

# Certification de la génération et de la transformation d'obligations de preuve

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To prove :

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forall a:array int, x:int.
length a ≥ 1000 ∧ 0 ≤ x ≤ 10 →
(forall i:int. 0 ≤ 4 * i + 1 < length a → a[4 * i + 1] ≥ 0) →
let y = 2 * x + 1 in (0 ≤ y * y < length a) ∧ a[y * y] ≥ 0

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Transform what there is to prove (with `split_vc`) :

Req1 :  $\text{length } a \geq 1000 \wedge 0 \leq x \leq 10$

Req2 :  $\text{forall } i:\text{int}. 0 \leq 4 * i + 1 < \text{length } a \rightarrow a[4 * i + 1] \geq 0$

$y : \text{int} = 2 * x + 1$

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**goal** AccessInBounds :  $0 \leq (y * y) < \text{length } a$   
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**goal** Postcondition :  $a[y * y] \geq 0$

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Transform postcondition (with instantiate) :

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Hinst : 0 ≤ 4 * (x * x + x) + 1 < length a →
        a[4 * (x * x + x) + 1] ≥ 0
goal Postcondition : a[y * y] ≥ 0

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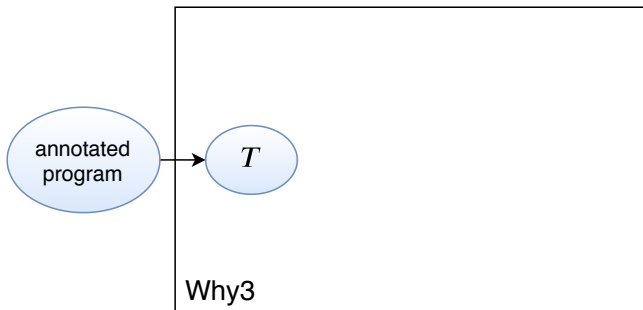
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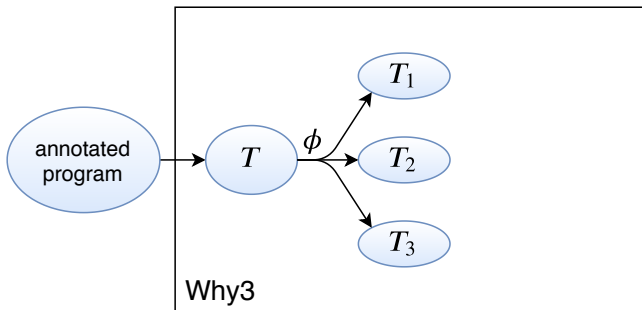
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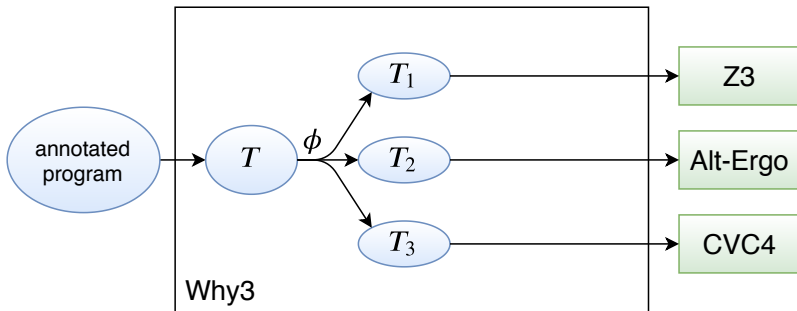
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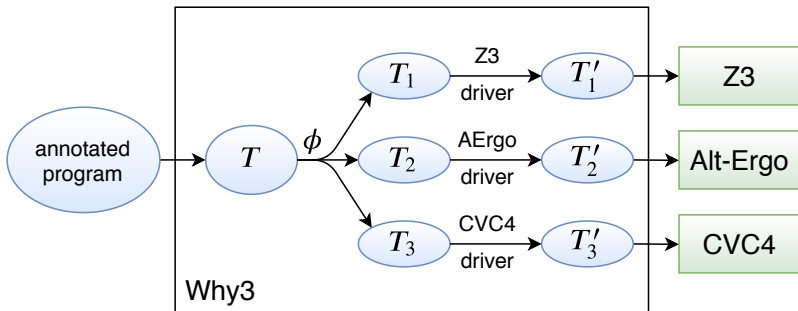




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How to improve trust in Why3



*Reduce trust base by :*

↳ isolating a kernel

↳ a posteriori certification

Emphasis on the modular and incremental approach

# Plan

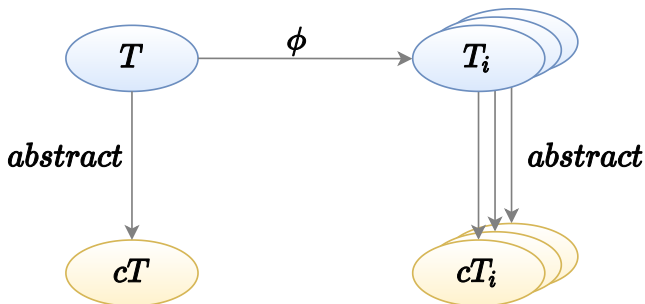
- Motivation
- ① Transformations
- ② Task generation
- ③ Conclusion

# Task abstraction : motivation

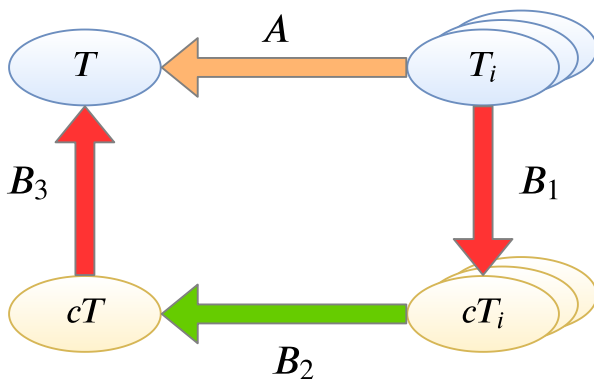
Proof tasks with meta-data, type and signature

↪ extract the core formula as a sequent in first-order untyped logic

$$H_1 : A_1, \dots, H_m : A_m \vdash G_1 : B_1, \dots, G_n : B_n$$



## Task abstraction : correction

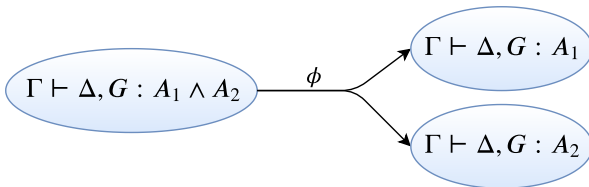


$\Rightarrow$  we need equisatisfiability between a task and its abstraction

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| Hole  
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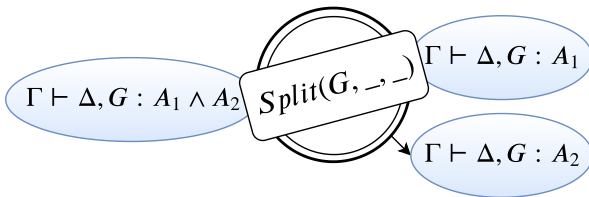
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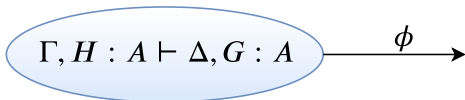
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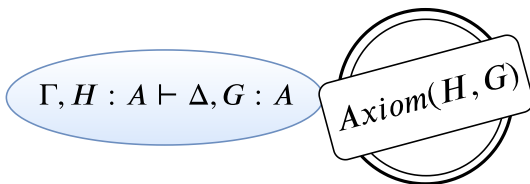




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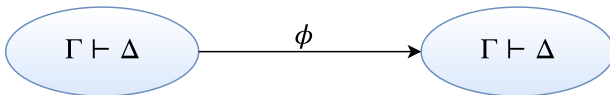
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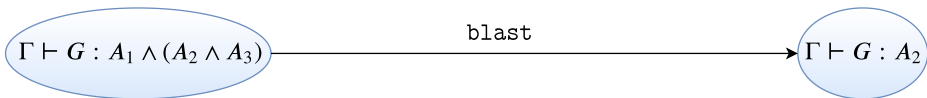
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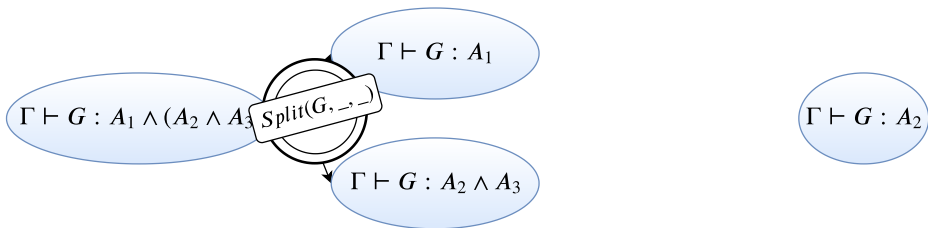
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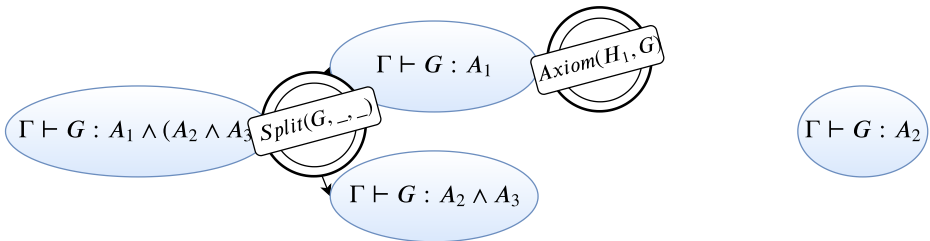
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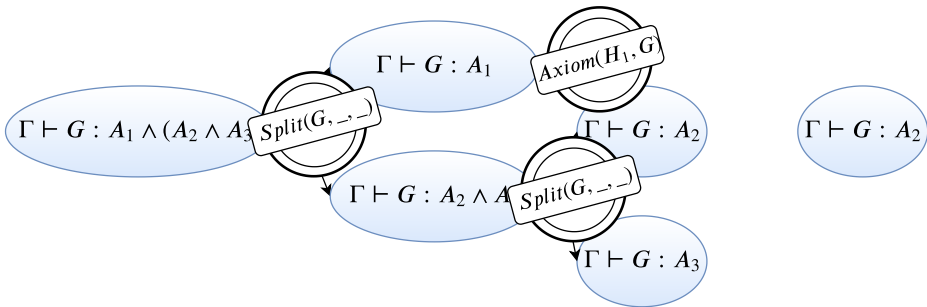
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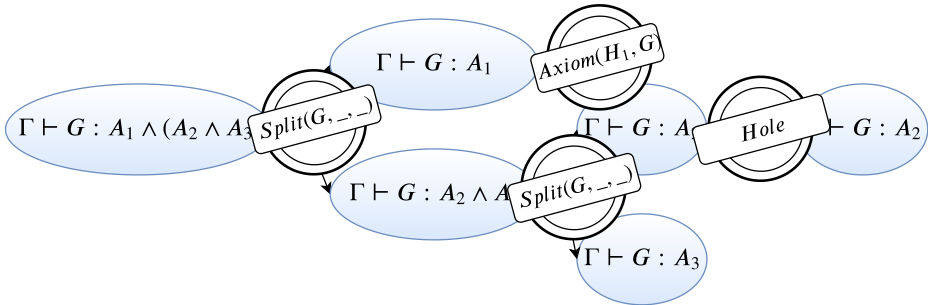
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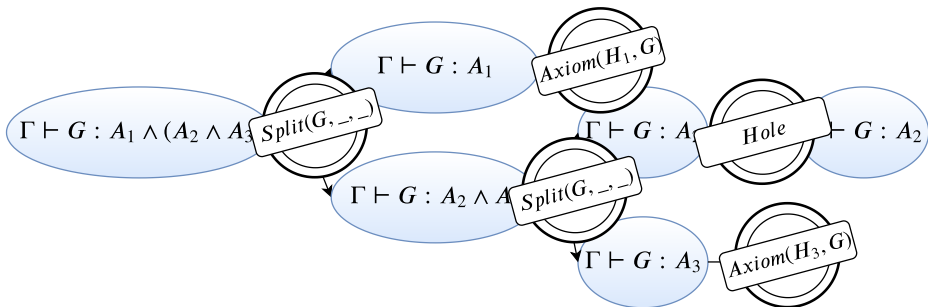
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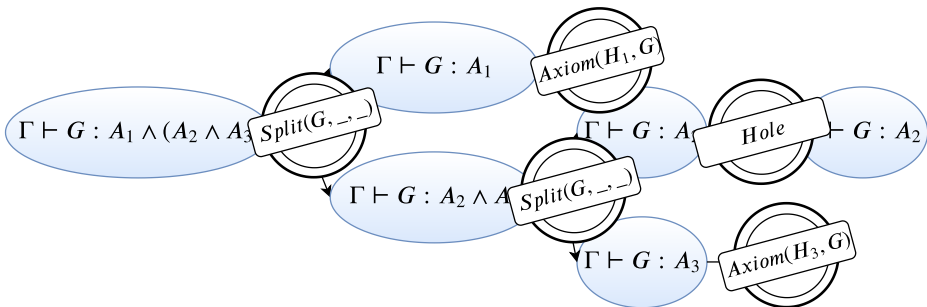
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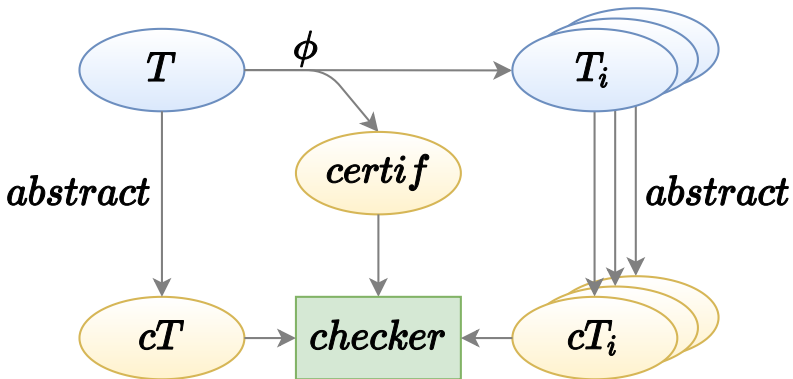
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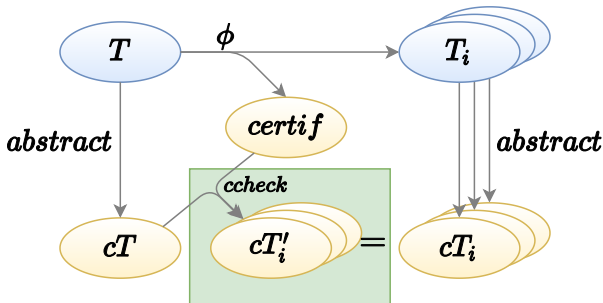
$Split ( G, Axiom(H_1, G), Split(G, Hole, Axiom(H_3, G)))$

## Framework for certificates



## OCaml checker

`ccheck` : `certif` -> `task` -> `task list`



### Correction of `ccheck`

When `ccheck certif cT` computes into  $cT'_i$ , the conjunction of all the  $cT'_i$  implies  $cT$ .

# Dedukti checker : overview

*Aim* : avoid a formal verification of *ccheck*'s code



Dedukti [2] : universal proof checker, Curry-Howard, extensible conversion

The checker step by step :

- 1 generate, from the tasks, a type  $ty$  in Dedukti
- 2 generate, from the certificate, a term  $t$  in Dedukti
- 3 check that  $t : ty$  in Dedukti

The second step does not need to be trusted

# Dedukti checker : generate type

First order logic encoding + excluded middle

Use the Dedukti arrow  $\rightarrow$  to encode sequents :

$$\begin{aligned} trad(H_1 : A_1, \dots, H_m : A_m \vdash G_1 : B_1, \dots, G_n : B_n) = \\ A_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_m \rightarrow \neg B_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \neg B_n \rightarrow \perp \end{aligned}$$

With initial task  $cT$  and resulting tasks  $cT_i$  :

$$ty = trad(cT_1) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow trad(cT_n) \rightarrow trad(cT)$$

$\Rightarrow$  shallow embedding

# Dedukti checker : generate term

Split :

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, G : A \quad \Gamma \vdash \Delta, G : B}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, G : A \wedge B}$$

We define

$$\text{split} : (\neg A \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow (\neg B \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \neg(A \wedge B) \rightarrow \perp$$

*Need for elaboration :*

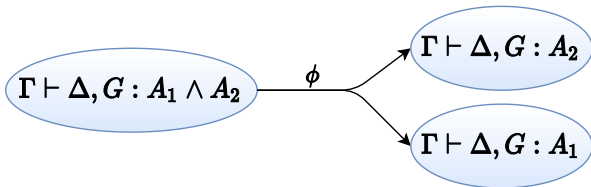
↳ find context of application, formulas employed ...

# Compiling and improving certificates

Surface certificates  $\rightarrow$  Kernel certificates :

- 1 elaborate, go through sequents to find missing information
- 2 successively remove certificate constructors

Allow reuse and reordering of resulting tasks by naming them :



$[t_2; t_1], \text{Split}(G, \text{Hole } t_1, \text{Hole } t_2)$



## Resources

2 JFLA publications, more details about certifying transformation :  
→ <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02384946>

Available as a branch of Why3, latest work at :  
→ [https://gitlab.inria.fr/why3/why3/tree/cert\\_split](https://gitlab.inria.fr/why3/why3/tree/cert_split)

# Contributions

A *generic, fine-grained* method to make transformations certifying  
*Software* :

- modular verification framework, including compilation of surface certificates
- 2 independant checkers
- transformation composition

*Applications* :

- ~ 15 simple certifying transformations
- blast
- rewrite and `split_vc`
- validation of transformations by Dedukti
- pigeonhole principle
- validation of the `instantiate` example in Why3

# Task generation : the alias problem

Why3's language has records with mutable fields and allows aliases

⚠ Hoare rules do not apply

```
val random unit : bool
```

```
type record = { mutable v : int }
```

```
let main : unit =  
  let r1 = { v = 2 } in  
  let r2 = r1 in  
  if random () then r1.v ← r1.v + 1  
  else r2.v ← r2.v + 1;  
  assert { r1.v = 3 }
```

# Task generation : towards a solution

Bibliography and future work :

Why3 solves the alias problem using a type system with regions  
[Jean-Christophe Filliâtre, Léon Gondelman, Andrei Paskevich. *A Pragmatic Type System for Deductive Verification*. 2016.]

First translate into another language  
[Jean-Christophe Filliâtre. *Preuve de programmes impératifs en théorie des types*. 1999.]

Then certify task generation on this simpler language  
[Andrei Paskevich. *Continuation passing as an abstract syntax for deductive verification*.]

# Future work

Improve transformation certification :

- extend certification of `split_vc` and `rewrite`
- improve the certificate format with types, higher order
- compile and optimize surface certificates

↪ next few months

Certify task generation

↪ from now on