

# Proving PureCake (and CakeML)

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# Papers

- **The Verified CakeML Compiler Backend**
  - (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0956796818000229>)
- **PureCake: A verified compiler for a lazy functional language**
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# Outline

- **Introduction**
- **CakeML (Compilation)**
- **PureCake Evaluation**
- **PureCake Compilation**

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# About PureCake

- Lazily evaluated
- A bit more complicated

```
numbers :: [Integer]
numbers =
  let num n = n : num (n + 1)
  in num 0

factA :: Integer -> Integer -> Integer
factA a n =
  if n < 2 then a
  else factA (a * n) (n - 1)

factorials :: [Integer]
factorials = map (factA 1) numbers

app :: (a -> IO b) -> [a] -> IO ()
app f l = case l of
  [] -> return ()
  h:t -> do f h ; app f t

main :: IO ()
main = do
  arg1 <- read_arg1
  -- fromString == 0 on malformed input
  let i = fromString arg1
      facts = take i factorials
  app (\i -> print $ toString i) facts
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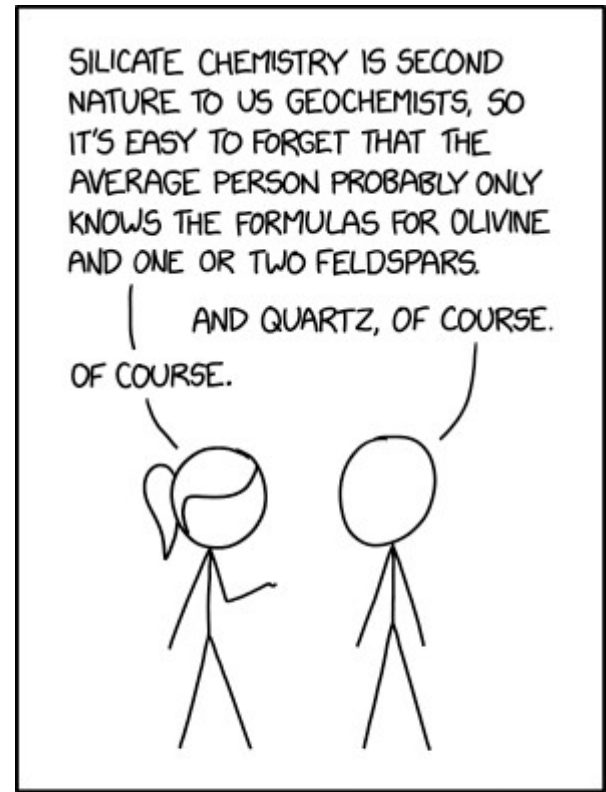
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# How to prove a compiler

- **Make sure all programs “behave as expected”**
  - No memory leaks
  - “Semantics” between source and target stay the same

# Context: CakeML

# CakeML Design Goals

- **Approachable to newcomers**
  - Easily extensible
  - Usable for future research/student projects
- **Keep the computer in mind**
  - Computers don't have infinite memory. We can run out!
- ***Juusst* the right number of intermediate languages**
  - Too many and we have a lot of unnecessary work
  - Too little and the compilation steps become too convoluted to prove

# I/O effects

semantics :  $\varnothing$  ffi\_state  $\rightarrow$  program  $\rightarrow$  behaviour set

behaviour = Diverge (io\_event stream) | Terminate outcome (io\_event list) | Fail

outcome = Success | Resource\_limit\_hit | FFI\_outcome final\_event

# **The CakeML compilation pipeline**

# General Compiler proofs

We need a correctness proof for every compilation step.

- *config* -> Arbitrary machine config
- "syntactic\_condition" -> no errors in the program

$$\begin{aligned} &\vdash \text{compile } \textit{config} \textit{ prog} = \textit{new\_prog} \wedge \\ &\quad \textit{syntactic\_condition} \textit{ prog} \wedge \\ &\quad \text{Fail} \notin \text{semantics}_A \textit{ ffi } \textit{ prog} \Rightarrow \\ &\quad \text{semantics}_B \textit{ ffi } \textit{ new\_prog} = \text{semantics}_A \textit{ ffi } \textit{ prog} \end{aligned}$$



# General Compiler proofs

**The program may run out of memory:**

$$\text{semantics}_B \text{ ffi } new\_prog \subseteq \text{extend\_with\_resource\_limit} (\text{semantics}_A \text{ ffi } prog)$$

$\text{extend\_with\_resource\_limit } behaviours =$

$behaviours \cup$

$\{ \text{Terminate Resource\_limit\_hit } io\_list \mid \exists t l. \text{Terminate } t l \in behaviours \wedge io\_list \preceq l \} \cup$

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# Parsing to an AST

- **Using a Parsing Expression Grammar**
  - Order sensitive
  - Non-terminals have a *rank* based on the input they consume
  - Ranks ensure that the parser consume input
- **Type inference**
  - Uses “triangular substitution”
  - No let-polymorphism
- **Removing syntactic language features**
  - No modules, ADTs, incomplete pattern matches, *names*
- **Result: A fully typed, nameless, simple programming language**

```
exp =  
  Var num  
  | If exp exp exp  
  | Let (exp list) exp  
  | Raise exp  
  | Handle exp exp  
  | Tick exp  
  | Call num (num option) (exp list)  
  | Op op (exp list)
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# CLOSLang

- **Functions -> Closures**
- **Used for lambda lifting**
- **Closures:**
  - (Optional) location of the closure
  - Evaluation environment (values for free variables 'Var' in the environment)
  - Arguments already passed to the closure
  - Number of arguments the closure still needs
  - The closure body
- **Recursive closures**
  - Same as closures, except this time a list of needed arguments and function bodies
  - Finally, a list index indicating where to start evaluation

```
v =  
| Number int  
| Word64 (64 word)  
| Block num (v list)  
| ByteVector (8 word list)  
| RefPtr num  
| Closure (num option) (v list) (v list) num exp  
| Recclosure (num option) (v list) (v list) ((num × exp) list) num
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# The ByteVectorLanguage (BVL)

- **No closures!**
- **Type checking happens here**
- **'Closure'** -> Block closure\_tag  
([CodePtr ptr; Number arg\_count] † free\_var\_vals)
- **'RecClosure'** -> Block closure\_tag  
[CodePtr ptr; Number arg\_count; RefPtr ref\_ptr]

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```

evaluate ([],env,s) = (Rval [],s)
evaluate (x::y::xs,env,s) =
  case evaluate ([x],env,s) of
    (Rval v1,s1) ⇒
      (case evaluate (y::xs,env,s1) of
        (Rval vs,s2) ⇒ (Rval (v1 # vs),s2)
        | (Rerr e,s2) ⇒ (Rerr e,s2))
      | (Rerr v10,s1) ⇒ (Rerr v10,s1)
evaluate ([Var n],env,s) =
  if n < len env then (Rval [nth n env],s)
  else (Rerr (Rabort Rtype_error),s)
evaluate ([Let xs x],env,s) =
  case evaluate (xs,env,s) of
    (Rval vs,s1) ⇒ evaluate ([x],vs # env,s1)
    | (Rerr e,s1) ⇒ (Rerr e,s1)
evaluate ([Op op xs],env,s) =
  case evaluate (xs,env,s) of
    (Rval vs,s1) ⇒
      (case do_app op (rev vs) s1 of
        Rval (v,s2) ⇒ (Rval [v],s2)
        | Rerr err ⇒ (Rerr err,s1))
      | (Rerr v9,s1) ⇒ (Rerr v9,s1)
evaluate ([Raise x],env,s) =
  case evaluate ([x],env,s) of
    (Rval vs,s1) ⇒ (Rerr (Rraise (hd vs)),s1)
    | (Rerr e,s1) ⇒ (Rerr e,s1)

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evaluate ([Handle x1 x2],env,s) =
  case evaluate ([x1],env,s) of
    (Rval v,s1) ⇒ (Rval v,s1)
    | (Rerr (Rraise v),s1) ⇒ evaluate ([x2],v::env,s1)
    | (Rerr (Rabort e),s1) ⇒ (Rerr (Rabort e),s1)
evaluate ([Call ticks dest xs],env,s) =
  case evaluate (xs,env,s) of
    (Rval vs,s1) ⇒
      (case find_code dest vs s1.code of
        None ⇒ (Rerr (Rabort Rtype_error),s1)
        | Some (args,exp') ⇒
            if s1.clock < ticks + 1 then
              (Rerr (Rabort Rtimeout_error),s1 with clock := 0)
            else
              evaluate ([exp'],args,dec_clock (ticks + 1) s1)
        | (Rerr v8,s1) ⇒ (Rerr v8,s1)
      ...
do_app (Const i) [] s = Rval (Number i,s)
do_app (Cons tag) xs s = Rval (Block tag xs,s)
...

```

# DATAlang

- **Turning BVL into an imperative language**
- **Semi-manual GC with 'MakeSpace'**
- **'num's are variables**
- **Used for optimizations in memory allocations**

```
prog =  
  Skip  
  | Move num num  
  | Call ((num × num_set) option) (num option)  
        (num list) ((num × prog) option)  
  | Assign num op (num list) (num_set option)  
  | Seq prog prog  
  | If num prog prog  
  | MakeSpace num num_set  
  | Raise num  
  | Return num  
  | Tick
```

# DATA Lang

- **Explicit call stack**
- **More direct error handling**

```
 $\emptyset$  state = ⟨                                v =
  locals : v num_map;                        Number int
  stack : frame list;                        | Word64 (64 word)
  global : num option;                       | Block num (v list)
  handler : num;                             | CodePtr num
  refs : num  $\mapsto$  v ref;                   | RefPtr num
  clock : num;
  code : (num  $\times$  prog) num_map;
  ffi :  $\emptyset$  ffi_state;
  space : num
⟩

frame = Env (v num_map) | Exc (v num_map) num
 $\alpha$  ref = ValueArray ( $\alpha$  list) | ByteArray bool (8 word list)
```

# Intermezzo: CakeML Evaluation



# Explaining Evaluation using ANF

- (Sabry & Feleissen, 1992)
- **Implicit in the BVL step**
- **ANF separates nested function calls into 'let' bindings TODO FIX THIS**

Original	ANF
<pre> EXP ::= λ VAR . EXP         EXP EXP         VAR         CONST         let VAR = EXP in EXP  CONST ::= f   g   h </pre>	<pre> EXP ::= VAL         let VAR = VAL in EXP         let VAR = VAL VAL in EXP  VAL ::= VAR         CONST         λ VAR . EXP  CONST ::= f   g   h </pre>

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- **Some more practical grammars**

```
%% Normal expressions
EXP ::= λ var . EXP
      | EXP(EXP, ...)
      | VAR
      | CONST
      | EXP + EXP | EXP - EXP
      | EXP * EXP | EXP / EXP
      | let VAR = EXP in EXP
      | if EXP then EXP else EXP

CONST ::= 0 | 1 | 2 ...
```

```
%% ANF grammar
EXP ::= VAL
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      | let VAR = VAL + VAL in EXP
      | let VAR = VAL - VAL in EXP
      | let VAR = VAL * VAL in EXP
      | let VAR = VAL / VAL in EXP
      | let VAR = VAL(VAL, ...)
      | if VAL then EXP else EXP

VAL ::= λ VAR . EXP
      | CONST
      | VAR
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  let b = n == 0 in  
  if b then 1 else (let n' = n - 1 in  
                    let acc = fac (n') in  
                    n * acc)
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- | *ce* ·  $\overline{ce_n}$
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- | `case` *x* = *ce* `of` *cname*<sub>*n*</sub>  $\overline{[x_{nm}]}$   $\rightarrow ce_n$

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- | `proj`<sub>*n*</sub> *cname* *e*

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$$\text{expand}_x[\text{cname}[\overline{y}_n] \rightarrow ce', \overline{row}_m] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{if } (\text{eq? } \text{cname } n (\text{var } x)) \text{ then}$$
$$\quad \text{let } \overline{y}_n = \text{proj}_n \text{ cname } (\text{var } x) \text{ in } (\text{exp\_of } ce')$$
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# PureCake: Evaluation



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- | **constructor**  $cname[\overline{e}_n]$
- | **tuple**  $[\overline{e}_n]$
- | **monadic**  $mop[\overline{e}_n]$
- | **lambda**  $x \ e$
- | **literal**  $lit$
- | **error**
- | **diverge**

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- **By default, all variables are stored in heap memory**
- **Goal: Make as much as possible eager without affecting semantics**
- **Special case: 'seq'**
- **Demand analysis says nothing about evaluation order**

```
4 main :: IO ()
5 main = do
6   arg1 <- read_arg1
7   let n = fromString arg1
8       print $ "Finding longest Collatz sequence less than " ++ toString n
9       let res = maxCollatzSequence n
10          print $ "Number with longest sequence: " ++ toString (fst res)
11          print $ "Length of sequence: " ++ toString (snd res)
12       Ret ()
13
14 maxCollatzSequence :: Integer -> (Integer, Integer)
15 maxCollatzSequence n = maxIndex (take n collatzSequences)
16
17 collatzSequences :: [Integer]
18 collatzSequences = map collatzSequence (numbers 0)
19
20 collatzSequence :: Integer -> Integer
21 collatzSequence n =
22   let seqAux acc n =
23       if n < 1 then (0-1)
24       else if n == 1 then acc
25       else seqAux (acc + 1) (collatz n)
26   in seqAux 0 n
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28 collatz :: Integer -> Integer
29 collatz n = if n `mod` 2 == 0 then n `div` 2 else 3 * n + 1
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$$\Rightarrow \text{letrec } \{ f = e_f \mid (f, ds, e_f) \in \text{binds} \} e \approx$$

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- **Result is the program AST, represented as a giant letrec-statement**

# Type inference

- **Classical Hindley-Milner algorithms give bad error messages**
- **We'll use a constraint-based system instead**

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 \frac{\Gamma \vdash ce_1 : \tau_1 \quad \overline{\alpha_n} \notin \Gamma}{\Gamma, x : \forall \overline{\alpha_n}. \tau_1 \vdash ce_2 : \tau_2} \text{HMLET} \quad \frac{}{M \vdash \mathbf{var} \ x : \alpha \Rightarrow [x : \alpha] ; \emptyset} \text{TOPVAR} \\
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 \\
 \frac{\overline{\alpha_n}, M \vdash ce : \tau' \Rightarrow A ; C}{M \vdash (\lambda \overline{x_n}. ce) : (\overline{\alpha_n} \rightarrow \tau') \Rightarrow A \setminus \overline{x_n} ; C \cup \bigcup_n \{\tau \equiv \alpha_n \mid x_n : \tau \in A\}} \text{TOPLAM} \\
 \\
 \frac{M \vdash ce_1 : \tau_1 \Rightarrow A_1 ; C_1 \quad M \vdash ce_2 : \tau_2 \Rightarrow A_2 ; C_2}{M \vdash (\mathbf{let} \ x = ce_1 \ \mathbf{in} \ ce_2) : \tau_2 \Rightarrow A_1 \cup A_2 \setminus x ; C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \{\tau \leq_M \tau_1 \mid x : \tau \in A_2\}} \text{TOPLET}
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# Backend: The ILs

- **Instead of proving semantics preservation with functions, we use relations between different ILs**
  - More flexible than functions
  - Means we don't need to keep track of compiler invariants between all our functions
- **We can then reconstruct a function out of the relations we've made**

# THUNKLang

- **Very similar to the source language**
- **Eagerly evaluated**
- **2 new constructs**
  - delay: turns an expression into a thunk
  - force: evaluates e to a thunk, then forces evaluation of the thunk
- **Note: at this point a thunk re-evaluates every time it is forced!**

```
4 delay :: a -> (() -> a)
5 delay e = \() -> e
6
7 force :: (() -> a) -> a
8 force e = e ()
9
```

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$$\begin{array}{c}
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# THUNKLang

- **Note the simplicity in compilation thanks to demand analysis**
  - However, this translation introduces a lot of 'delay(force(e))' constructs
  - Define a relation *unthunk* and prove 'mk\_delay' satisfies this relation

$$\text{mk\_delay } ce \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \text{var } x & \text{if } ce = \text{force } (\text{var } x), \\ \text{delay } ce & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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# EnvLang

- **We use environments, instead of substituting functions with their definitions**

# StateLang

- **Compile 'delay' and 'force' primitives into actual expressions**
  - 'delay' computations are stored in a mutable array
  - 'force' primitives are possible updates to the mutable array (if the value inside of it hasn't been forced yet)
- **Monadic operations are also compiled into thunk-style functions**
  - "Stateful operations" (Exceptions, mutable array handling, I/O etc.) are turned into special primitives
  - Other operations are turned into computations that accept a unit input to perform the actual operation.

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$$\llbracket \mathbf{return\ } ce \rrbracket \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{let\ } x = \llbracket ce \rrbracket \mathbf{\ in\ } \lambda\_ . \mathbf{var\ } x$$
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$\mathbf{if\ var\ } x_0 \mathbf{\ then\ var\ } x_1 \mathbf{\ else}$

$\mathbf{let\ } w = (\mathbf{var\ } x_1) \cdot \mathbf{unit\ in}$

$x[0] := \mathbf{true} ; x[1] := \mathbf{var\ } w ; \mathbf{var\ } w$



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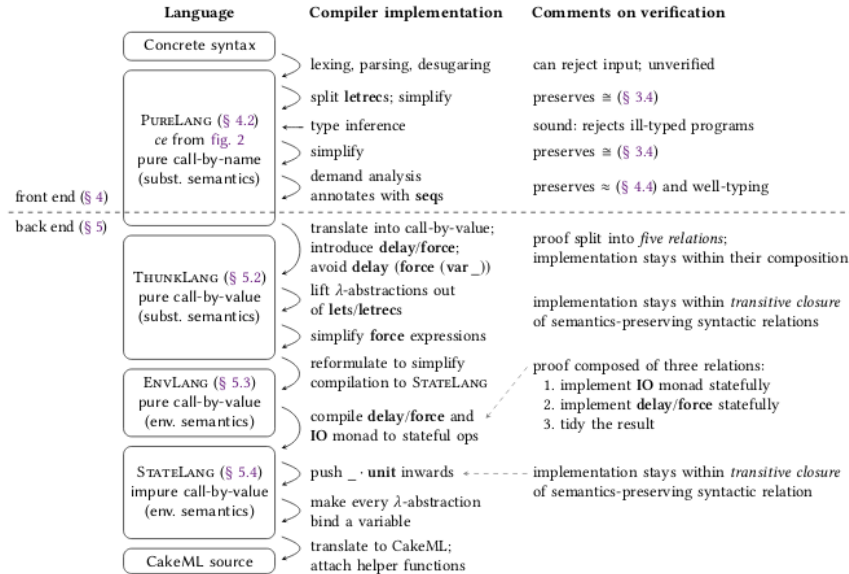
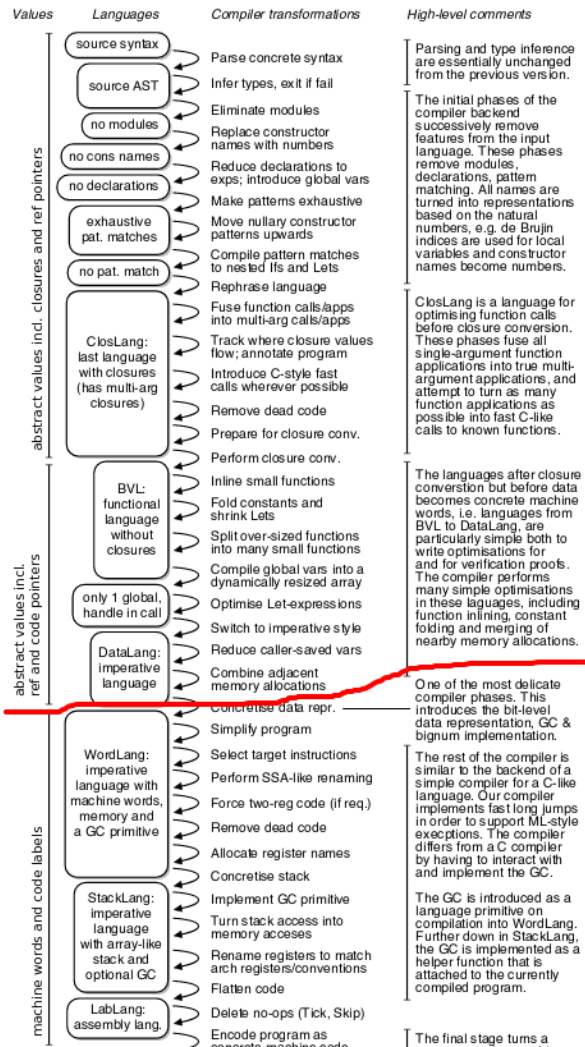
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