

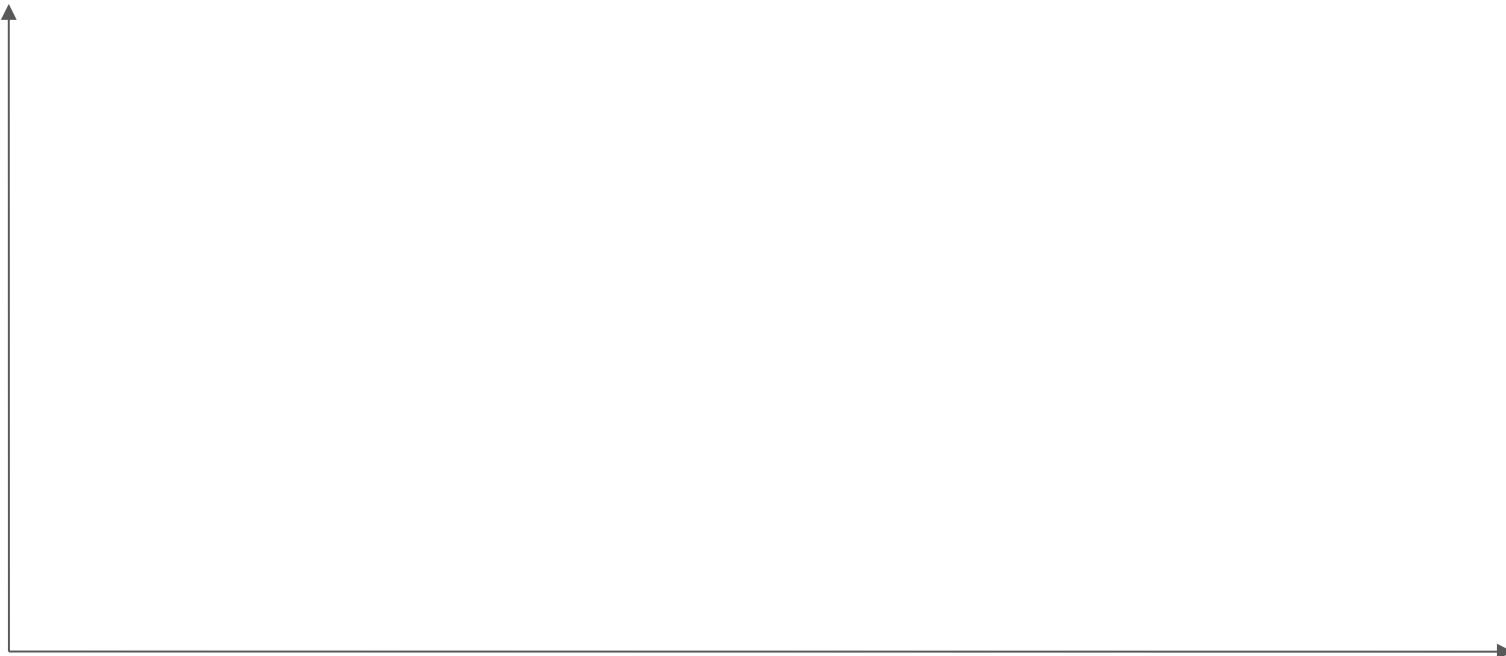
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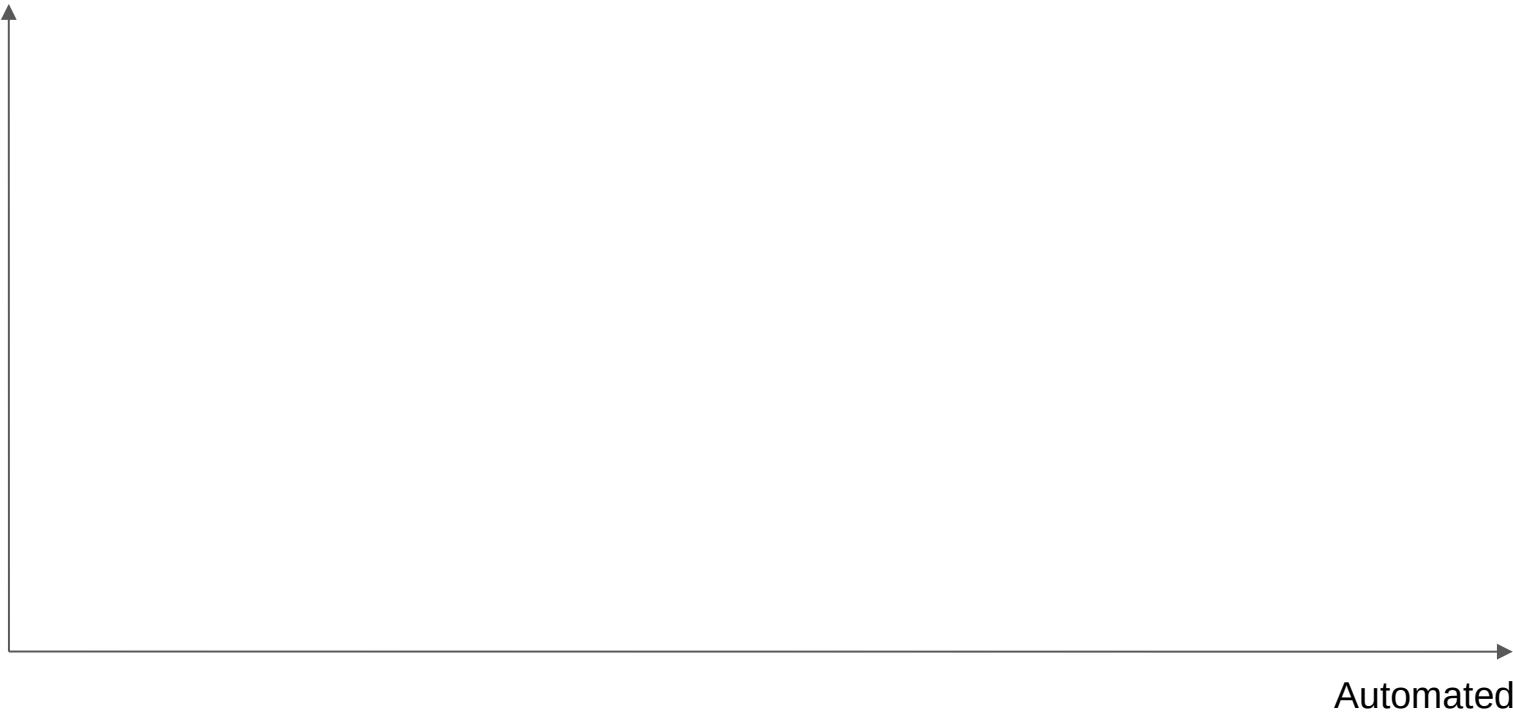
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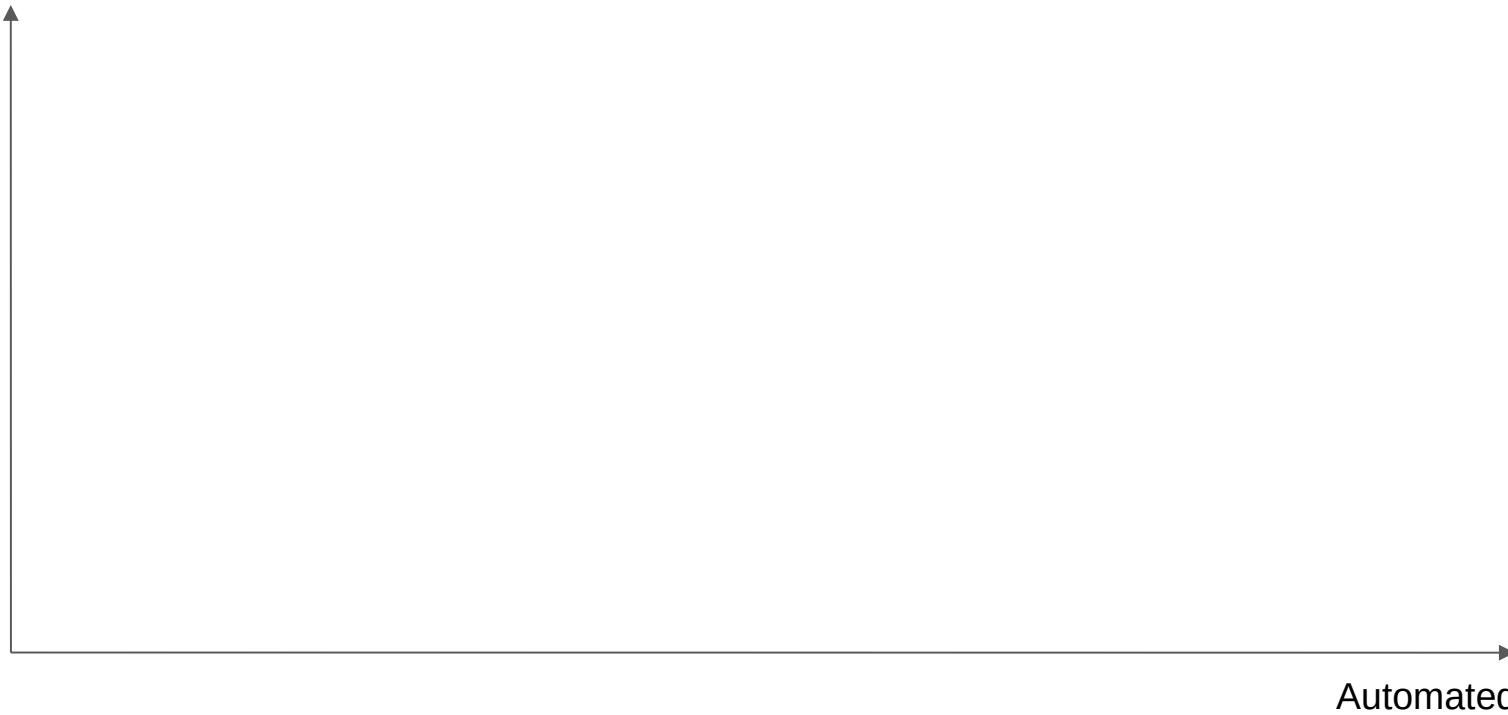


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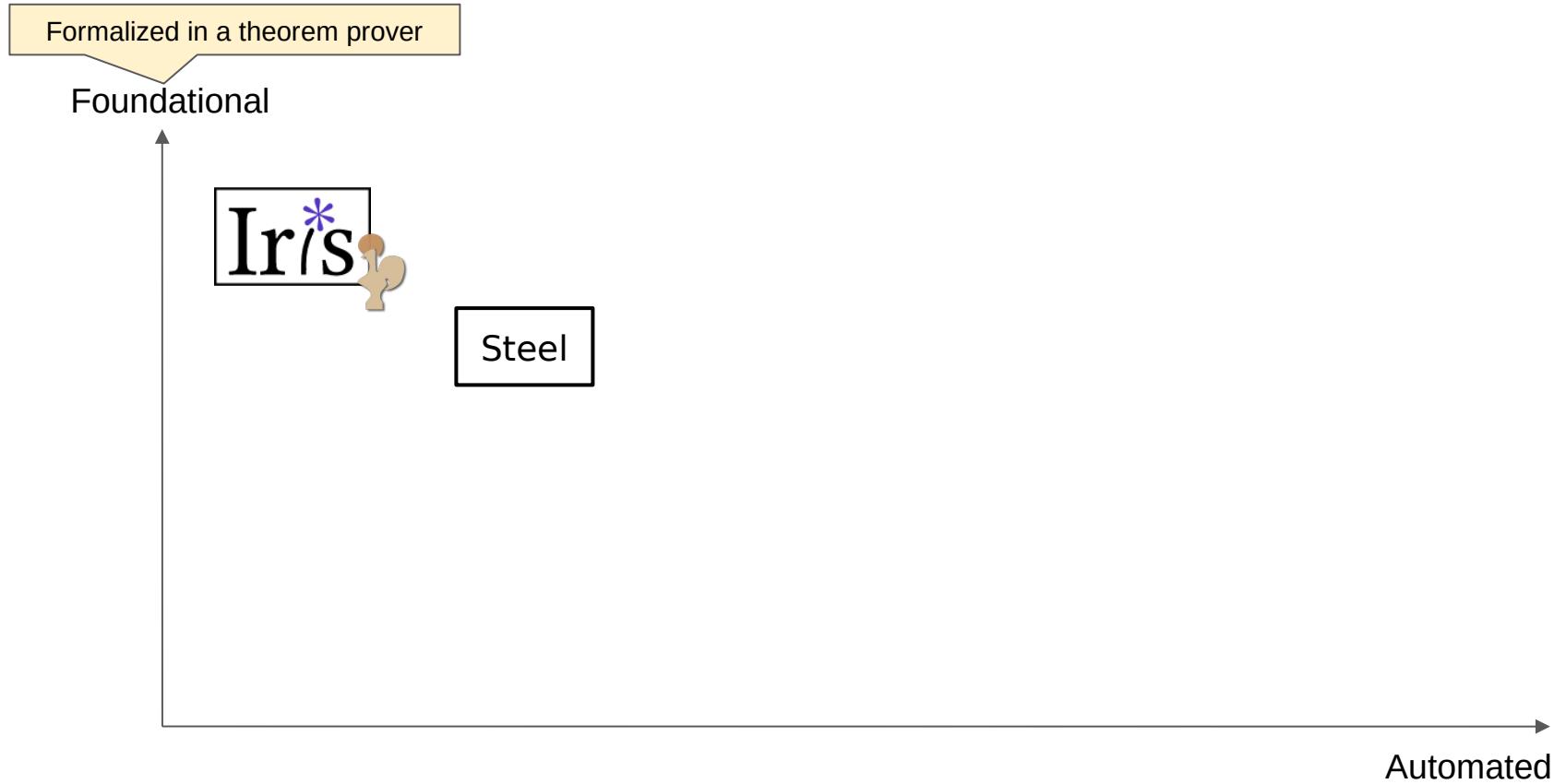
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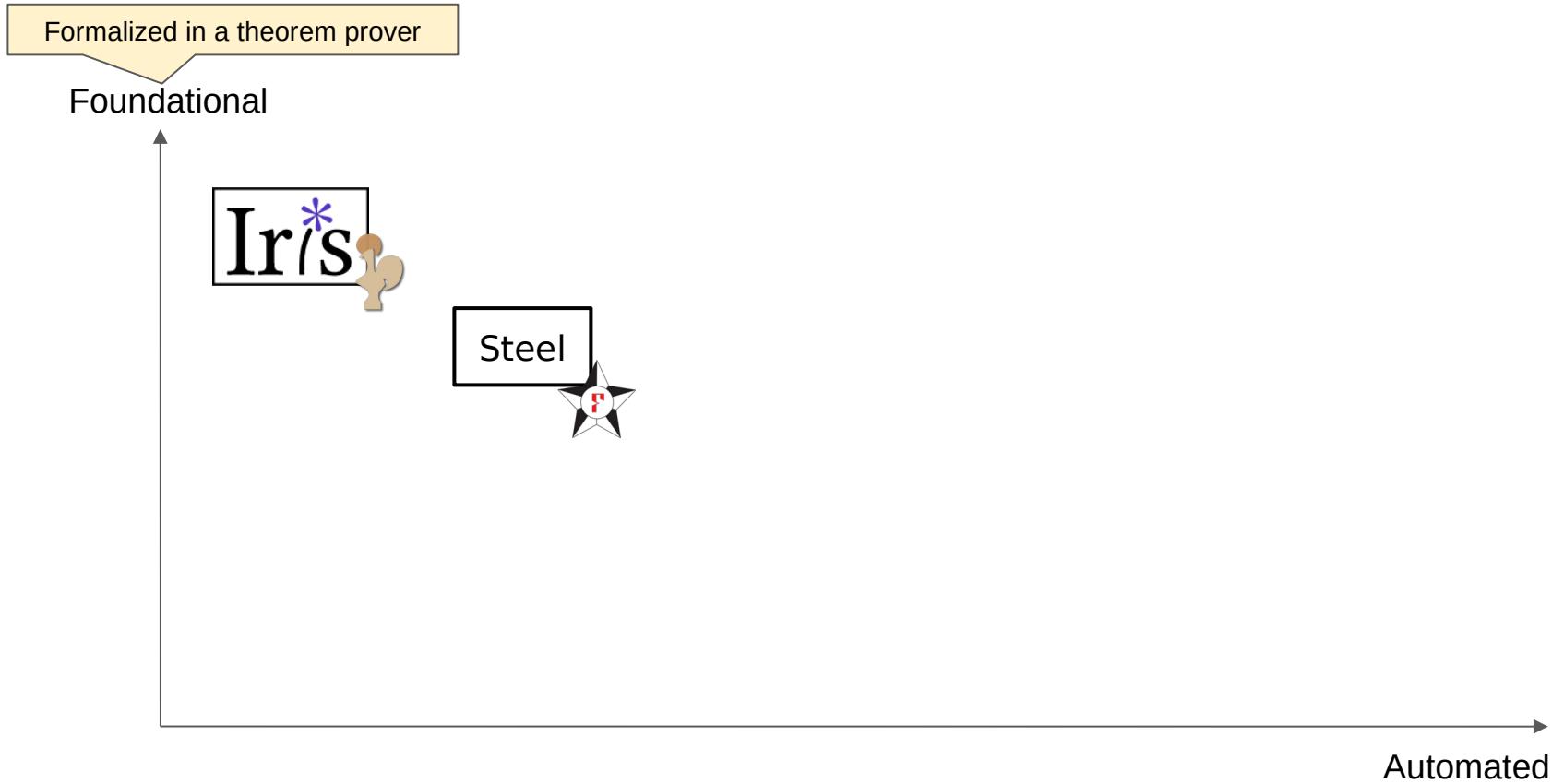
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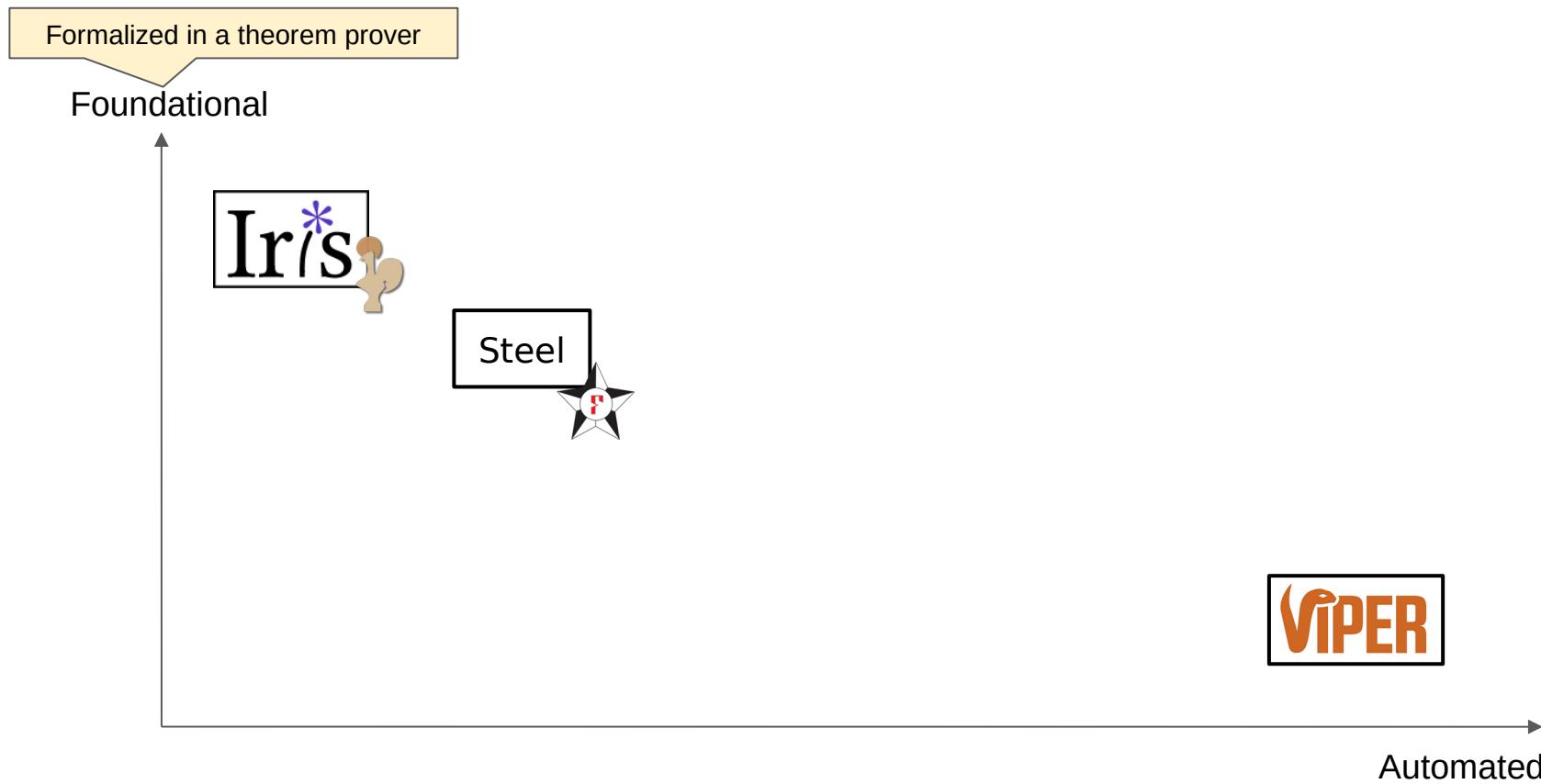
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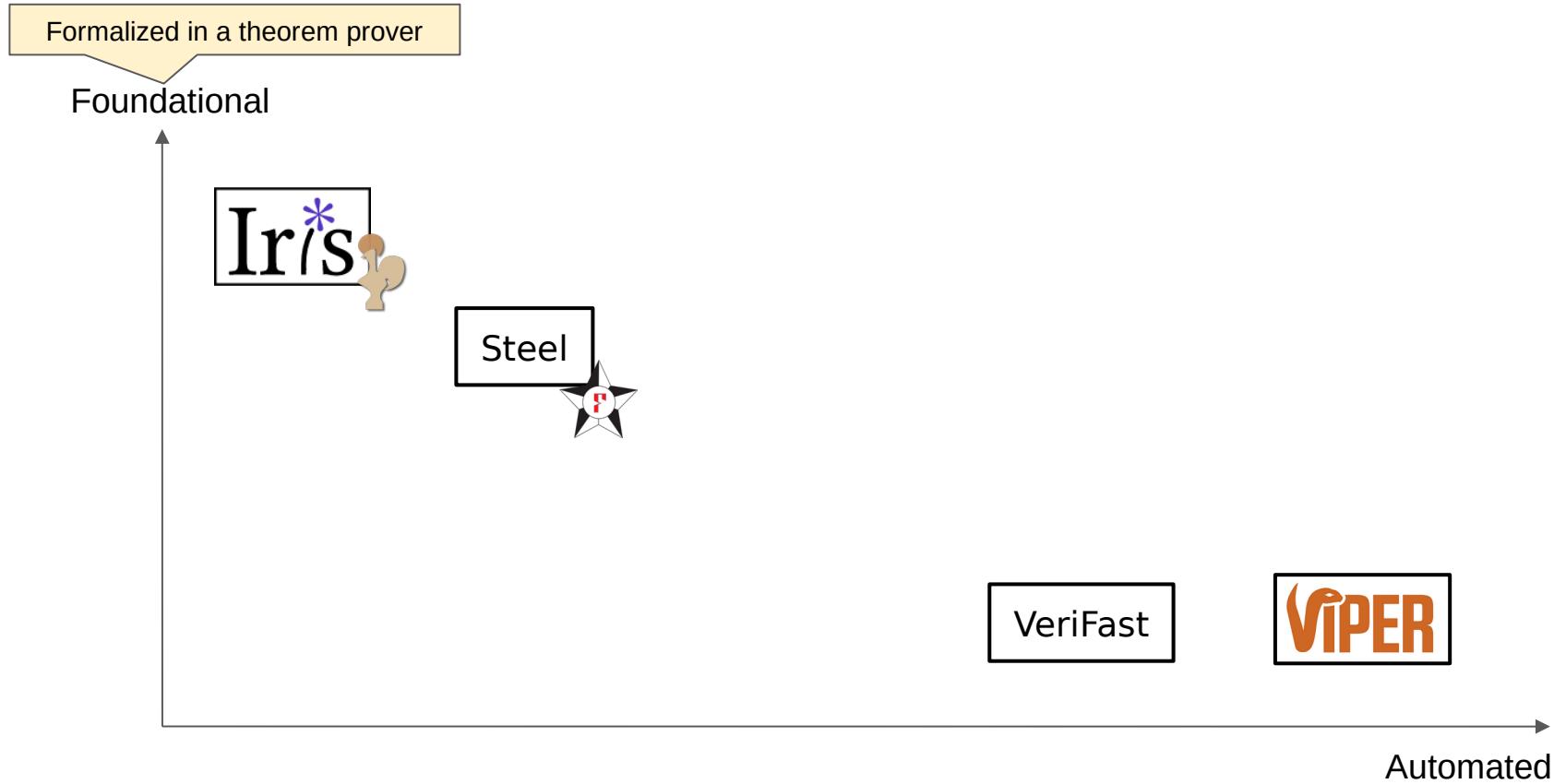
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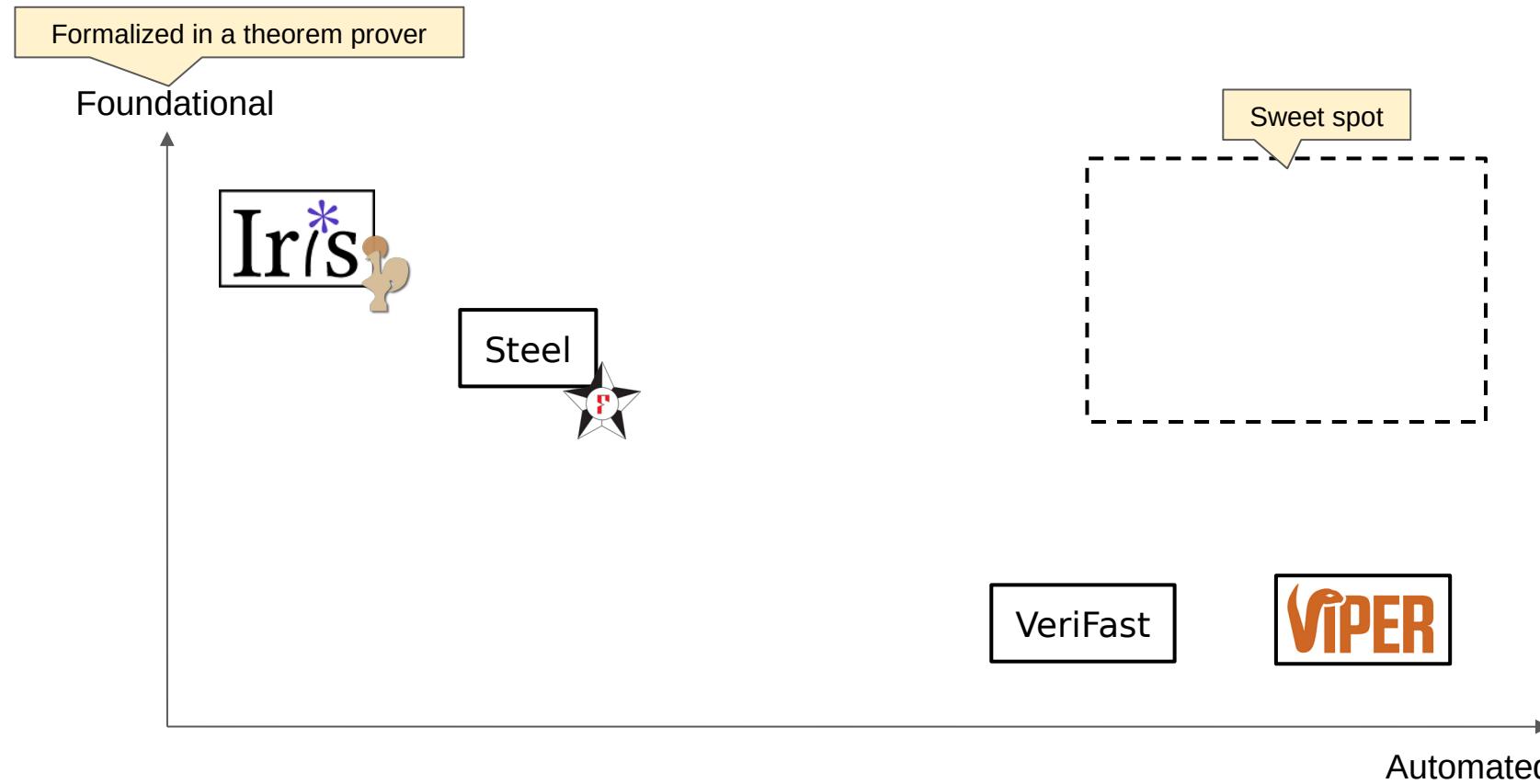
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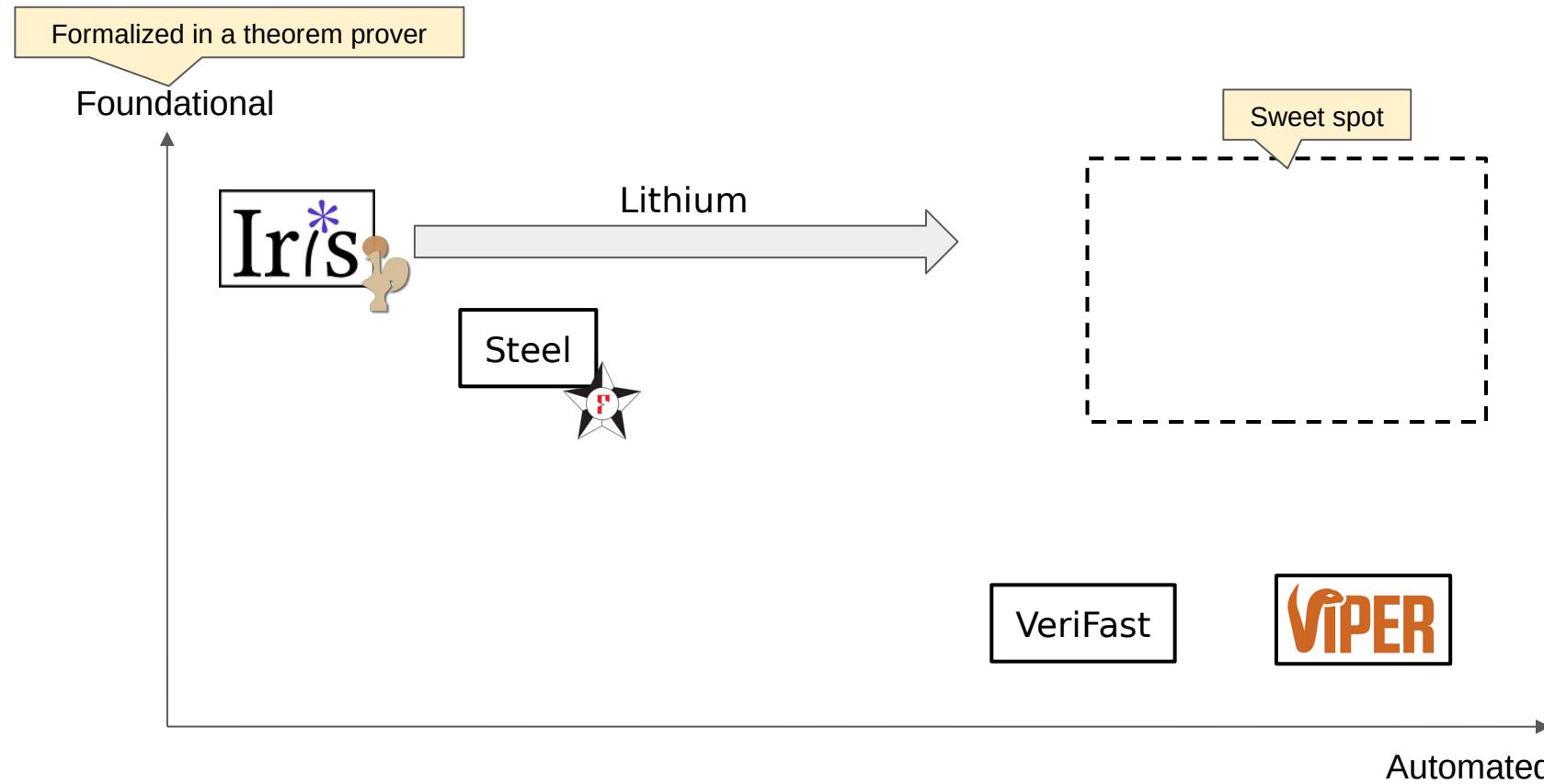
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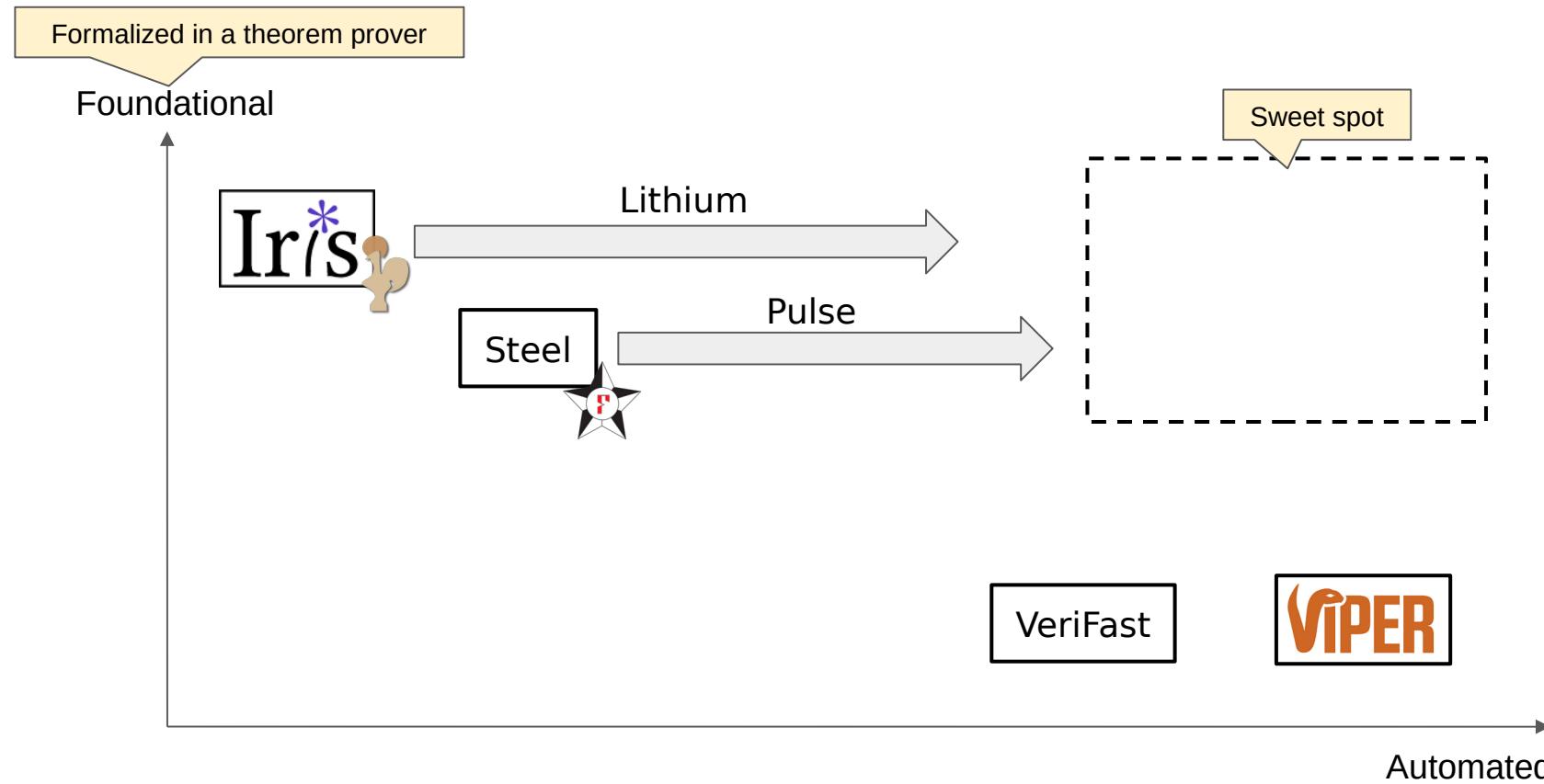
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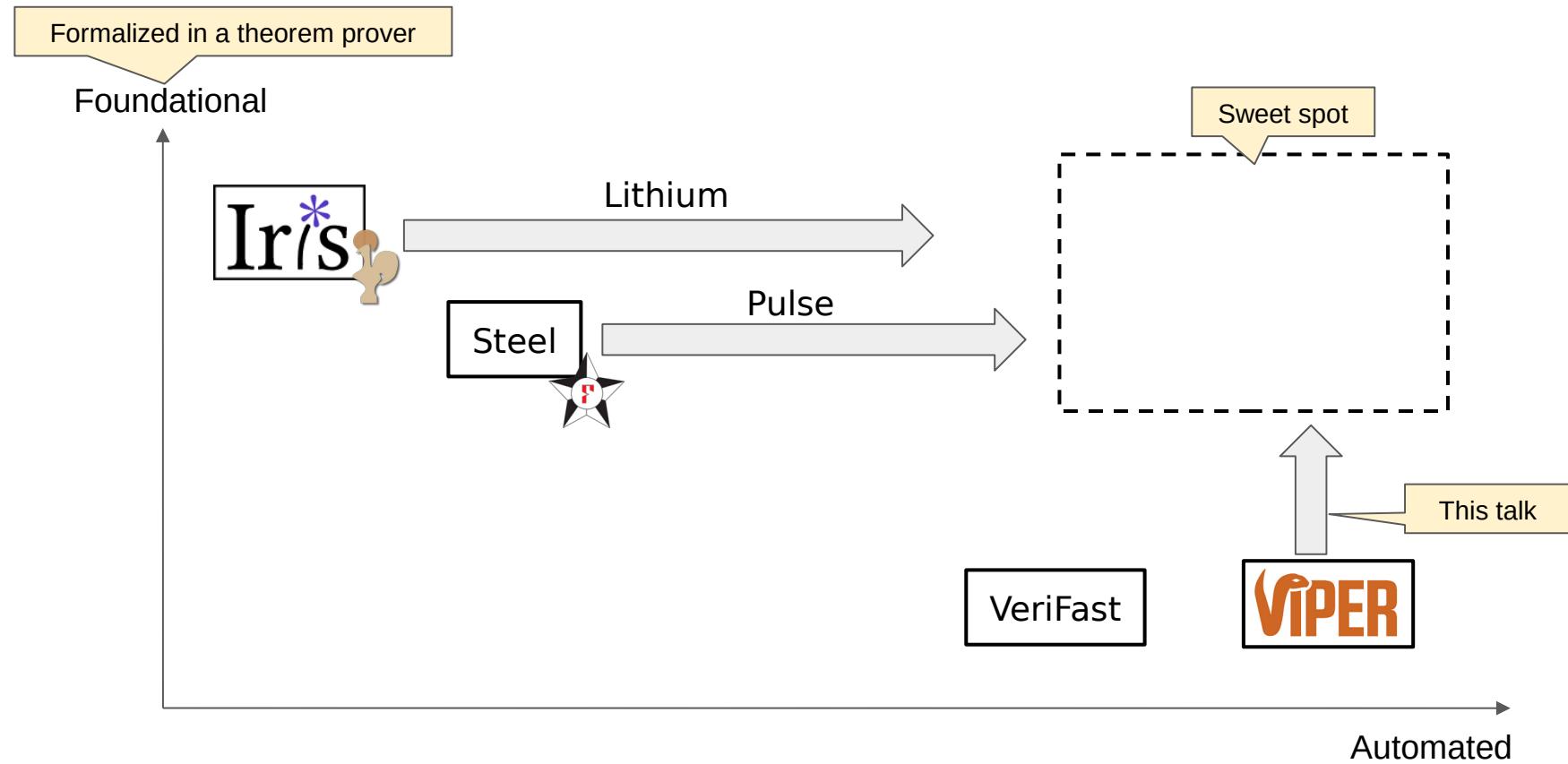
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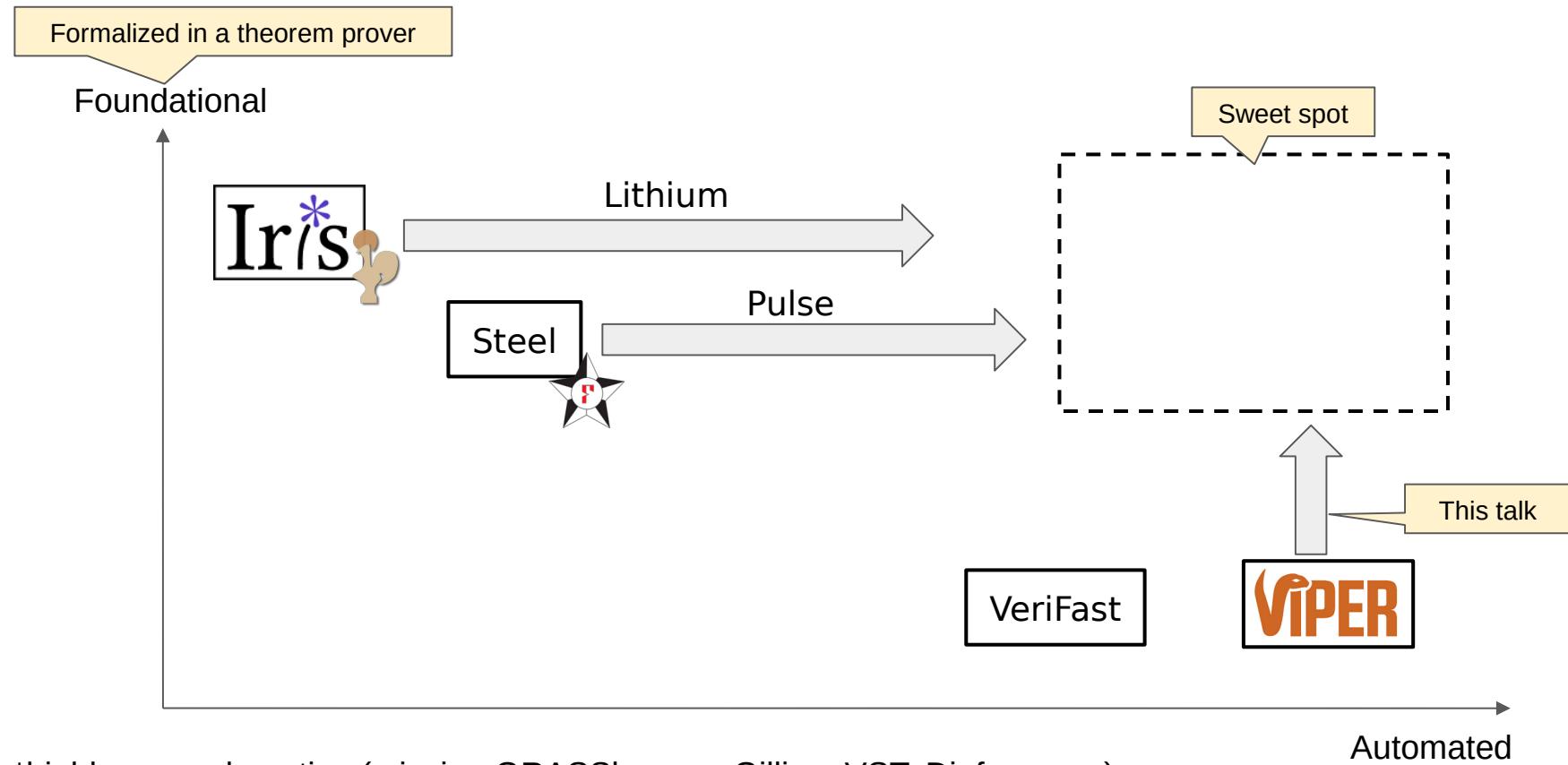
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1 field x: Int
2 field y: Int
3
4 method main(point: Ref)
5     requires acc(point.x) && acc(point.y)
6     // point.x |-> _ * point.y |-> _
7 {
8     point.x := 5
9     point.y := 7
10    add(point)
11    assert point.x == 5
12    assert point.y == 12
13 }
14
15 method add(p: Ref)
16     requires acc(p.x, 1/2) && acc(p.y)
17     ensures acc(p.x, 1/2) && acc(p.y)
18     // ensures p.y == old(p.x + p.y)
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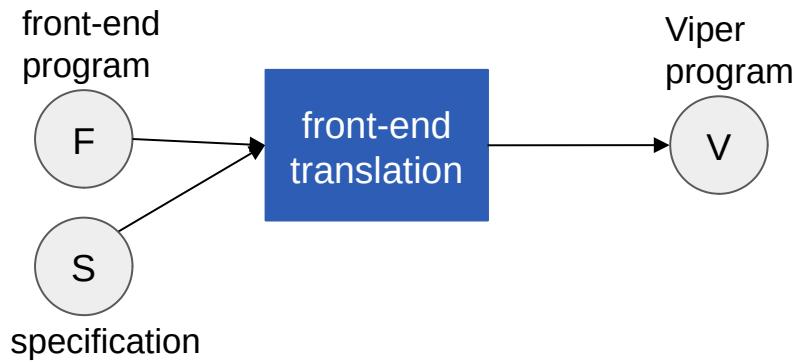
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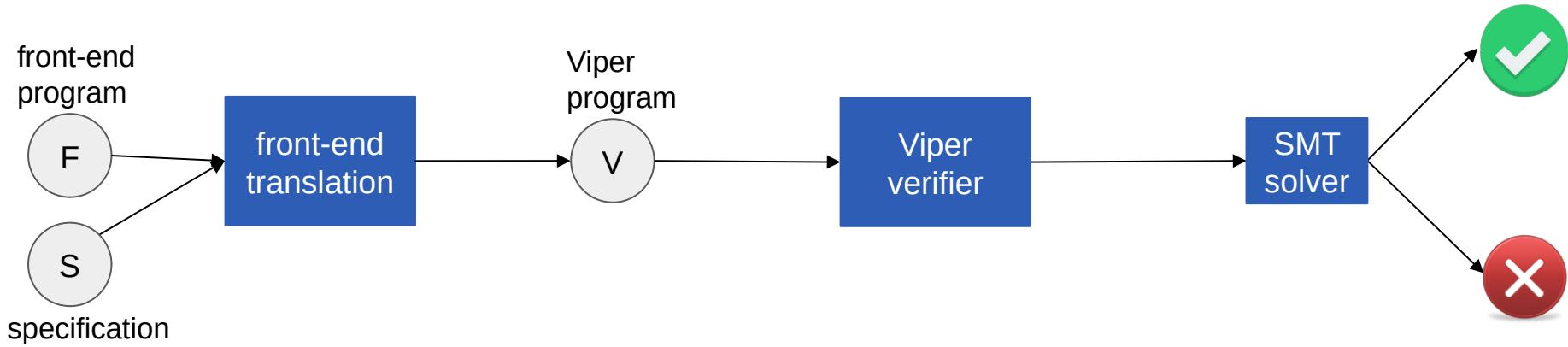


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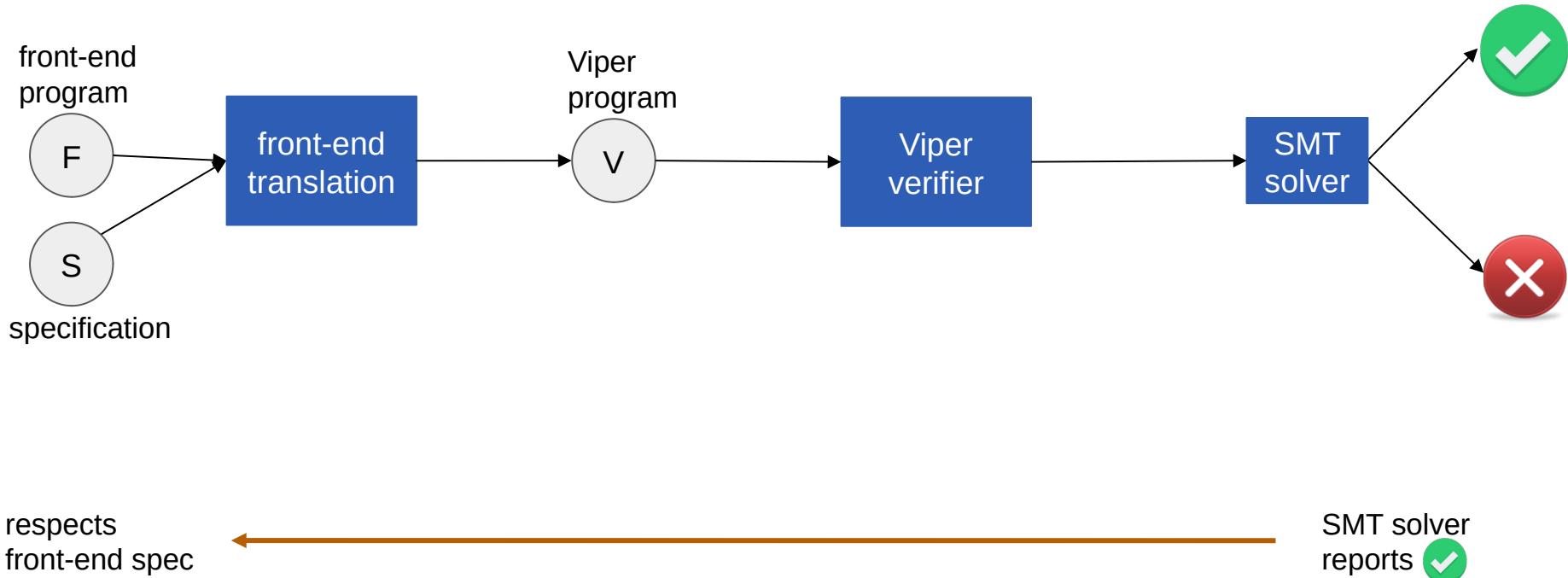
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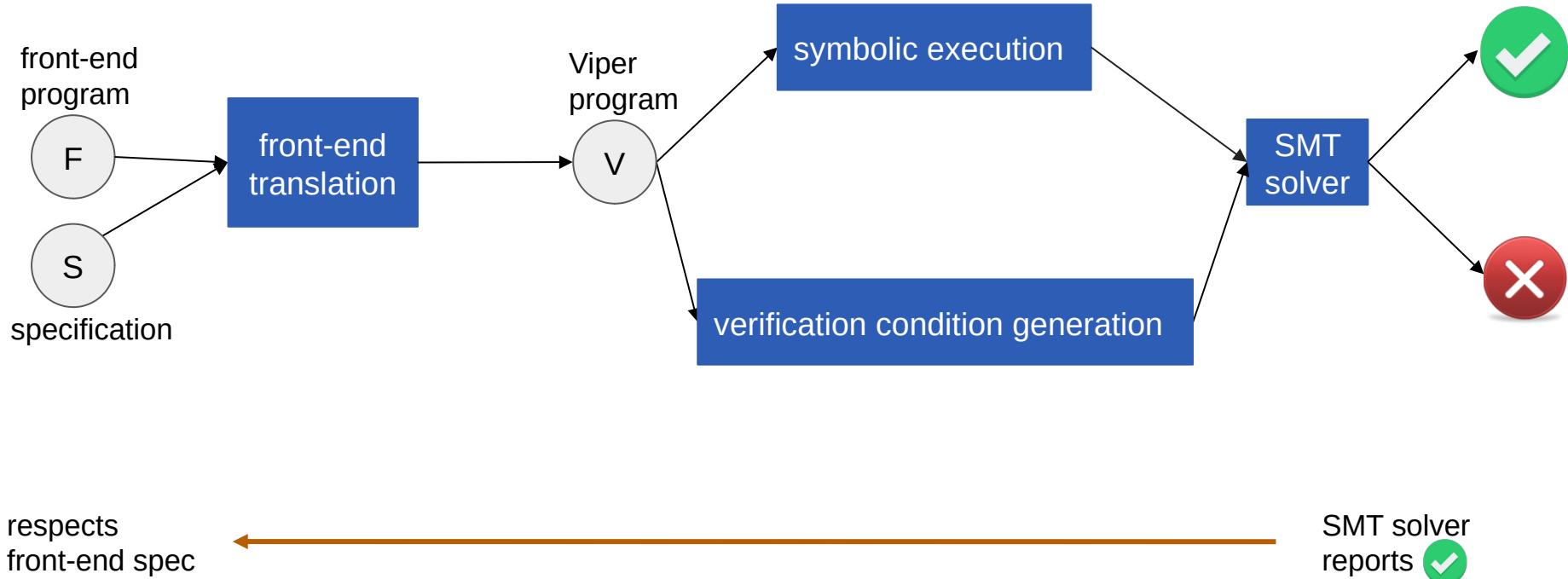
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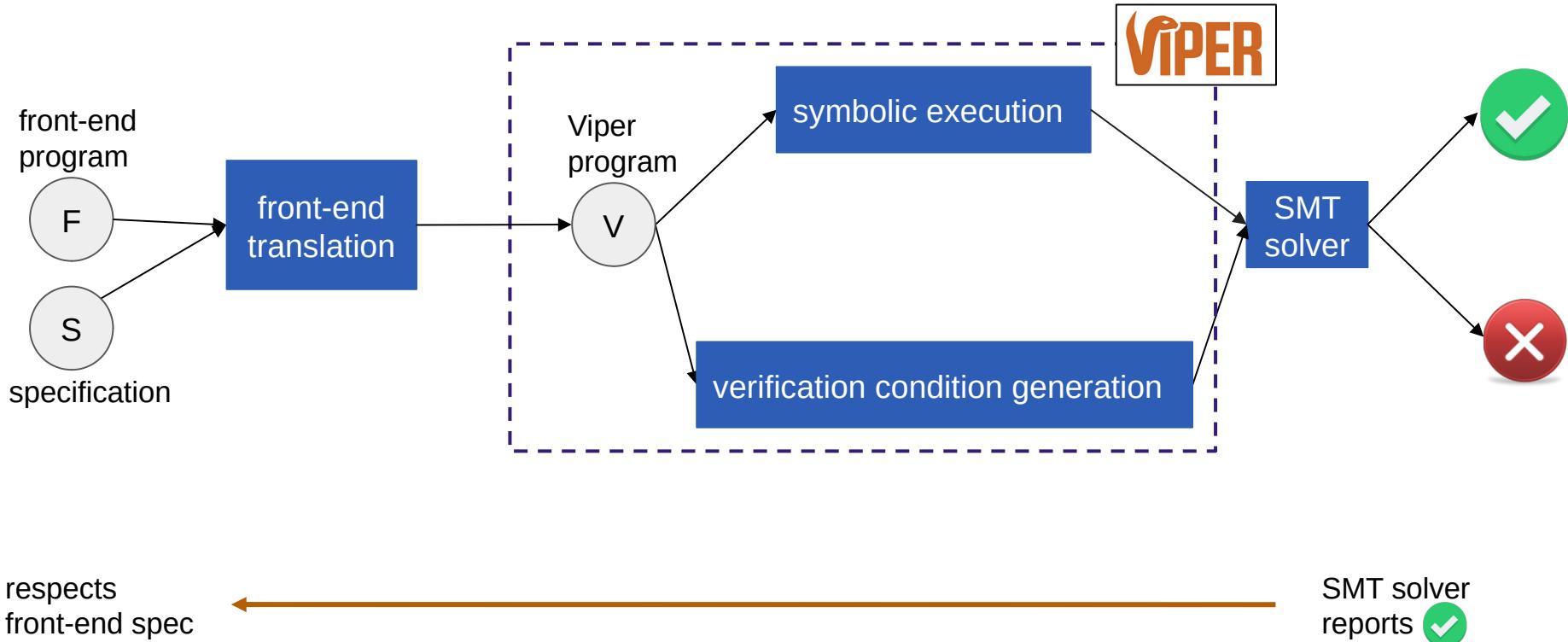
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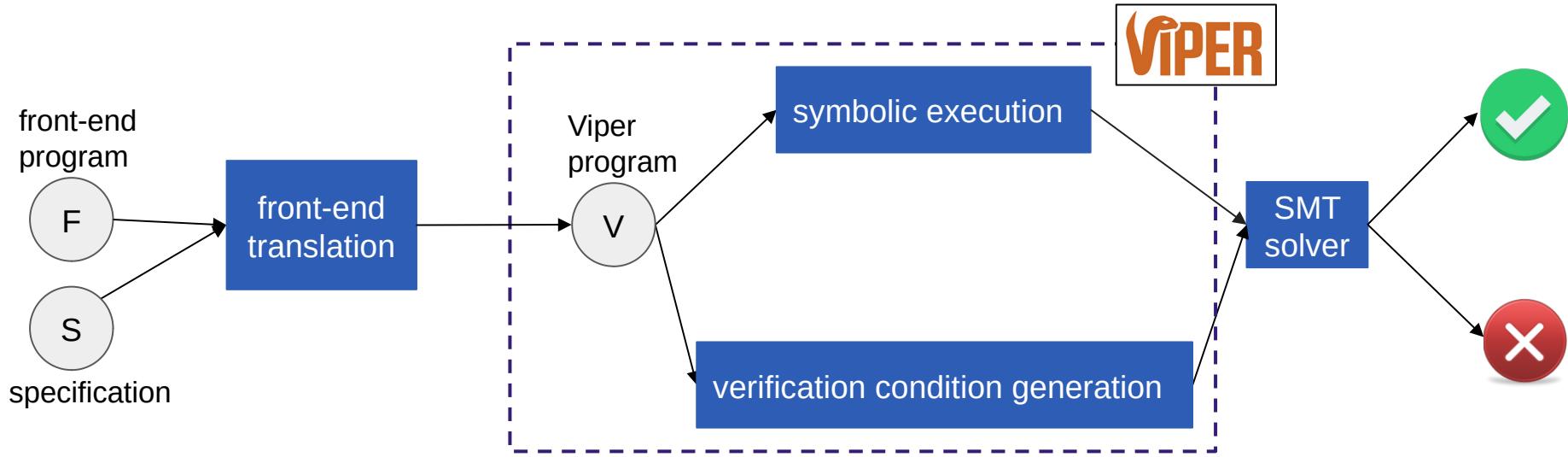
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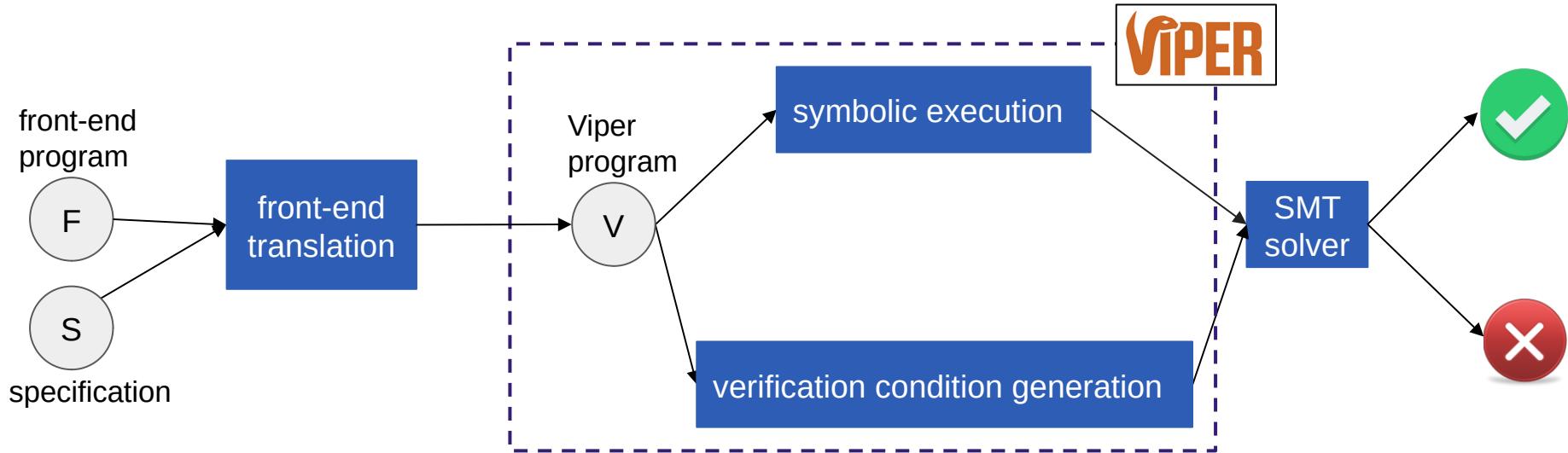
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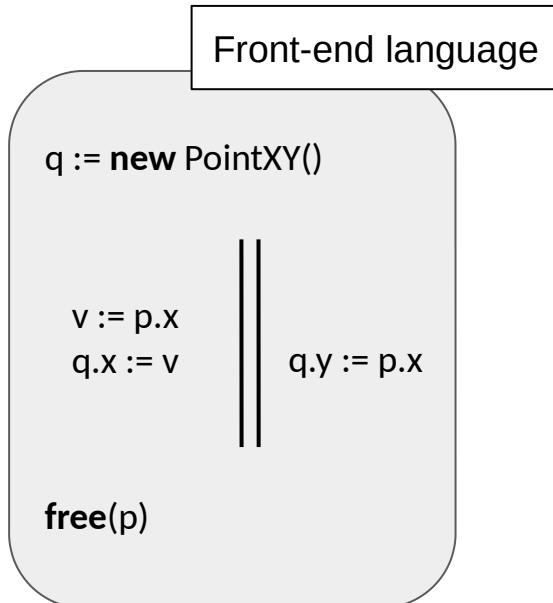
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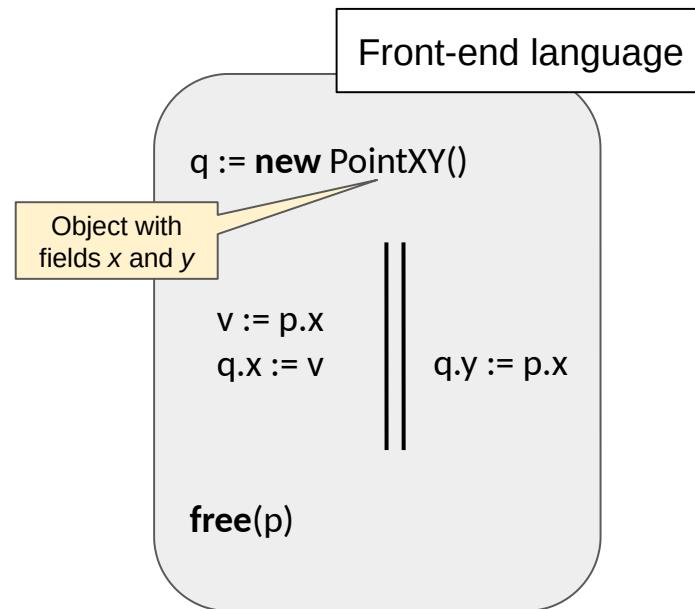
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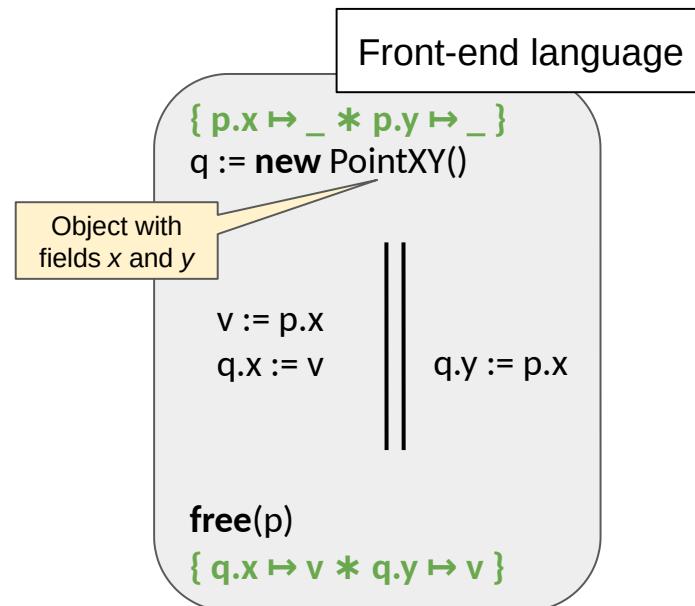
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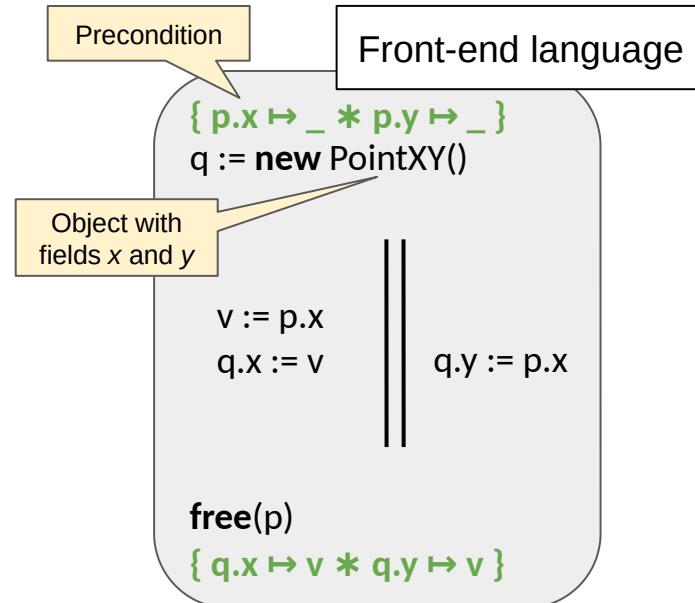
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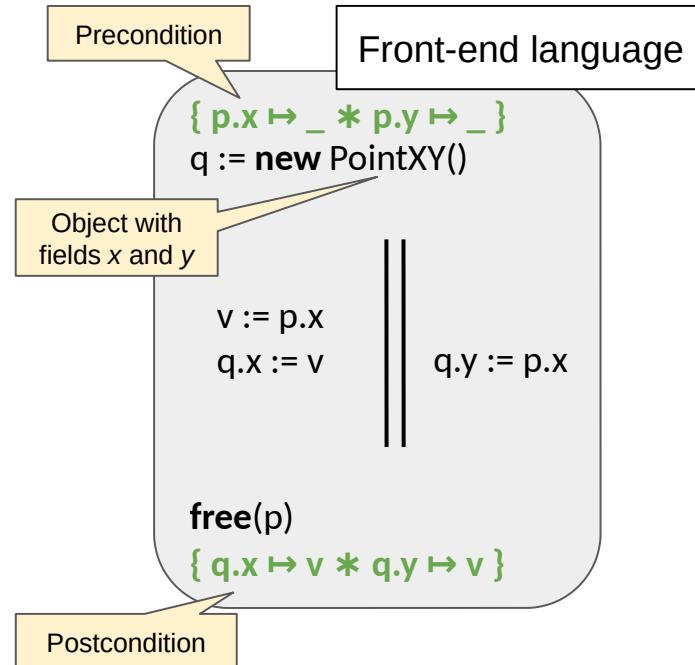
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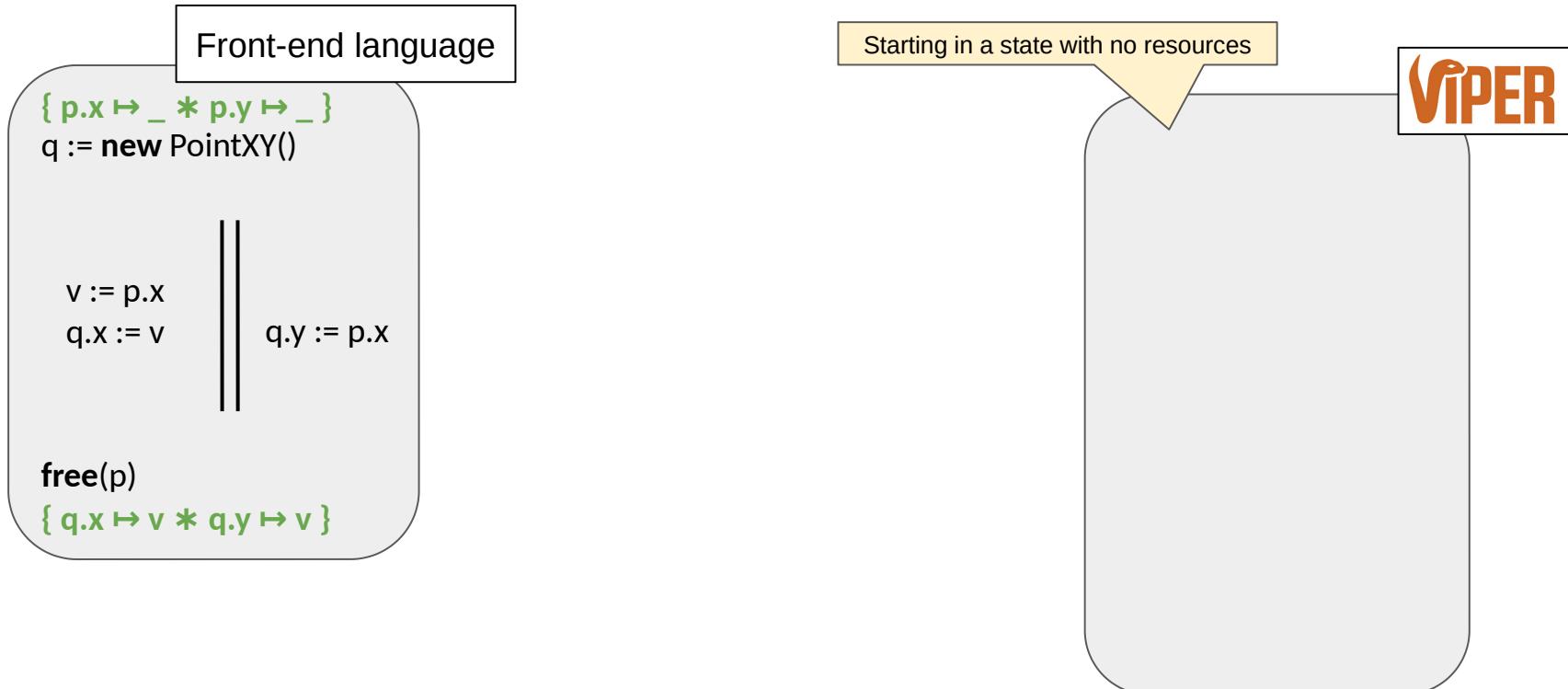
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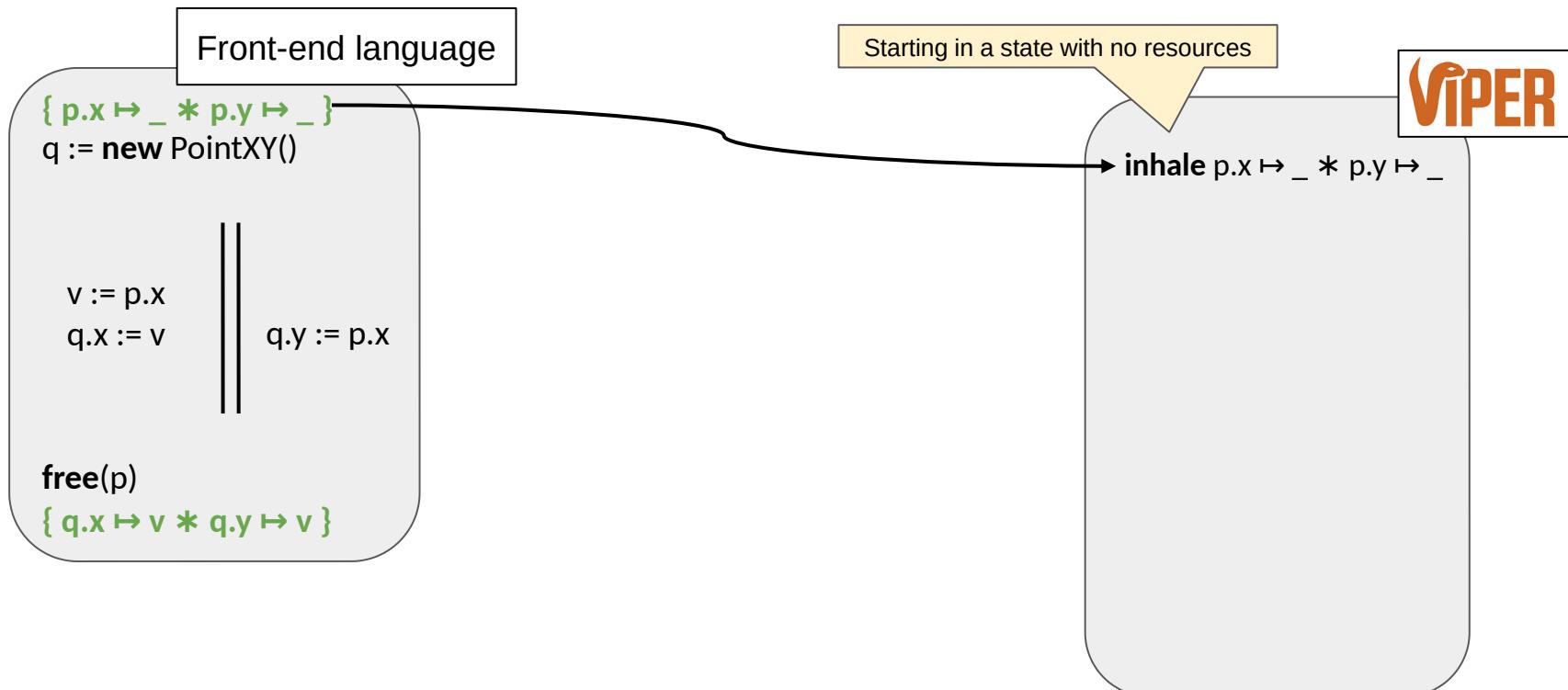
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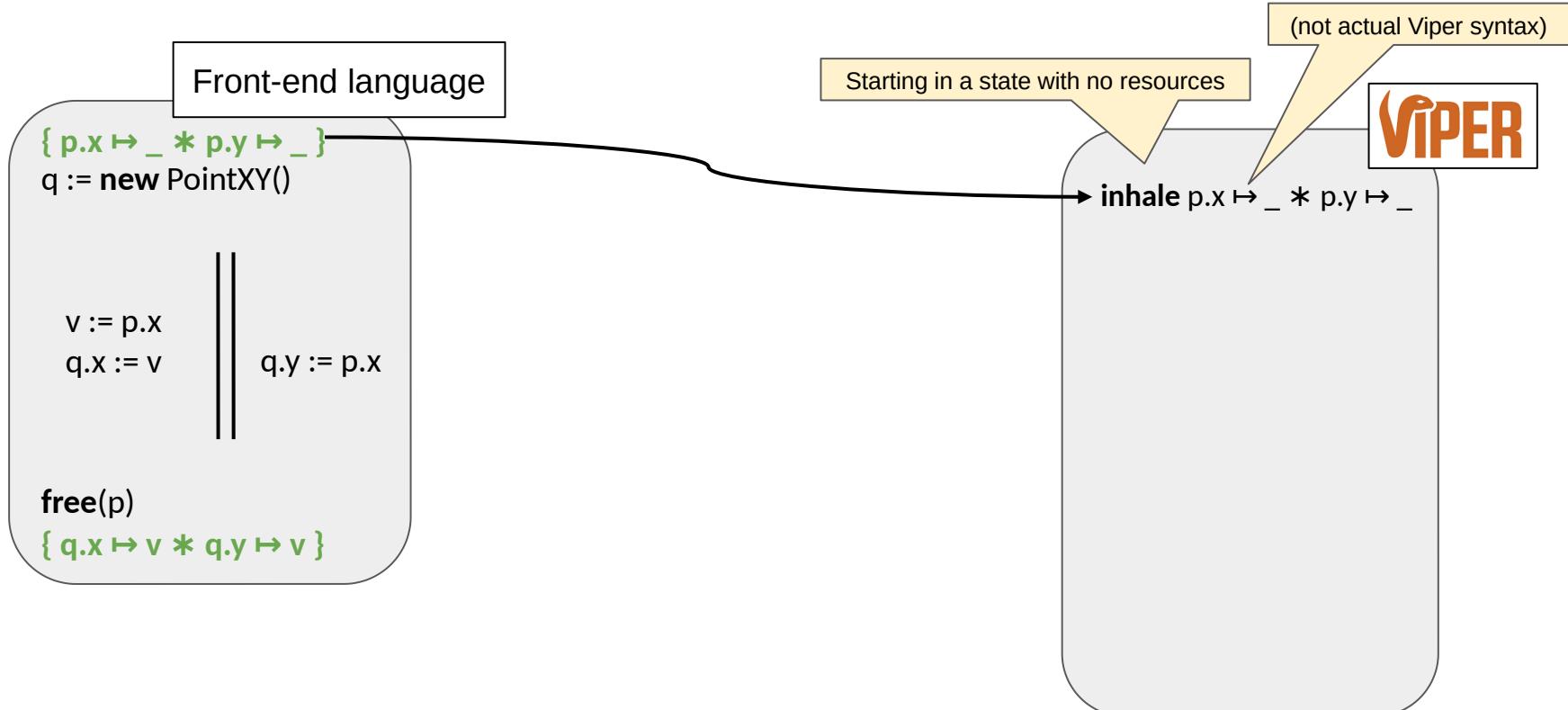
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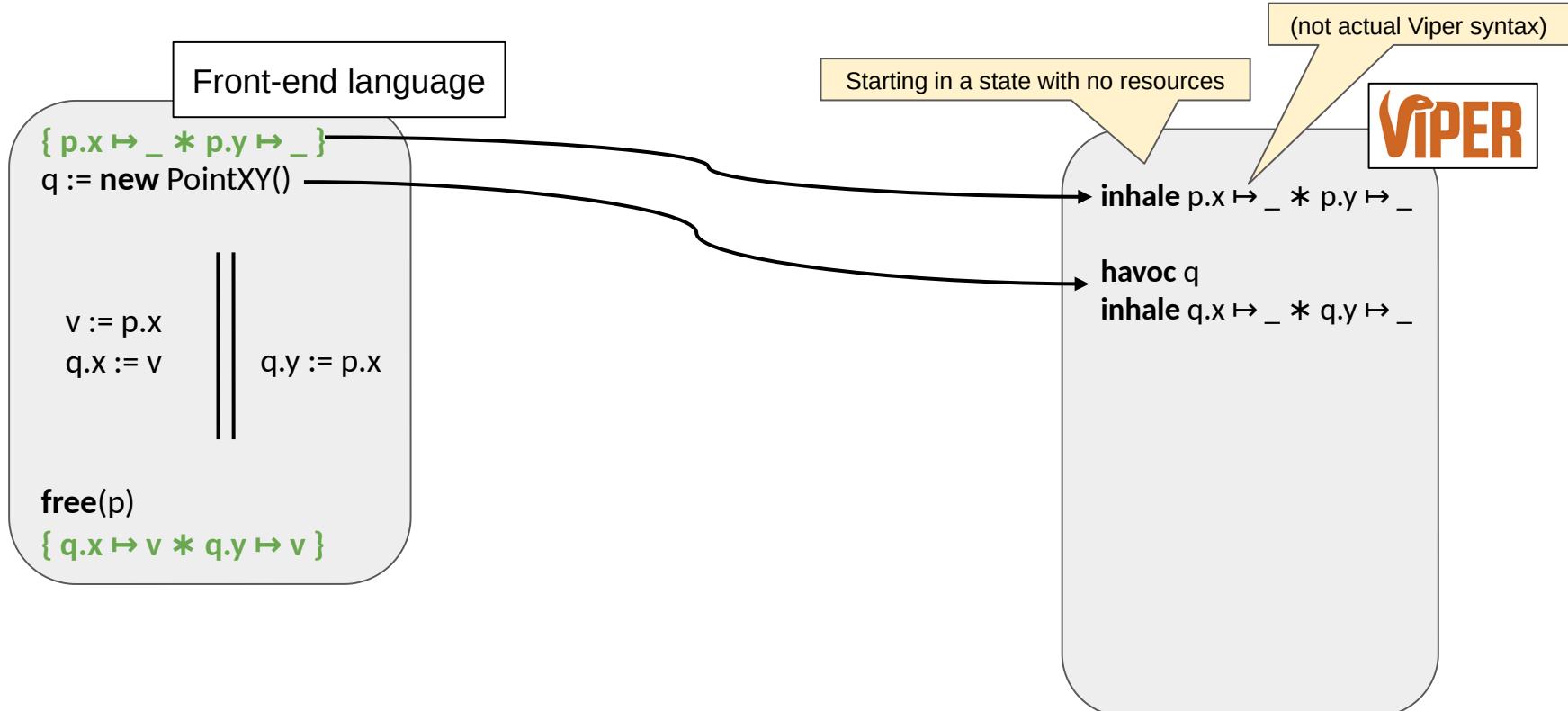
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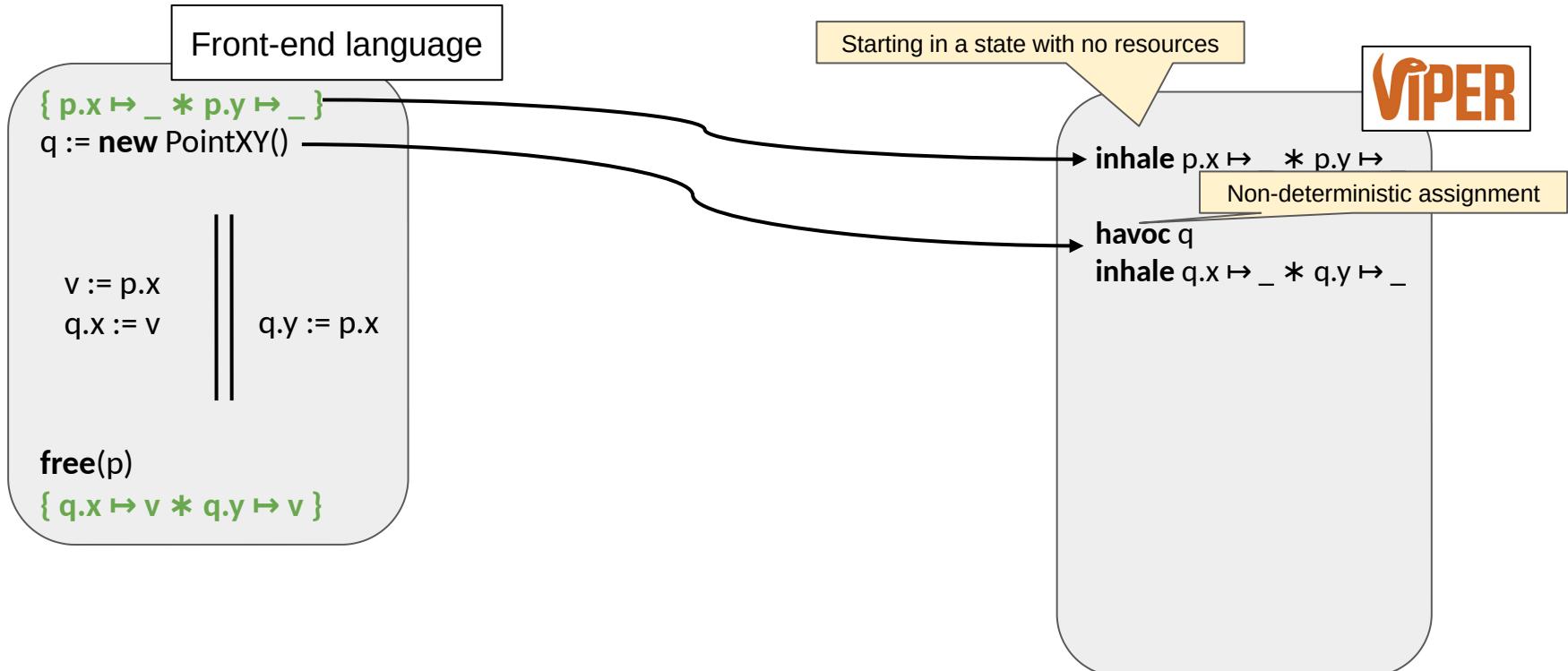
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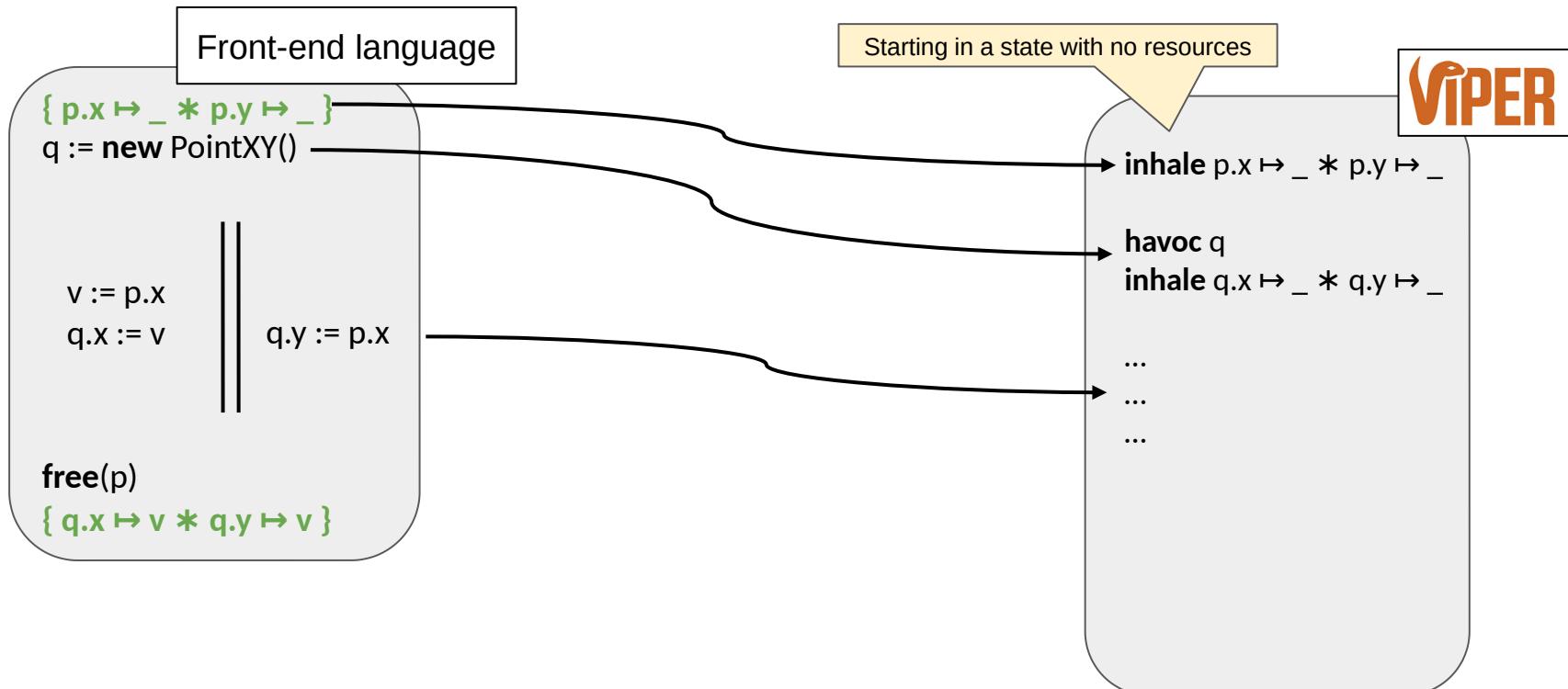
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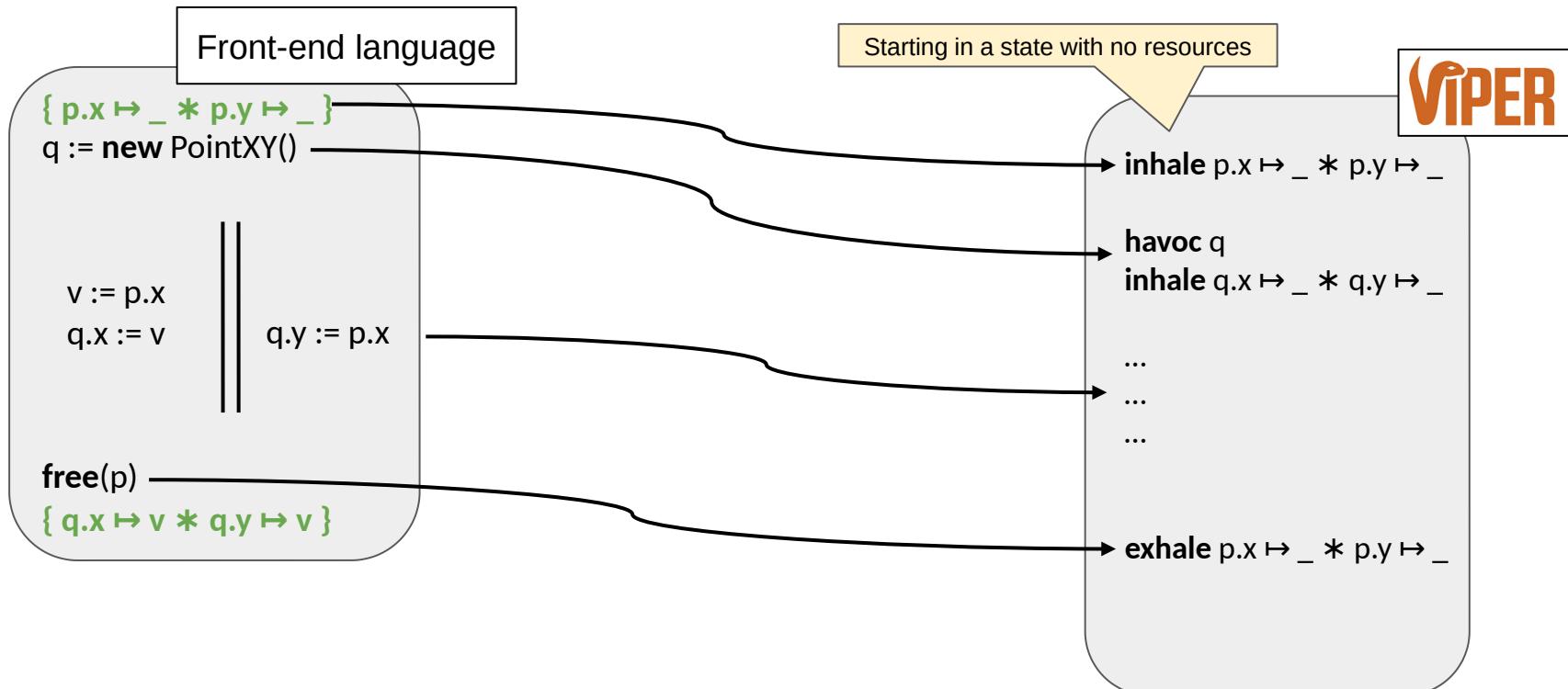
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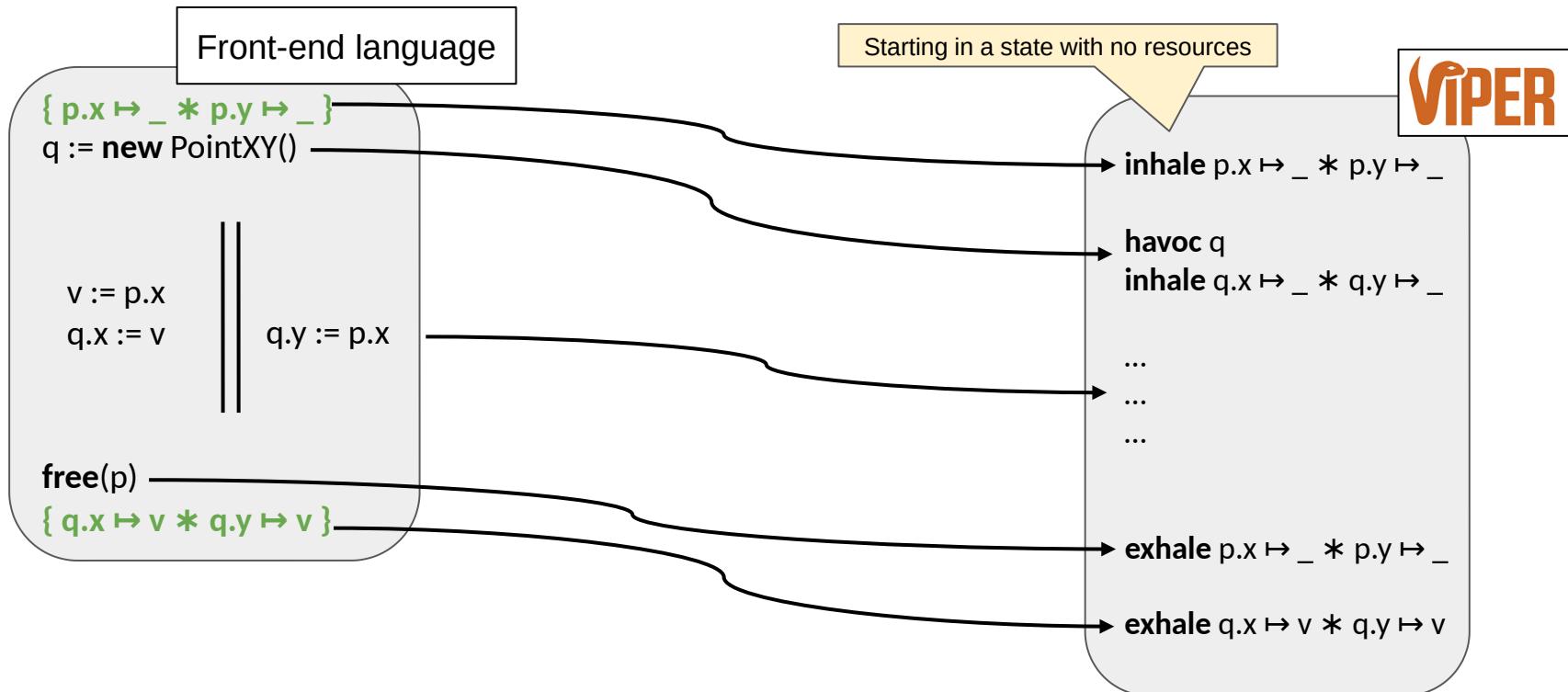
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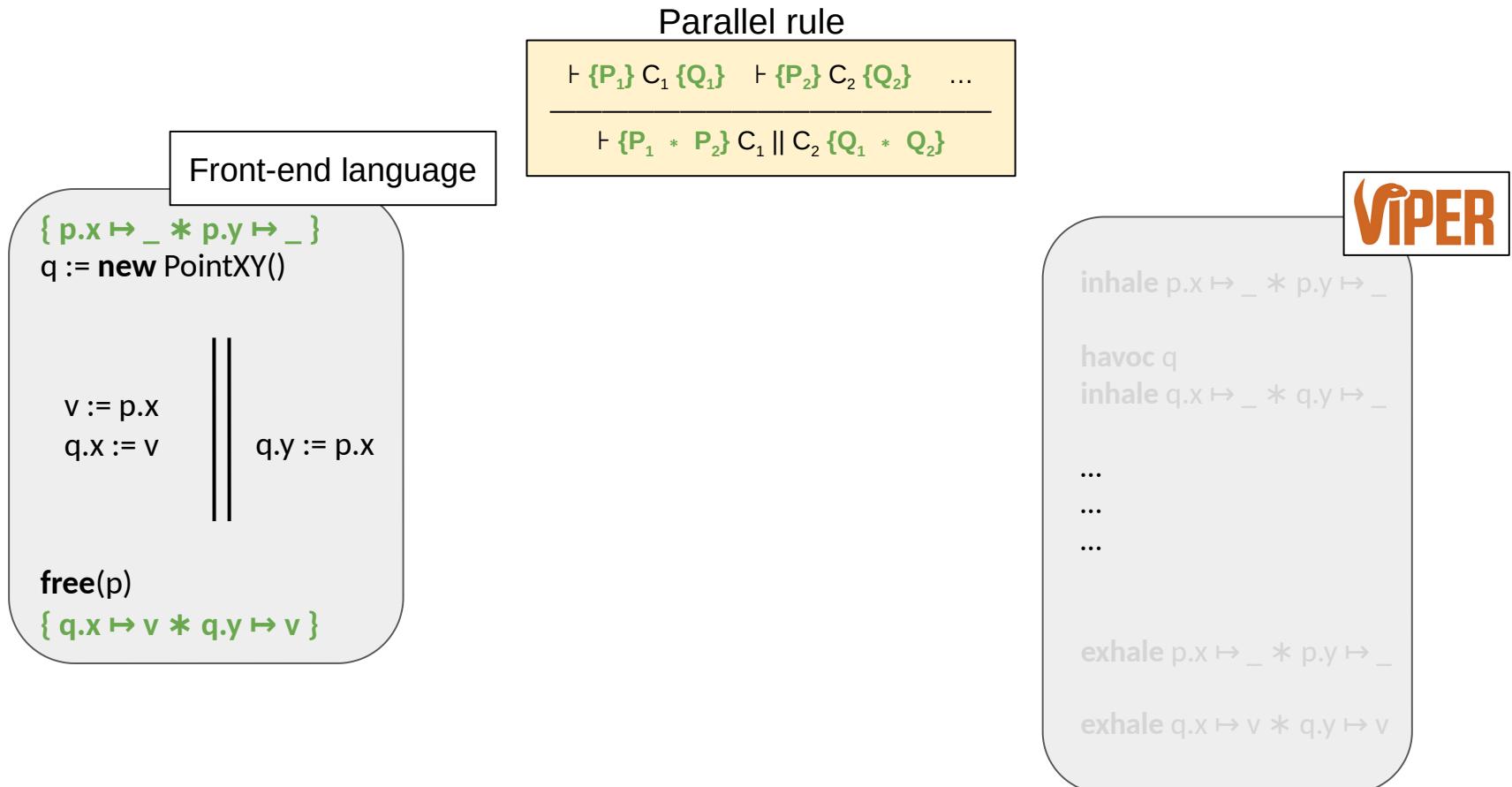
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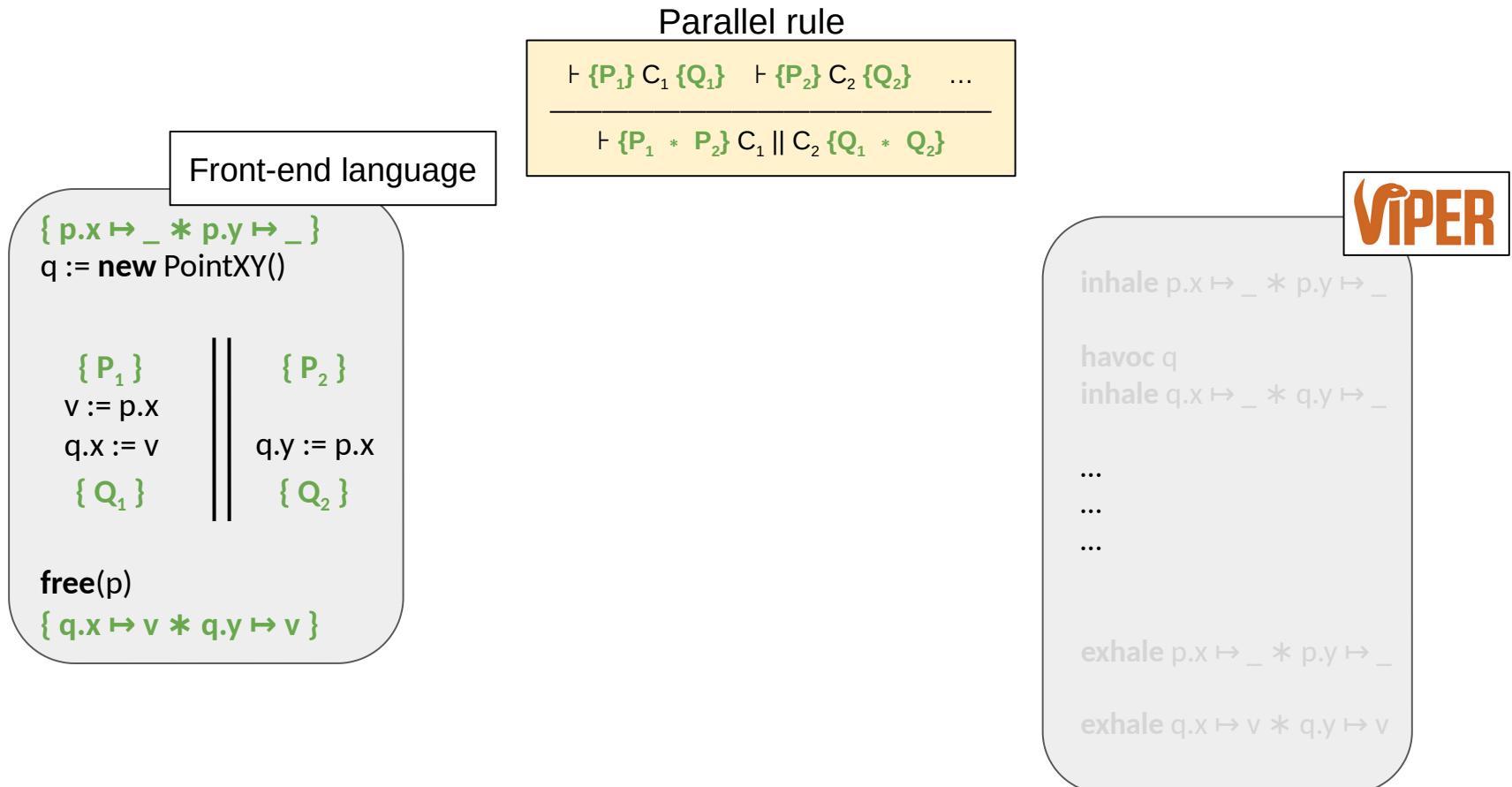
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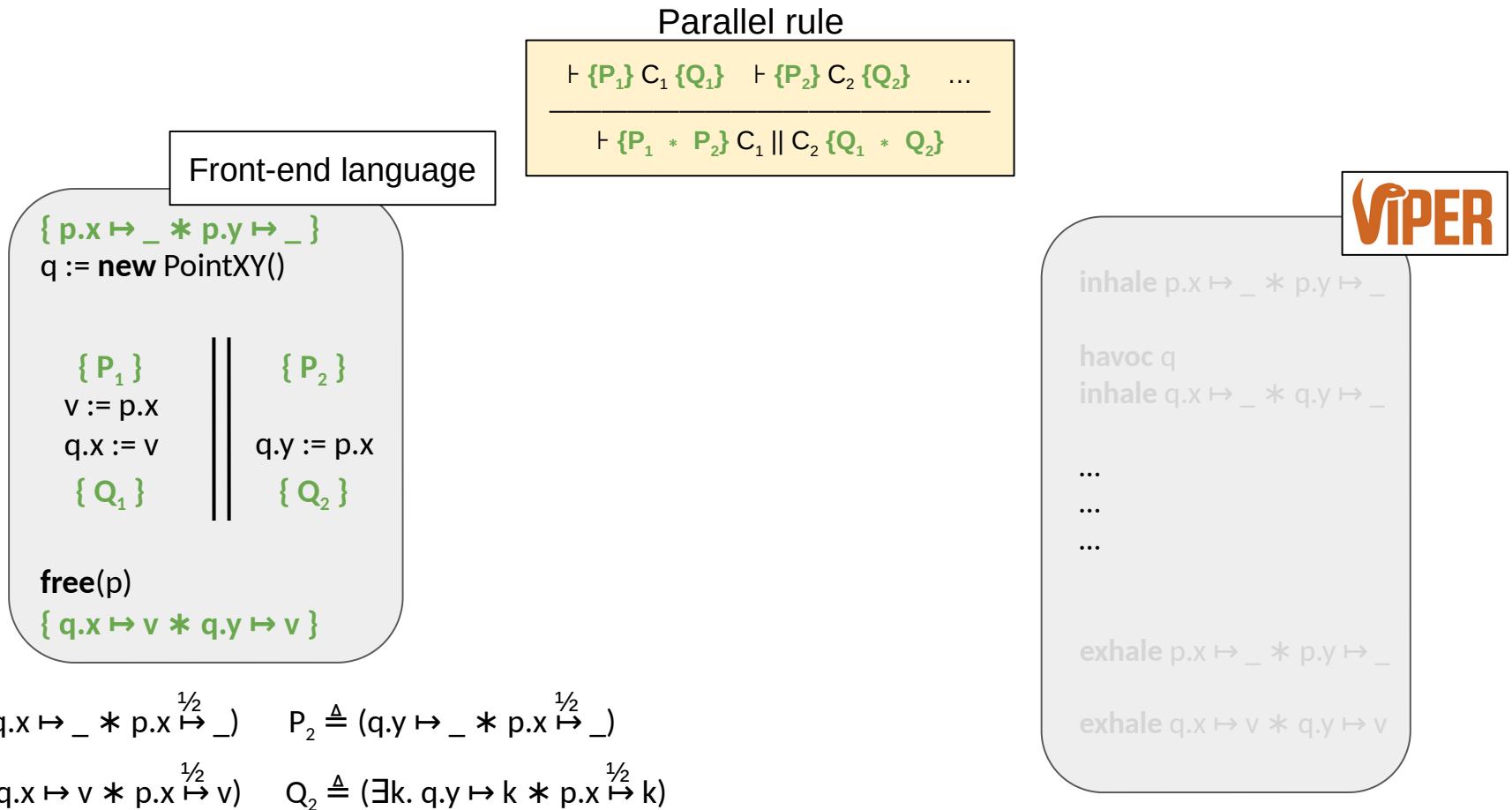
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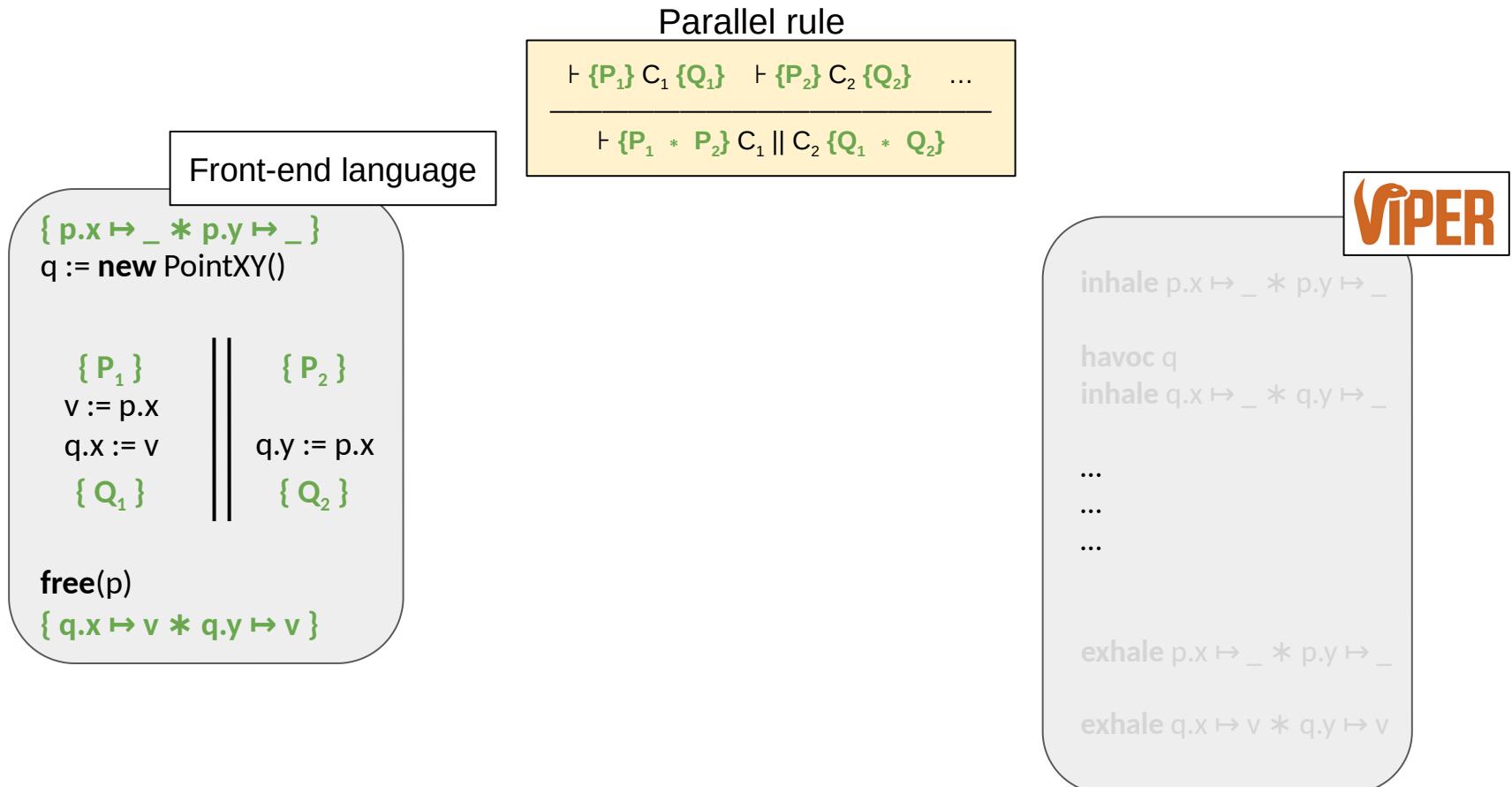
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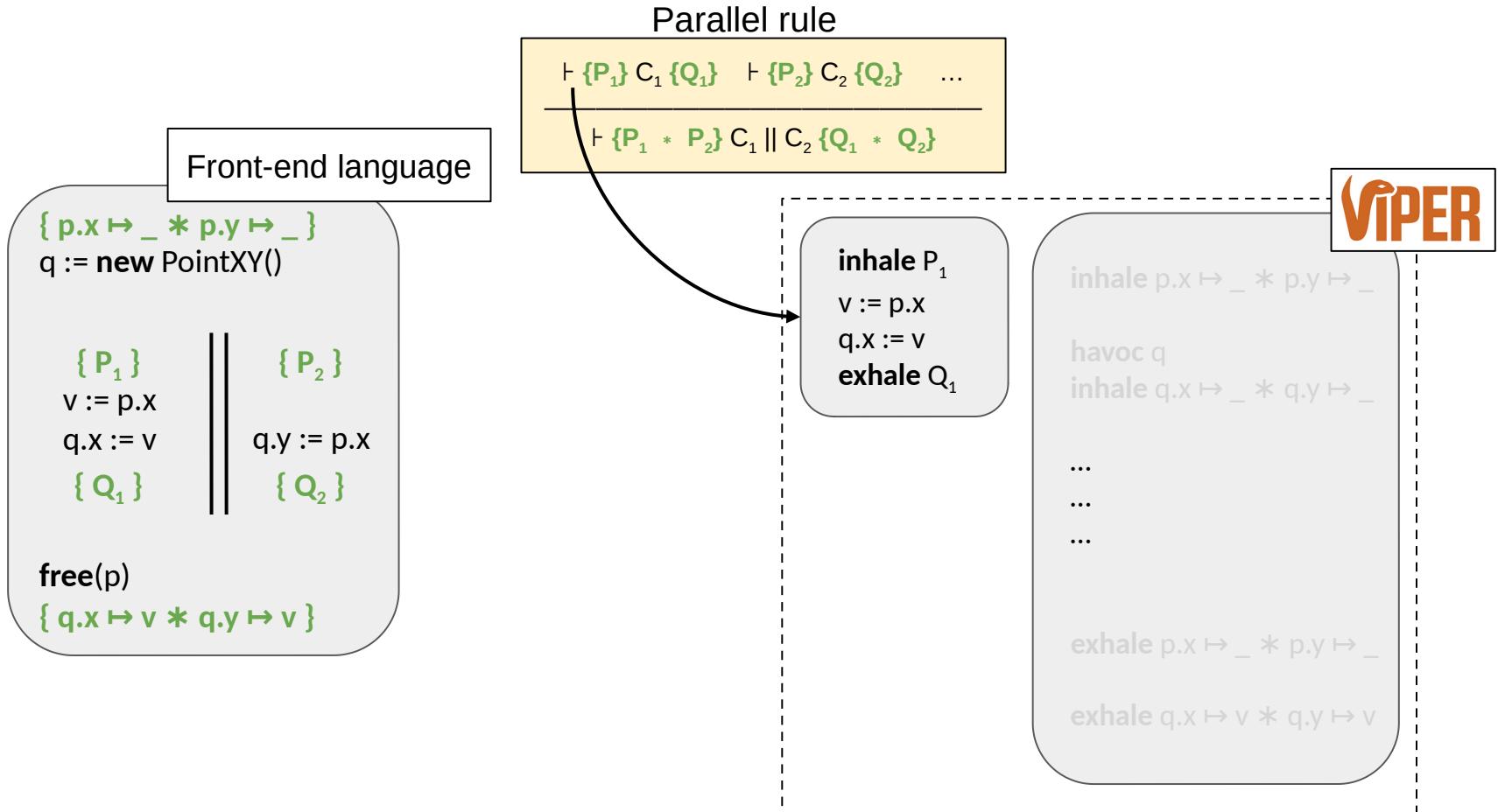
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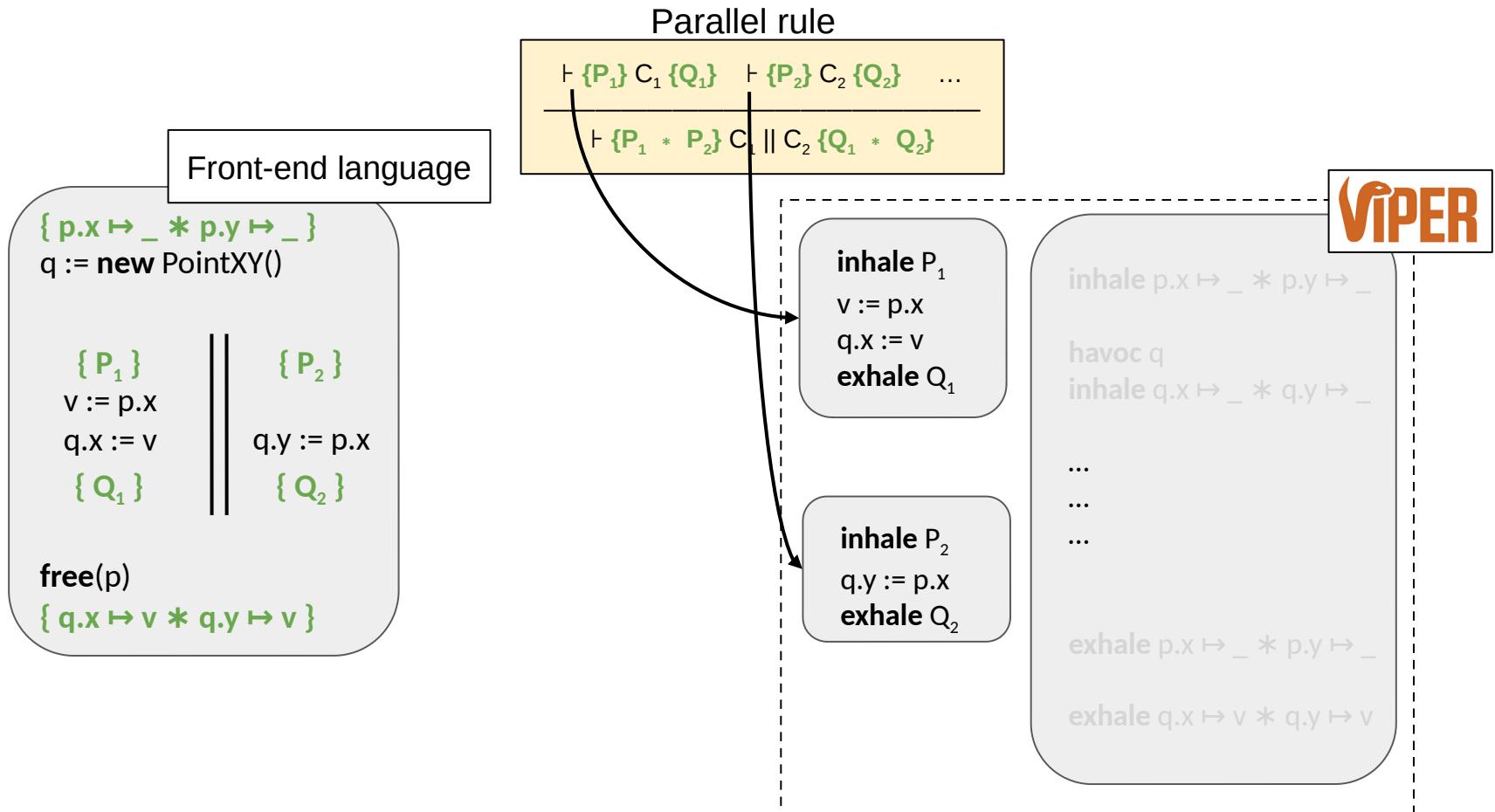
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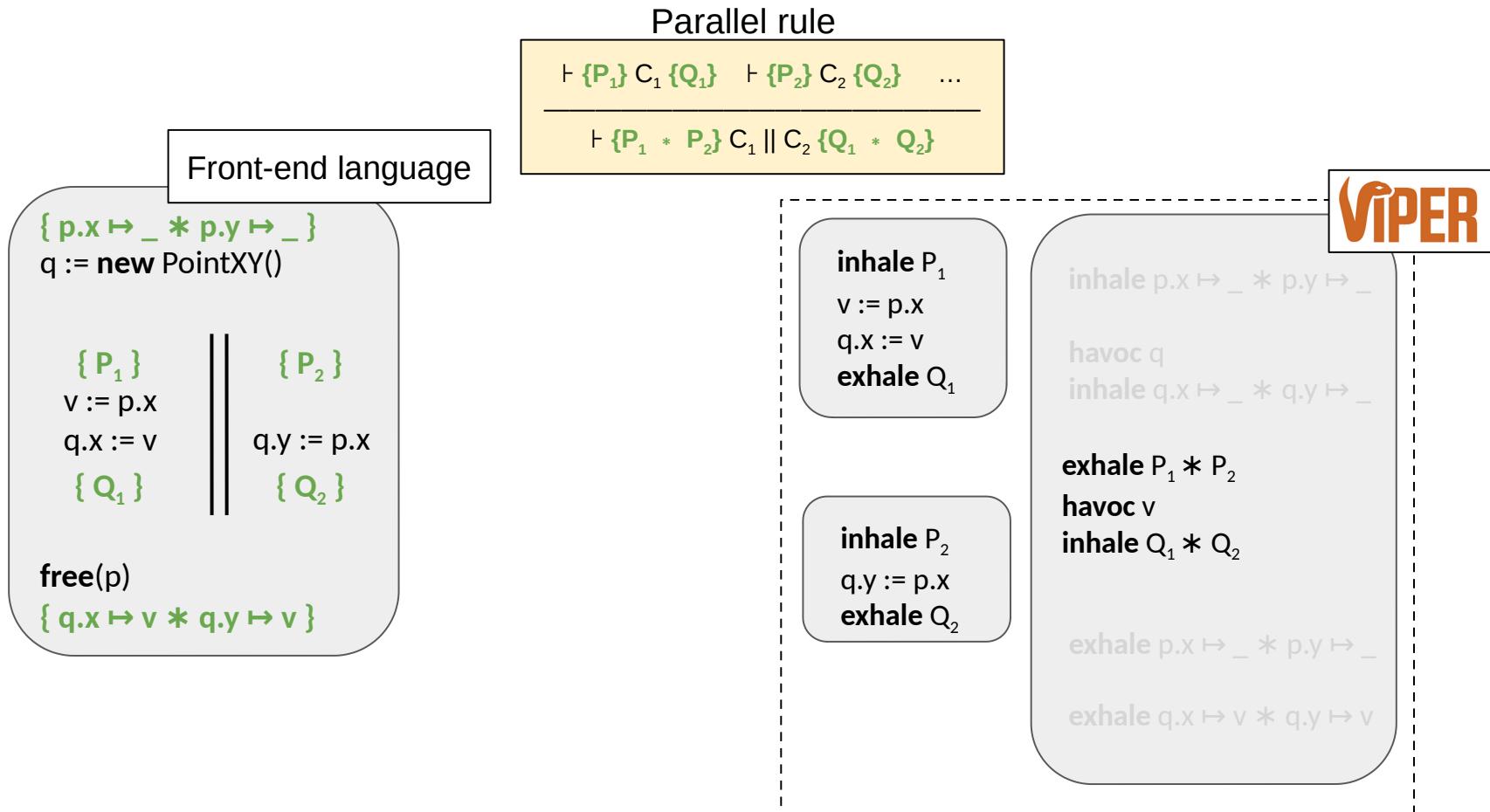
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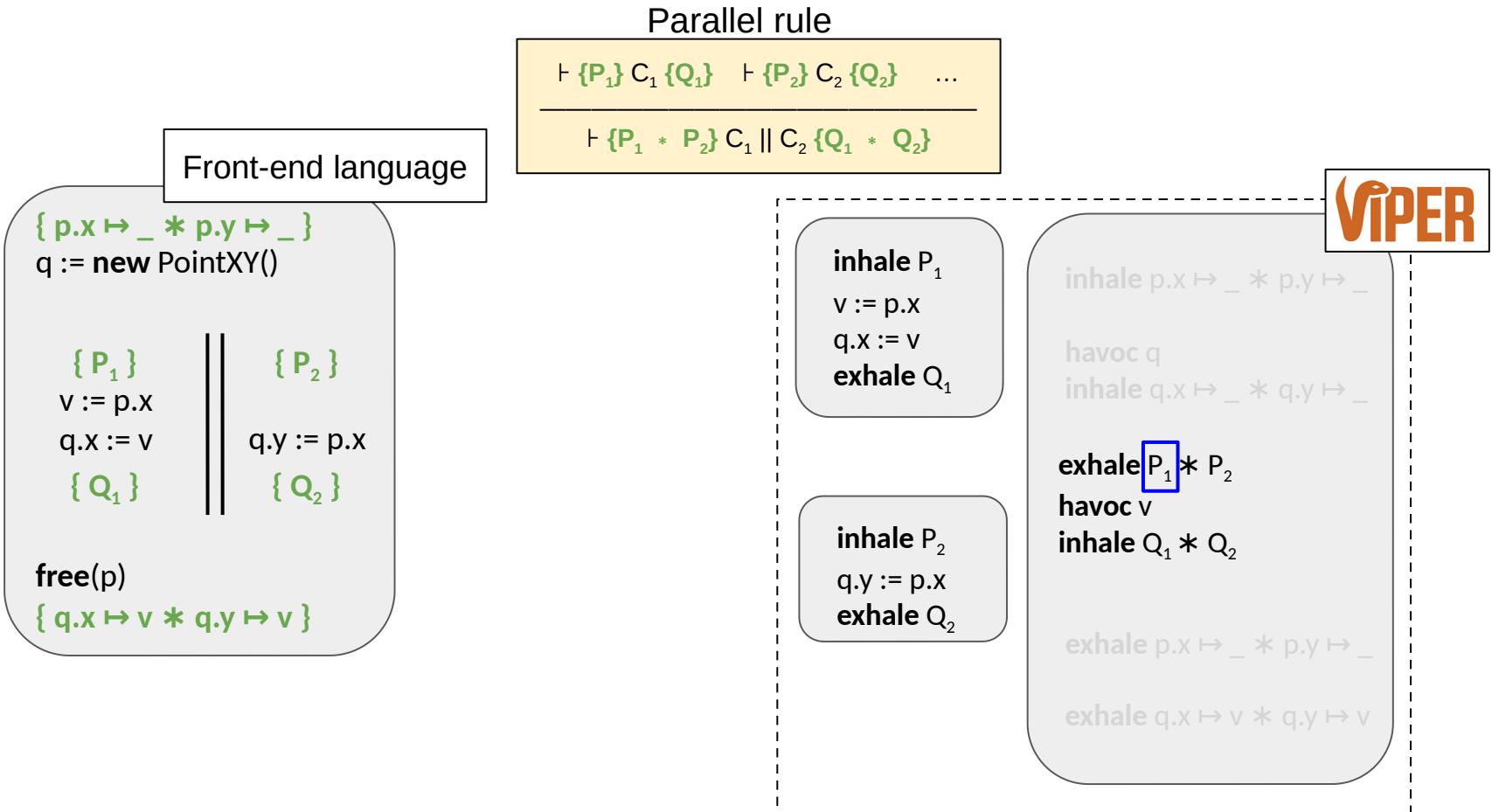
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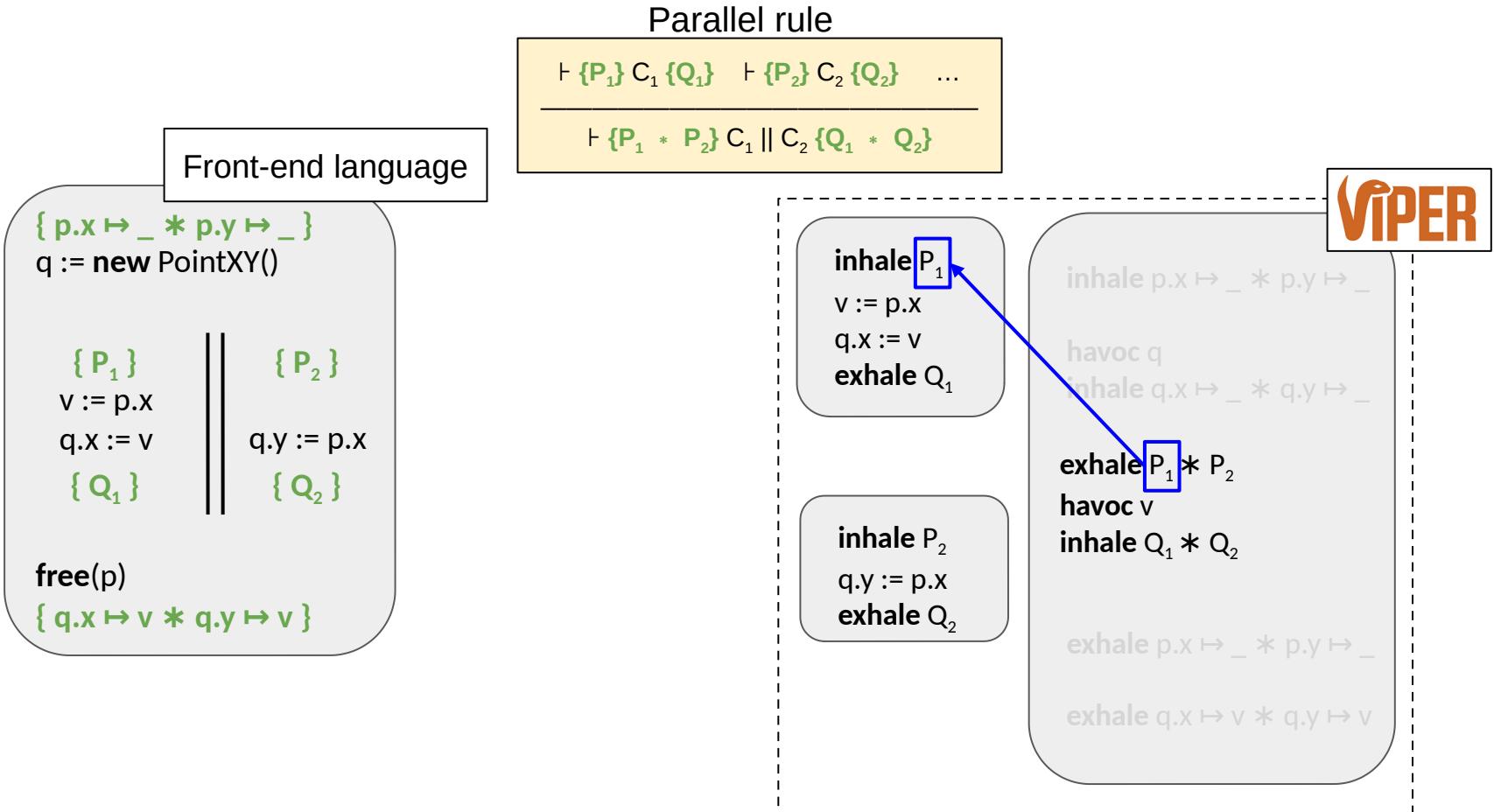
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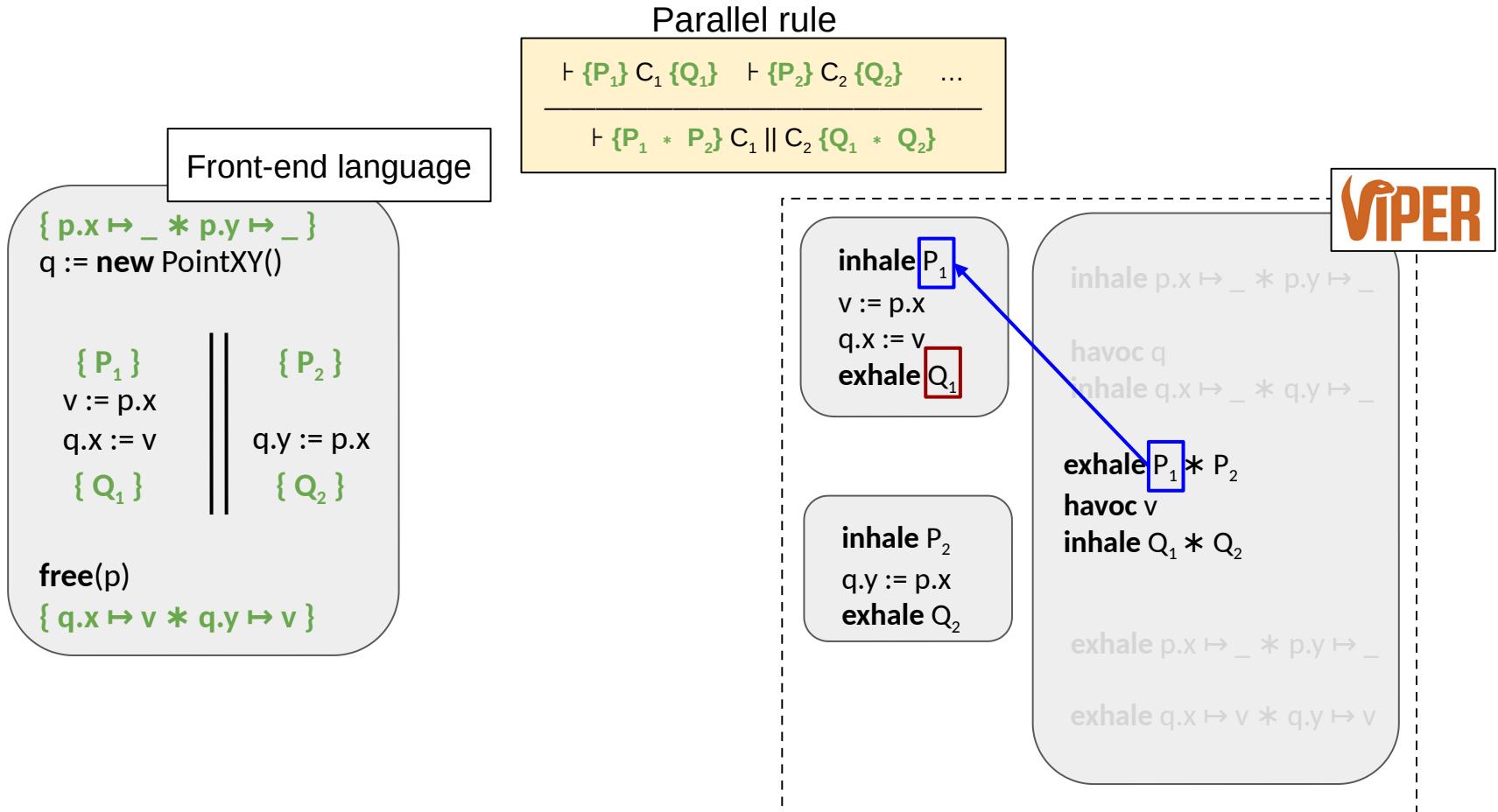
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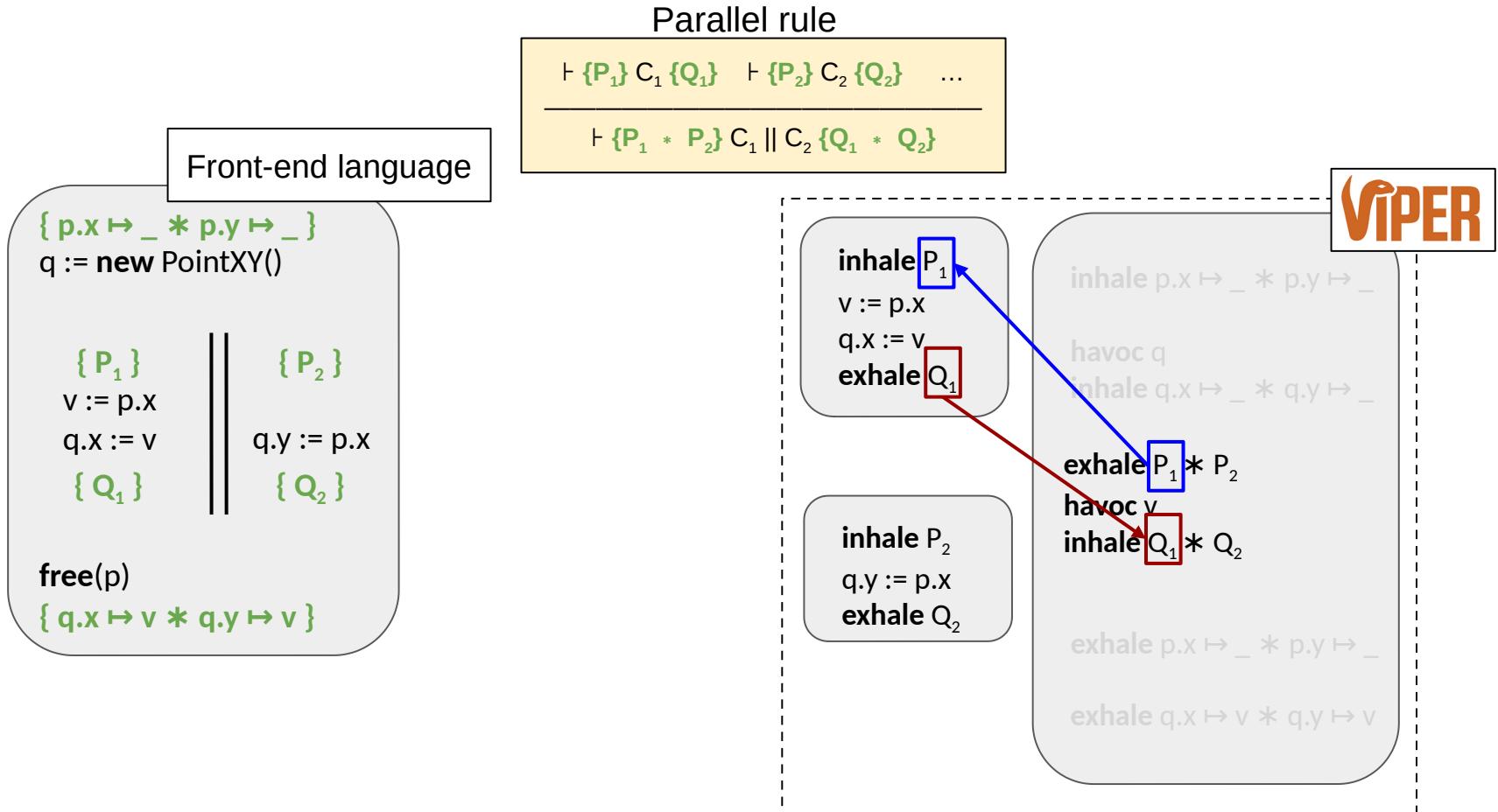
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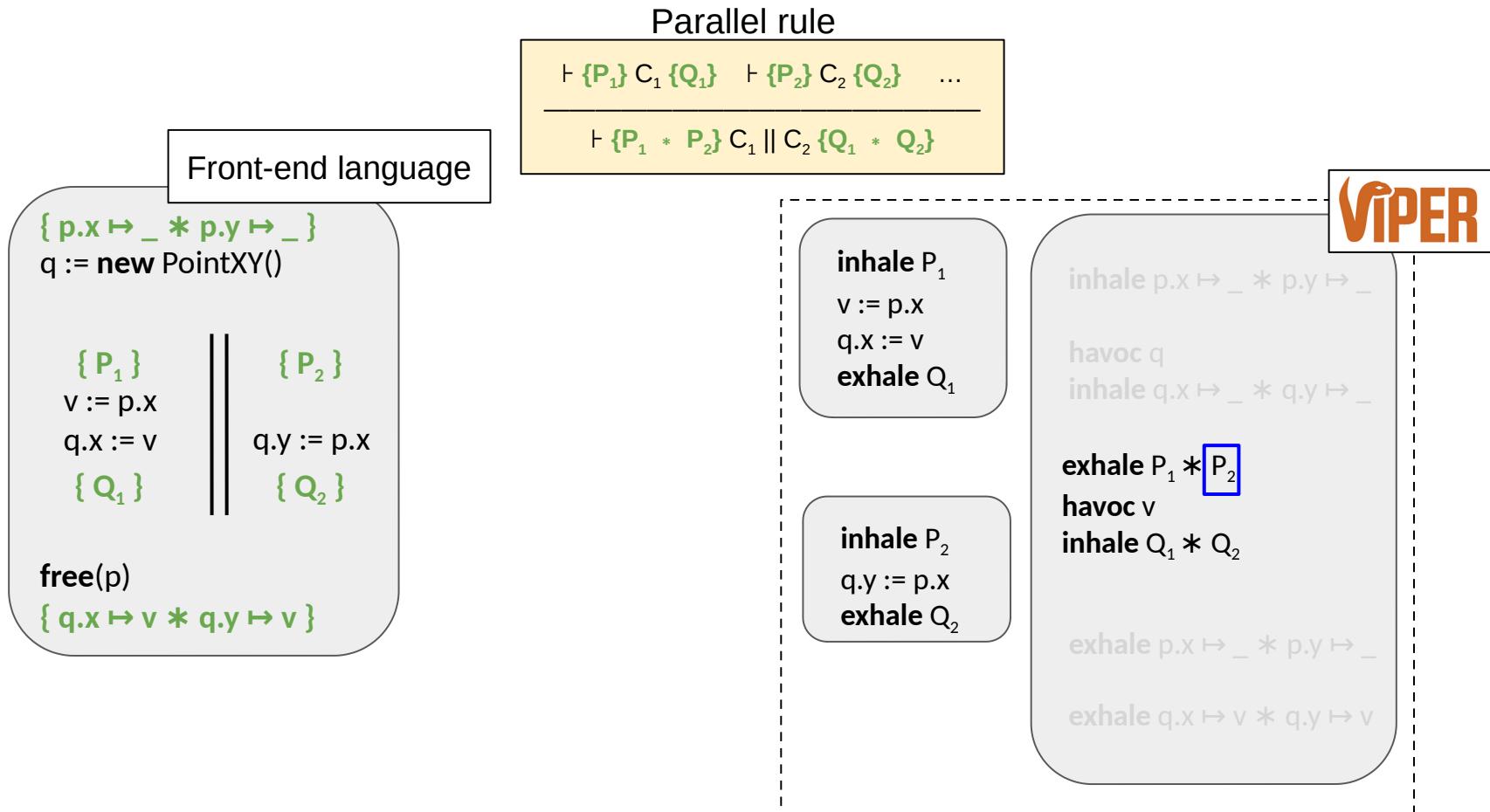
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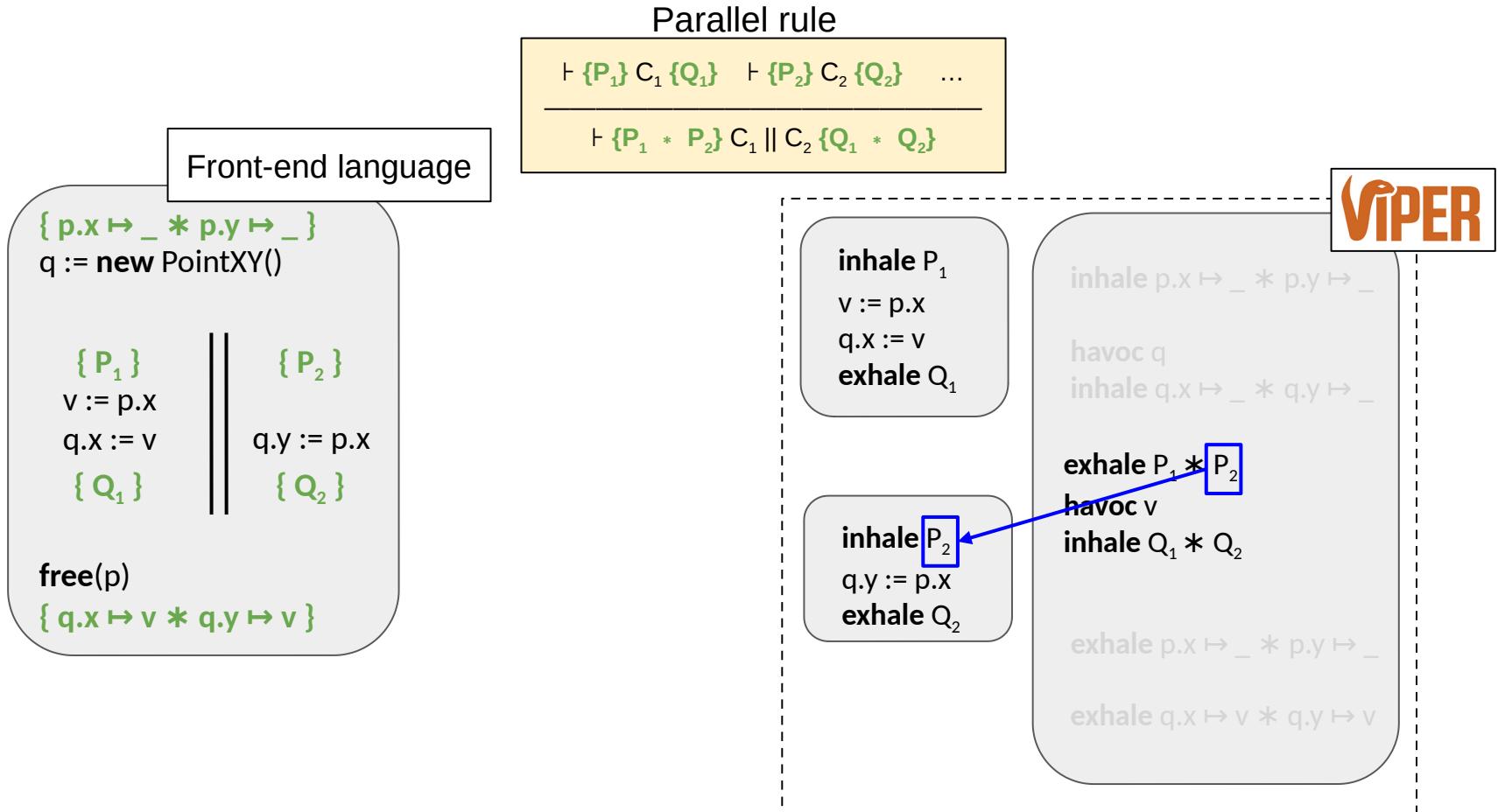
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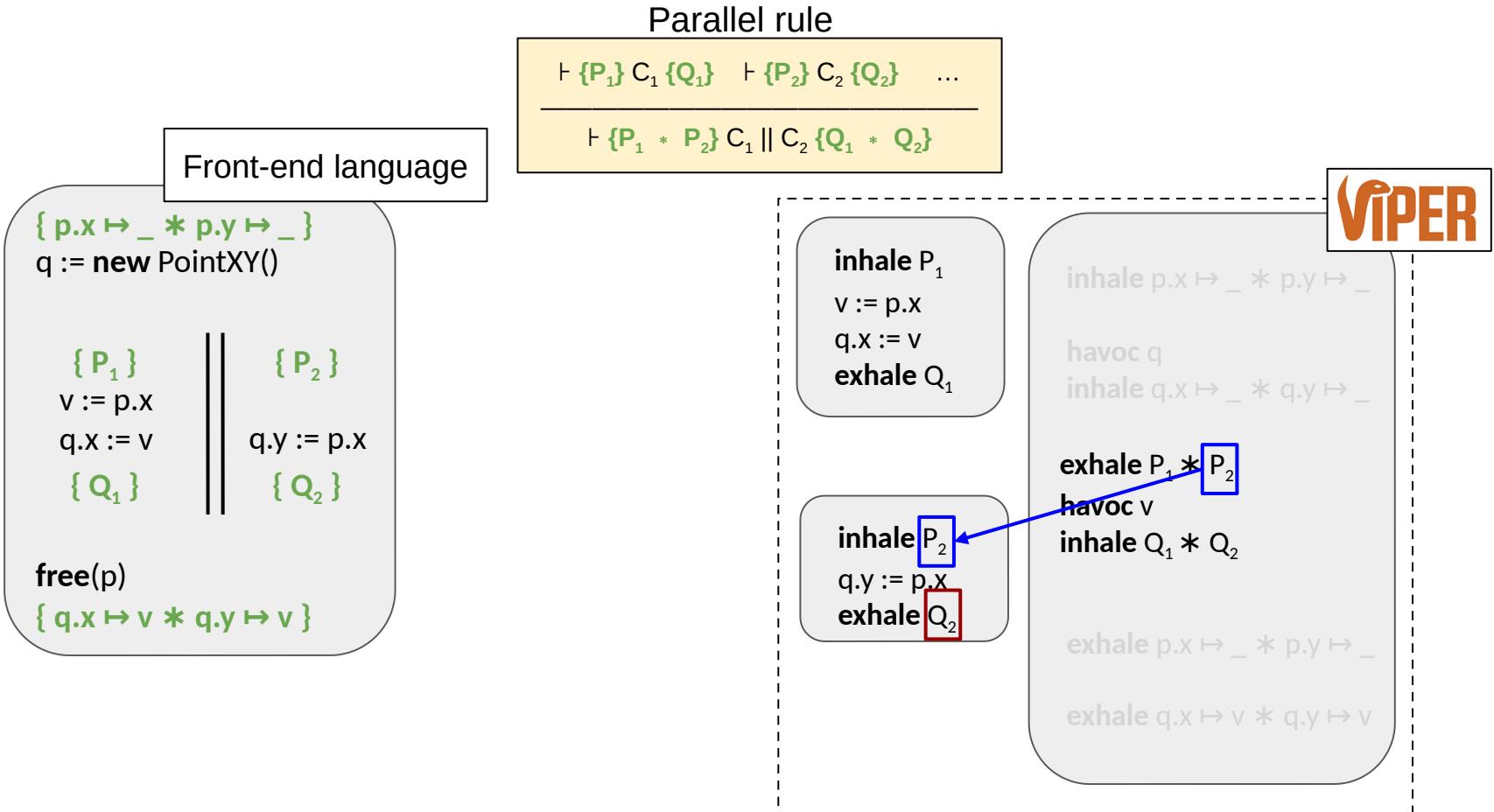
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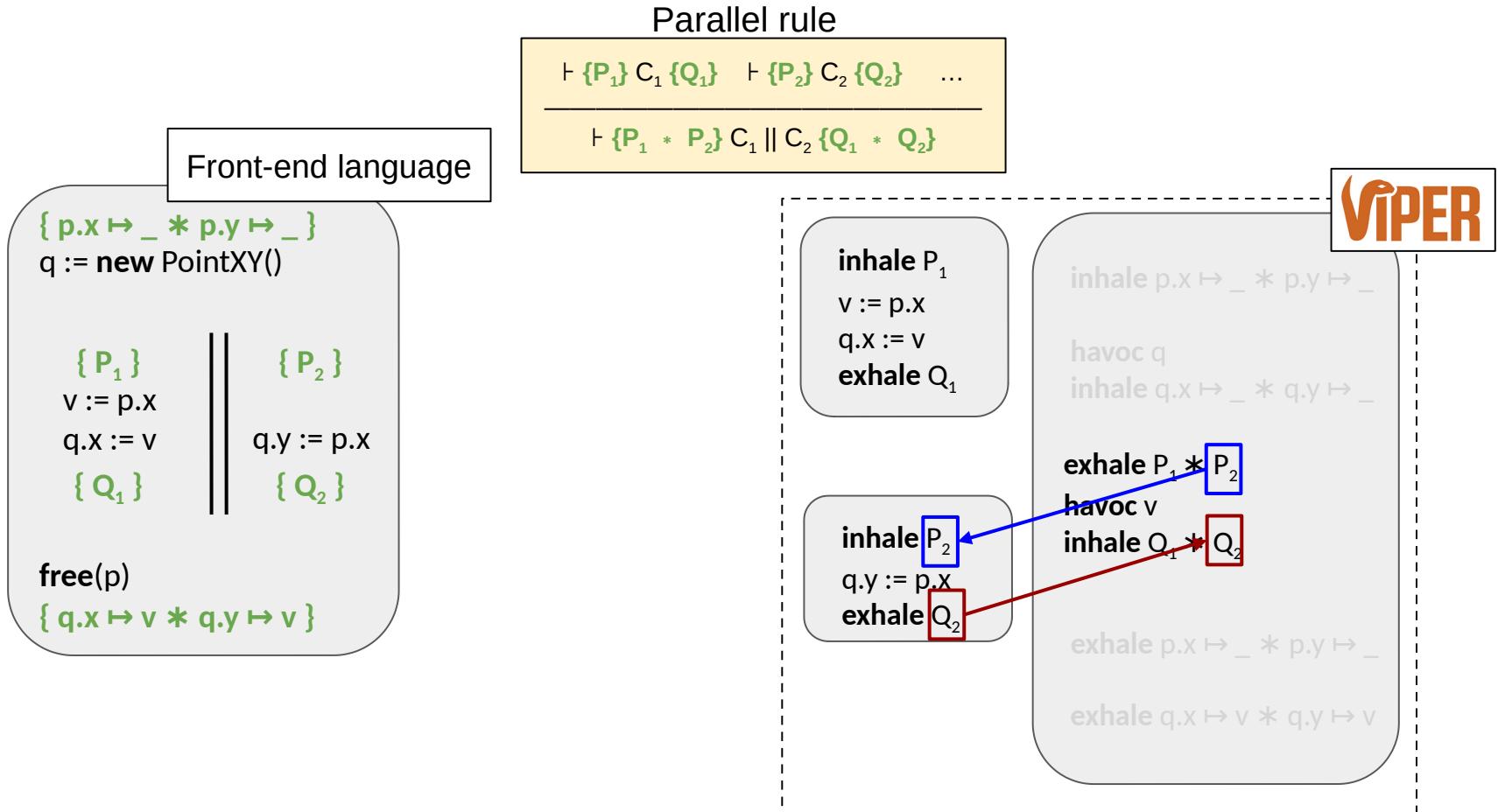
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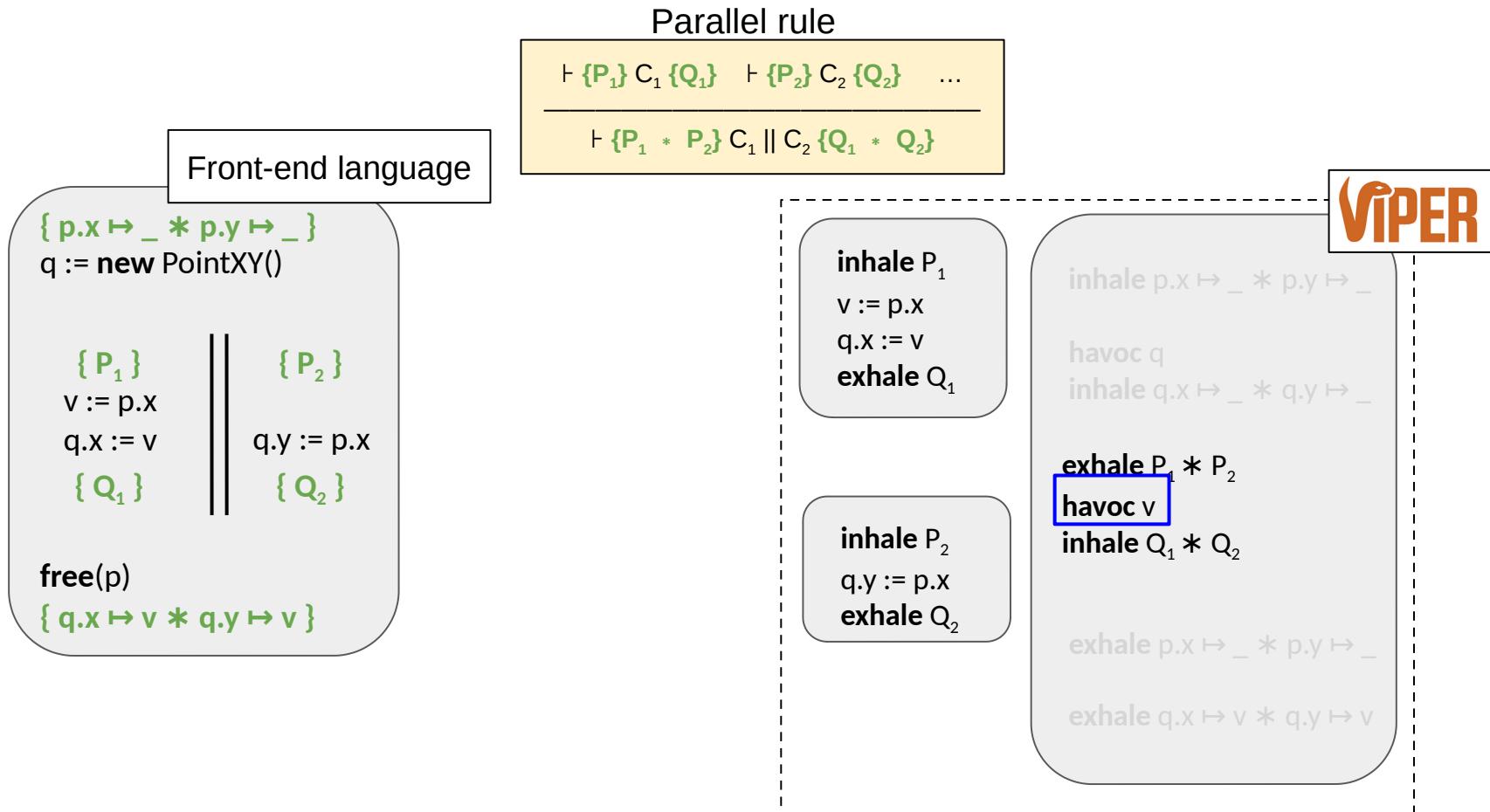
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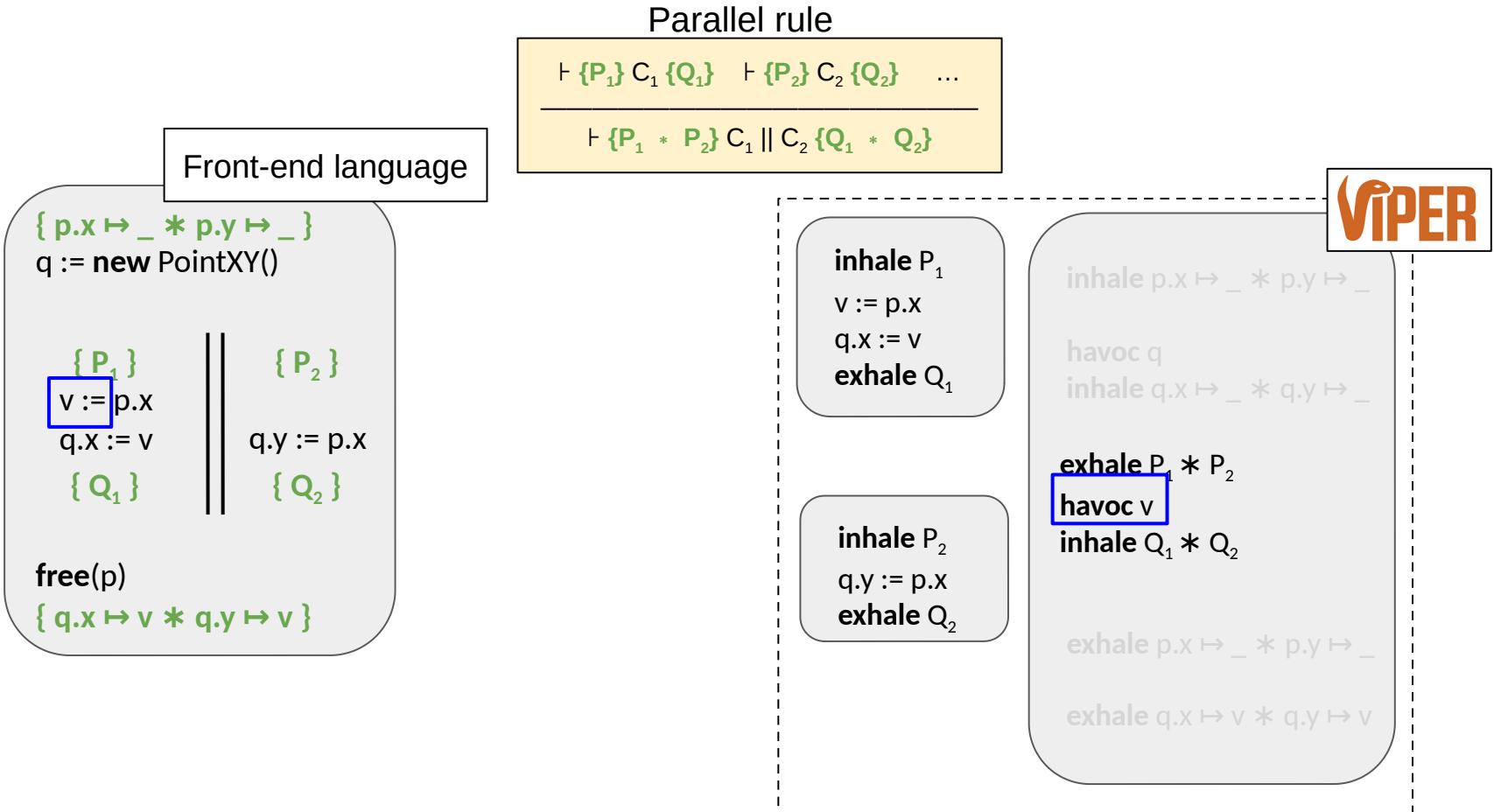
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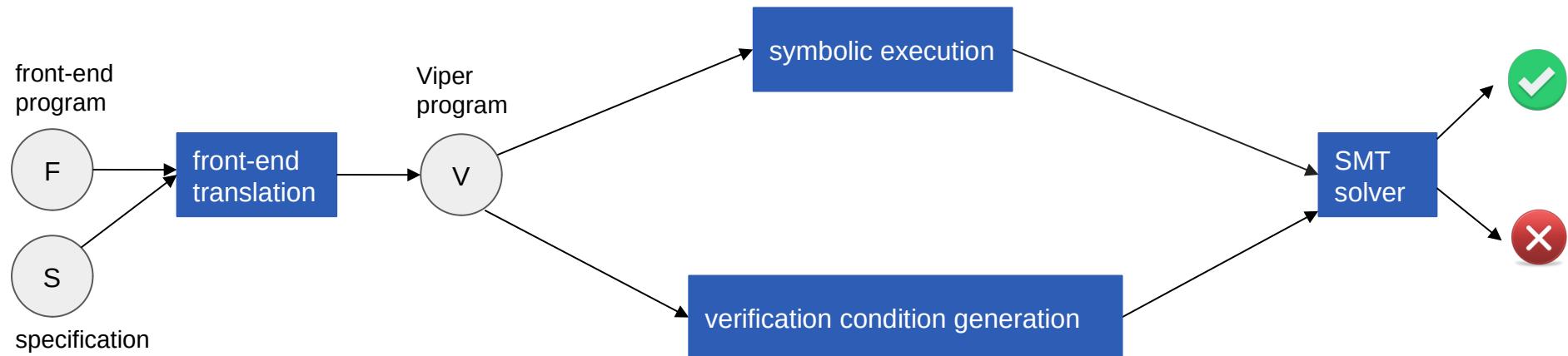
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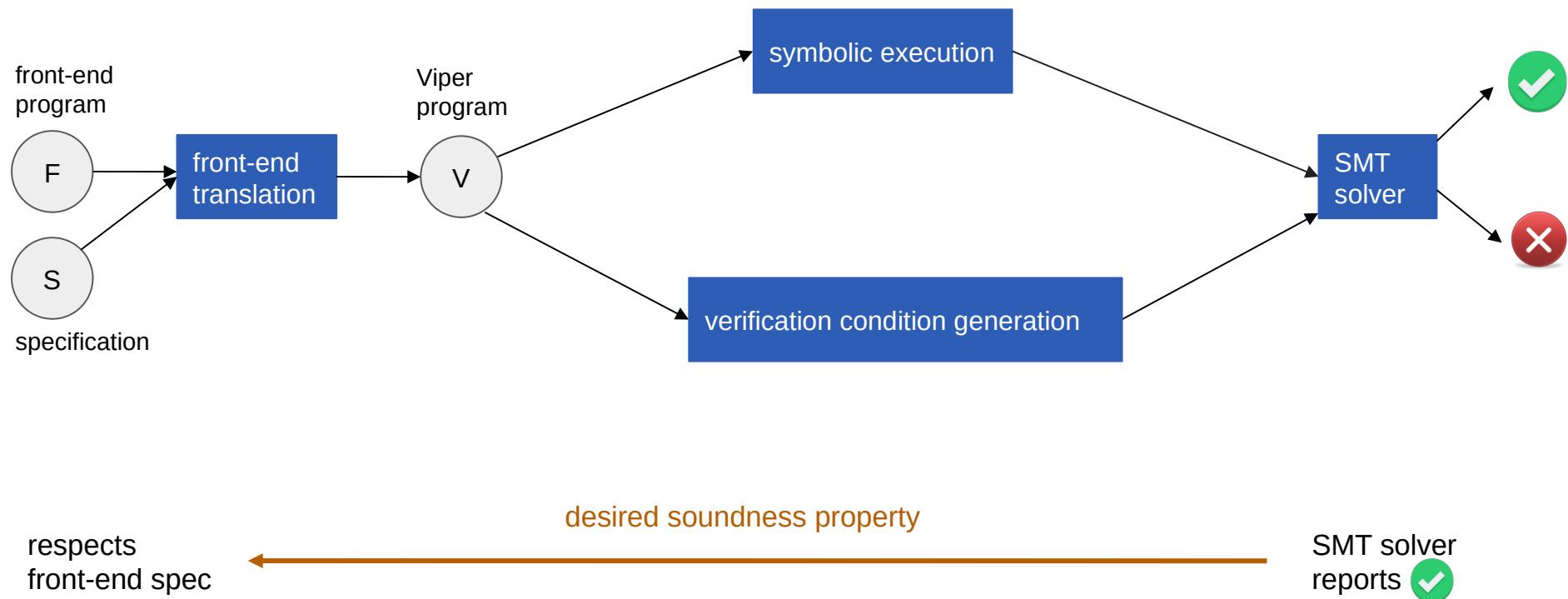
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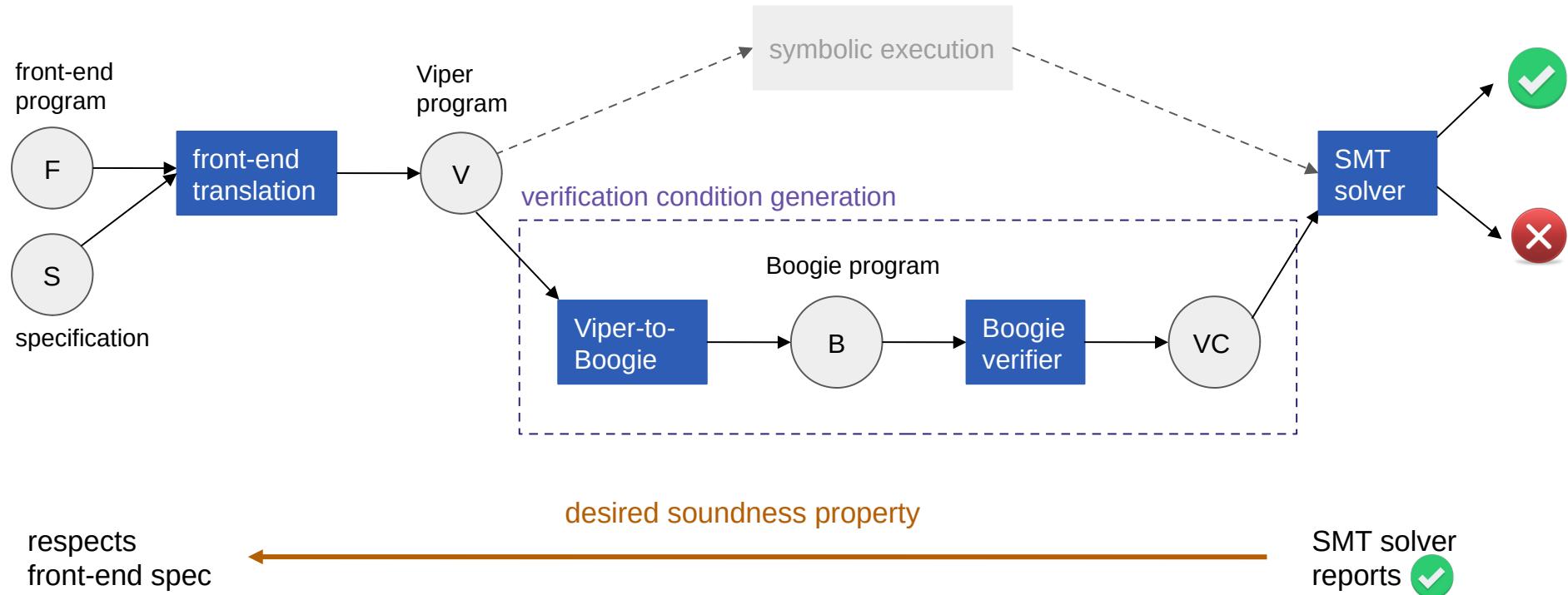
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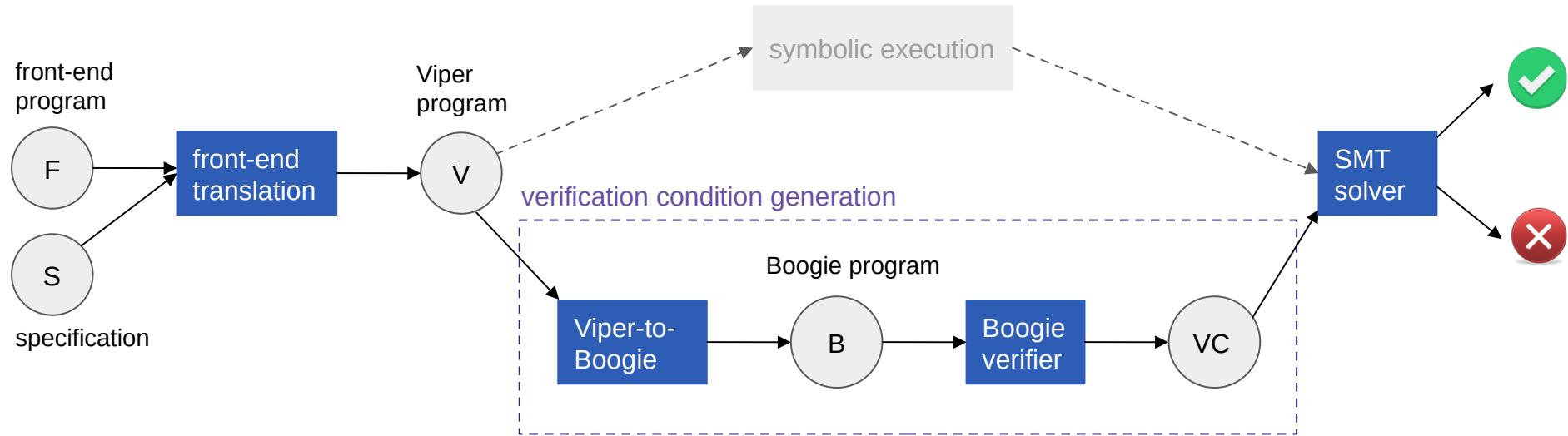
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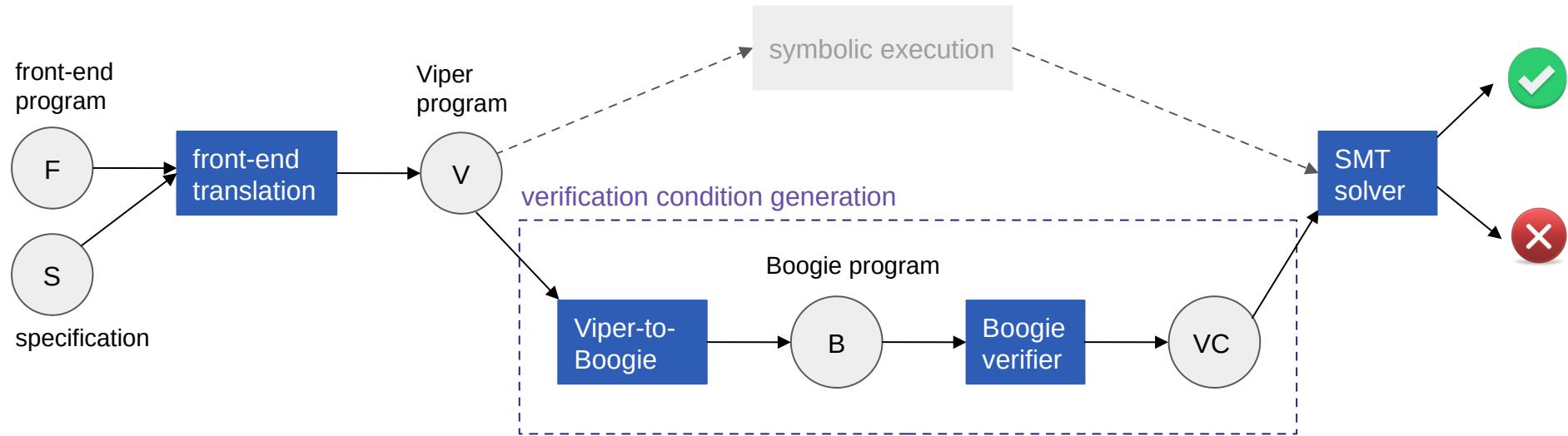
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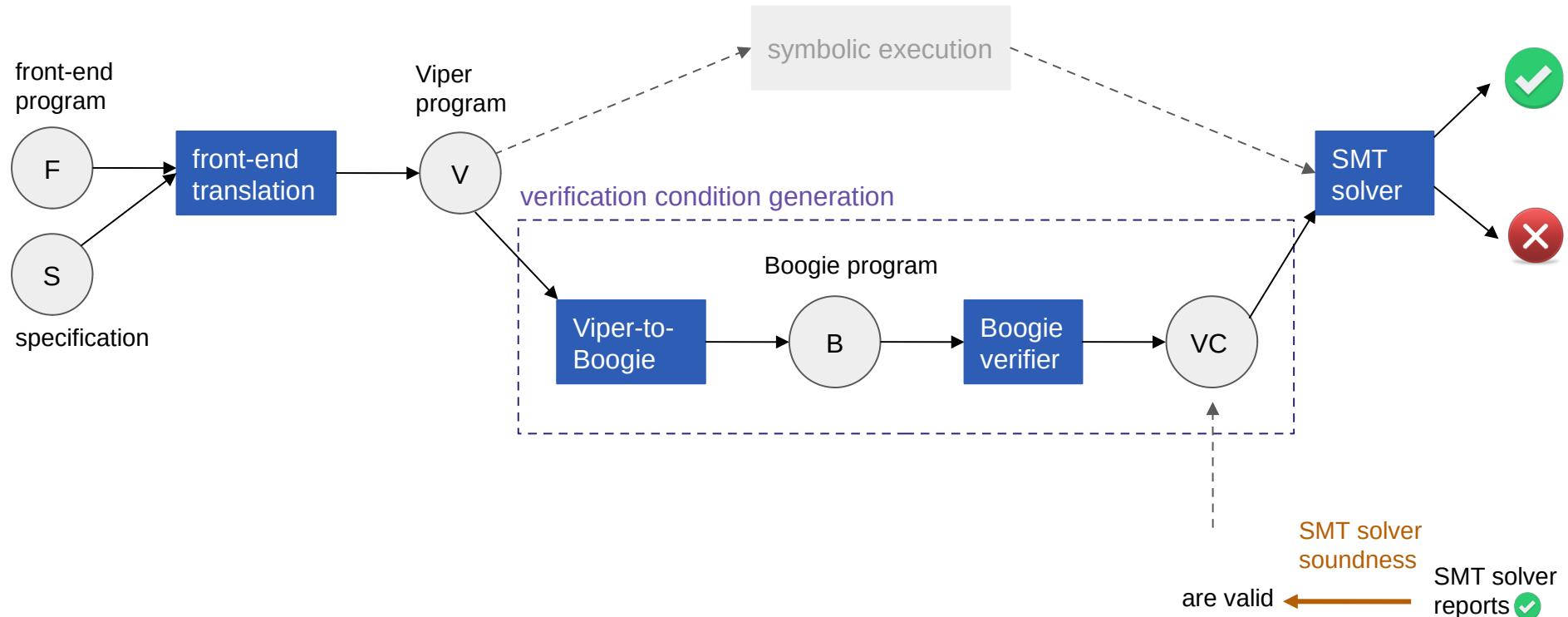


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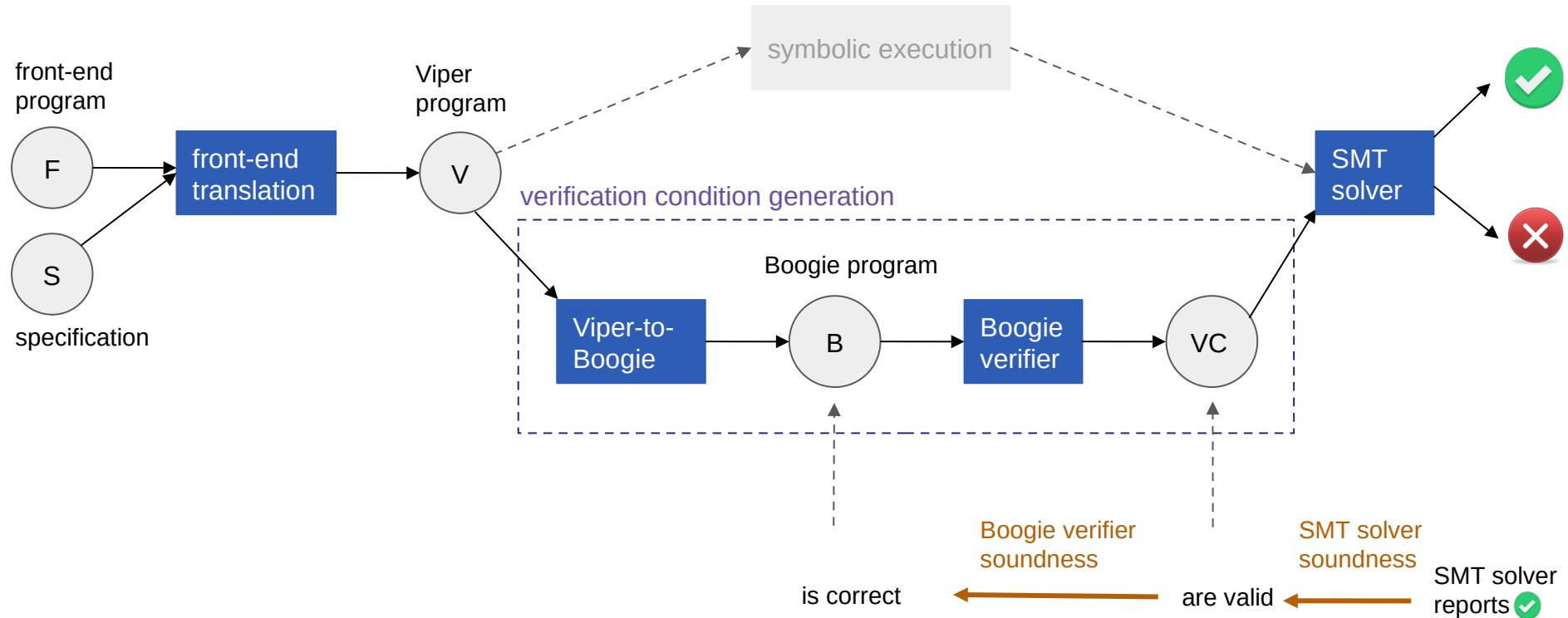


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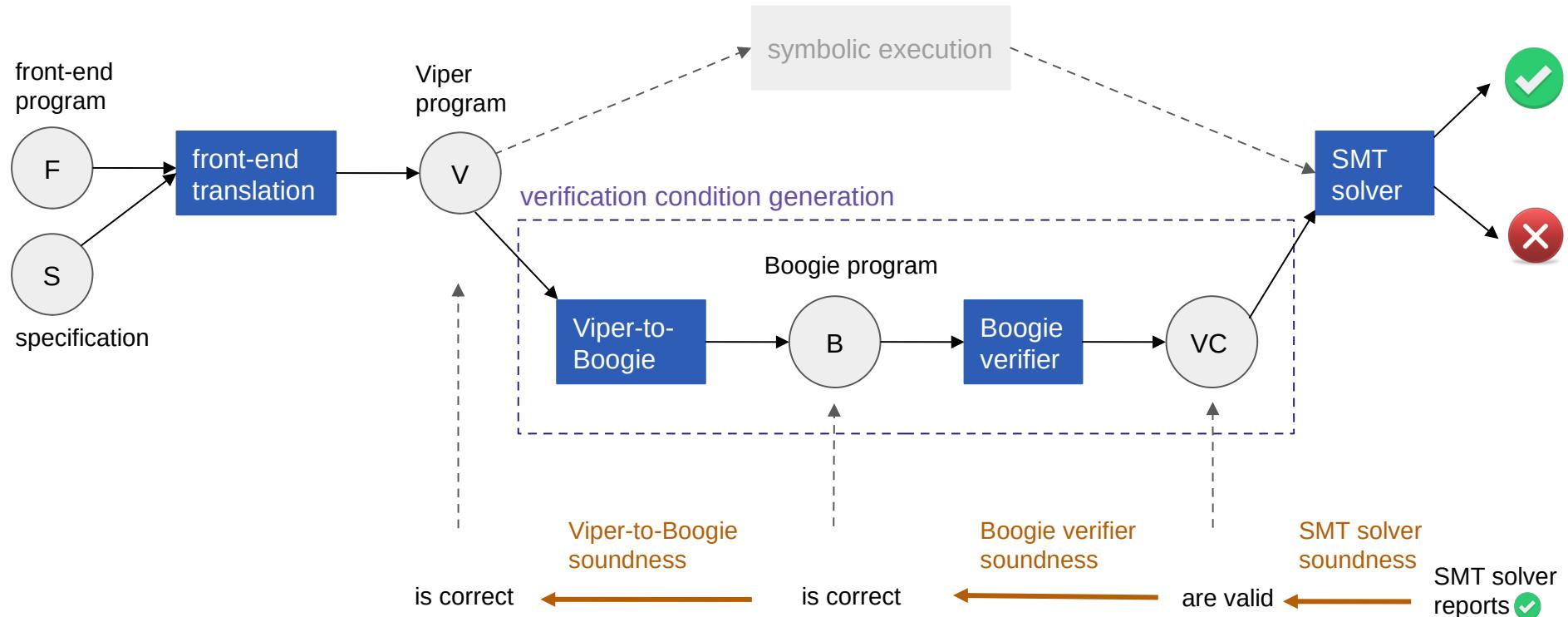
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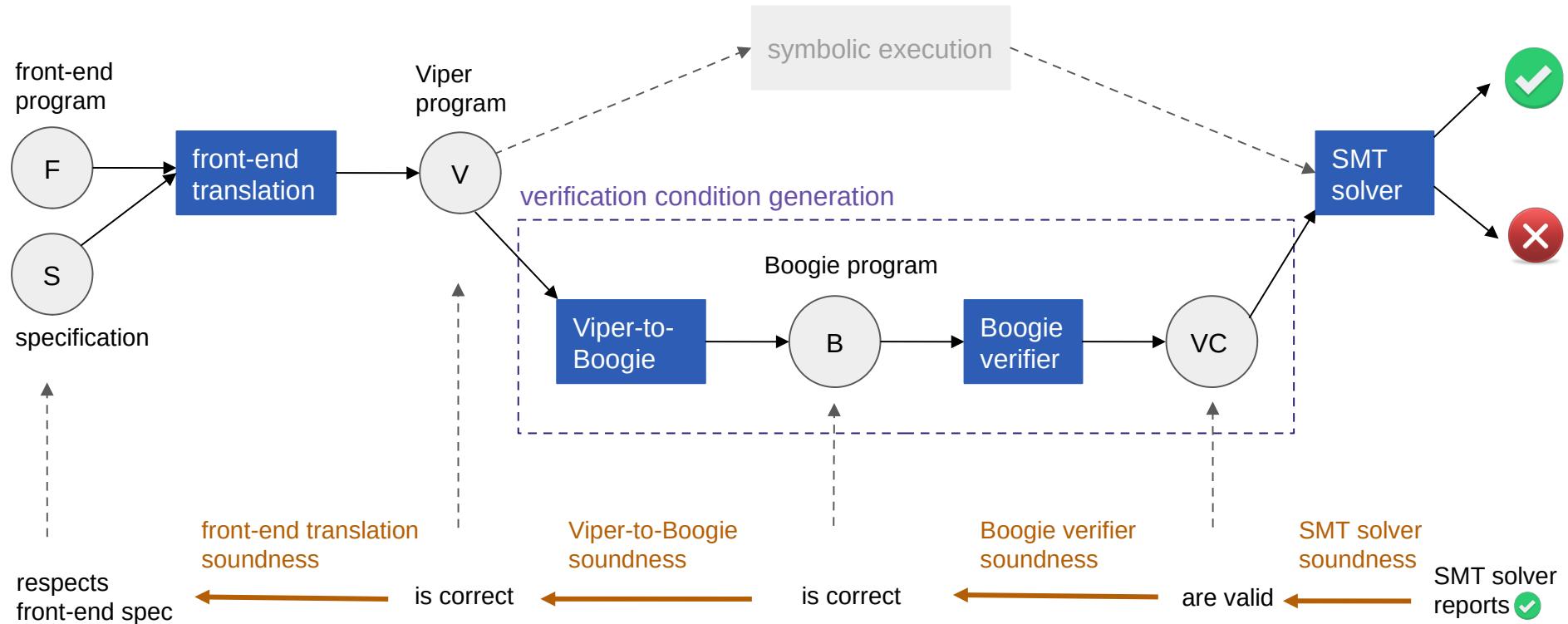
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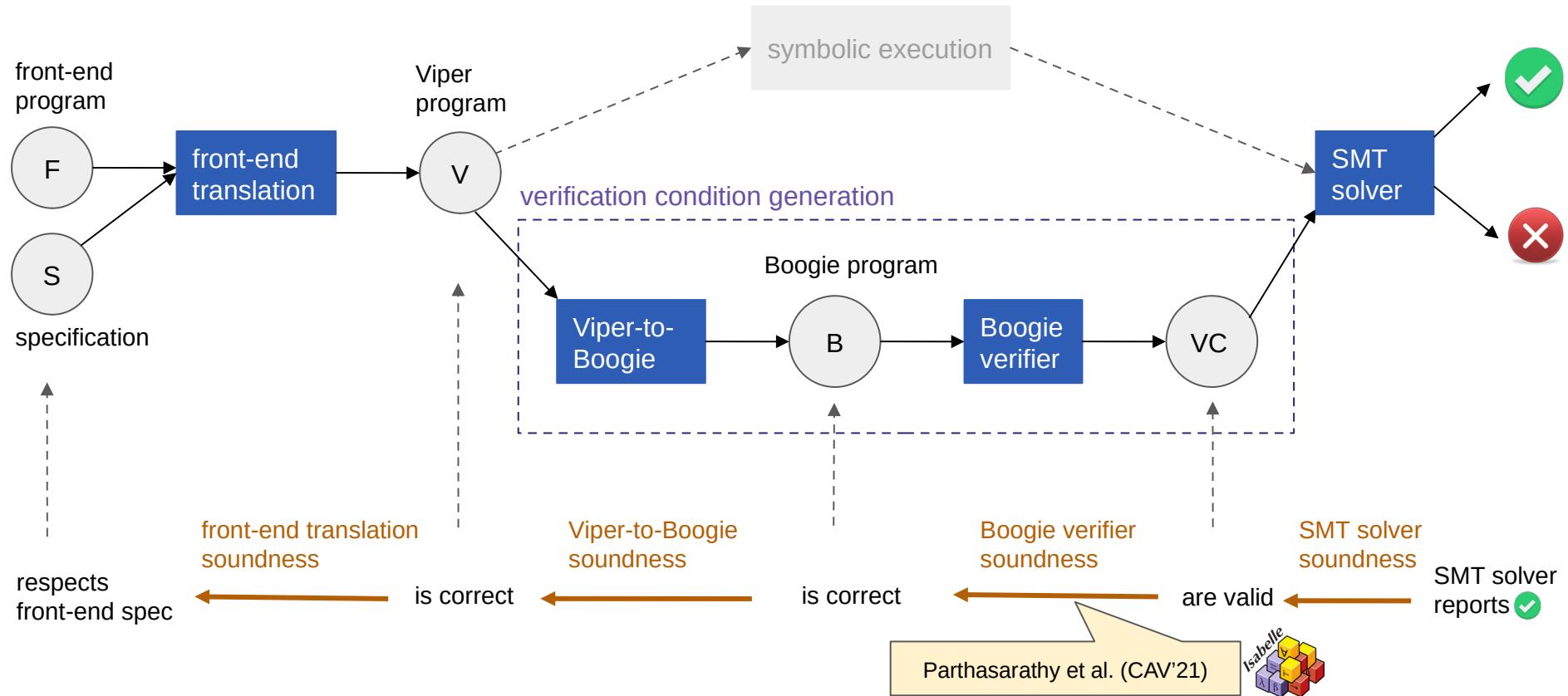
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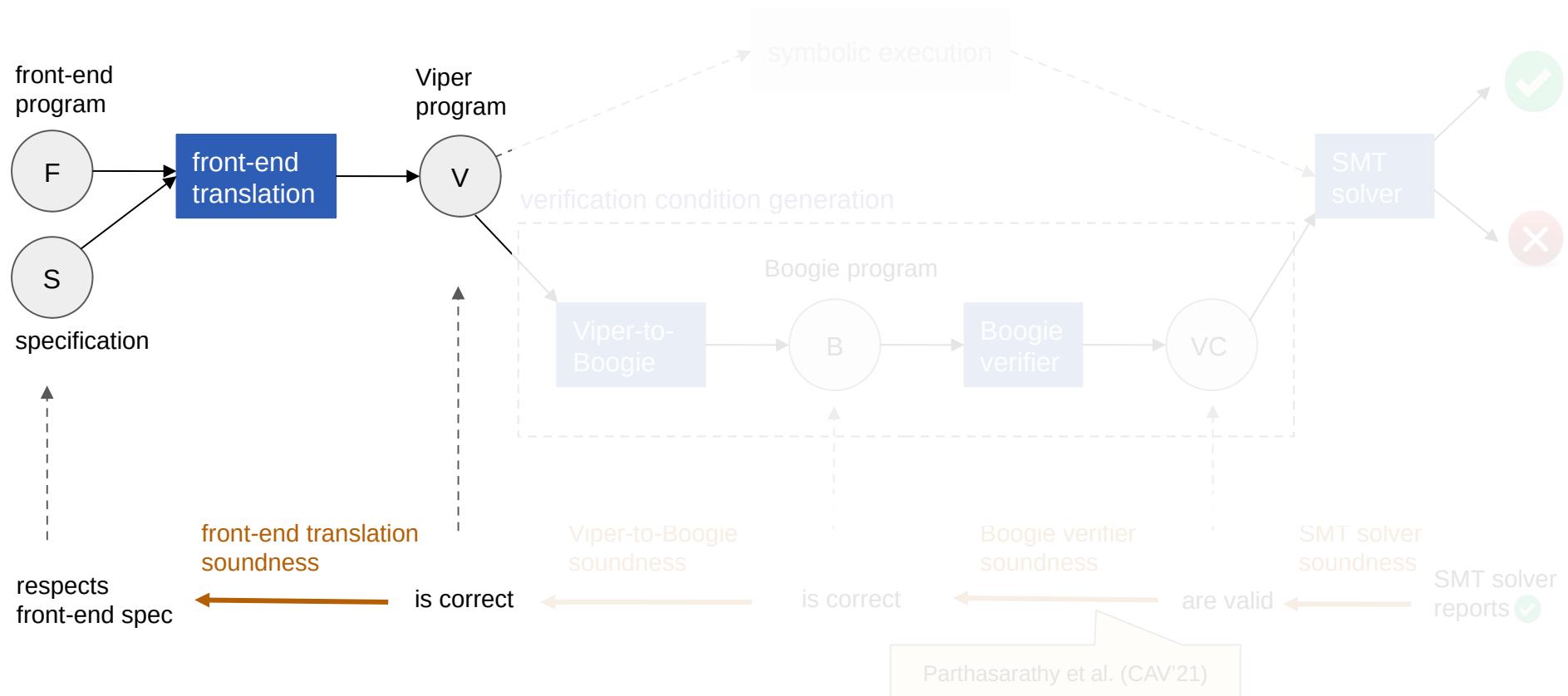
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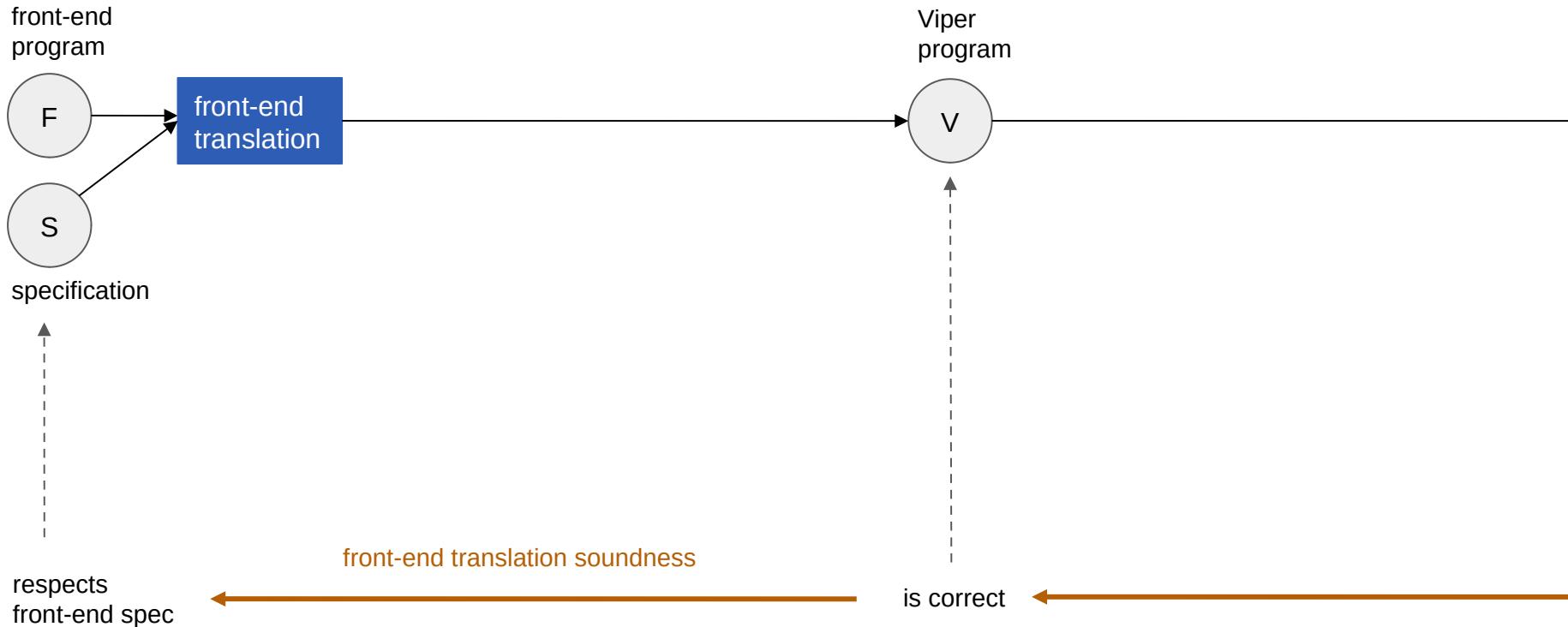
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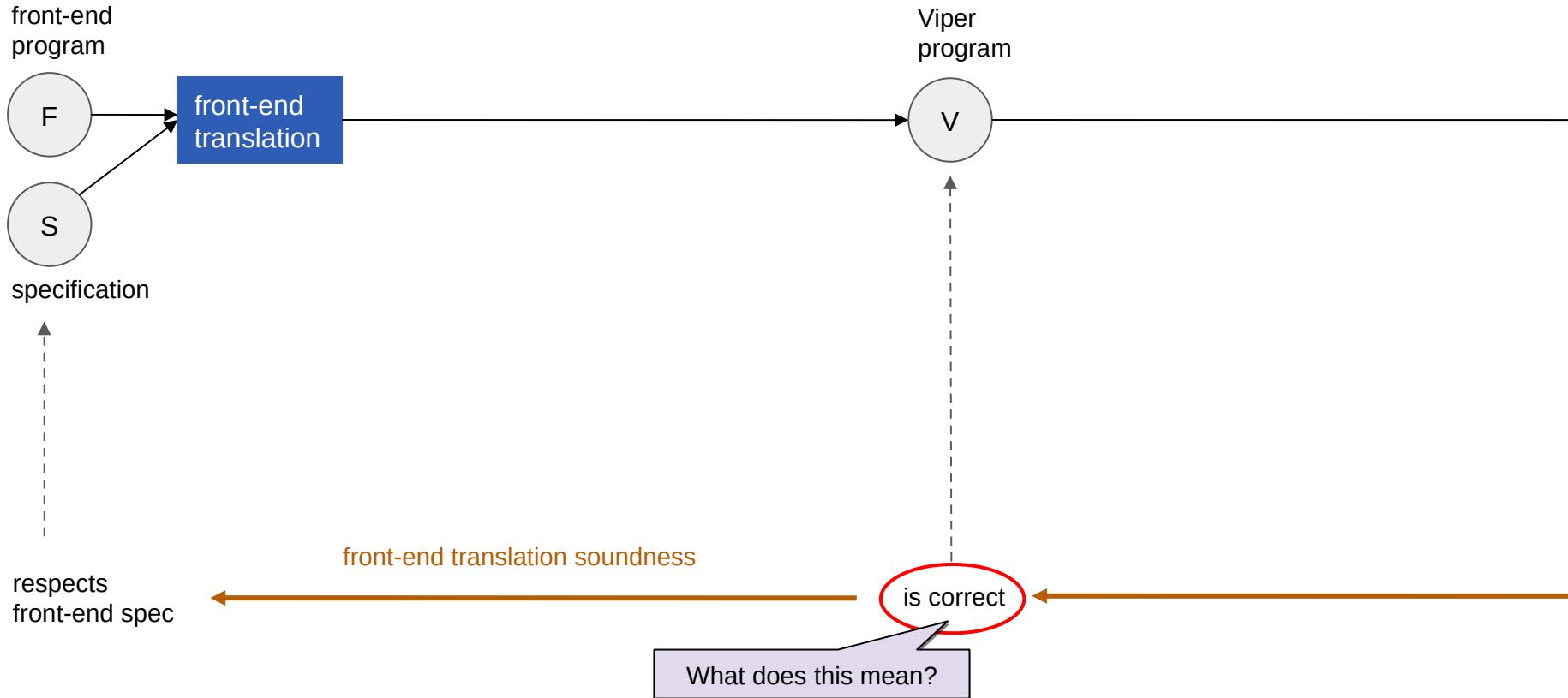
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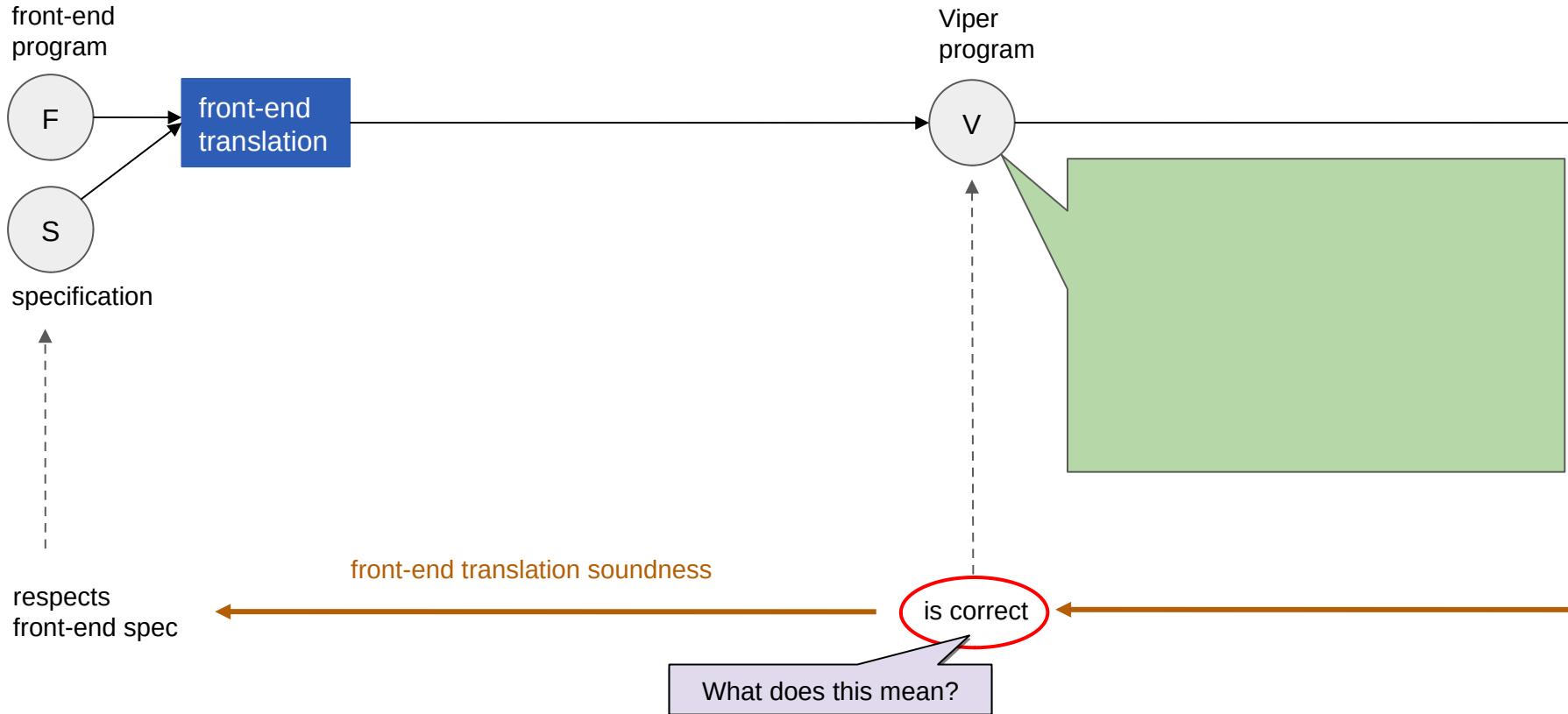
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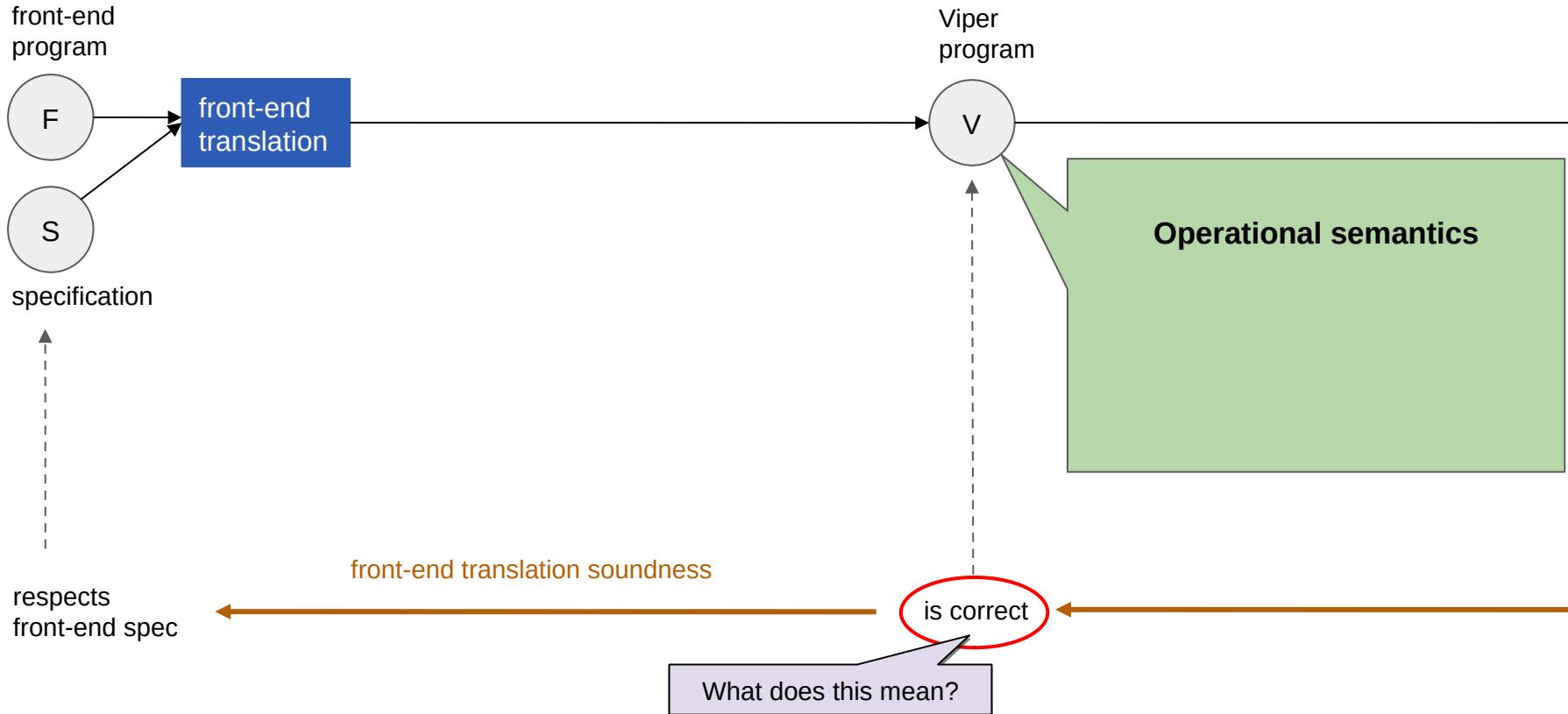
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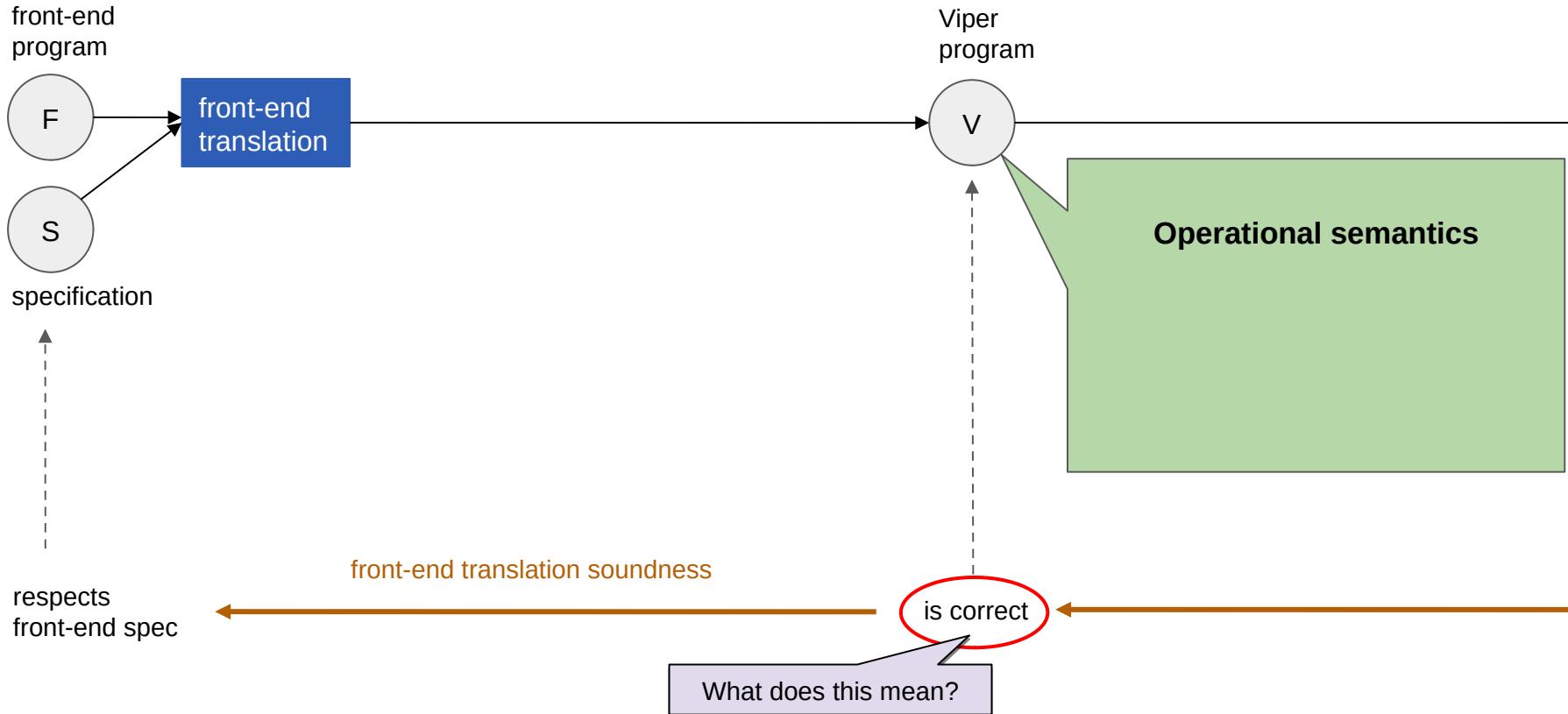
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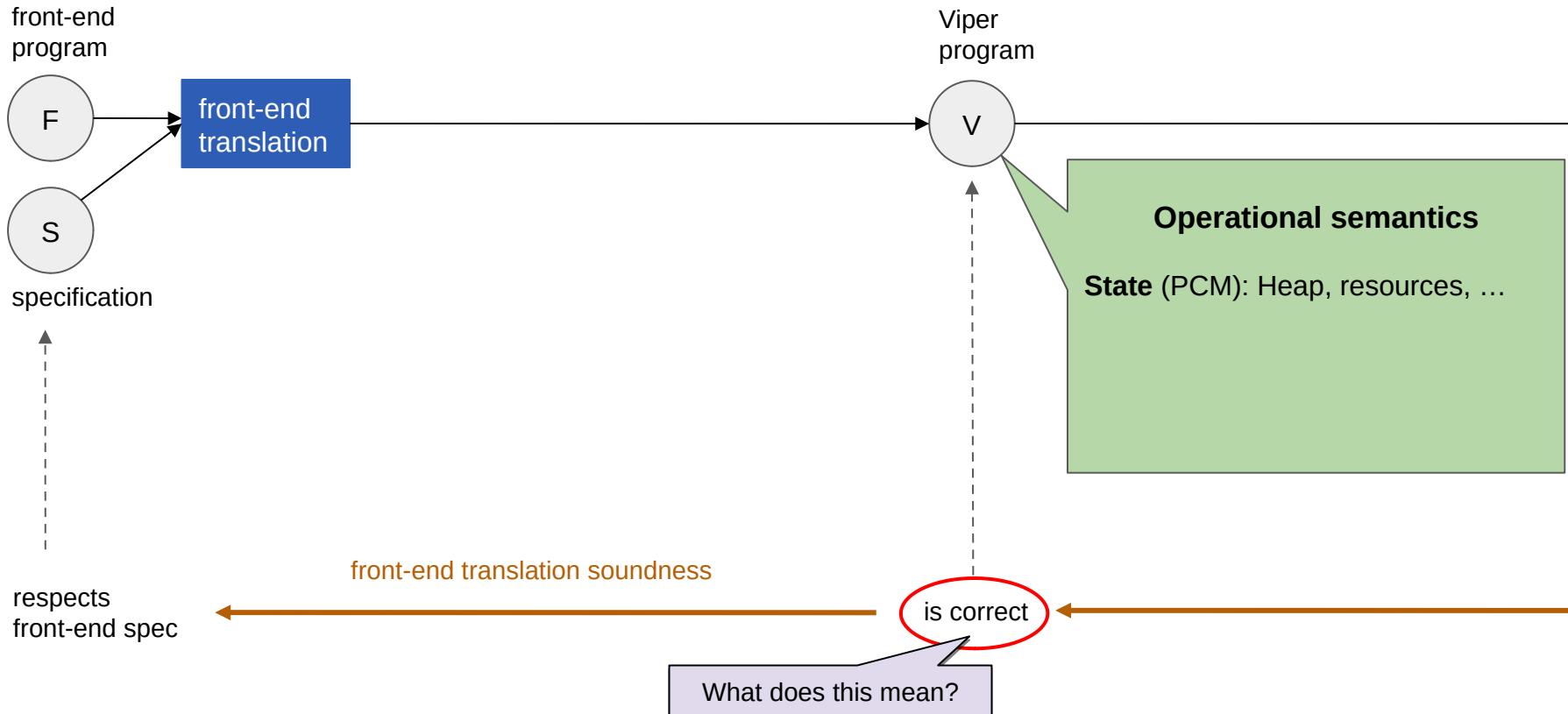
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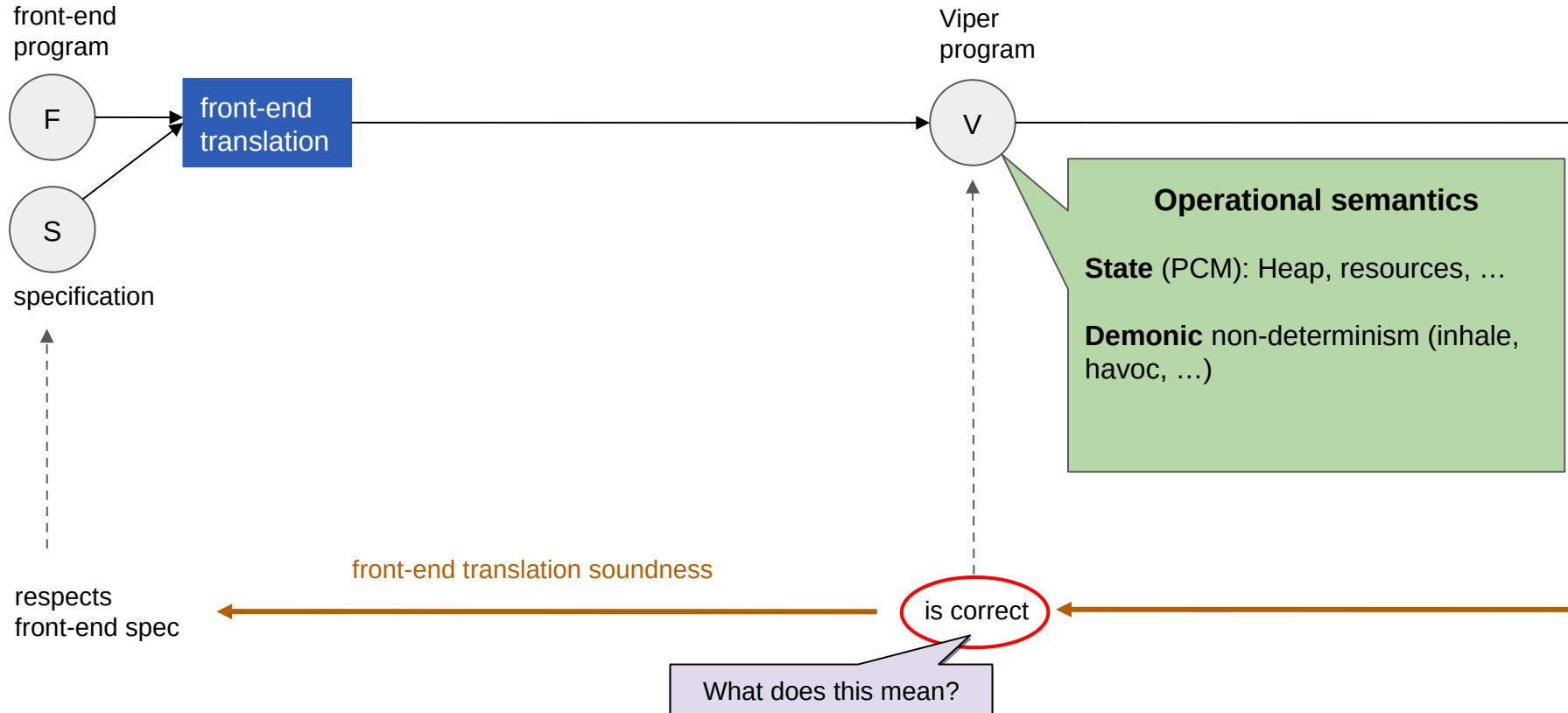
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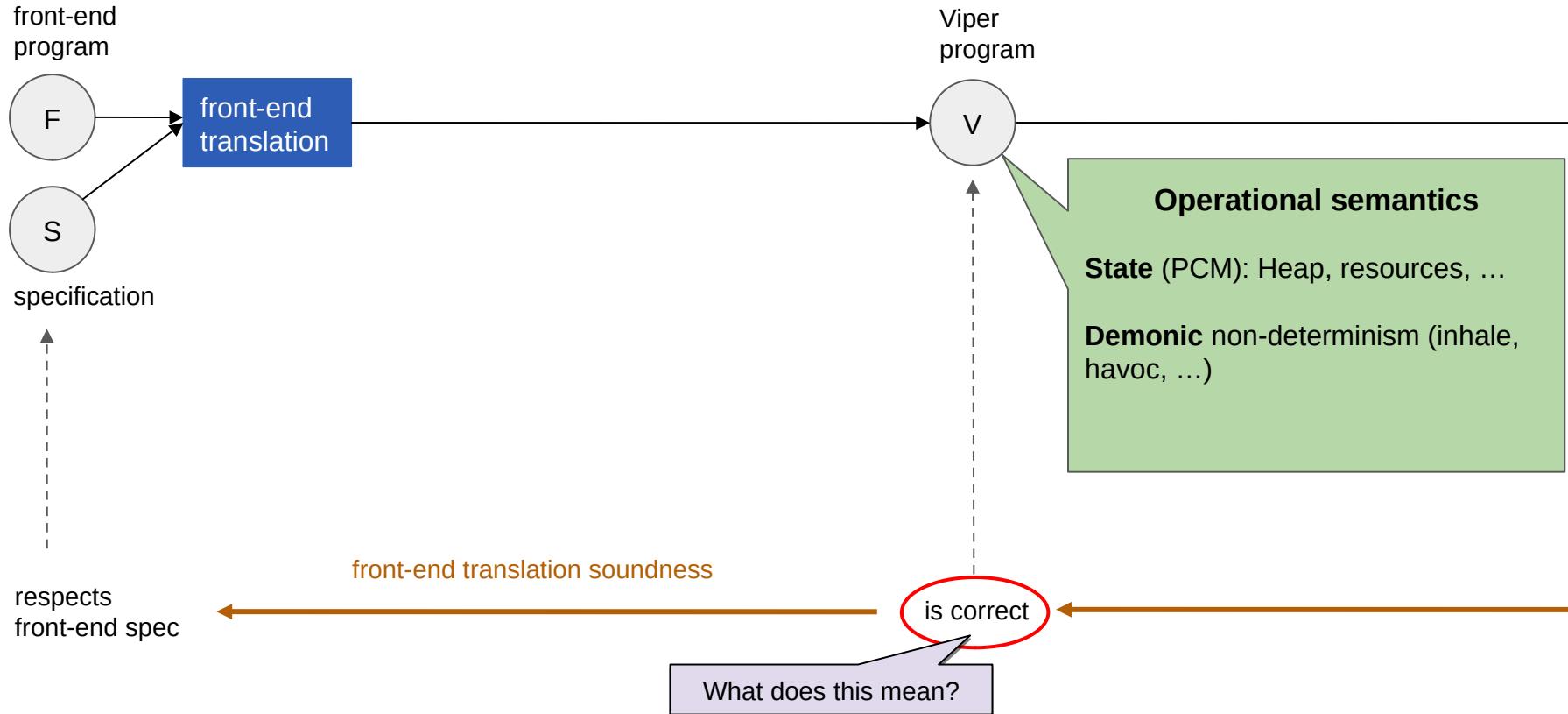
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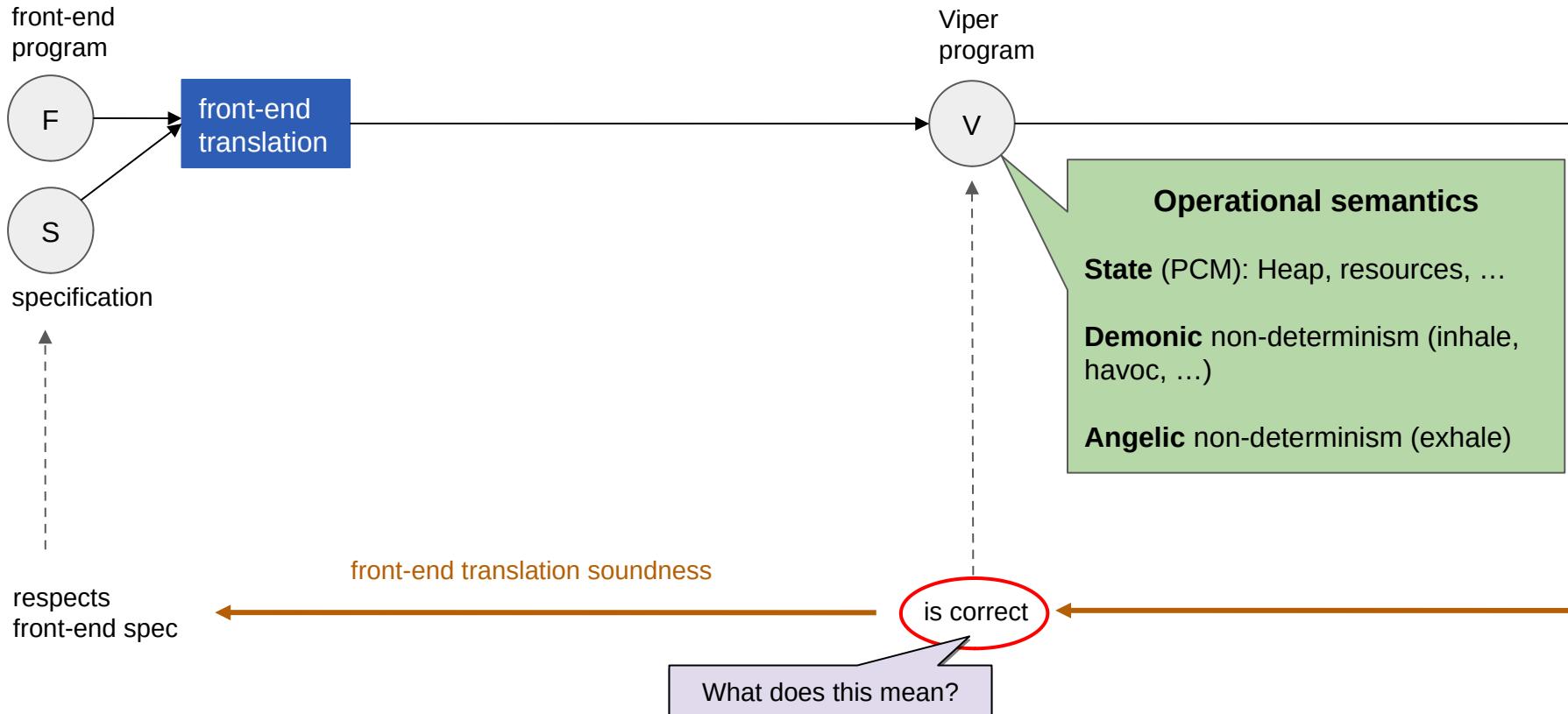
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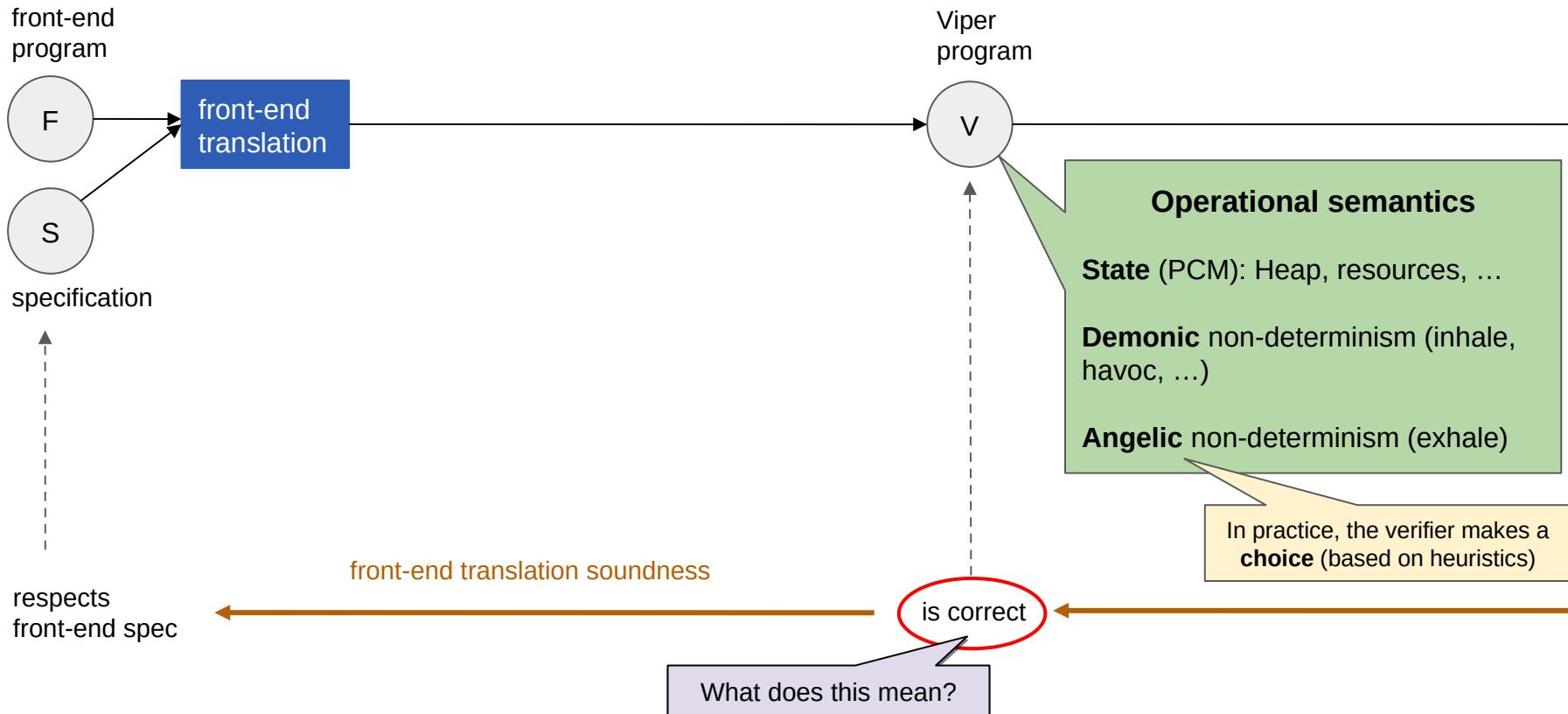
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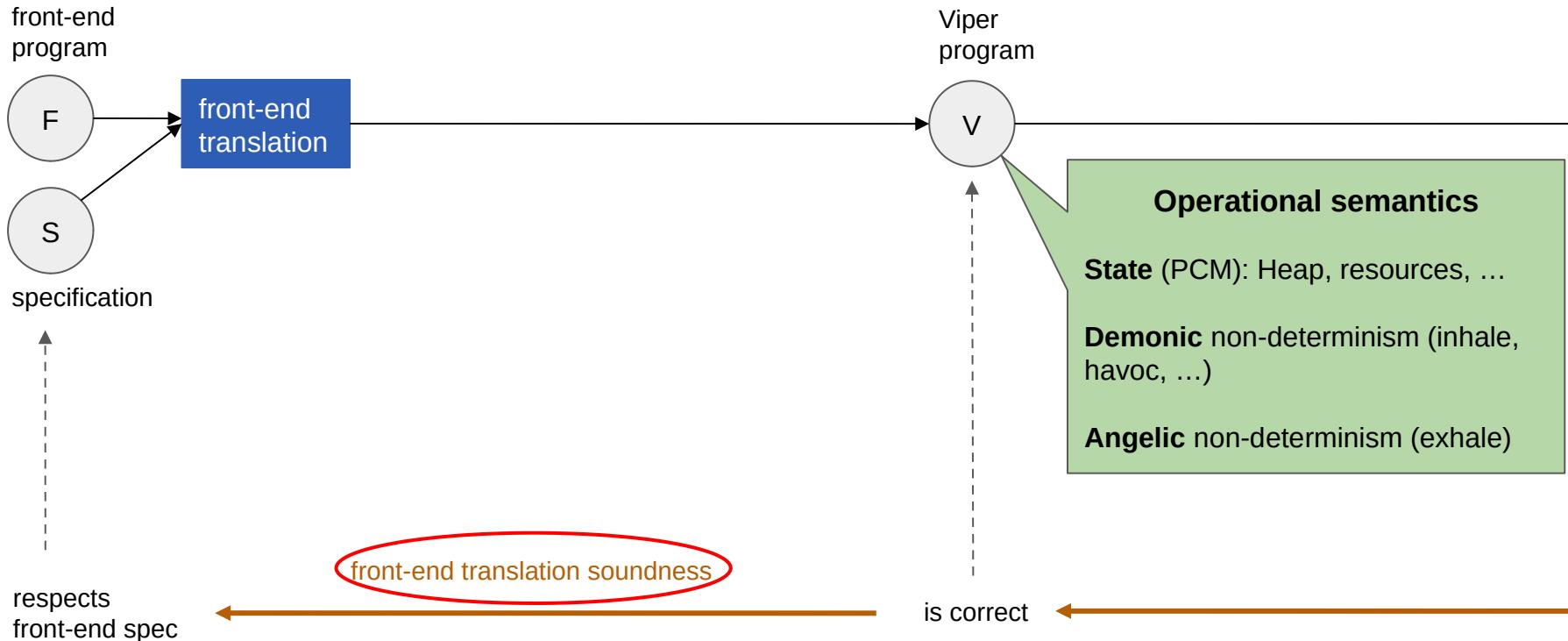
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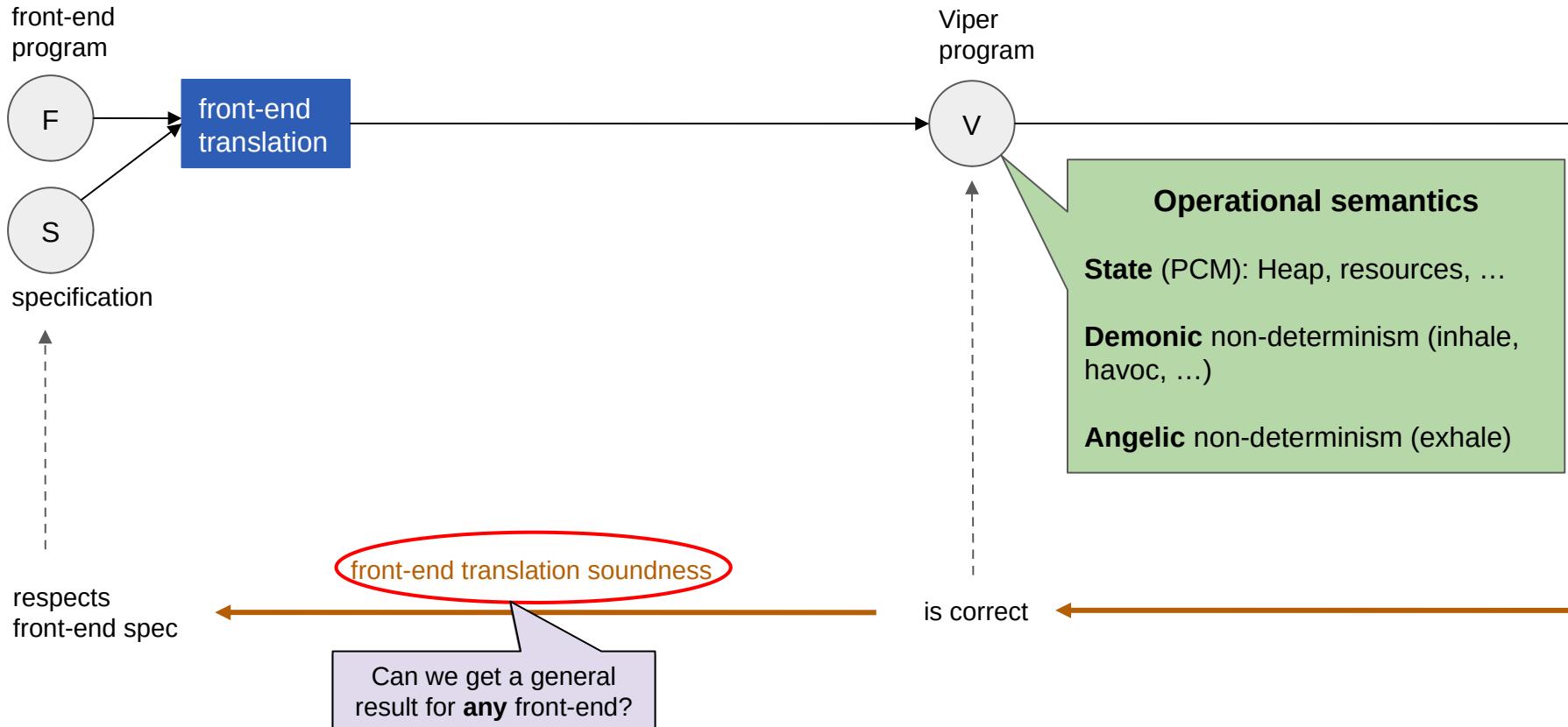
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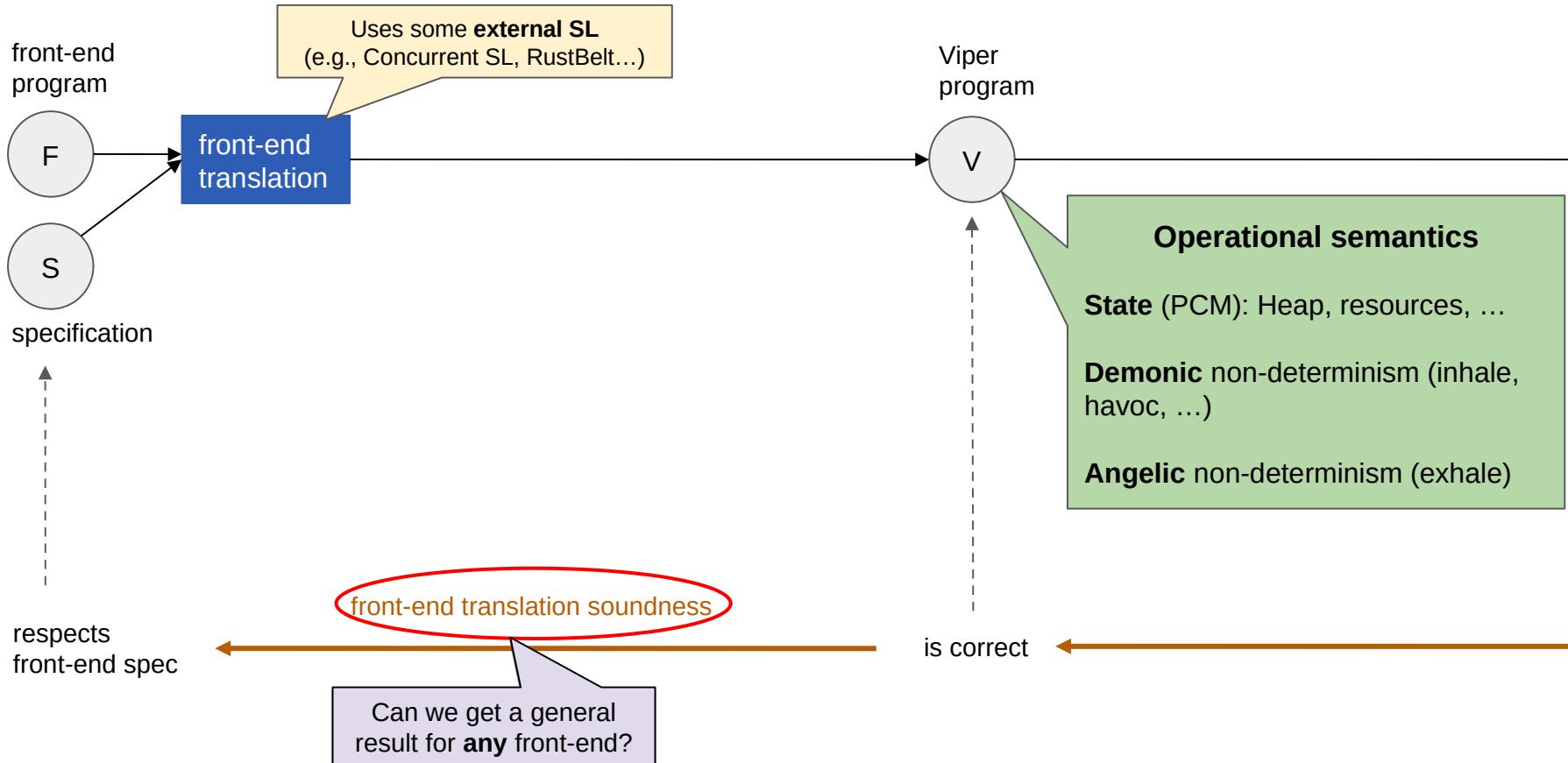
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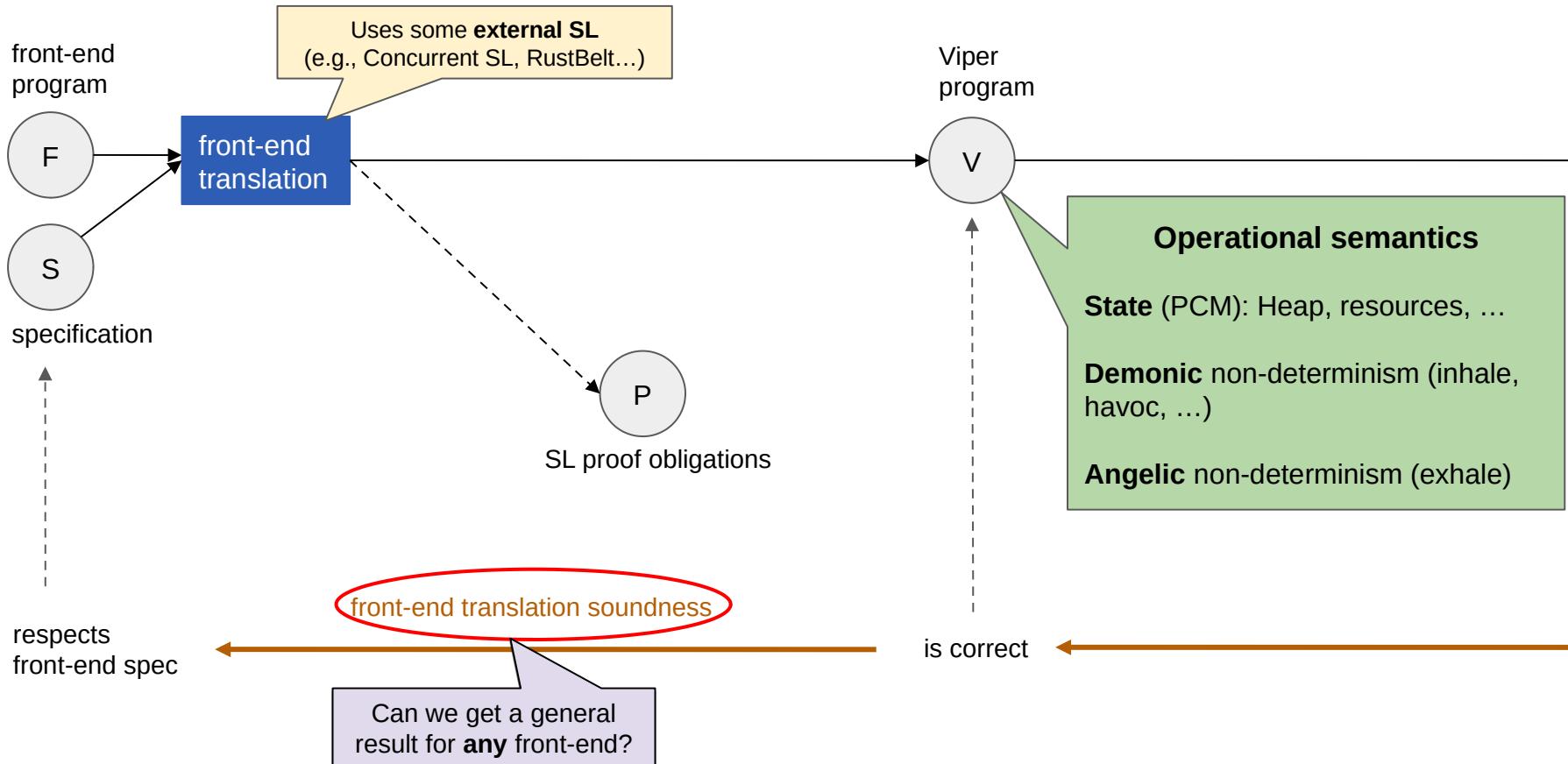
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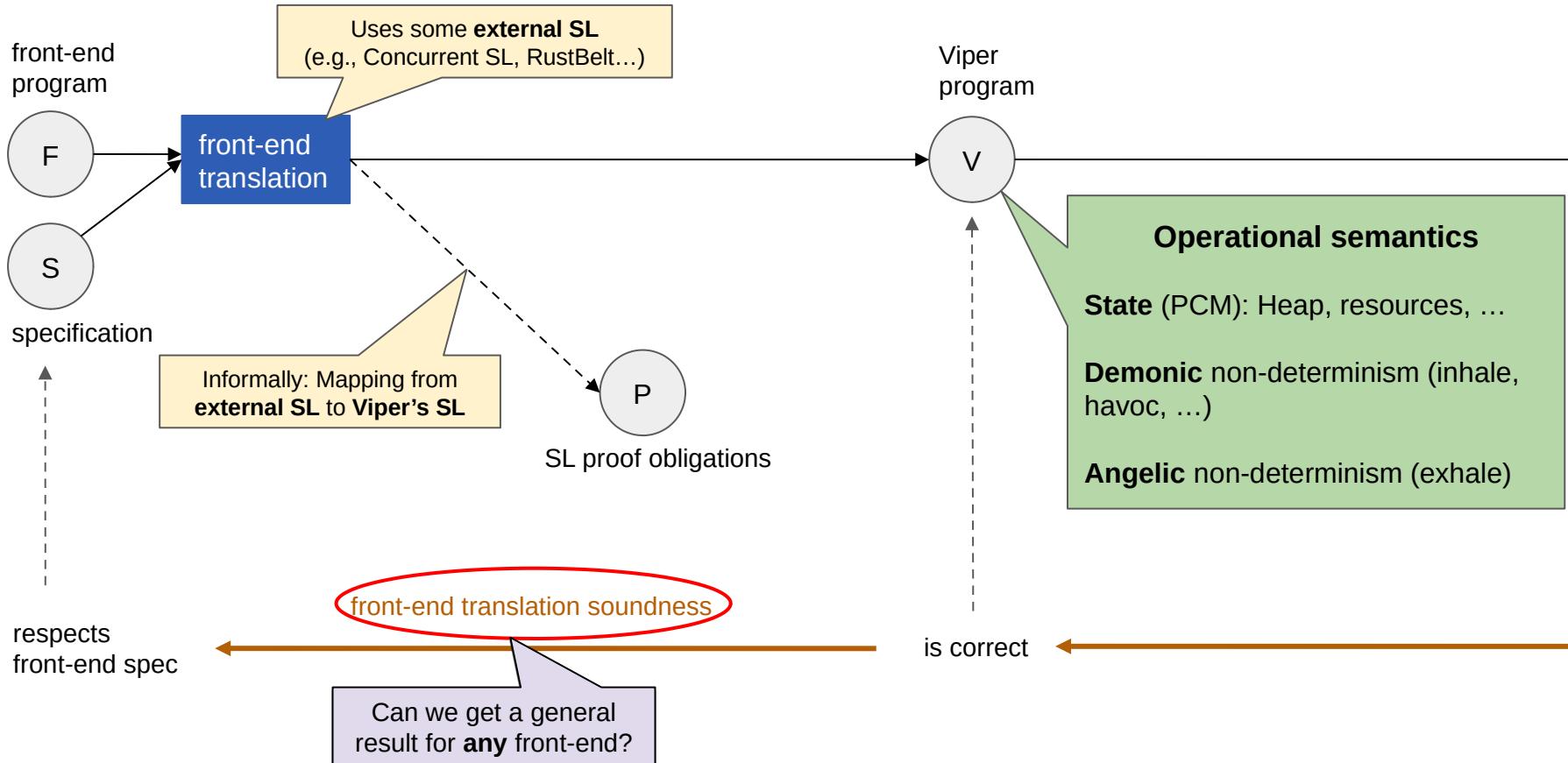
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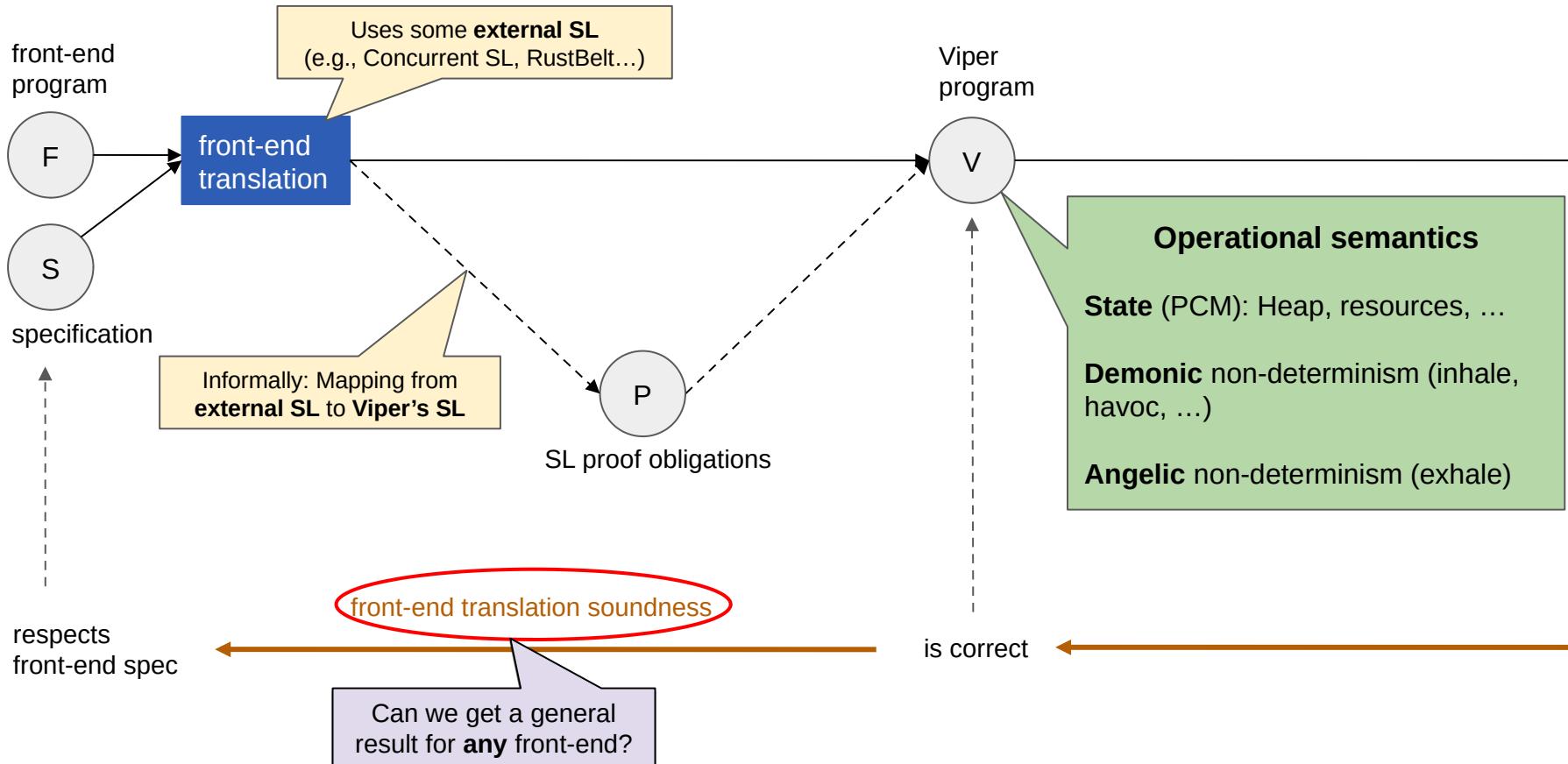
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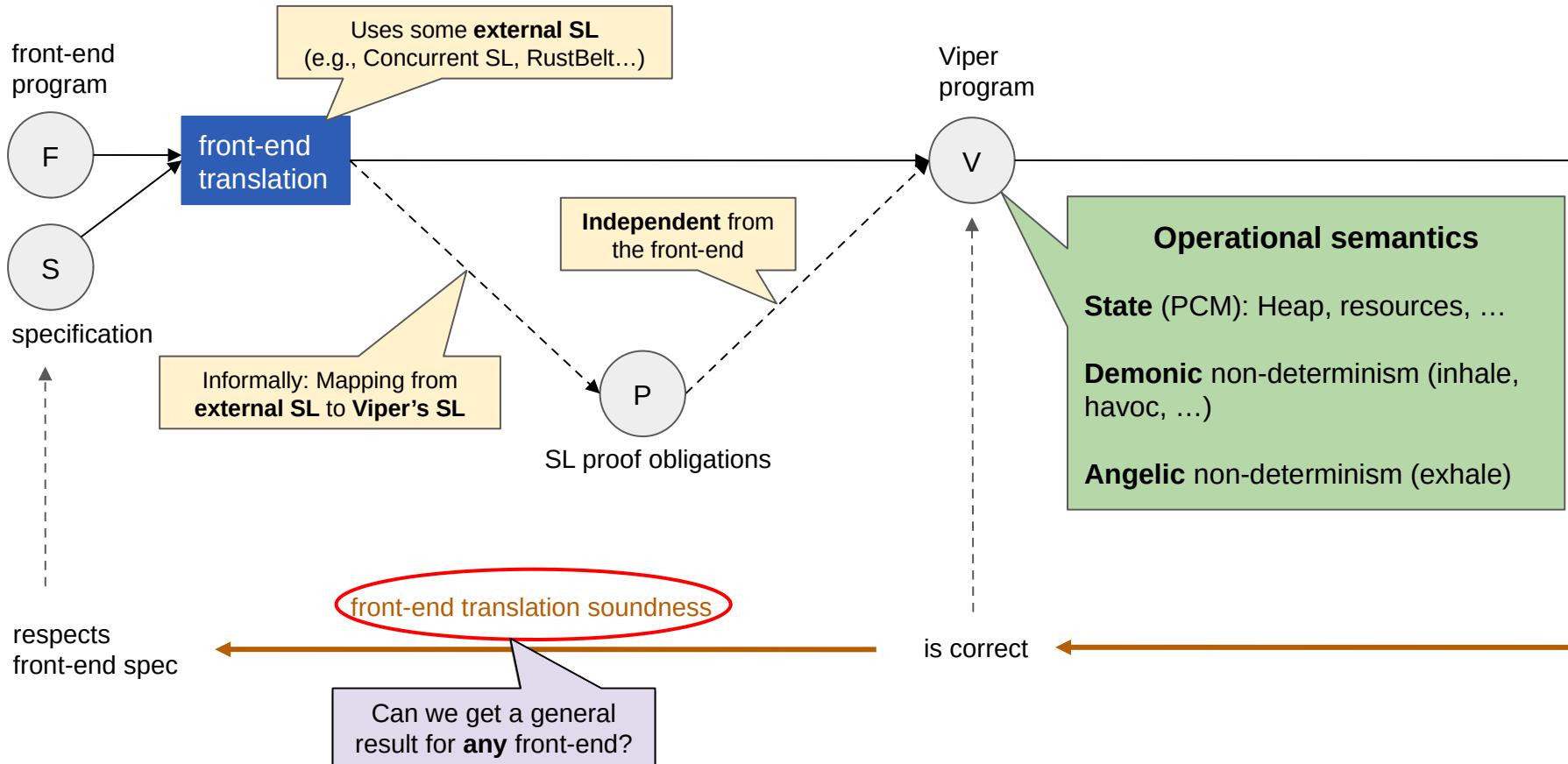
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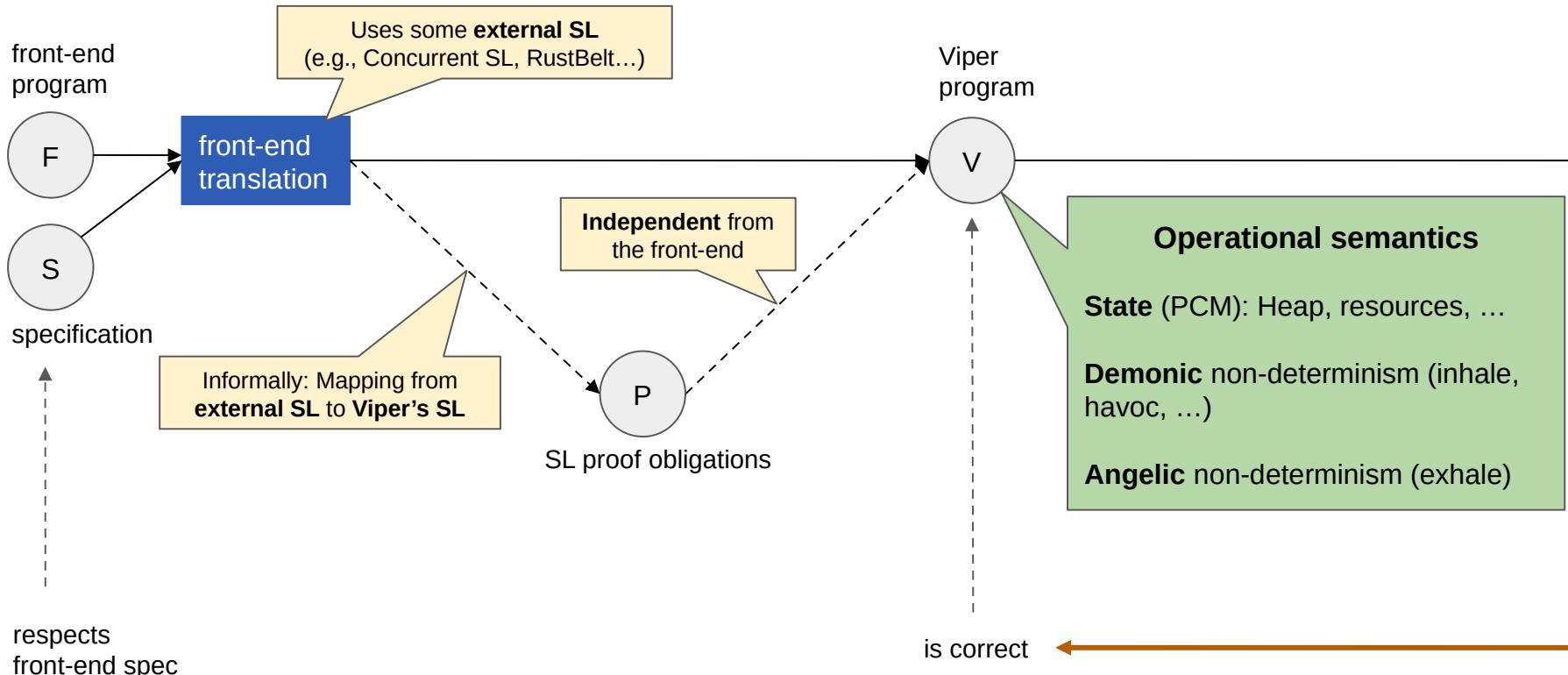
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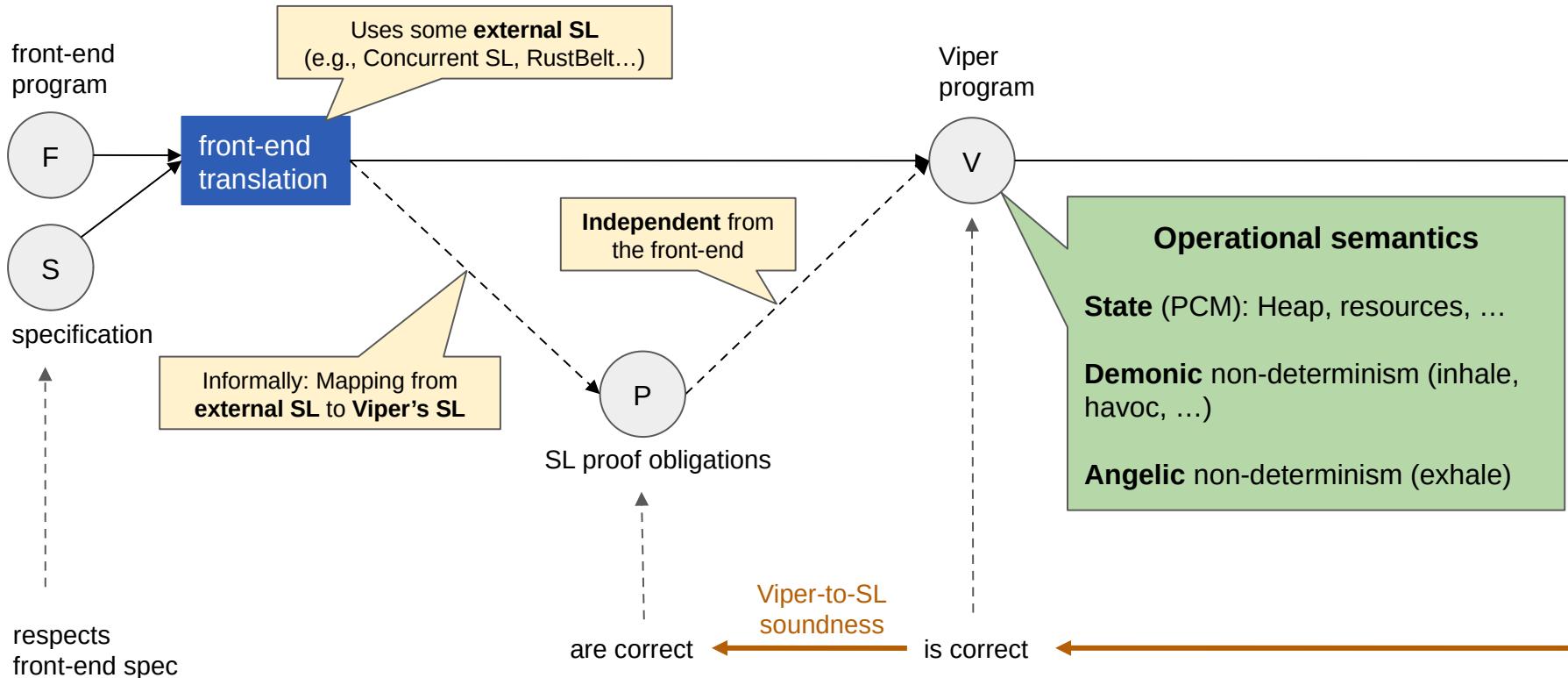
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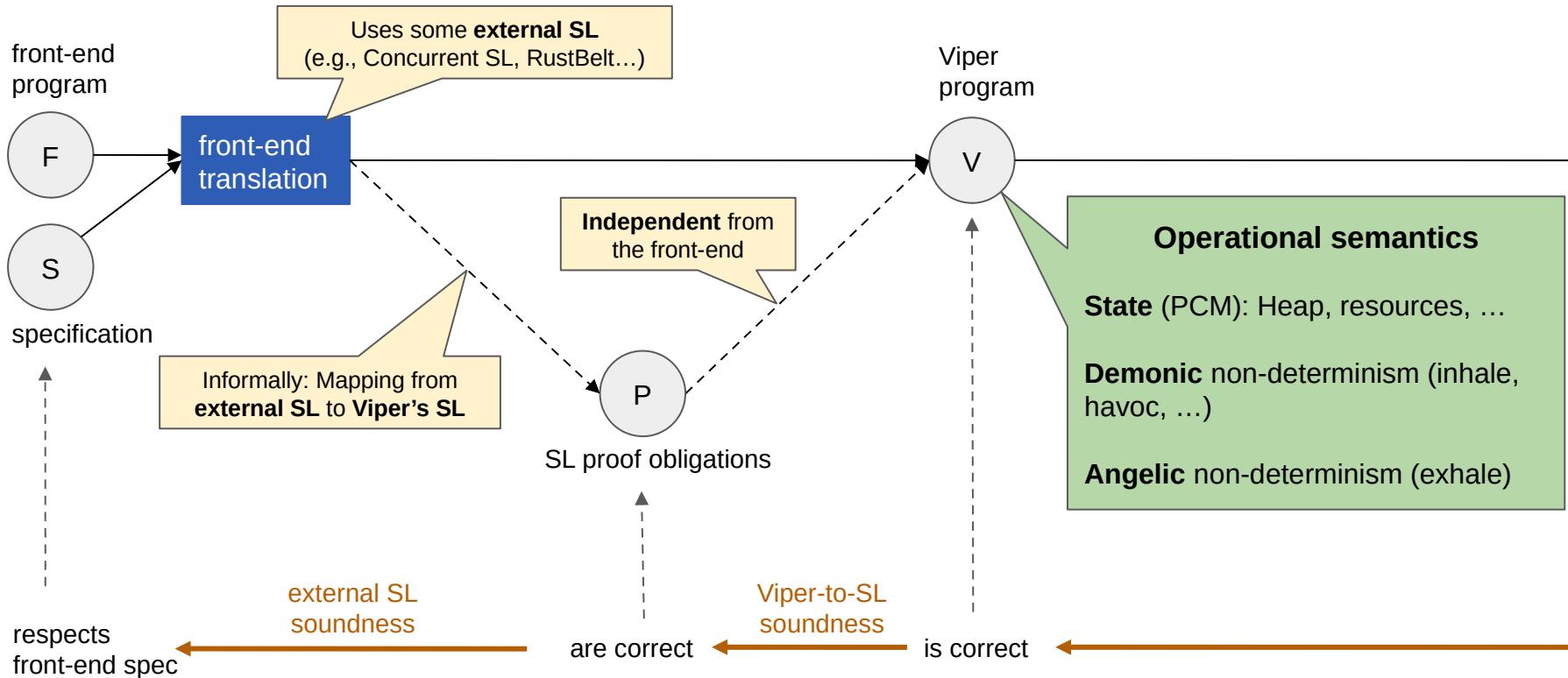
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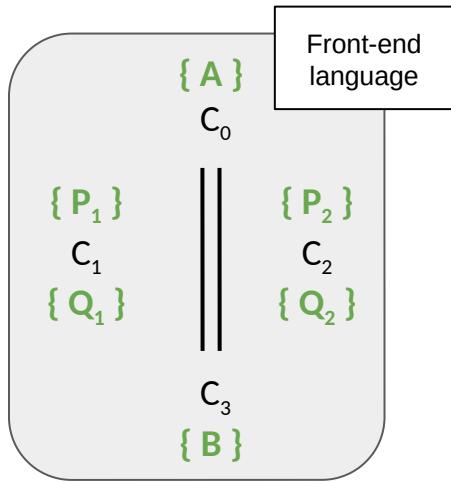
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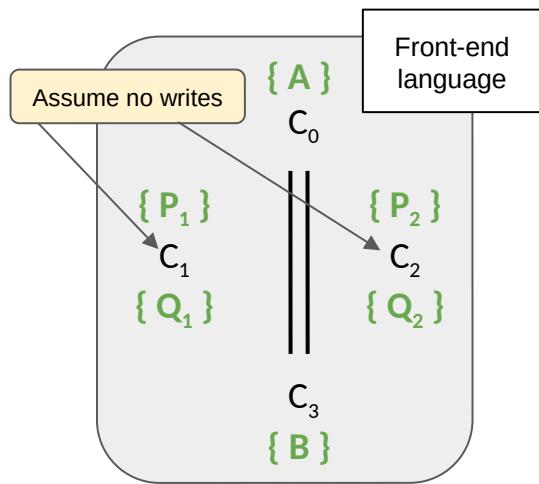
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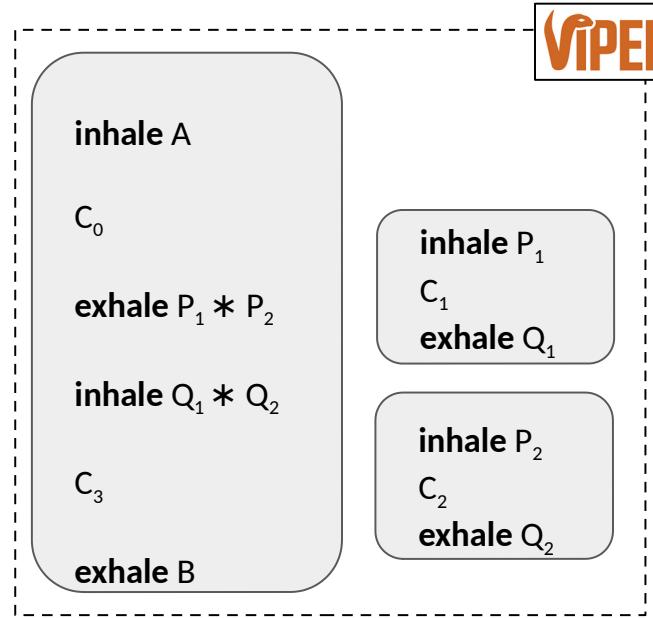
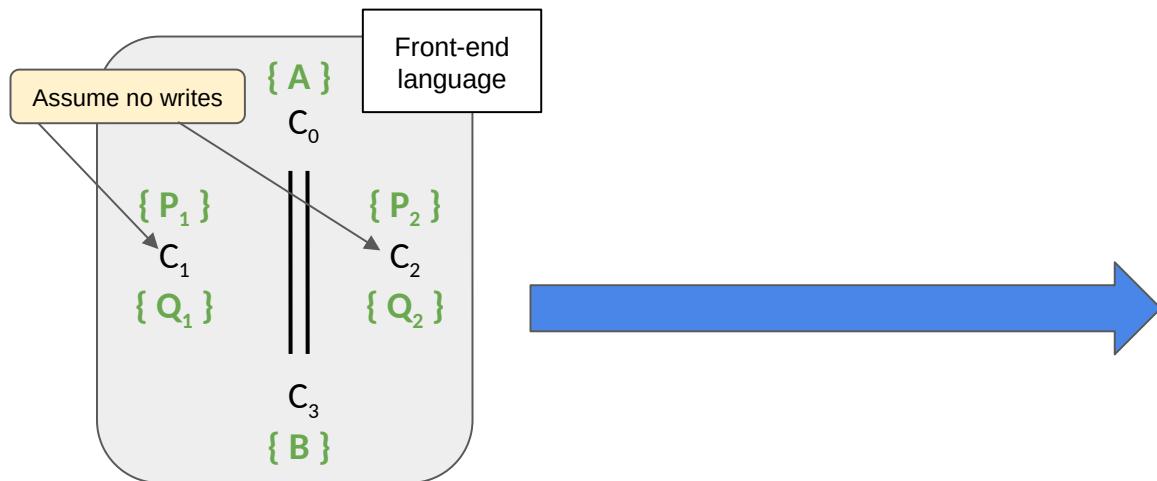
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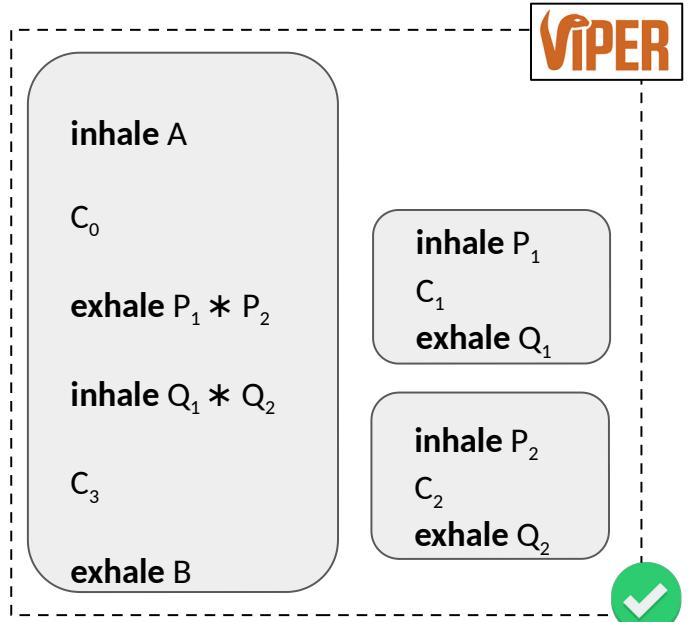
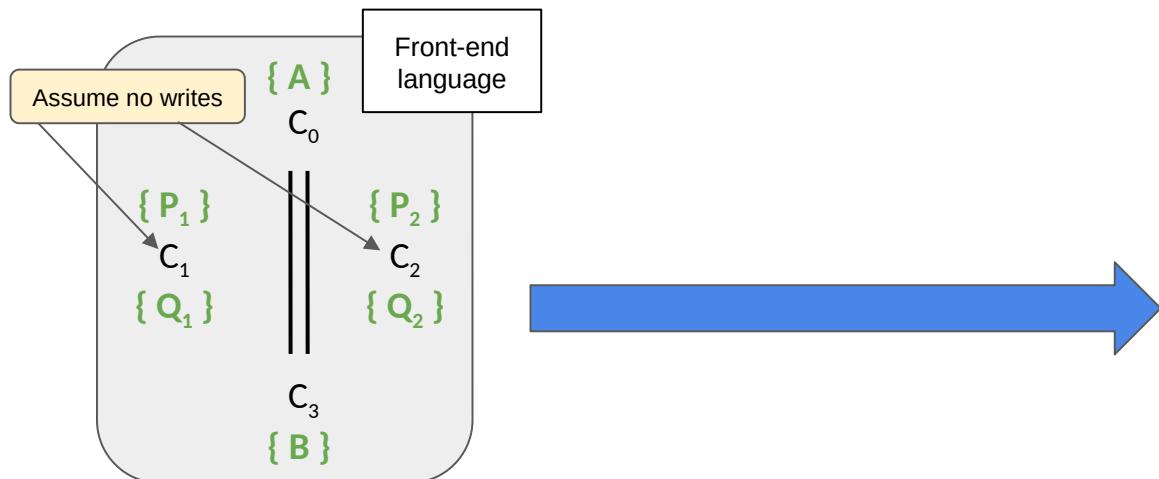
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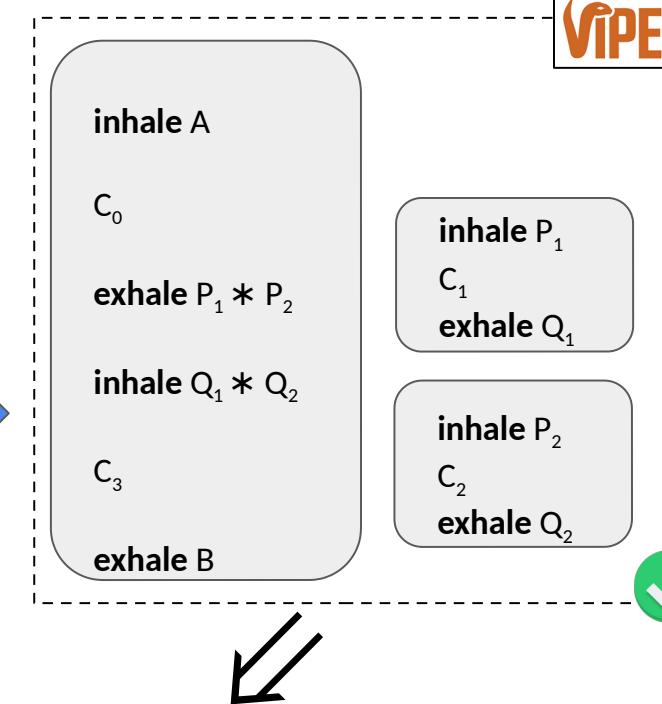
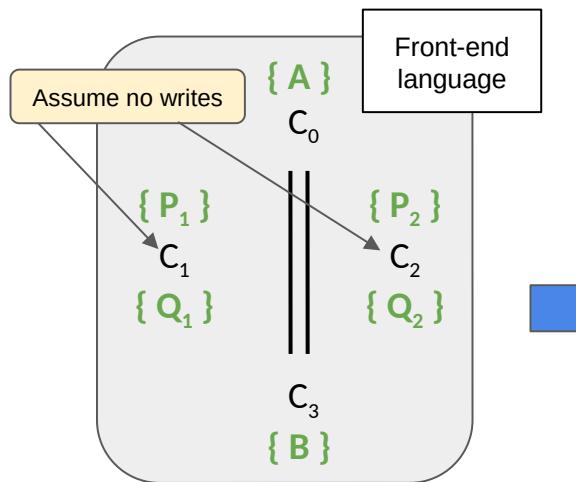
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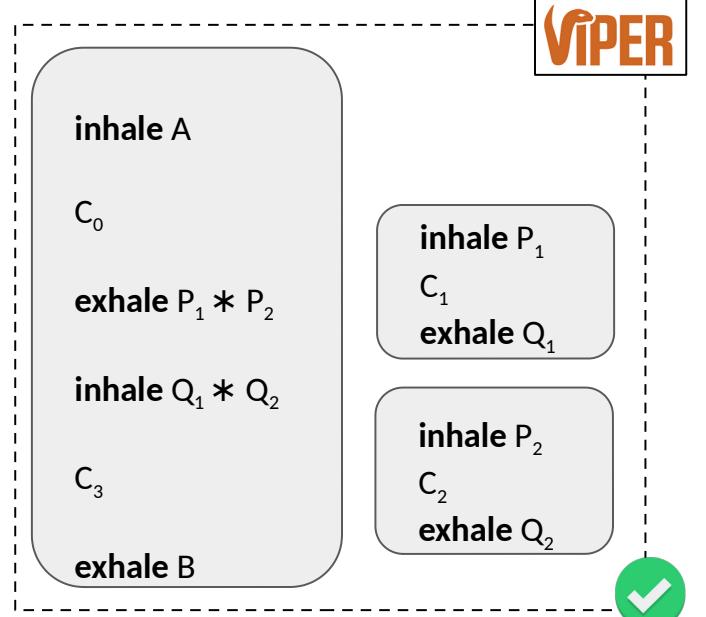
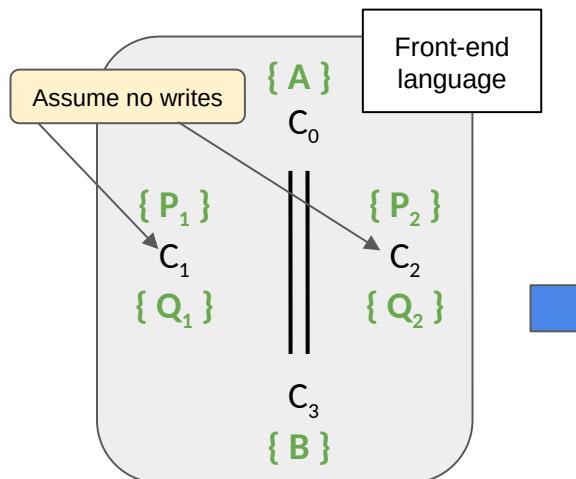
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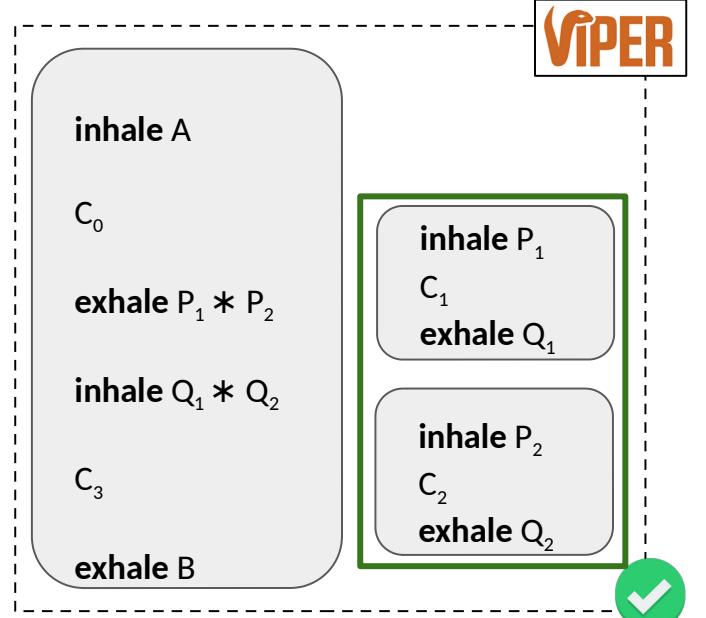
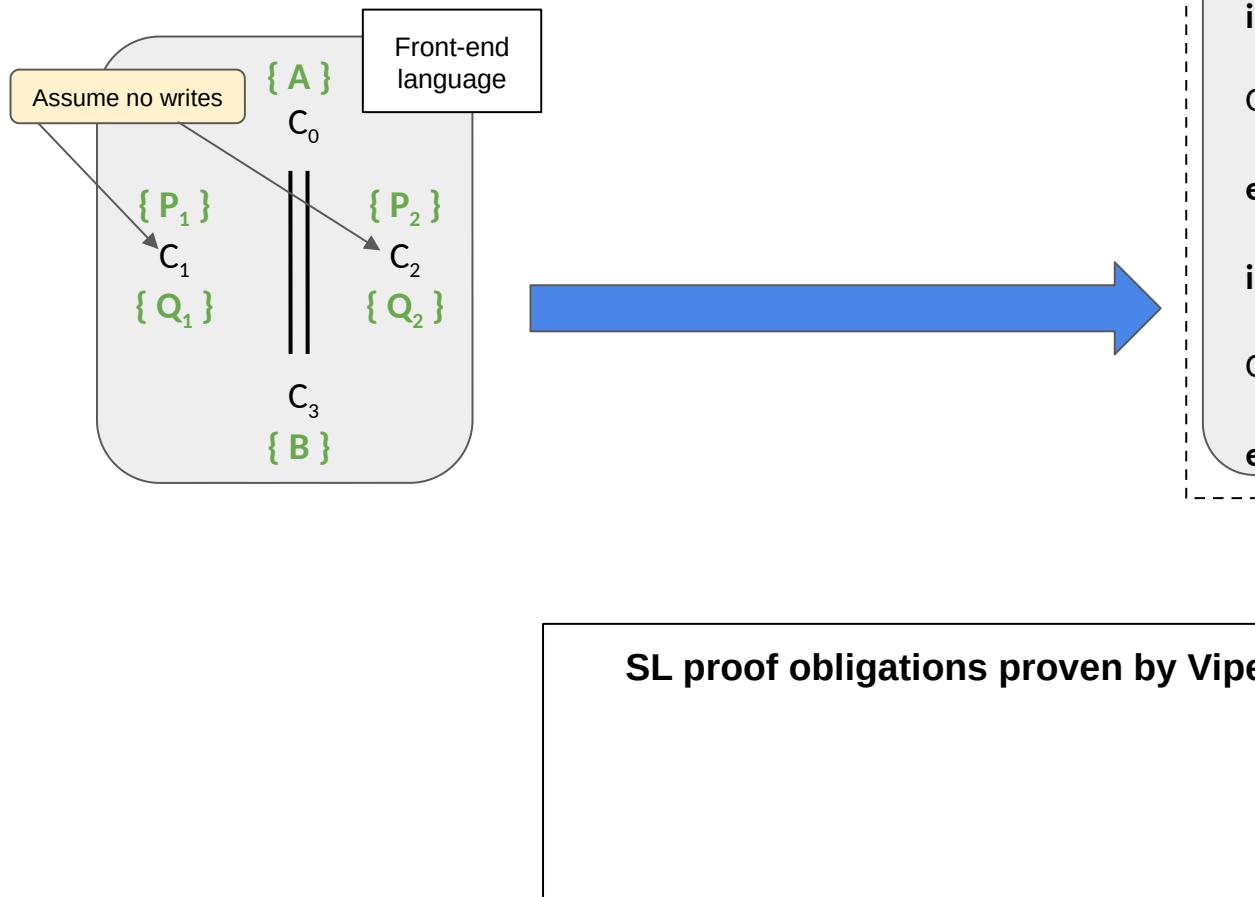
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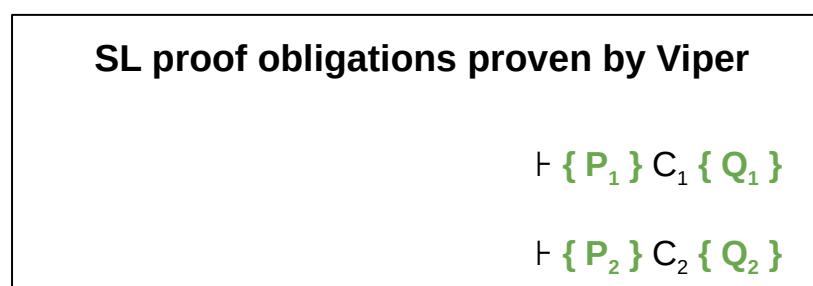
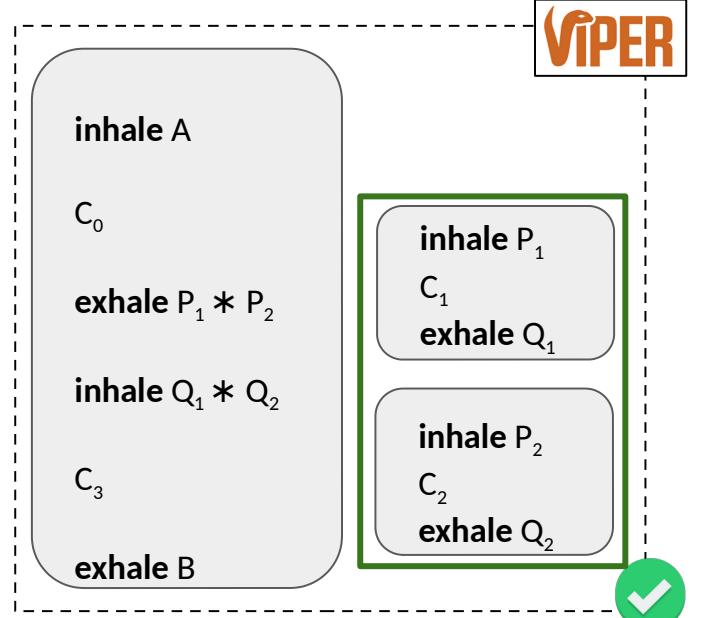
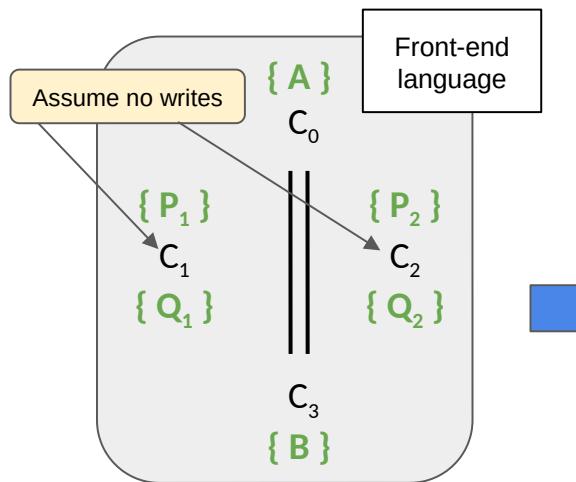
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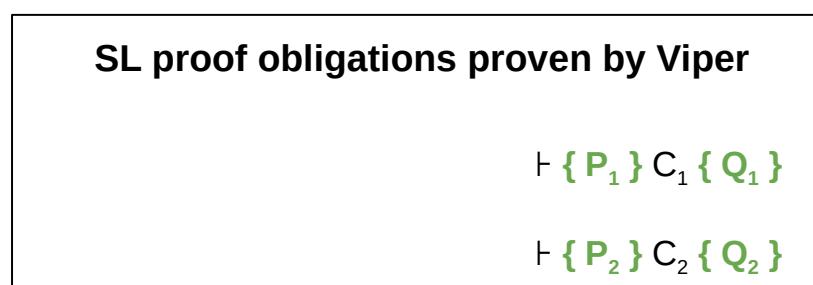
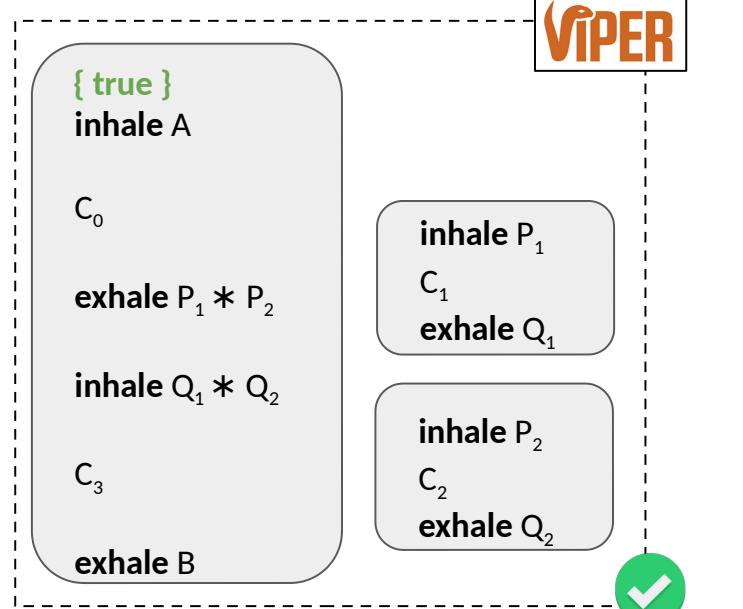
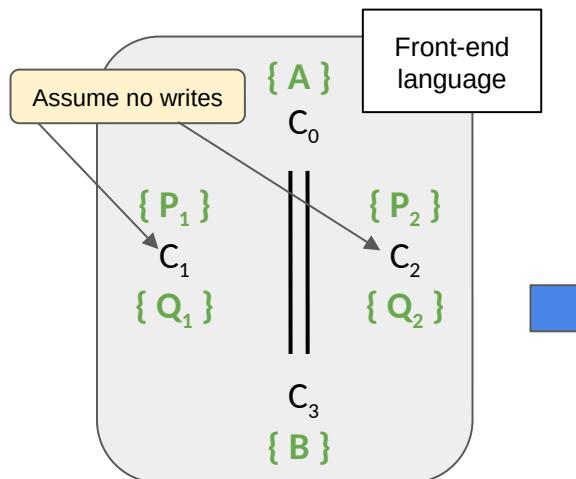
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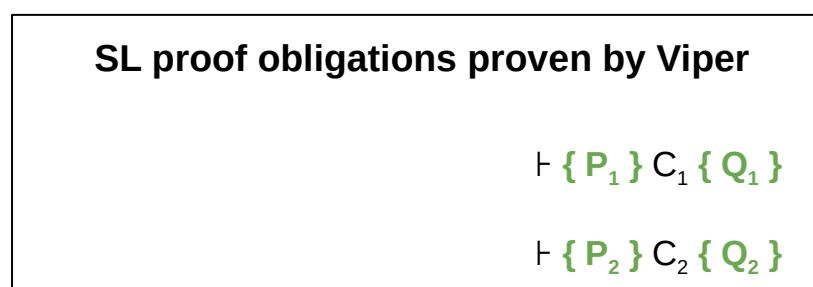
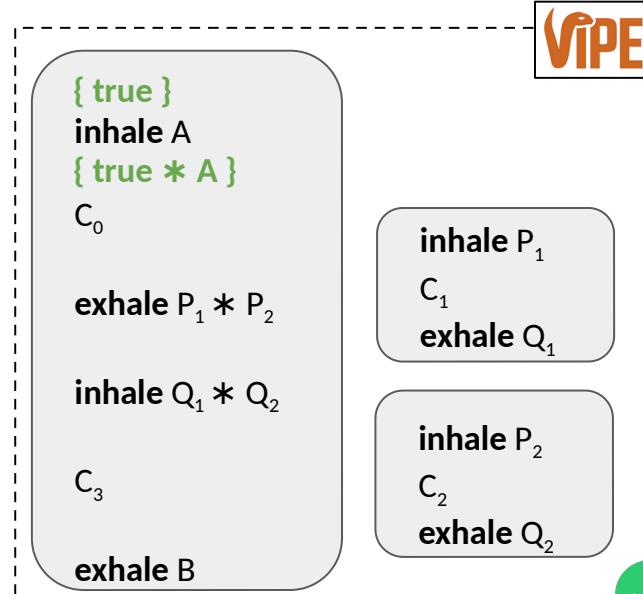
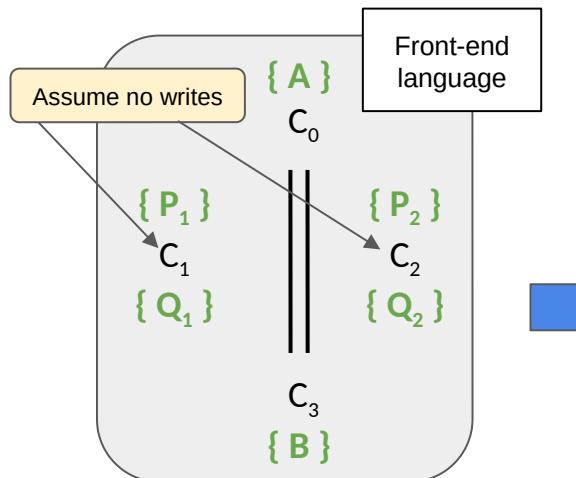
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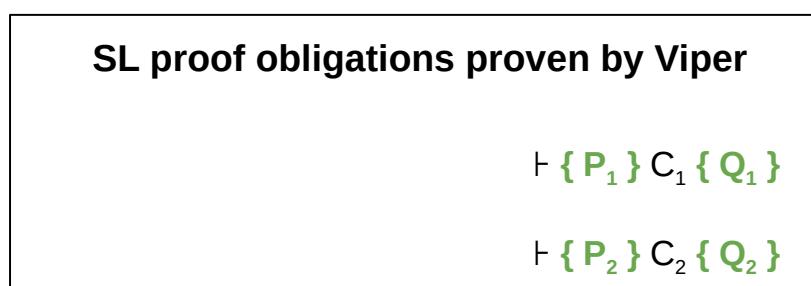
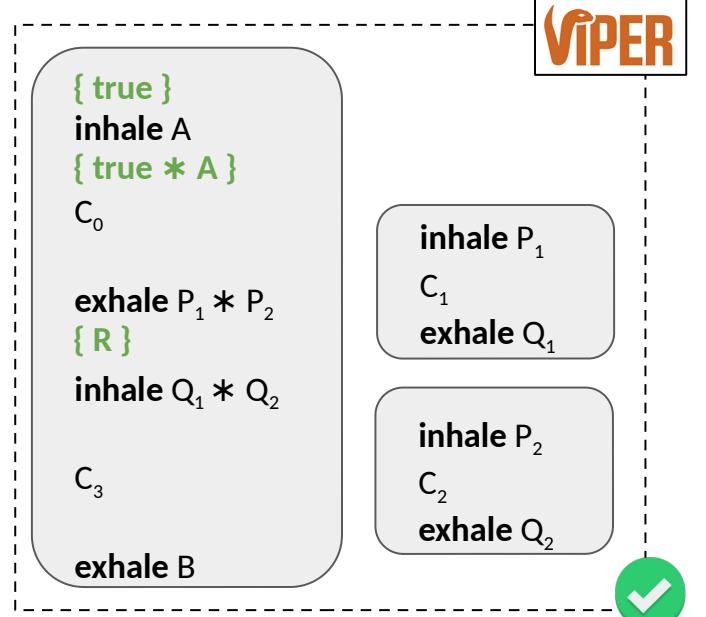
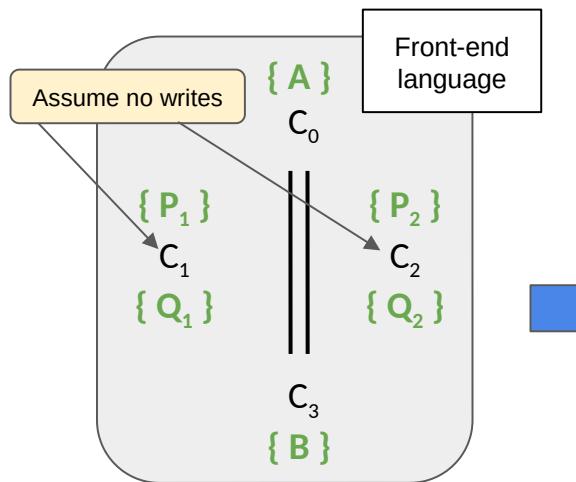
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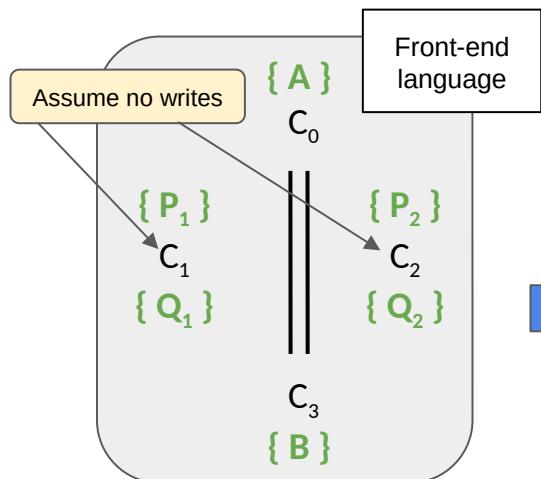
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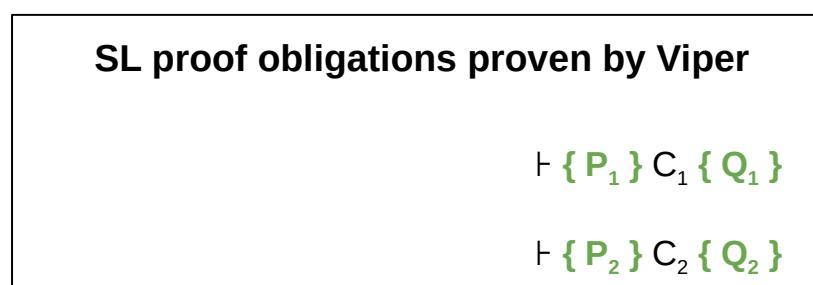
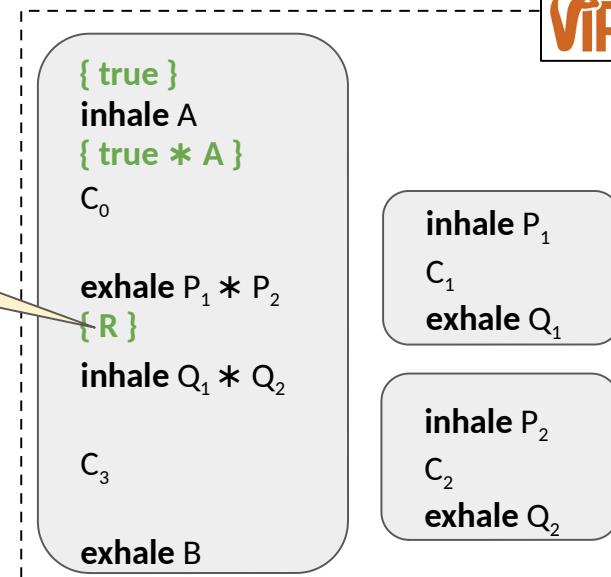


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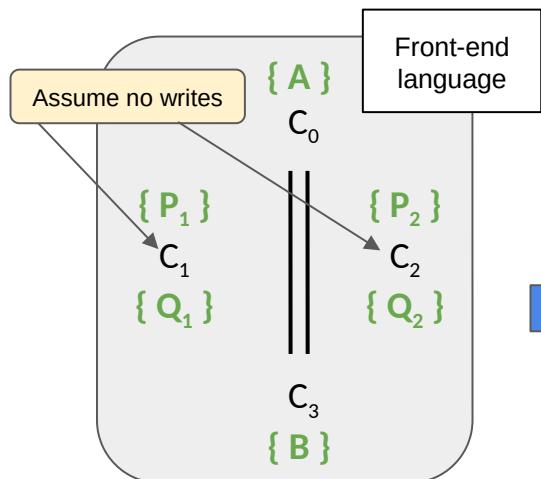


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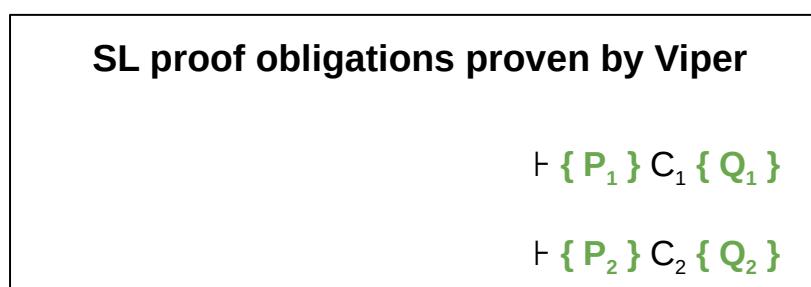
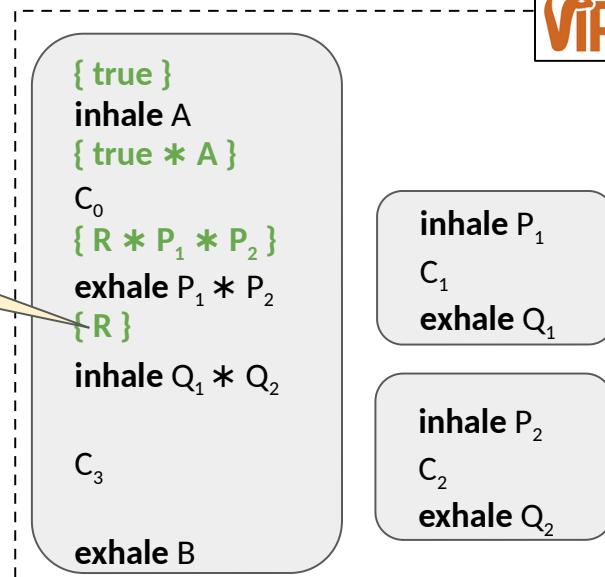


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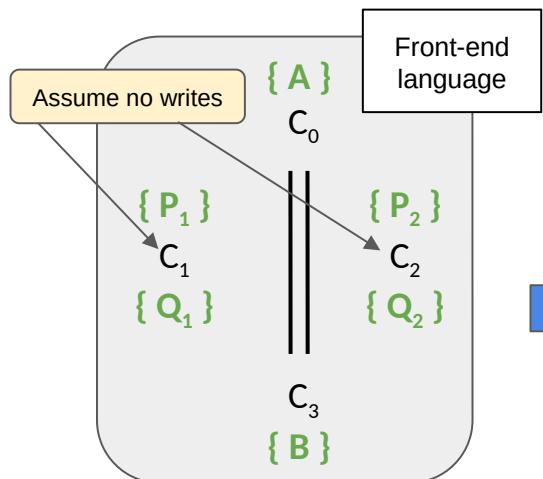


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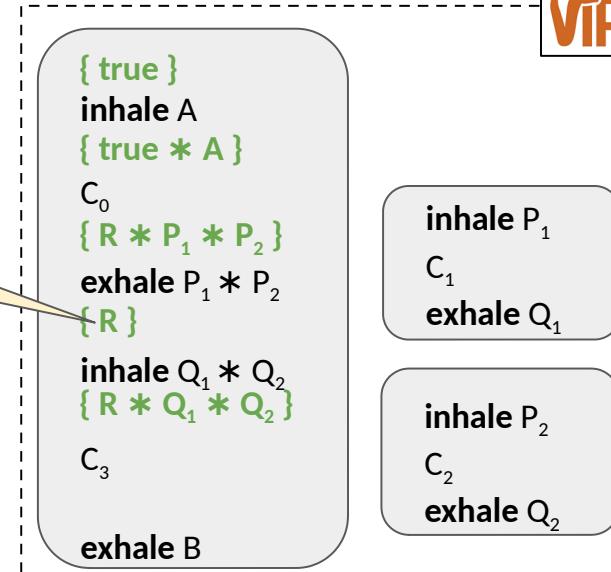


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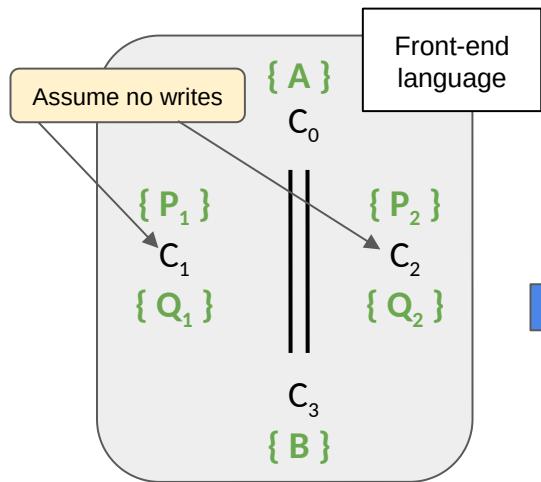
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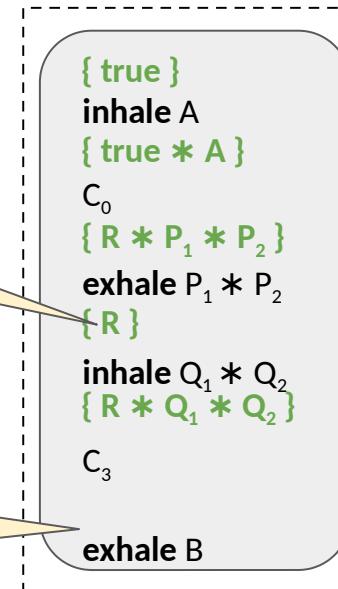
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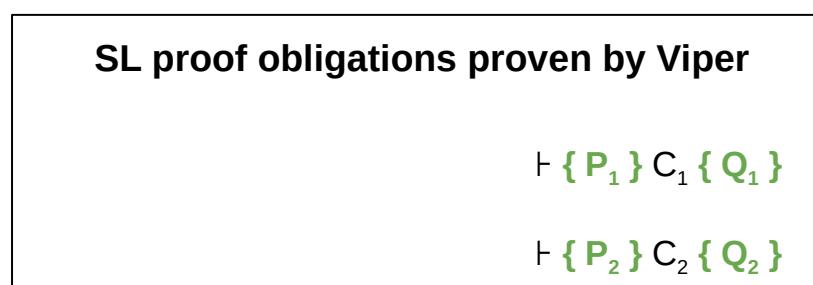
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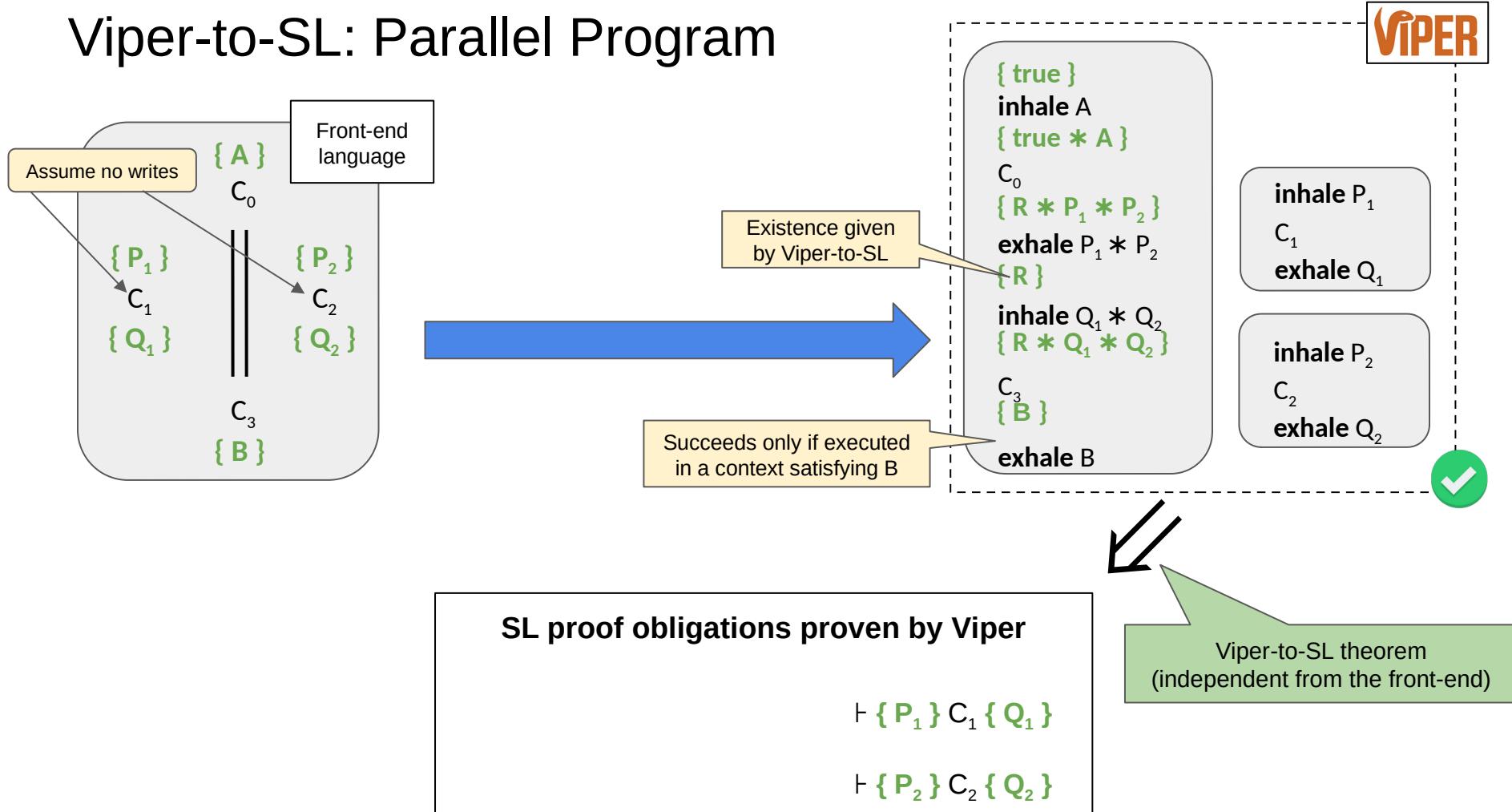
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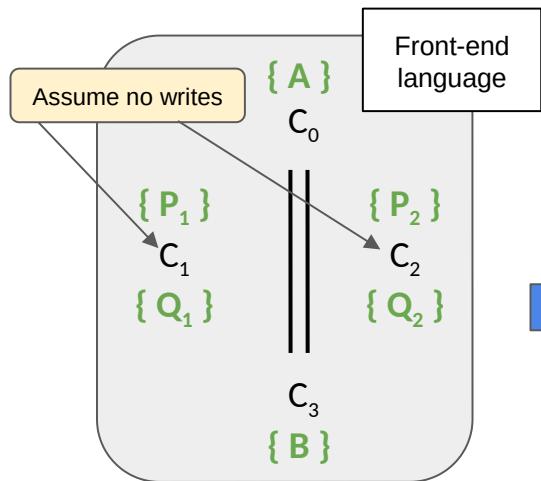


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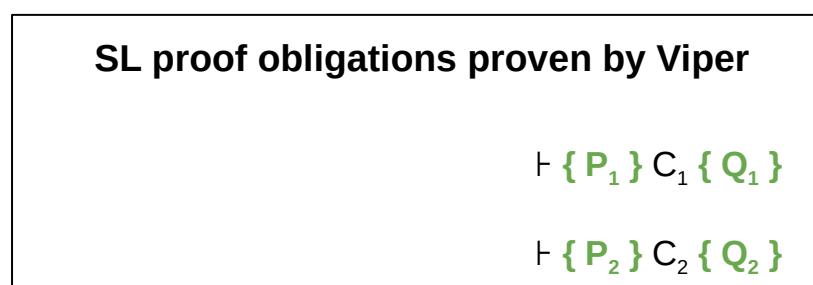
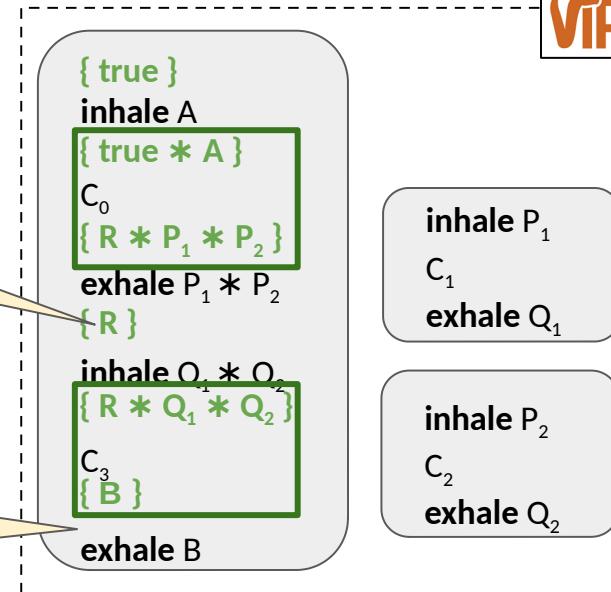


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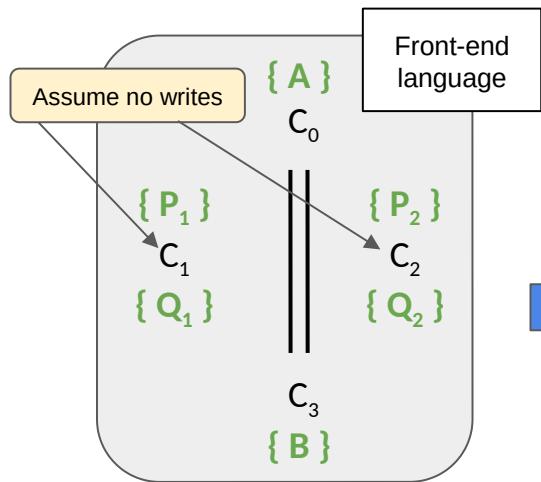
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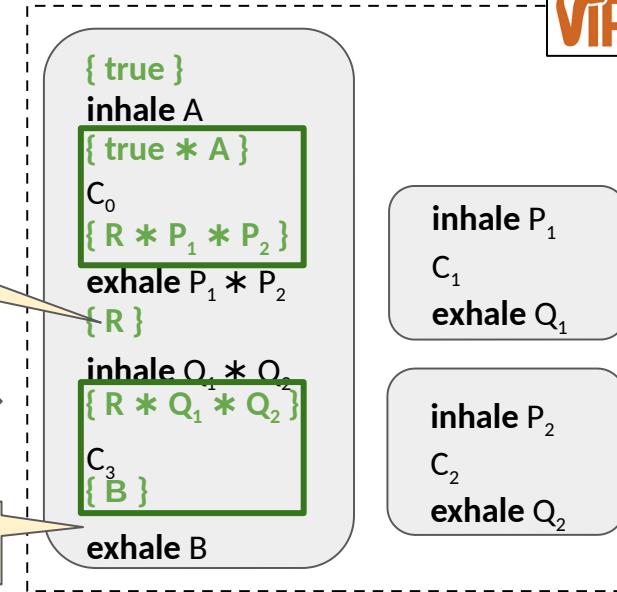
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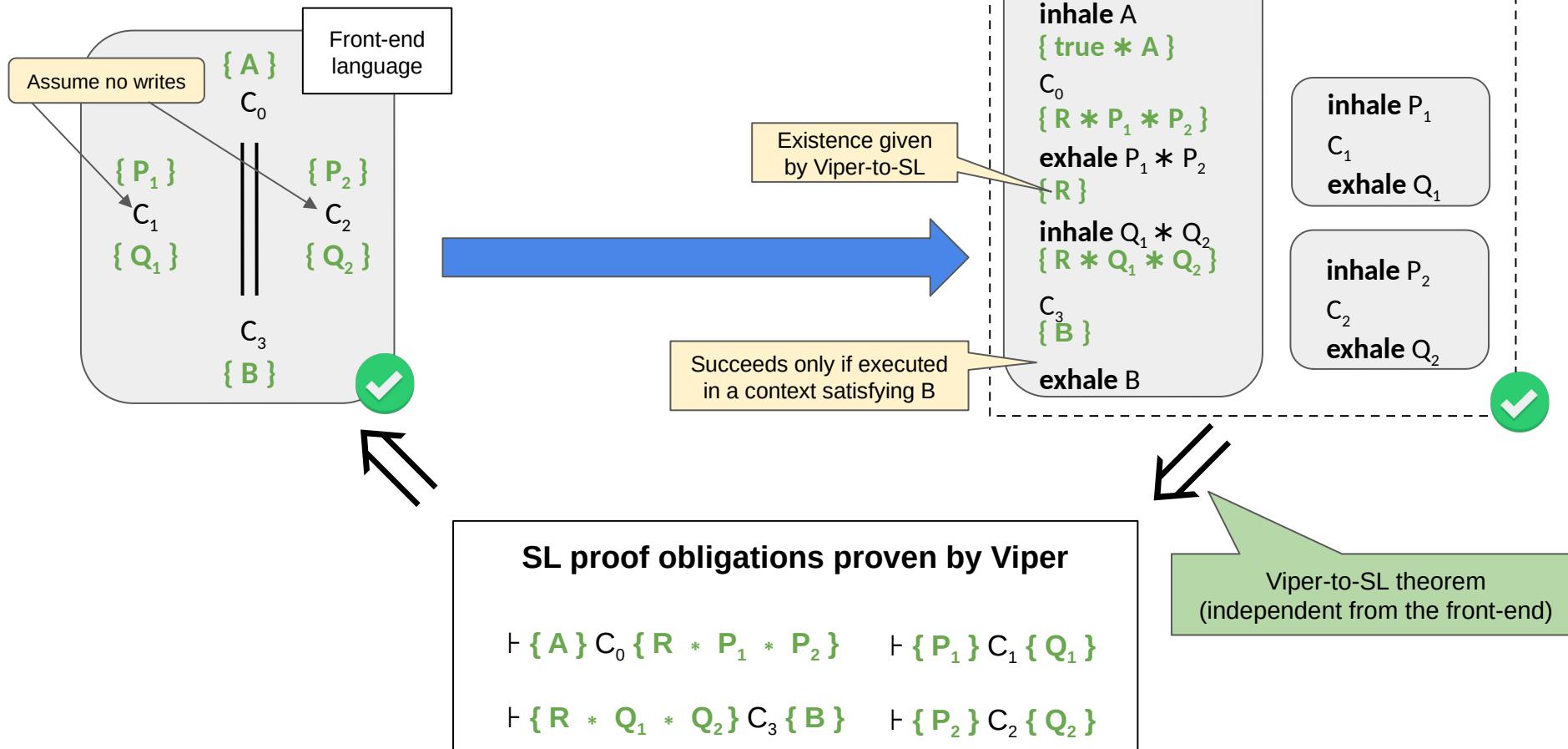
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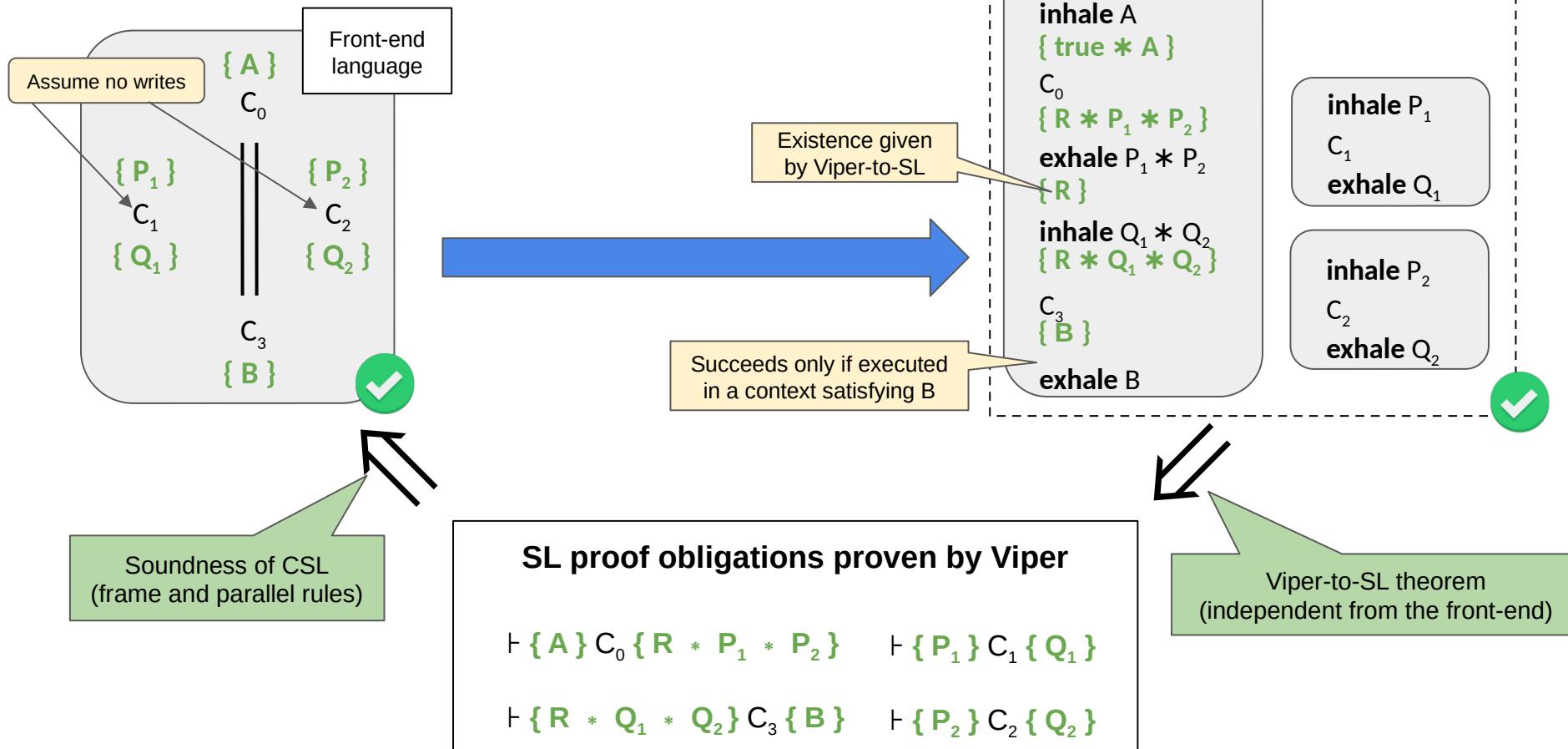
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Pulse

Sweet spot

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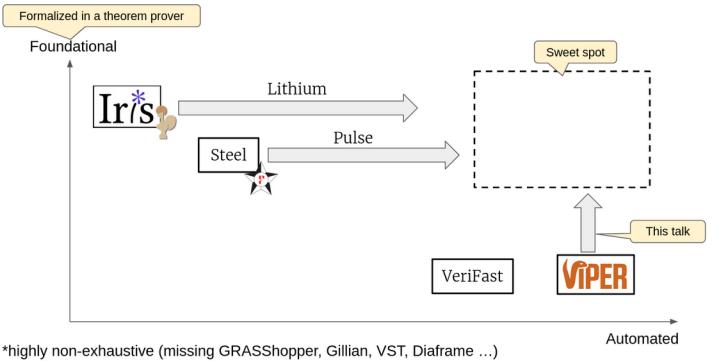
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Program Verifiers Based on Separation Logic (SL)



Verification Primitives: Inhale and Exhale

	inhale A	exhale A
Intuitive meaning	Adds resources specified by A to the current context	Removes resources specified by A from the current context
Logically	$\vdash \{P\} \text{ inhale } A \{P * A\}$ $\text{weakestPre}(\text{inhale } A, Q) = A \multimap Q$	$\vdash \{P * A\} \text{ exhale } A \{P\}$ $\text{weakestPre}(\text{exhale } A, Q) = A * Q$
Operationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All resources required by A are obtained All logical constraints are assumed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All resources required by A are removed All logical constraints are asserted
Separation logic analogue of	<code>assume A</code>	<code>assert A</code>

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Example: Verifying a Parallel Program (2/2)

Front-end language

```
{ p.x := _ * p.y := _ }
q := new PointXY()

{ P1 }
v := p.x
q.x := v
{ Q1 }

free(p)
{ q.x := v * q.y := v }
```

Parallel rule

$\vdash \{P_1\} C_1 \{Q_1\} \quad \vdash \{P_2\} C_2 \{Q_2\} \dots$

$\vdash \{P_1 * P_2\} C \parallel C_2 \{Q_1 * Q_2\}$



inhaler P₁
v := p.x
q.x := v
exhaler Q₁

inhaler P₂
q.y := p.x
exhaler Q₂

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Verification Primitives: Inhale and Exhale

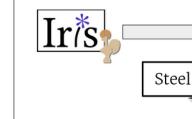
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Intuitive meaning	Adds resources specified by A to the current context	Removes resources specified by A from the current context
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Separation logic analogue of	assume A	assert A

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Program Verifiers Based on Separation Logic (SL)

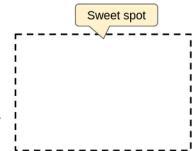
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Example: Verifying a Parallel Program (2/2)

Front-end language

```
{ p.x ↦ _ * p.y ↦ _ }  
q := new PointXY()  
  
{ P1 }  
v := p.x  
q.x := v  
{ Q1 }  
  
free(p)  
{ q.x ↦ v * q.y ↦ v }
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Parallel rule

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inhere P₁
v := p.x
q.x := v
exhale Q₁

inhere p.x ↦ _ * p.y ↦ _
havoc q
inhere q.x ↦ v * q.y ↦ v

exhale P₂
havoc v
inhere Q₂ * Q₂

exhale p.x ↦ _ * p.y ↦ _
exhale q.x ↦ v * q.y ↦ v



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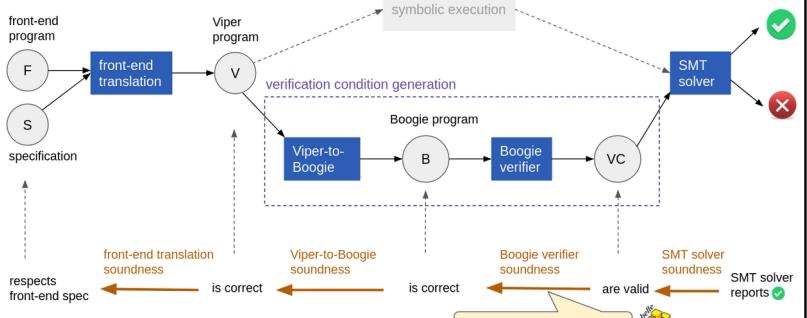
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Thank you for your attention!

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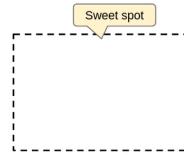
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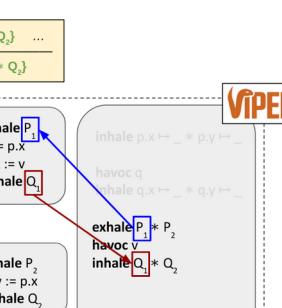
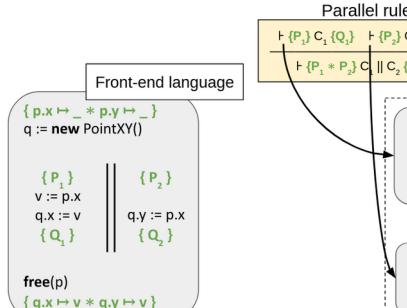


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Example: Verifying a Parallel Program (2/2)



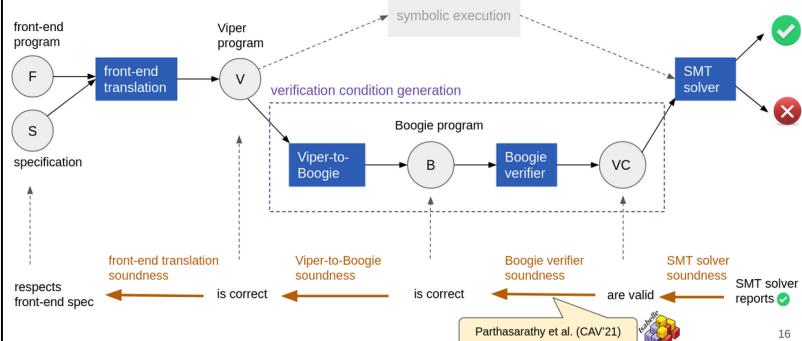
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