#### Interactive Proofs in Higher-Order Concurrent Separation Logic

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**Iris**: language independent higher-order separation logic for modular reasoning about fine-grained concurrency in Coq

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Lemma and_exist_sep {A} P R (\Psi: A \rightarrow iProp) :

P * (\exists a, \Psi a) * R \rightarrow \exists a, \Psi a * P.

Proof.

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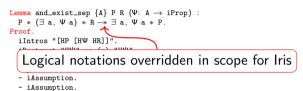
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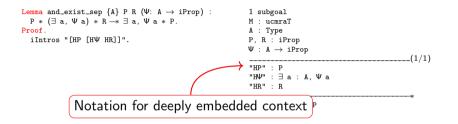
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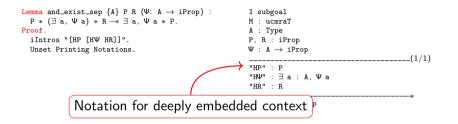
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#### **Motivation**

#### Why should we care about interactive proofs? Why not automate everything?

Infeasible to automate everything, for example:

- ► Concurrent algorithms in Iris (Jung, Krebbers, Swasey, Timany)
- ► The Rust type system in Iris (Jung, Jourdan, Dreyer, Krebbers)
- Logical relations in Iris (Krogh-Jespersen, Svendsen, Timany, Birkedal, Tassarotti, Jung, Krebbers)
- ► Weak memory concurrency in Iris (Kaiser, Dang, Dreyer, Lahav, Vafeiadis)
- Object calculi in Iris (Swasey, Dreyer, Garg)
- Logical atomicity in Iris (Krogh-Jespersen, Zhang, Jung)
- Defining Iris in Iris (Krebbers, Jung, Jourdan, Bizjak, Dreyer, Birkedal)

#### Most of these projects are formalized in IPM

# How to do such proofs in a proof assistant?

Current proof assistant support is limited to basic separation logic:

- ► Macros for manipulating Hoare triples: Appel, Wright, Charge!, ...
- Heavy automation: Bedrock, Rtac, ...

Iris has many complicated connectives that are beyond basic separation logic

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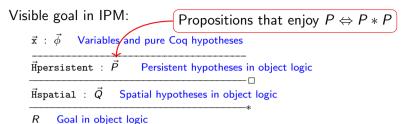
Context manipulation is the prime task of tactics: **Deeply embed contexts, shallowly embed the logic** 

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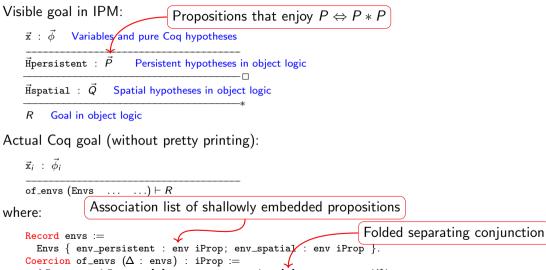
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# Deeply embedded contexts in IPM



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  let Hs := words Hs in
  eapply tac_sep_split with _ _ false Hs _ _;
  [env_cbv; reflexivity ||
    fail "iSplitL: hypotheses" Hs "not found in the context"
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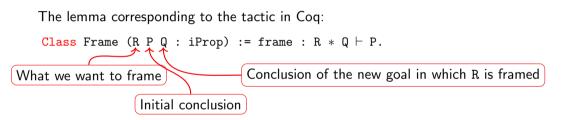
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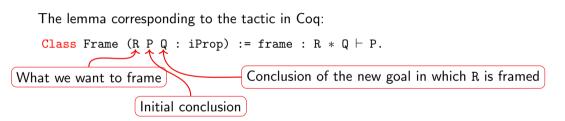


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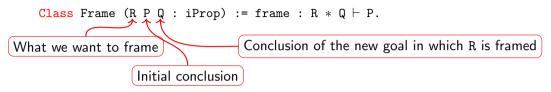


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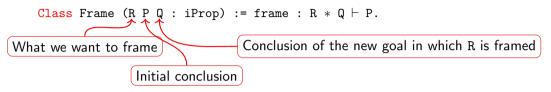
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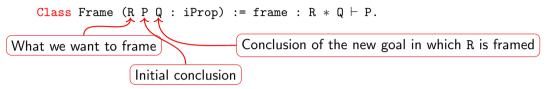
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Instance make_sep_default PQ: MakeSep P Q (P * Q) | 2.
```

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Solution: define Hoare triple in terms of weakest preconditions

We let:

$$\{P\} e \{Q\} \triangleq \Box (P \twoheadrightarrow \mathsf{wp} e \{Q\})$$

where wp  $e \{Q\}$  gives the *weakest precondition* under which:

- ▶ all executions of *e* are safe
- ▶ the final state of *e* satisfies the postcondition *Q*

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Lemma swap_spec l1 l2 v1 v2 :
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Proof.
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    wp_load; vp_let.
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No more subgoals.

#### Making IPM tactics modular using type classes

We want iDestruct "H" as "[H1 H2]" to:

- turn H : P \* Q into H1 : P and H2 : Q
- ▶ turn H :  $\triangleright$  (P \* Q) into H2 :  $\triangleright$  P and H2 :  $\triangleright$  Q
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We use type classes to achieve that:

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Class IntoAnd (p : bool) (P Q1 Q2 : uPred M) :=

into_and : P \vdash if p then Q1 \land Q2 else Q1 * Q2.

Instance into_and_sep p P Q : IntoAnd p (P * Q) P Q.

Instance into_and_and P Q : IntoAnd true (P \land Q) P Q.

Instance into_and_later p P Q1 Q2 : IntoAnd p P Q1 Q2 \rightarrow IntoAnd p (\triangleright P) (\triangleright Q1) (\triangleright Q2).

Instance into_and_mapsto l q v : IntoAnd false (1 \mapsto \{q\} v) (1 \mapsto \{q/2\} v).
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These ideas are hopefully applicable to other object logics



#### In the paper and Coq formalization

- Detailed description of the implementation
- Verification of concurrent algorithms using IPM
- Formalization of unary and binary logical relations
- Proving logical refinements

Shows that IPM scales

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#### Abstract

When using a proof assistant to reason in an embedded logic – like separation logic – one cannot benefit from the proof contexts and basic tactics of the proof assistant. This results in proofs that are at a too low level of abstraction because they are cluttered with bookkeeping code related to manipulating the object logic.

In this paper, we introduce a so-called *proof mode* that extends the Coq proof assistant with (papital and non-spatial) named proof contexts for the object logic. We show that thanks to these contexts we can implement high-level tactics for introduction and elimination of the connectives of the object logic, and thereby make reasoning in the embedded logic as seamless as reasoning in the meta logic of instance, they include separating conjunction of separation logic for reasoning about mutable data structures, invariants for reasoning about sharing, guarded recursion for reasoning about various forms of recursion, and higher-order quantification for giving generic modular specifications to libraries.

Due to these built-in features, modern program logics are very? different from the logics of general purpose proof assistants. Therefore, to use a proof assistant to formalize reasoning in a program logic, one needs to represent the program logic in that proof assistant, and then, to benefit from the built-in features of the program logic, use the proof assistant to reason *in* the embedded logic.

Reasoning in an embedded logic using a proof assistant tradition-

## Thank you!

#### Want a 'proof mode' for another logic, talk to us!

Download Iris at http://iris-project.org/

Talks about Iris this week:

- Wed 15:35 @ POPL: Krogh-Jespersen, Svendsen and Birkedal A Relational Model of Types-and-Effects in Higher-Order Concurrent Separation Logic
- Sat 9:00 @ CoqPL: Krebbers Demonstration of the Iris separation logic in Coq
- Sat 10:30 @ CoqPL: *Timany*, Krebbers and Birkedal Logical Relations in Iris

## Coq wish list

- Data types in Ltac
- Side-effecting tactics that can return a value
- More expressive parsing mechanism of tactic notations
- Exception handling in Ltac to enable better error message generation
- Opt-out from backtracking Ltac semantics

