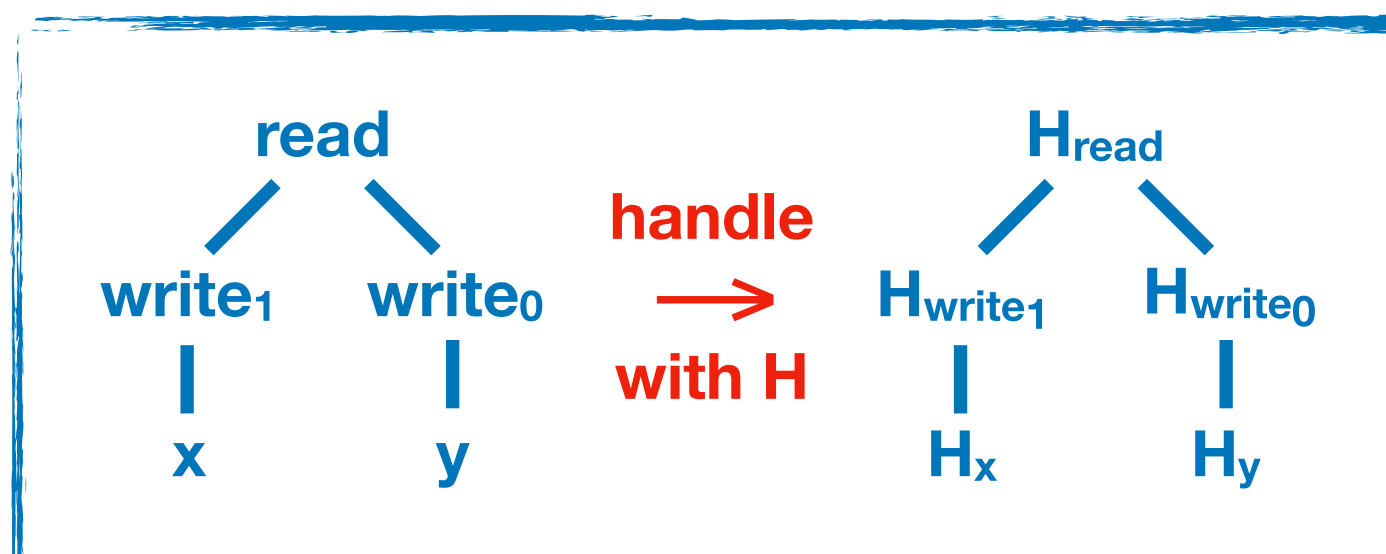

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- **State of the art:** very popular (!) but effect systems too coarse grained (!)
  - concurrency, probability, delimited control, monadic reflection, ...
  - Multicore OCaml, Uber's Pyro tool, Eff, Koka, Frank, ...
  - `M : A ! { read , write, throw }`

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  - operations with value params. and variable binding
  - effect instances, generativity, and locality (my current focus in LJ)
  - dynamic nature of handlers

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  - `sample` as an algebraic effect; `condition` as a handler (cf Pyro)

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  - continue collaborations with the F* team
  - continue collaborations on container datatypes
  - forge new collaborations in Oxford (and UK)

Conclusions

- **Software is everywhere!**
- **We had better know what it does!**

- **General and uniform frameworks already exist for values!**
- **But only scattered, effect-specific frameworks for behaviour!**

- **My research will seek to rectify this situation**
  - inspired by algebraic effects and effect handlers
  - exploiting modalities in computational refinement types
  - both foundational theory and exciting applications