Dependent Types for JavaScript

Ravi Chugh Ranjit Jhala

University of California, San Diego

David Herman

Mozilla Research

A Large Subset of

Types for JavaScript

Goal:

Precise and Flexible Reasoning
for Fine-Grained Security

But hard even for simple type invariants!

Outline

Challenges

Tour of DJS

Security Predicates

Challenges: Unions and Mutation

```
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
```

integer or undefined…

```
}
readLinks(document,5) // read at most 5 links …
readLinks(document)   // … or 10 by default
```

Challenges: Unions and Mutation

```
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
```

integer or undefined…

```
}
readLinks(document,5)
readLinks(document)
```

Challenges: Unions and Mutation

```
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
  if (!max) max = 10

}
readLinks(document,5)
readLinks(document)
```

integer or undefined…

… but now definitely an integer

```
i <= max
```

Challenge: Objects

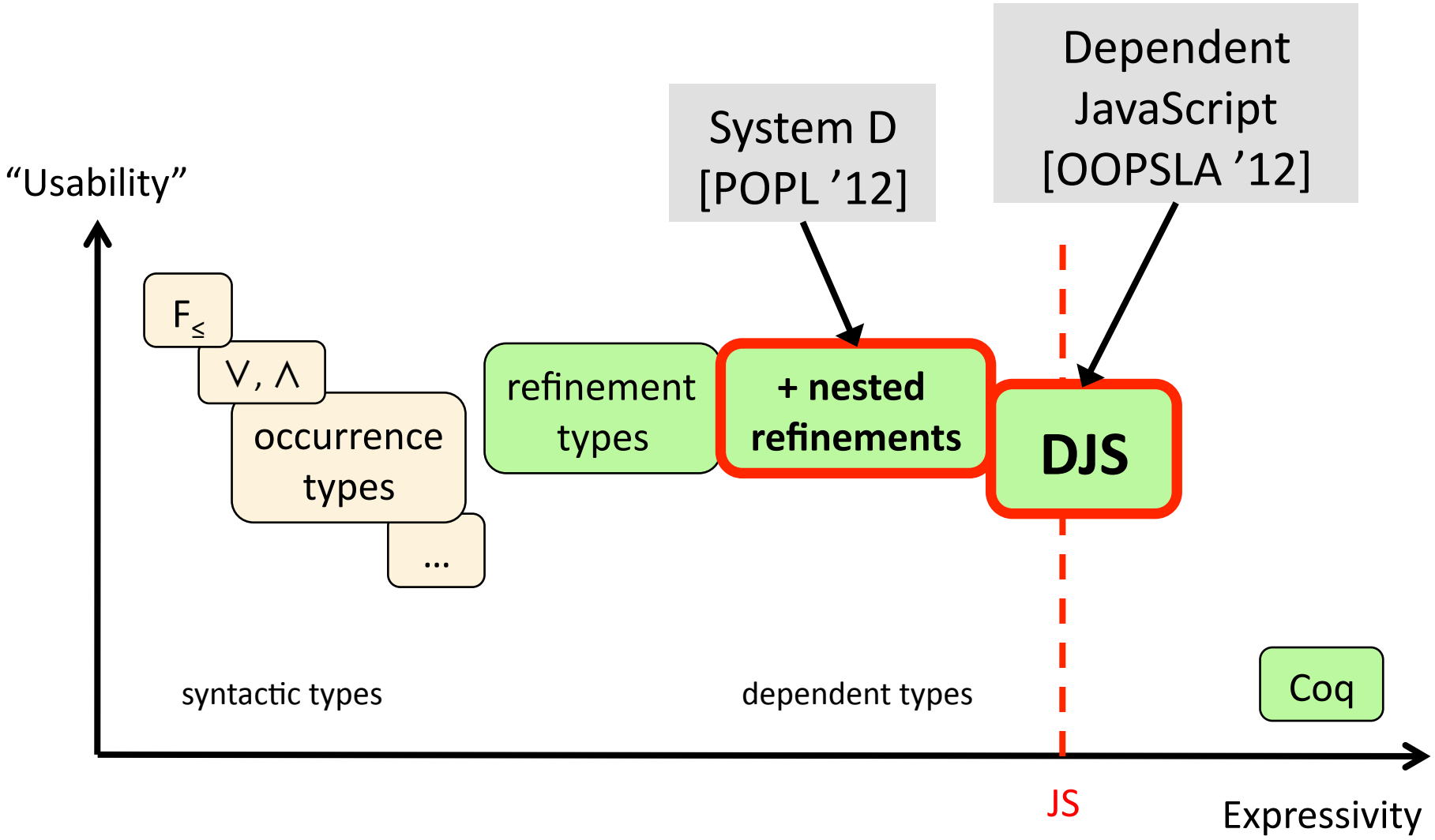
```
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
  if (!max) max = 10
  if (doc.domain() == “newyorker.com”) {
    var elts = doc.getEltsByTagName(“a”)
                                        i <= max

  }
}
readLinks(document,5)
readLinks(document)
```

prototype inheritance,
mutability, dynamic keys

Challenge: Arrays

```
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
  if (!max) max = 10
  if (doc.domain() == “newyorker.com”) {
    var elts = doc.getEltsByTagName(“a”)
    for (var i = 0; i < elts.length && i <= max; i++) {
      elts[i].getAttr(“href”)
    }
  }
}
readLinks(document,5)
readLinks(document)
```

“length”, “holes”,
non-integer keys, prototypes


"Usability"
System D
[POPL '12]
Dependent
JavaScript
[OOPSLA '12]
$F_{\leq}$
∨, ∧
occurrence
types
...
refinement
types
+ nested
refinements
DJS
syntactic types
dependent types
Coq
JS
Expressivity

Outline

Challenges

Tour of DJS

Security Predicates

Refinements	Path and Flow Sensitivity	Arrays	Loops	Prototypes

Refinement Types

$$\{ x \mid p \}$$

"value x such that formula p is true"

```
Bool ≡ { b | tag(b) = "boolean" }

Num ≡ { n | tag(n) = "number" }

Int ≡ { i | tag(i) = "number" ∧ integer(i) }

Top ≡ { x | true }
```

Refinement Types

$$\{ x \mid p \}$$

"value x such that formula p is true"

```
3 :: Num

3 :: Int

3 :: {i | i > 0}

3 :: {i | i = 3}
```

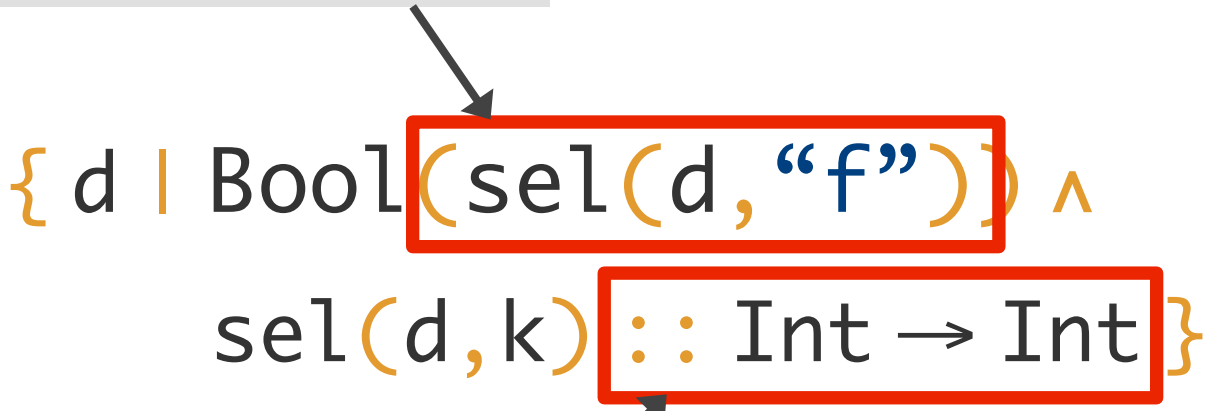
Subtyping is Implication

$$\{ i \mid i = 3 \} <: \{ i \mid i > 0 \} <: \texttt{Int} <: \texttt{Num}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & i = 3 \\ \Rightarrow\ & i > 0 \\ \Rightarrow\ & \texttt{tag}(i) = \text{“number”} \wedge \texttt{integer}(i) \\ \Rightarrow\ & \texttt{tag}(i) = \text{“number”} \end{aligned}$$

Nested Refinements

McCarthy's decidable theory of arrays



uninterpreted System D "has-type" predicate nests typing relation inside formulas

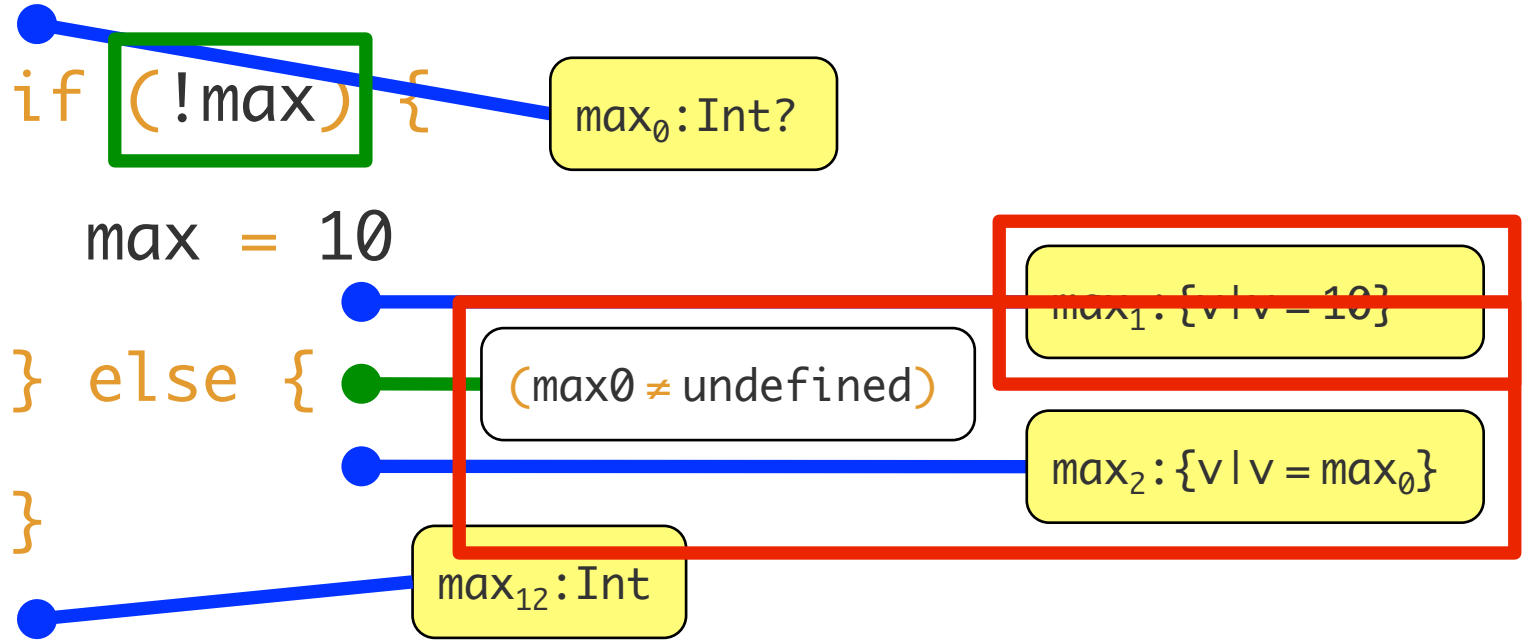
Nested Refinements

Subtyping is Implication*

Implication* = Uninterpreted Validty + Syntactic Subtyping

Path and Flow Sensitivity

```
/*: readLinks :: (Ref(~doc), Int?) → Top */

var readLinks = function (doc, max) {

  if (!max) {

    max = 10

  } else {

  }

  …
```



$$T? \equiv \{ x \mid T(x) \vee x = \mathtt{undefined} \}$$

Path and Flow Sensitivity

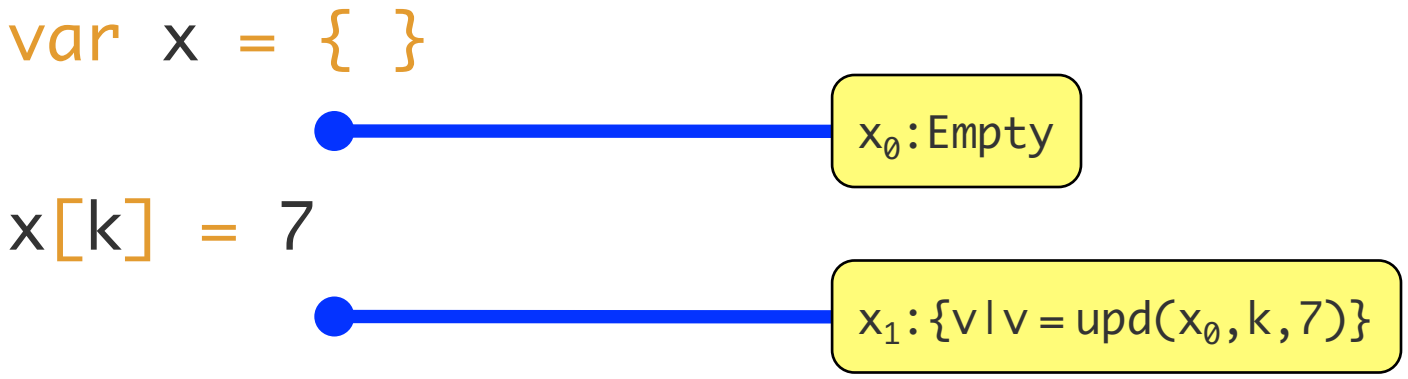
```
/*: readLinks :: (Ref(~doc), Int?) → Top */

var readLinks = function (doc, max) {

  if (!max) {

    max = 10

  } else {

  }

  …
```

max_0:Int?

max_{12}:Int

T? ≡ { x | T(x) ∨ x = undefined }

Flow Sensitivity

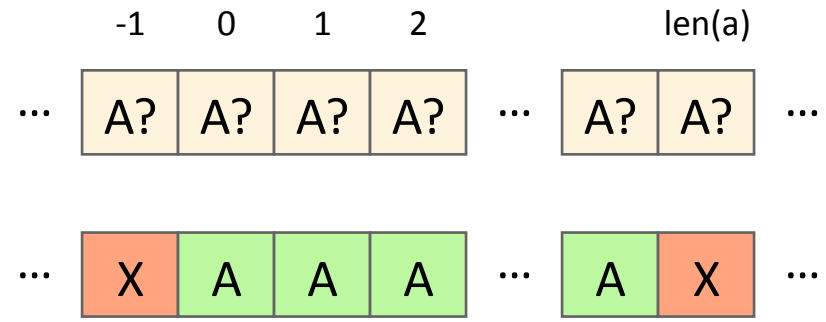


Strong updates to singleton objects

Weak updates to collections of objects

Track **types**, "**packedness**," and **length** of arrays where possible

$$\{\ a \mid a :: \mathtt{Arr}(A)$$
$$\wedge\ \mathtt{packed}(a)$$
$$\wedge\ \mathtt{len}(a) = 10\ \}$$



$$A? \equiv \{\ x \mid A(x) \vee x = \mathtt{undefined}\ \}$$

$$X \equiv \{\ x \mid x = \mathtt{undefined}\ \}$$

(Quick Detour)

Function types include
local heap pre- and post-conditions
à la separation logic

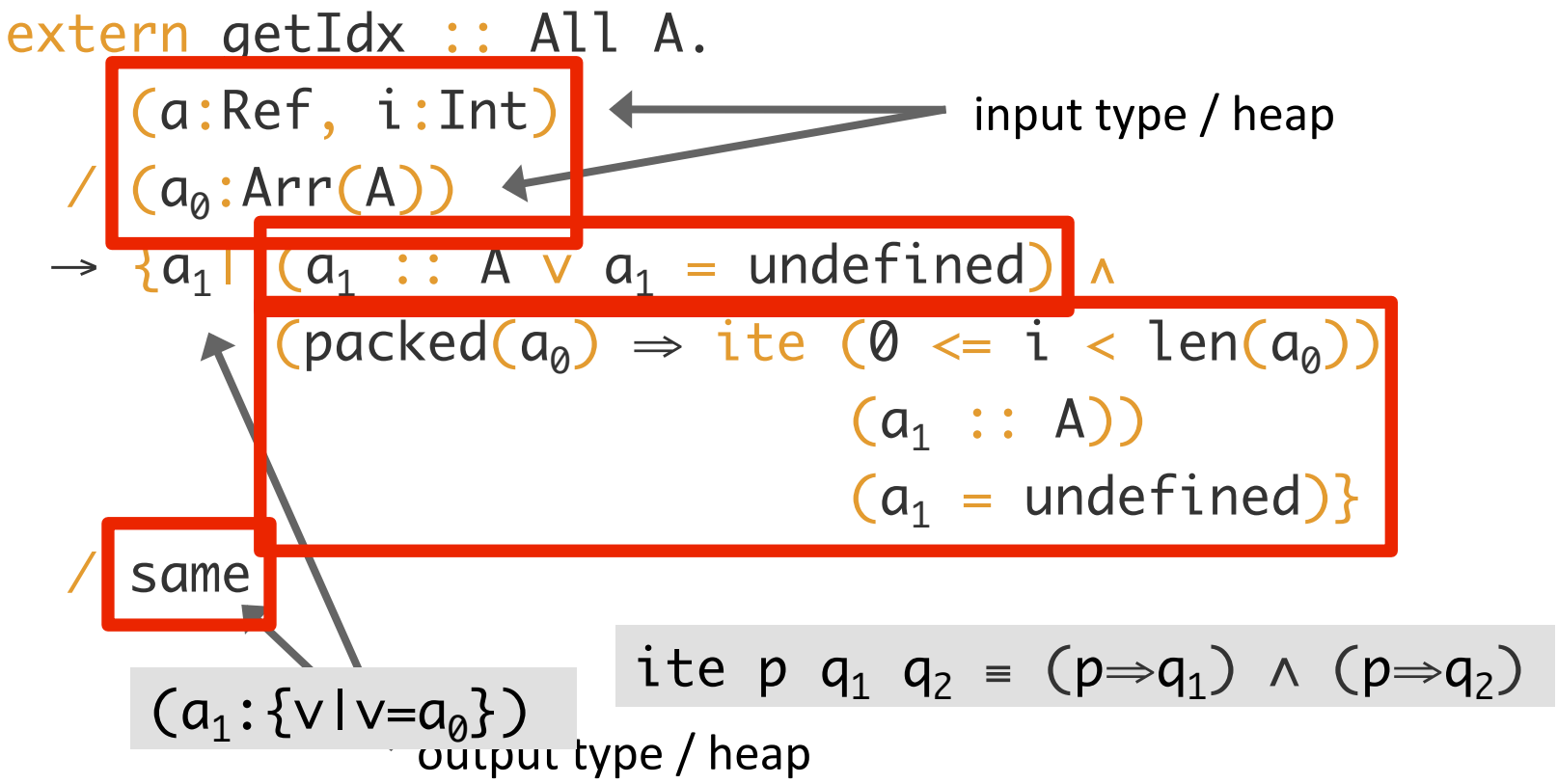
$$x : T_1 / H_1 \rightarrow T_2 / H_2$$

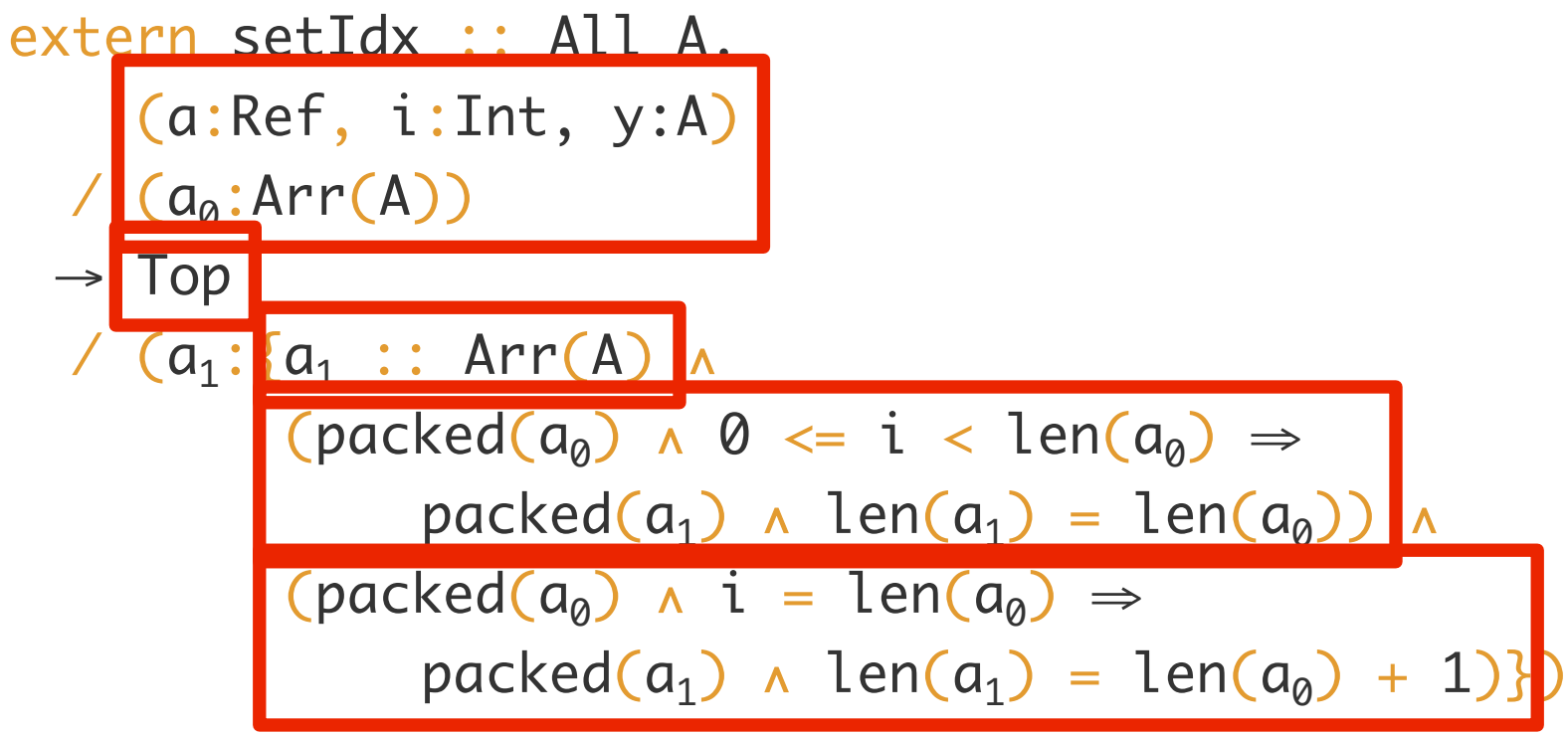
input type

input heap

output type

output heap


extern getIdx :: All A.
(a:Ref, i:Int)
/ (a0:Arr(A))
→ {a1 | (a1 :: A ∨ a1 = undefined) ∧
(packed(a0) ⇒ ite (0 <= i < len(a0))
(a1 :: A))
(a1 = undefined)}
/ same
input type / heap
(a1:{v|v=a0})
output type / heap
ite p q1 q2 ≡ (p⇒q1) ∧ (p⇒q2)


extern setIdx :: All A.
(a:Ref, i:Int, y:A)
/ (a0:Arr(A))
→ Top
/ (a1:{a1 :: Arr(A) ∧
(packed(a0) ∧ 0 <= i < len(a0) ⇒
packed(a1) ∧ len(a1) = len(a0)) ∧
(packed(a0) ∧ i = len(a0) ⇒
packed(a1) ∧ len(a1) = len(a0) + 1)})

```
extern __ArrayProto :: {v | sel(v,“pop”) :: … ∧
                            sel(v,“push”) :: … ∧
                            … }
```

```
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
  if (!max) max = 10
  if (doc.domain() == "newyorker.com") {
    var elts = doc.getEltsByTagName("a")
    for (var i = 0; i < elts.length && i <= max; i++) {
      elts[i].getAttr("href")
    }
  }
}
```

max_{inv} : Int

i_{inv} : {v | v >= 0}

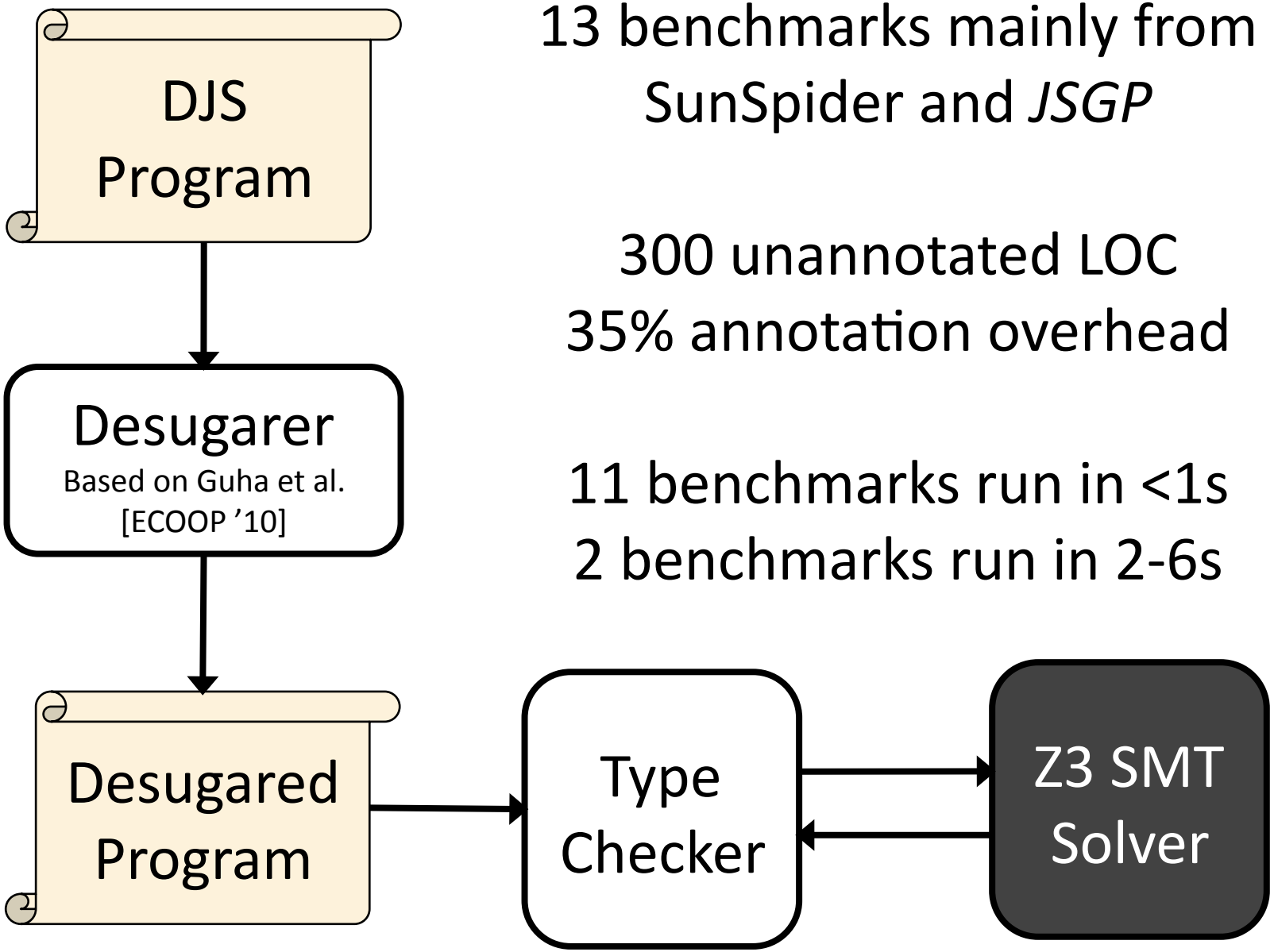
$elts_{inv}$: {a | a = $elts_0$}

$Elt.proto_{inv}$: {d | …}

Heap invariants before and after each iteration

Type checker infers heap for common cases

DJS handles prototypes…



13 benchmarks mainly from SunSpider and *JSGP*

300 unannotated LOC
35% annotation overhead

11 benchmarks run in <1s
2 benchmarks run in 2-6s

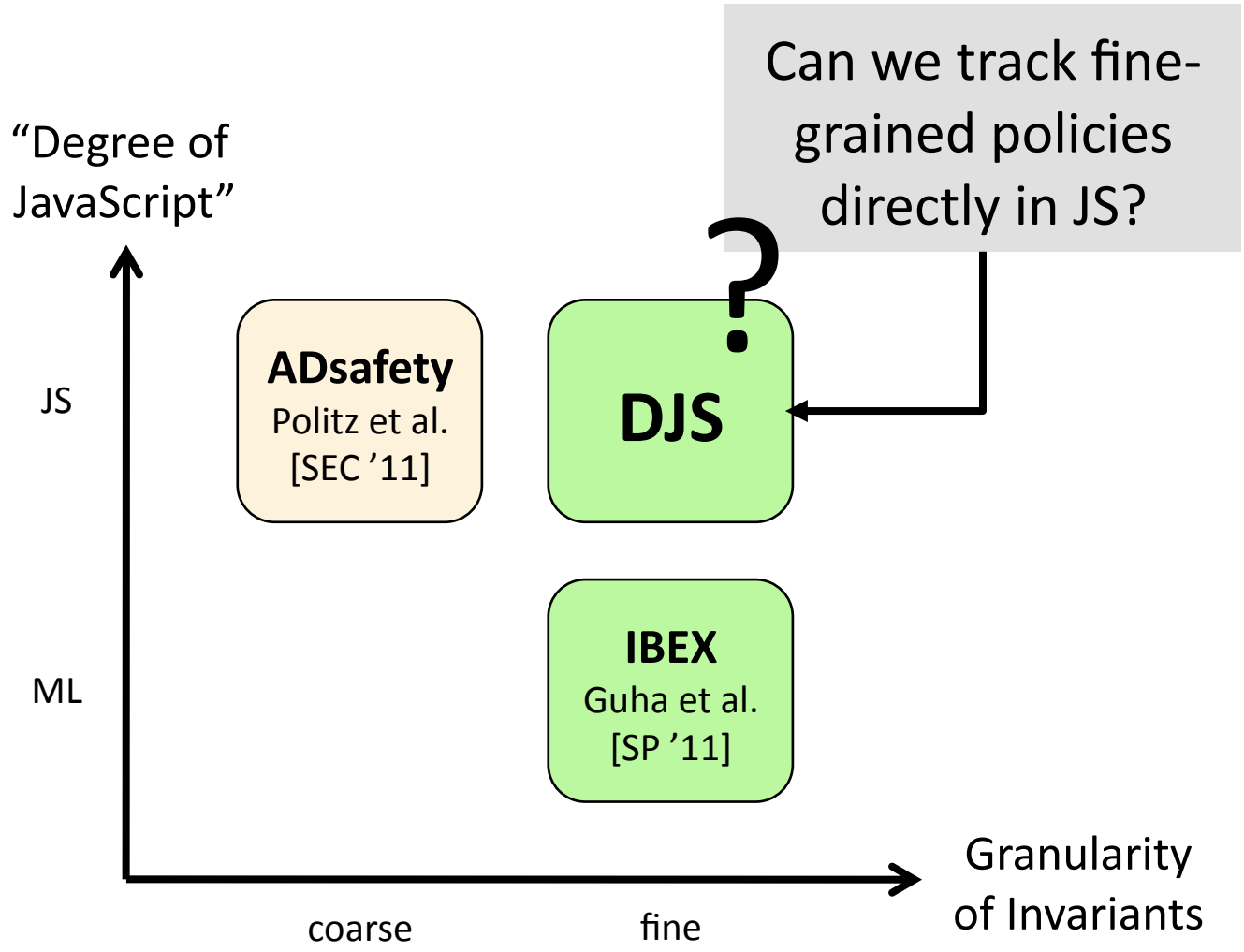
Outline

Challenges

Tour of DJS

Security Predicates

Browser Extension Security



```
/*: readLinks :: (Ref(~doc), Int?) → Top */
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
  if (!max) max = 10
  if (doc.domain() == “newyorker.com”) {
    var elts = doc.getEltsByTagName(“a”)
    for (var i = 0; i < elts.length && i <= max; i++) {
      elts[i].getAttr(“href”)
    }
  }
}
```

Allow extension to read this attribute?

```
/*: assume forall (e d)
      (eltTagName e “a” ∧
       eltInDoc e d ∧
       docDomain d “newyorker.com”)
         ⇒ canReadAttr e “href”          */

/*: readLinks :: (Ref(~doc), Int?) → Top */
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
  if (!max) max = 10
  if (doc.domain() == “newyorker.com”) {
    var elts = doc.getEltsByTagName(“a”)
    for (var i = 0; i < elts.length && i <= max; i++) {
      elts[i].getAttr(“href”)
    }
  }
}
```

IBEX-style security policy

Type check against IBEX-style DOM API

```
extern Elt.prototype.getAttr ::
    (this:Ref(~elt), k:Str)
 → Str
```

```
extern Elt.prototype.getAttr ::
    (this:Ref(~elt), {k | Str(k) ∧ canReadAttr this k})
 → {s | Str(s) ∧ attrOfElt this k s }
```

```
extern Elt.prototype.getAttr ::
    (this:Ref(~elt), {k | Str(k) ∧ canReadAttr this k)
 → {s | Str(s) ∧ attrOfElt this k s }


extern Doc.prototype.domain ::
    (this:Ref(~doc))
 → Str
```

```
extern Elt.prototype.getAttr ::
    (this:Ref(~elt), {k | Str(k) ∧ canReadAttr this k)
 → {s | Str(s) ∧ attrOfElt this k s }


extern Doc.prototype.domain ::
    (this:Ref(~doc))
 → {s | Str(s) ∧ docDomain this s }
```

```
extern Elt.prototype.getAttr ::
    (this:Ref(~elt), {k | Str(k) ∧ canReadAttr this k)
 → {s | Str(s) ∧ attrOfElt this k s }


extern Doc.prototype.domain ::
    (this:Ref(~doc))
 → {s | Str(s) ∧ docDomain this s }


extern Doc.prototype.getEltsByTagName :: …
```

```
/*: assume forall (e d)
      (eltTagName e “a” ∧
       eltInDoc e d ∧
       docDomain d “newyorker.com”)
         ⇒ canReadAttr e “href”                */

/*: readLinks :: (Ref(~doc), Int?) → Top */
var readLinks = function (doc, max) {
  if (!max) max = 10
  if (doc.domain() == “newyorker.com”) {
    var elts = doc.getEltsByTagName(“a”)
    for (var i = 0; i < elts.length && i <= max; i++) {
      elts[i].getAttr(“href”)
    }
  }
}
```

IBEX-style security policy

Type check against IBEX-style DOM API

Current Status

9 of 17 IBEX examples ported to DJS

Total running time ~3s

Invariants translate directly (so far)

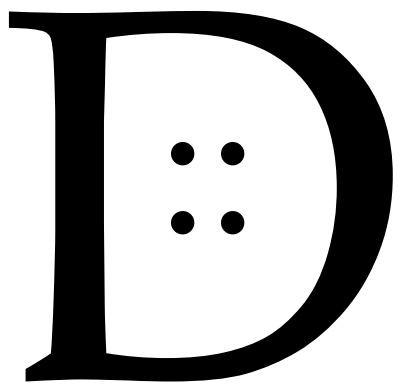
Conclusion

DJS able to track
simple type invariants,
and security predicates
seem within reach

Thanks!

ravichugh.com/djs

github.com/ravichugh/djs

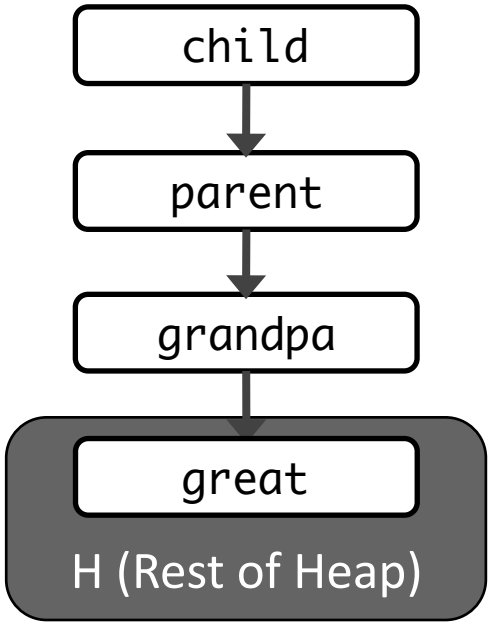


Extra Slides

Key Membership via Prototype Chain Unrolling

```
var grandpa = …,
    parent  = Object.create(grandpa),
    child   = Object.create(parent),
    b       = k in child,
```

```
b :: { v | v = true iff

    (has(child,k) v

     has(parent,k) v

     has(grandpa,k) v

     HeapHas(H,great,k)) }
```



Key Lookup via Prototype Chain Unrolling

```
var grandpa = …,
    parent  = Object.create(grandpa),
    child   = Object.create(parent),
    b       = k in child,
    x       = child[k]
```

```
x :: { v | if has(child,k) then v = sel(child,k)
         elif has(parent,k) then v = sel(parent,k)
         elif has(grandpa,k) then v = sel(grandpa,k)
         elif HeapHas(H,great,k)) then v = HeapSel(H,great,k))
         else v = undefined }
```

Key Idea

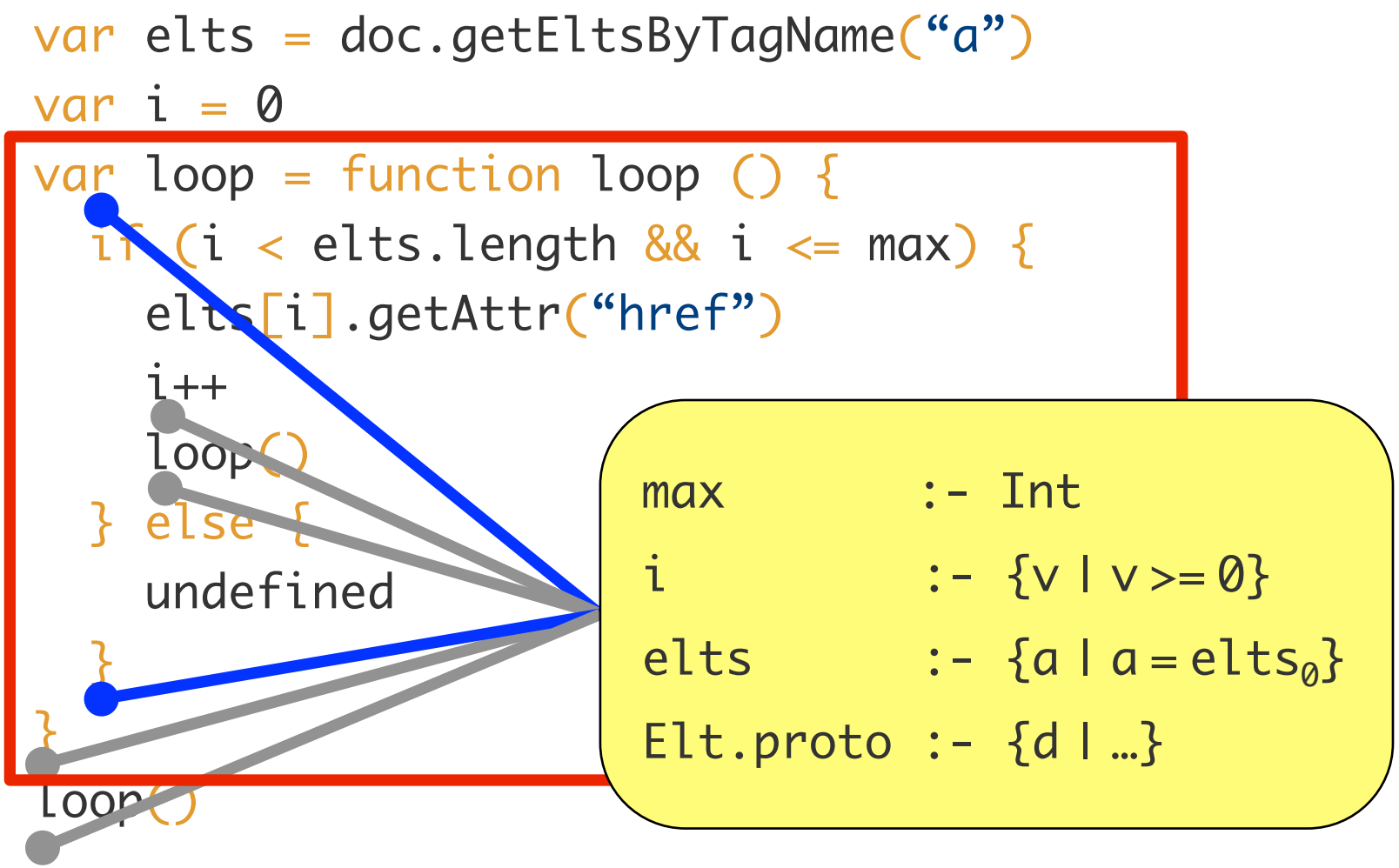
Reduce prototype semantics
to decidable theory of arrays
via flow-sensitivity and unrolling

Encode **tuples** as arrays

```
var tup = [5, "guten abend!"]
```

$$\{ a \mid a :: Arr(Top) \wedge packed(a) \wedge len(a) = 2 \wedge Int(a[0]) \wedge Str(a[1]) \}$$

Desugared Loop



{p} ≡ {v|p}

```
/*: x:NumOrBool → {ite Num(x) Num(v) Bool(v)} */
function negate(x) {
  x = (typeof x == “number”) ? 0 - x : !x
  return x
}
```

```
/*: x:Any → {v iff falsy(x)} */
function negate(x) {
  x = (typeof x == “number”) ? 0 - x : !x
  return x
}
```

Function Types and Objects

$$x : T_1 / H_1 \rightarrow T_2 / H_2$$

input type

input heap

output type

output heap

$$\mathrm{ObjHas}(d,k,H,d') \equiv \mathrm{has}(d,k) \vee \mathrm{HeapHas}(H,d',k)$$

```
/*: x:Ref / [x |-> d:Dict |> ^x]
    -> {v iff ObjHas(d,"f",curHeap,^x)} / sameHeap */
function hasF(x) {
  return "f" in x
}
```

Function Types and Objects

$$x : T_1 / H_1 \rightarrow T_2 / H_2$$

input type

input heap

output type

output heap

```
ObjSel(d,k,H,d') ≡
        ite has(d,k) sel(d,k) HeapSel(H,d',k)
```

```
/*: x:Ref / [x |-> d:Dict |> ^x]
    -> {v = ObjSel(d,"f",curHeap,^x)} / sameHeap */
function readF(x) {
  return x.f
}
```