FSLH: Flexible Mechanized Speculative Load Hardening

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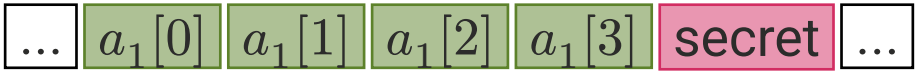


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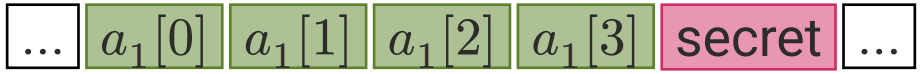


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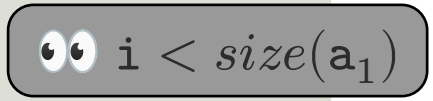

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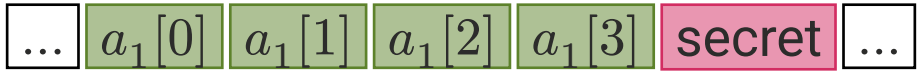


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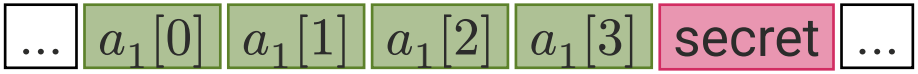


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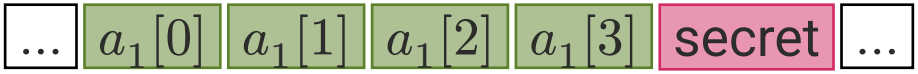


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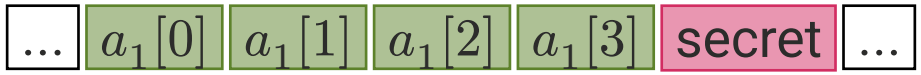

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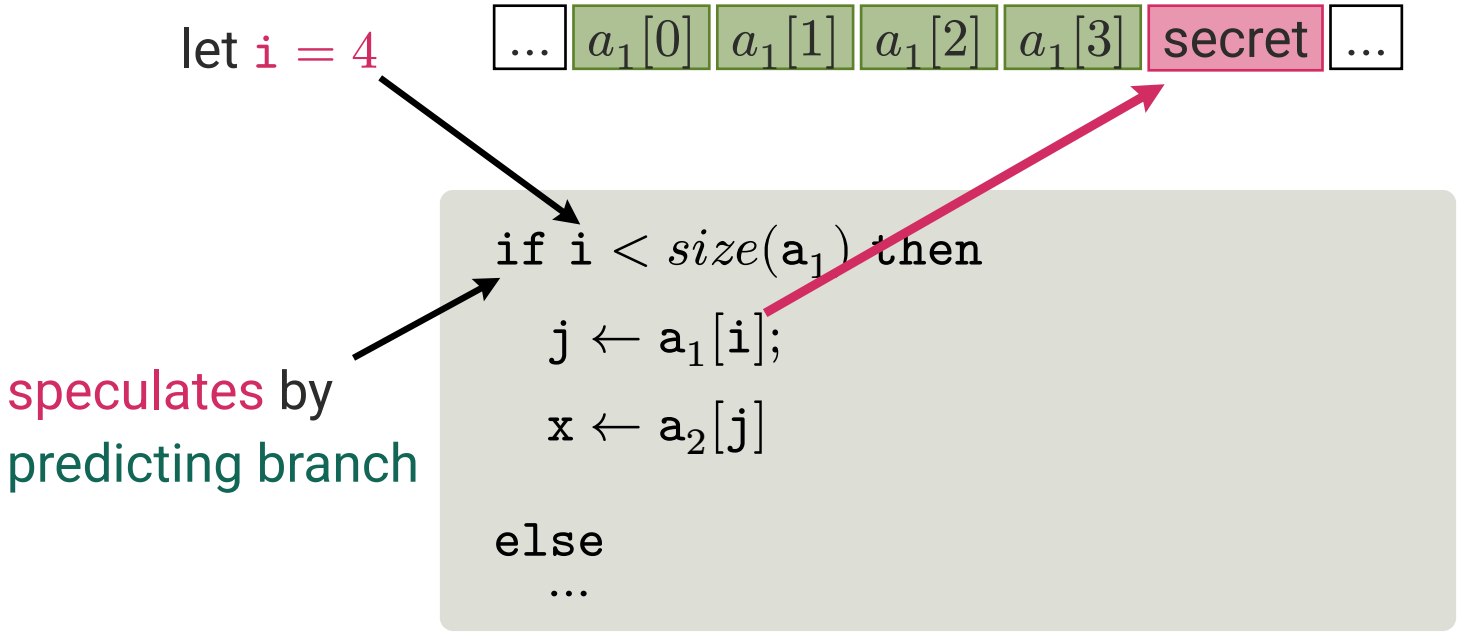
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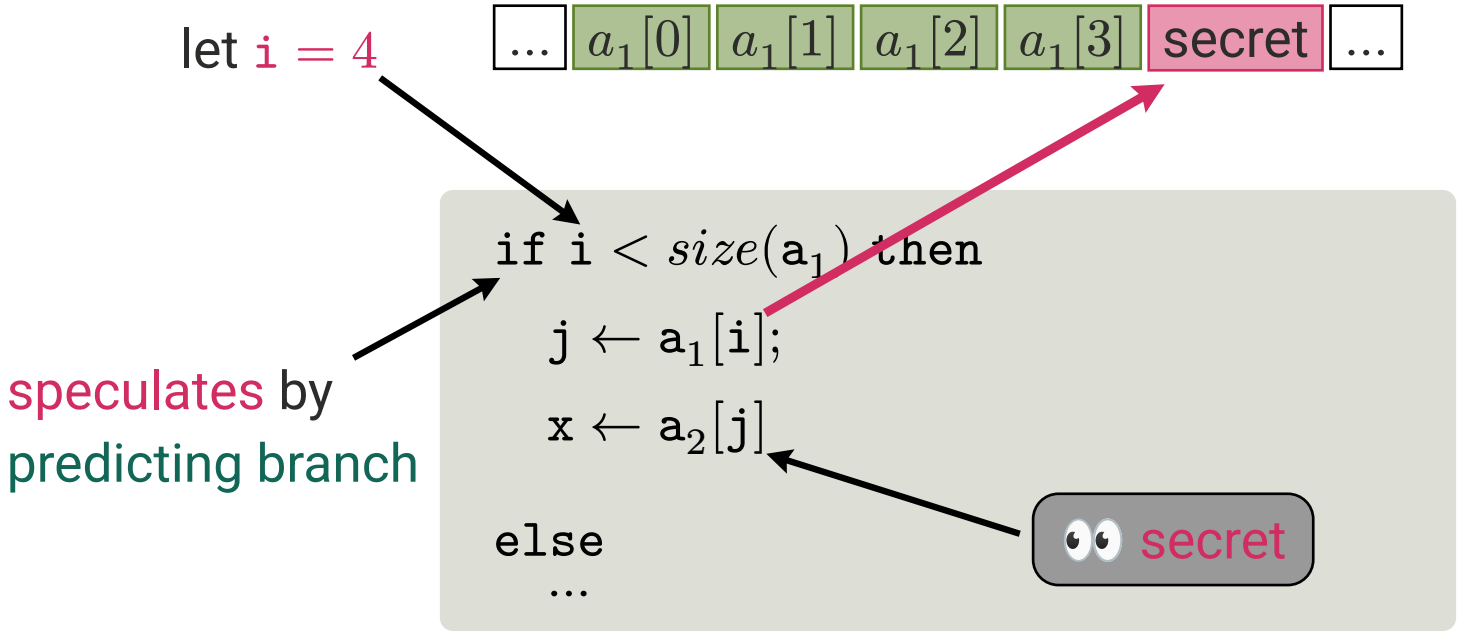
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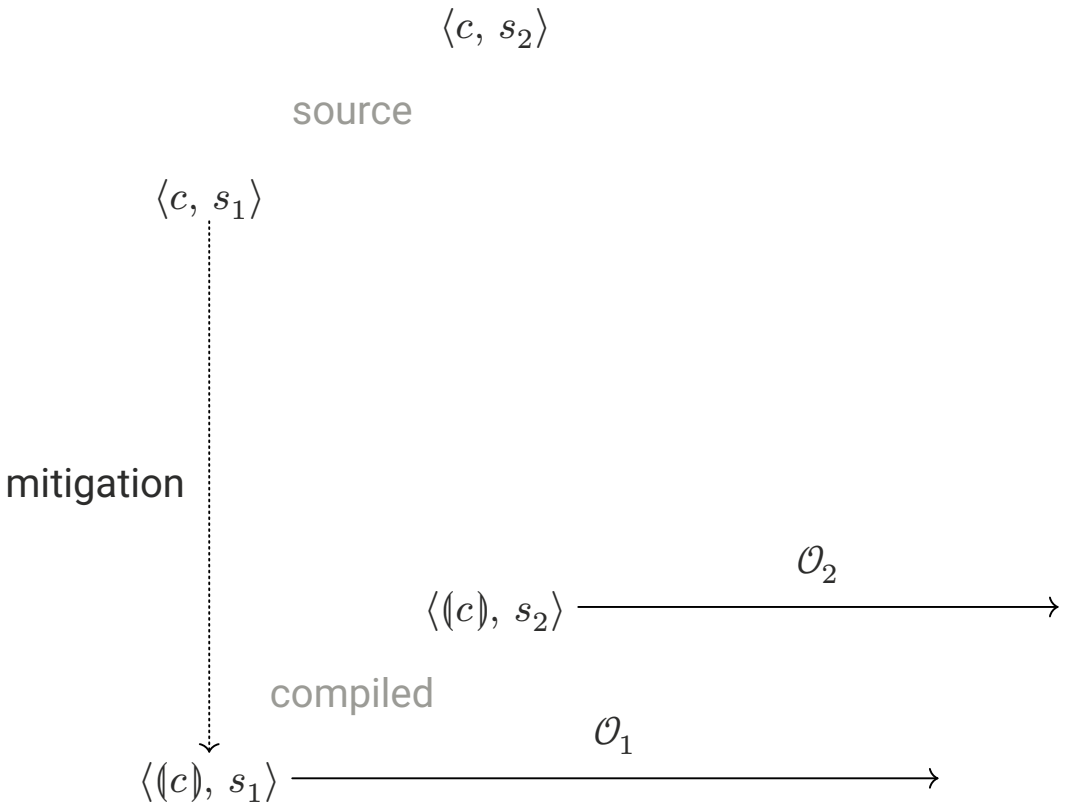

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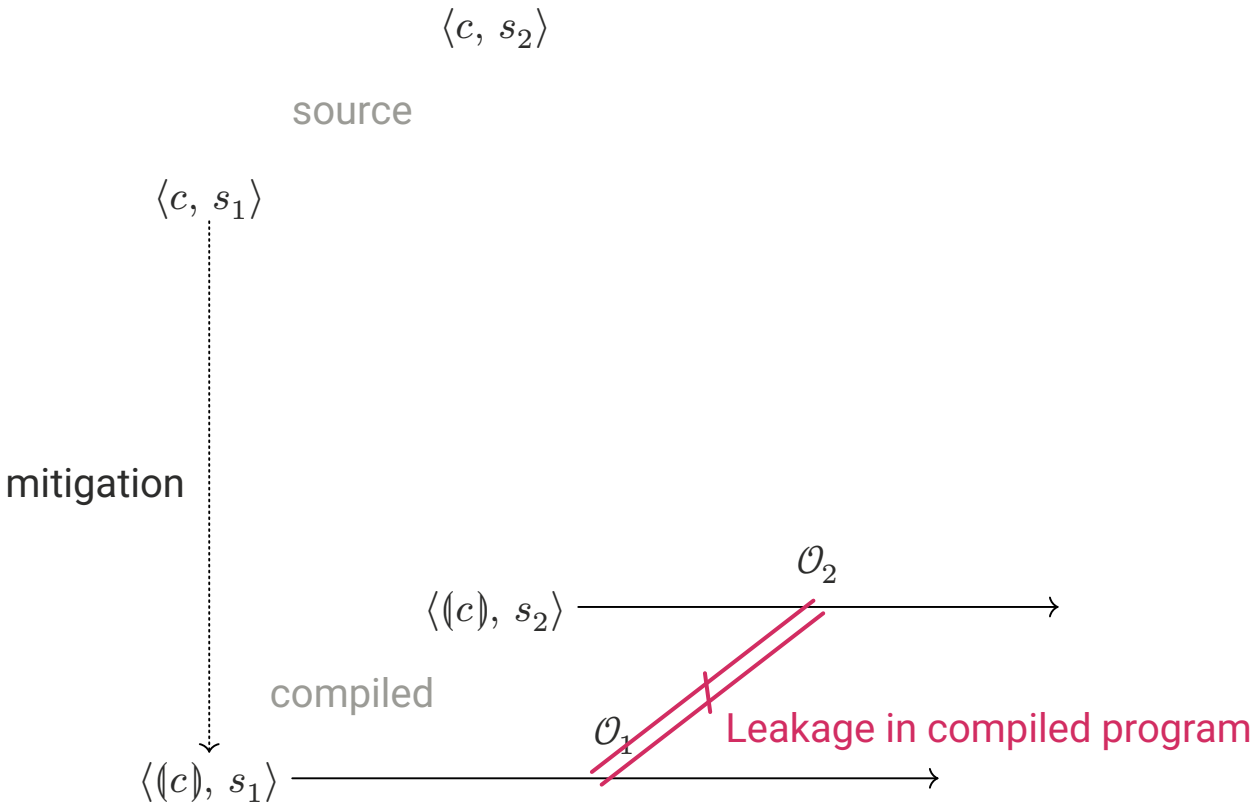

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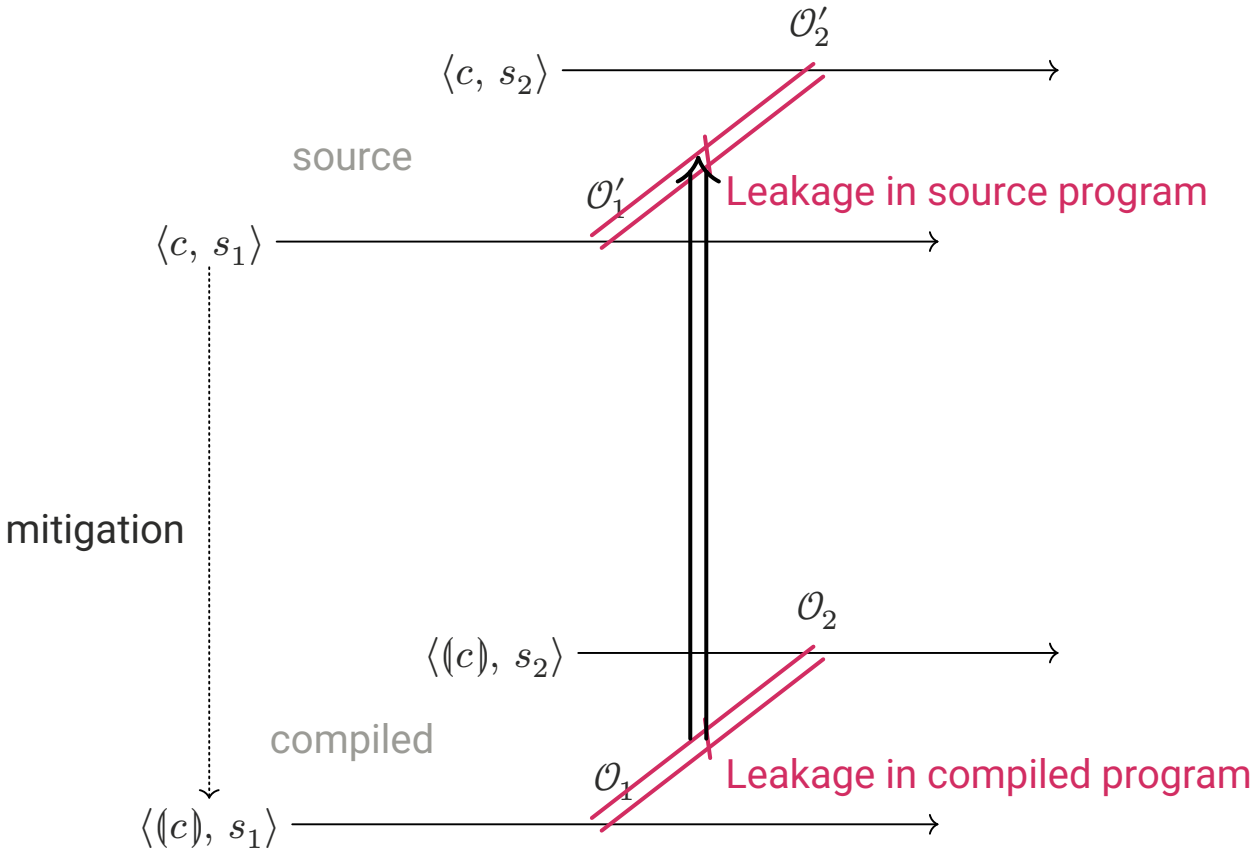

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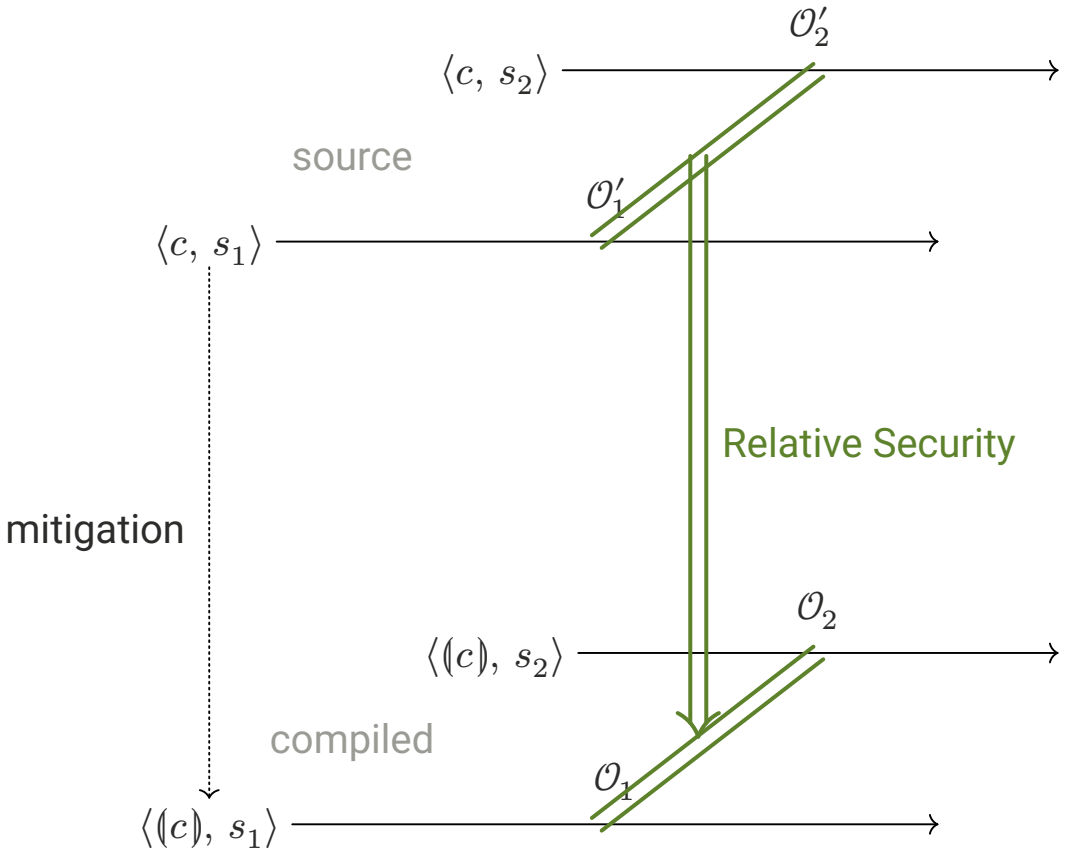

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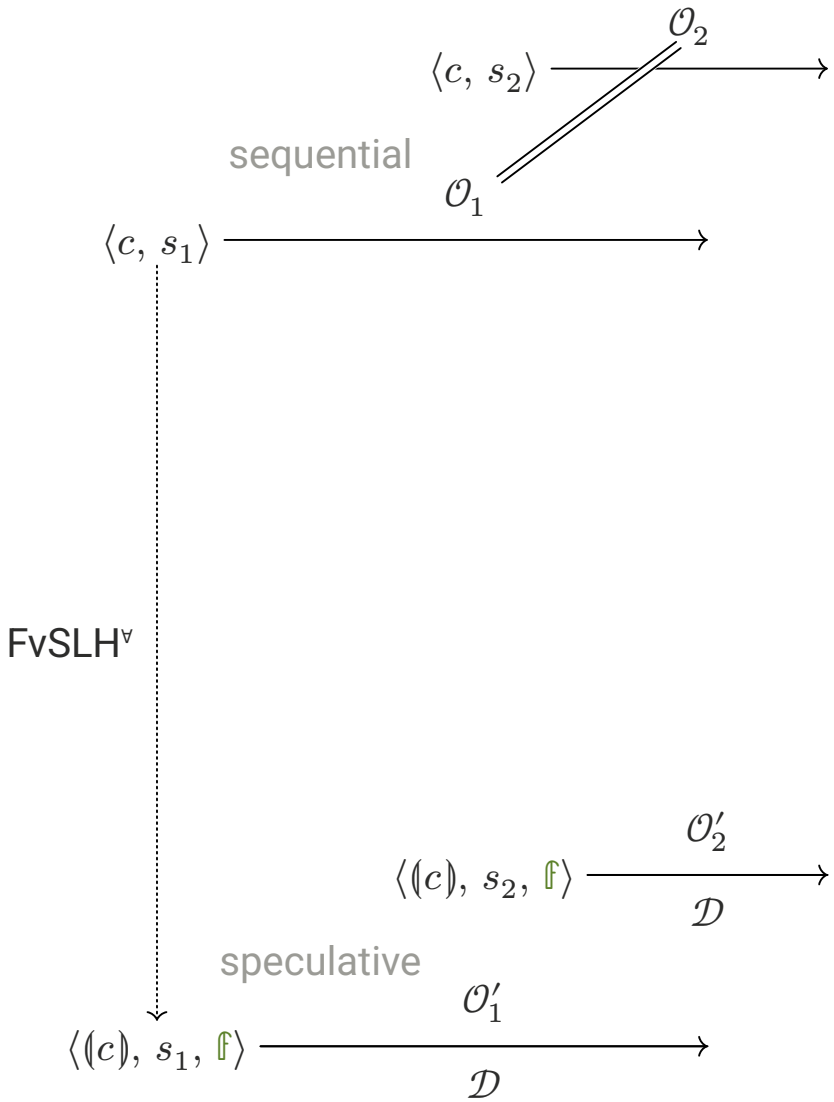

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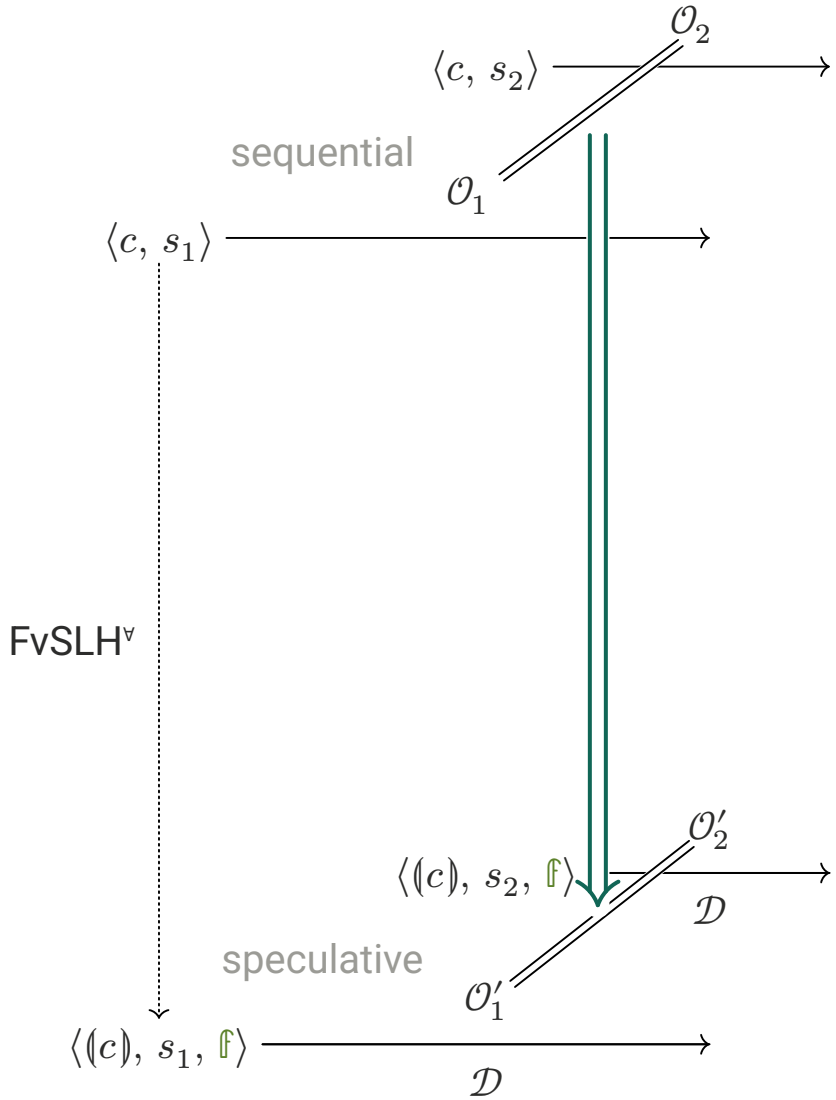

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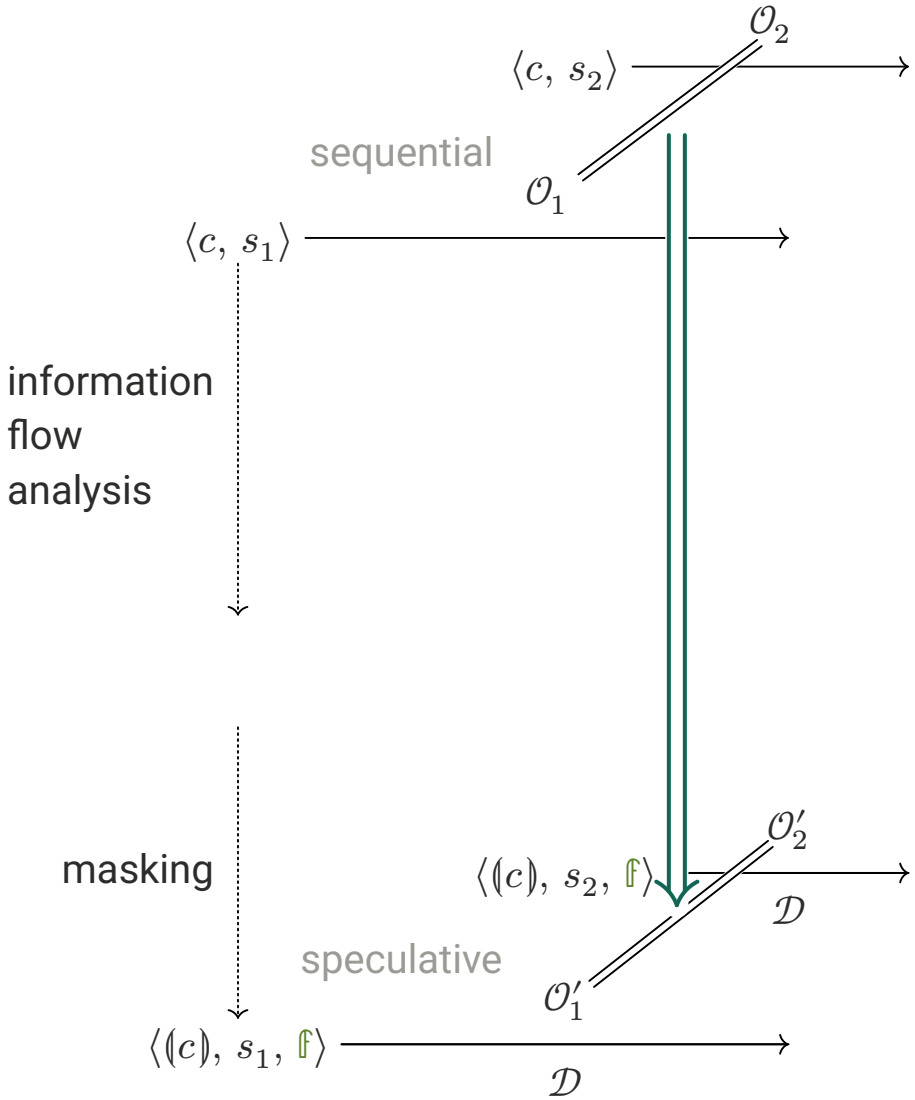

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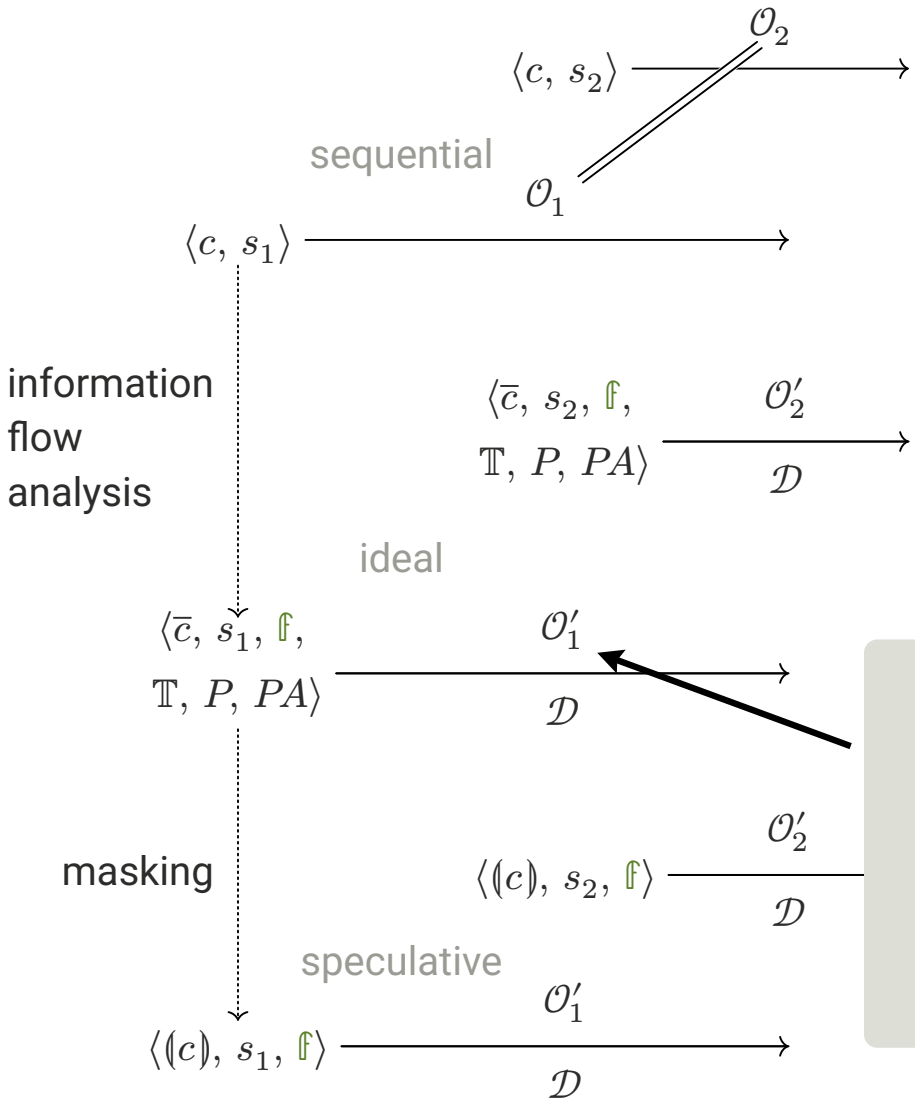

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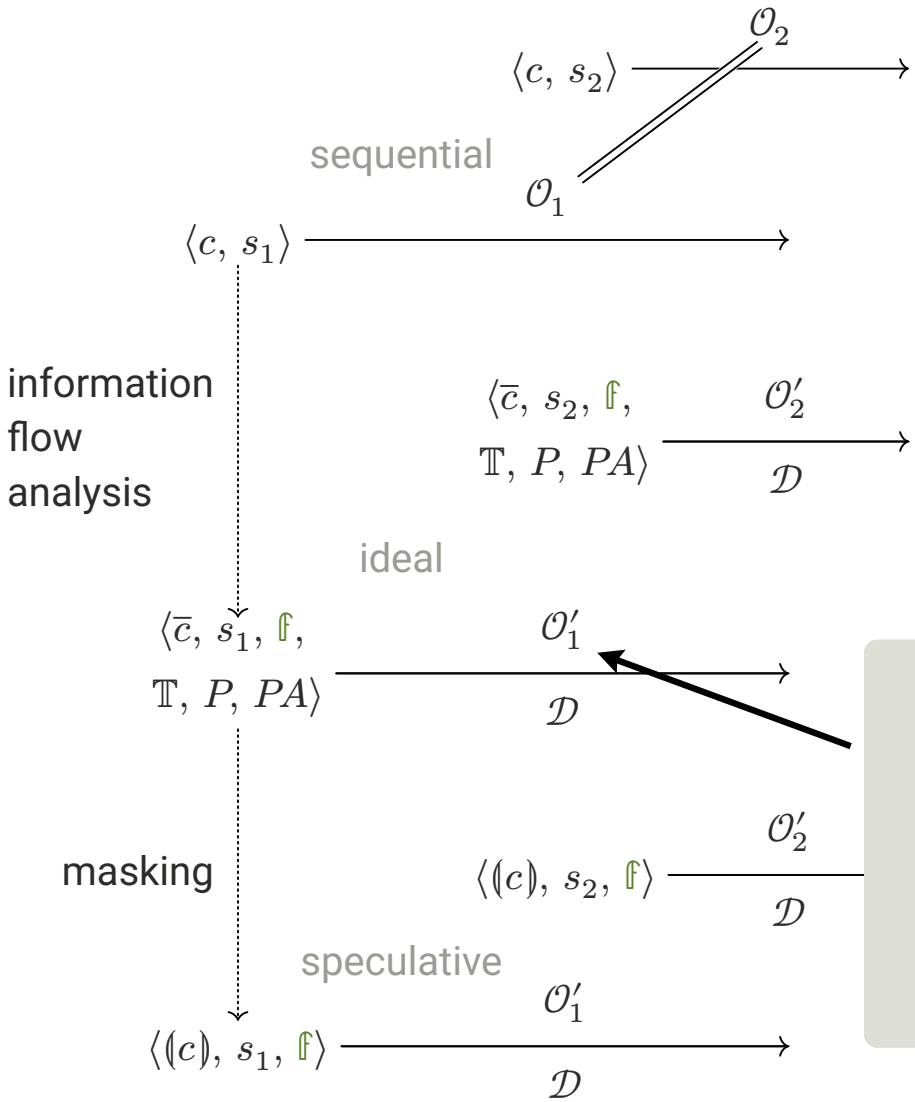

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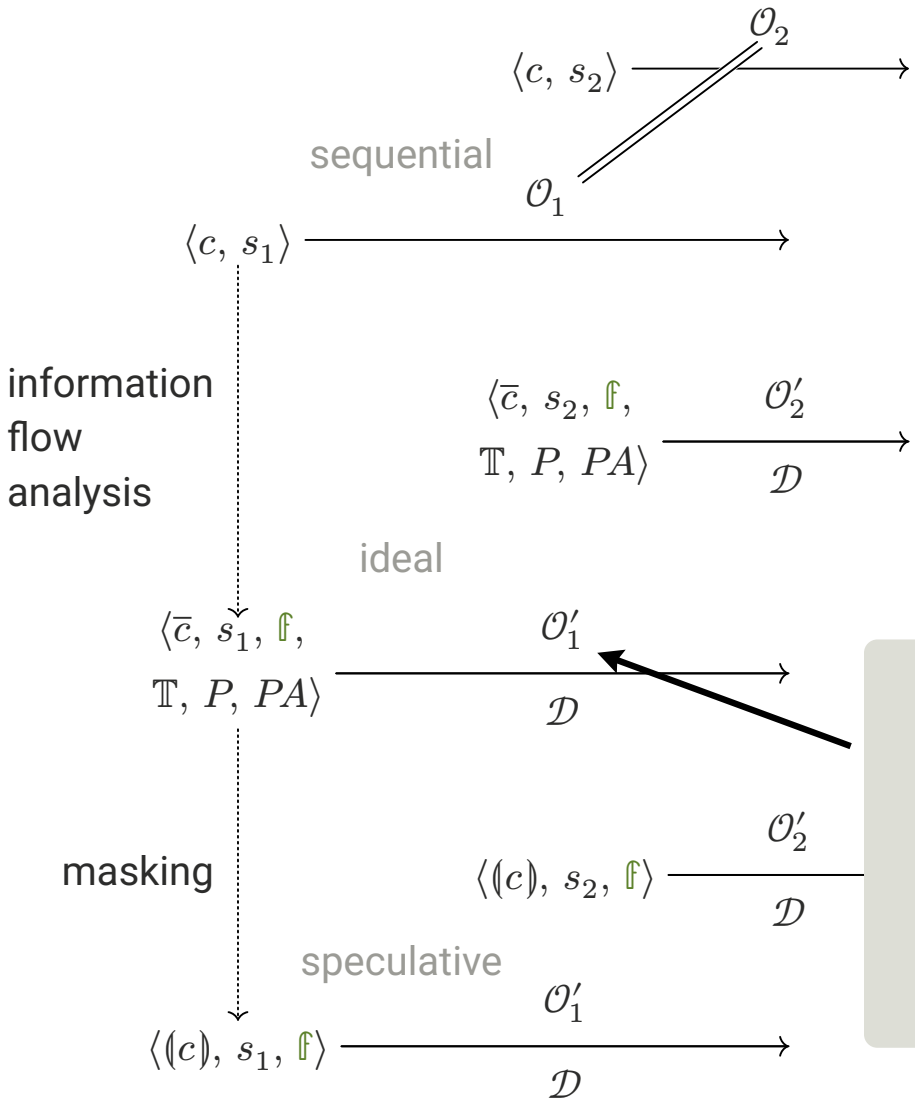

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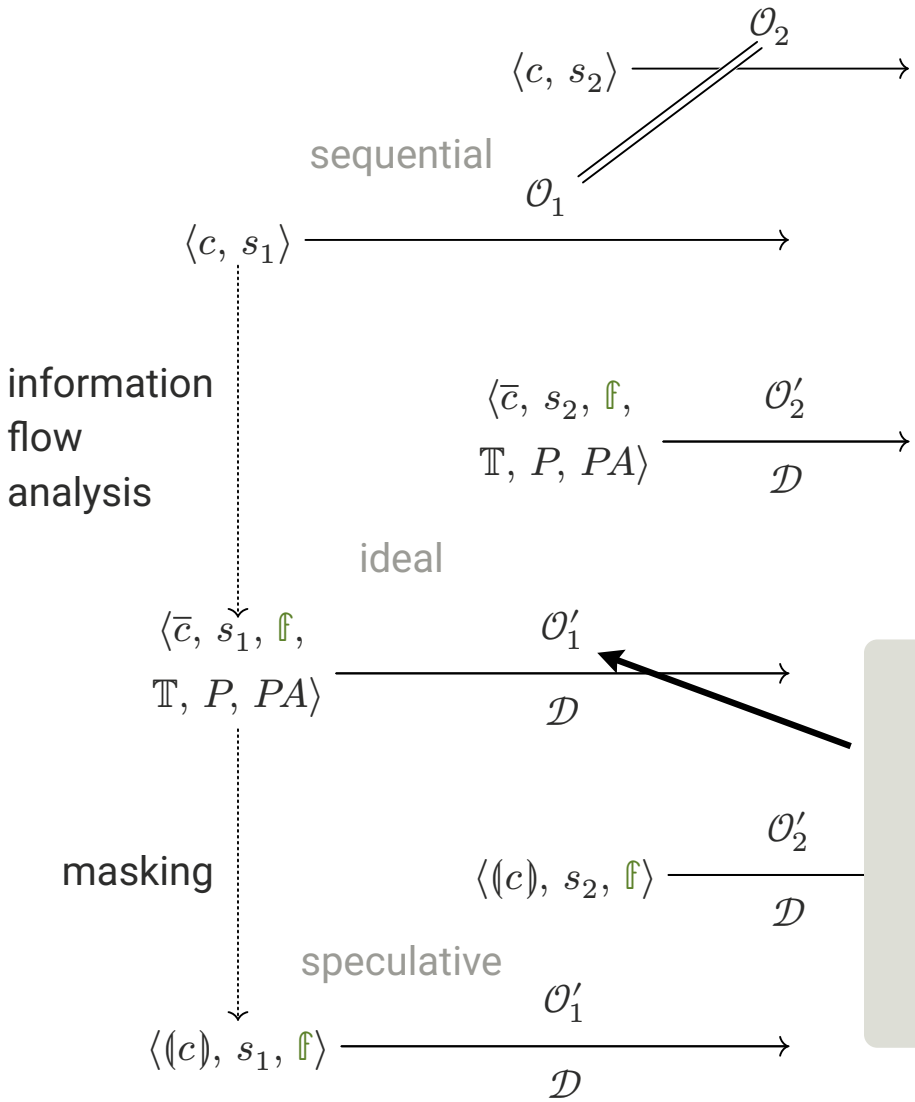

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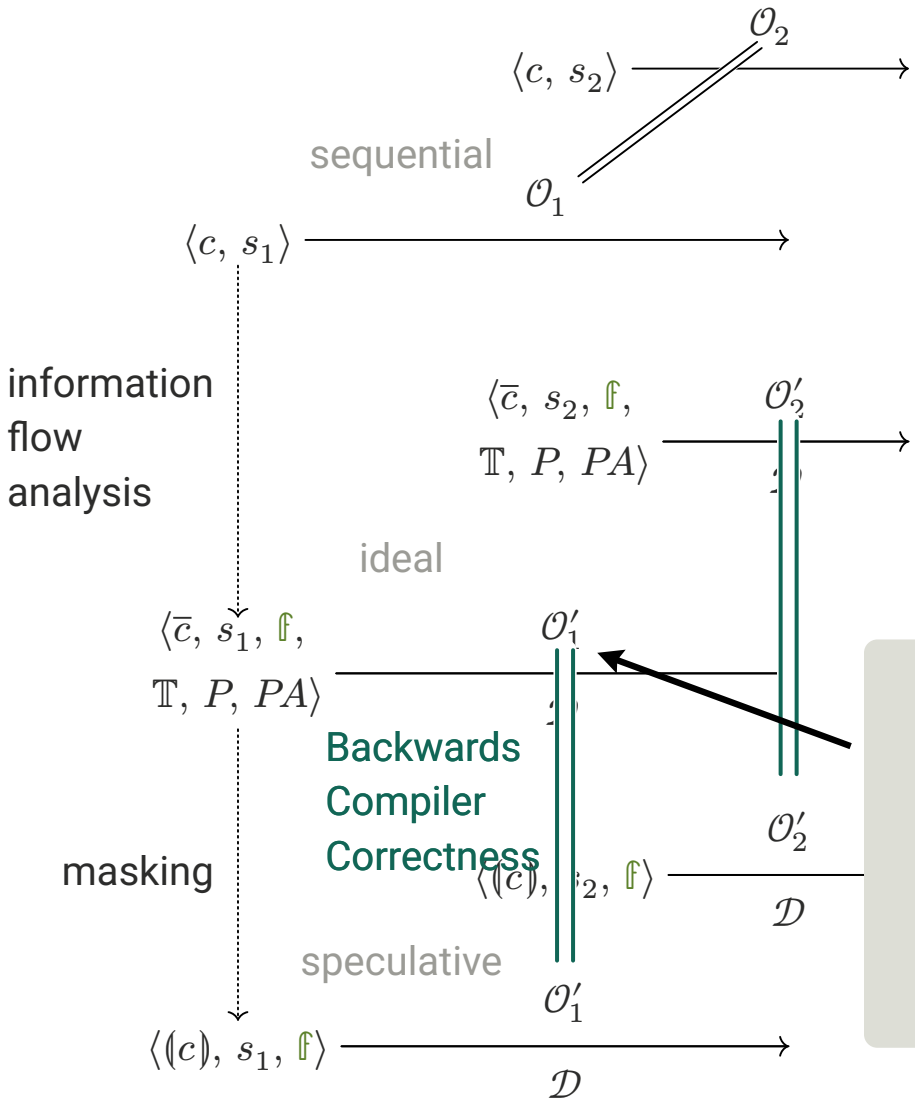

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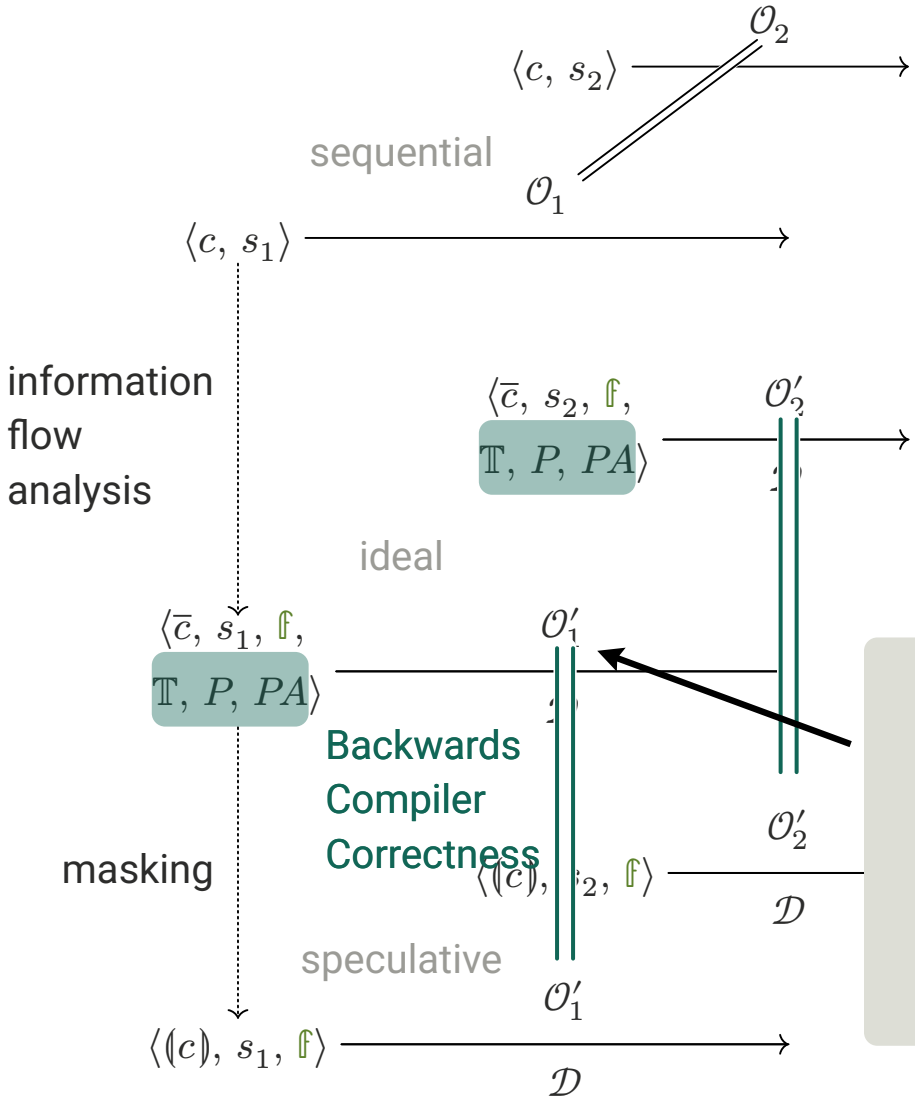

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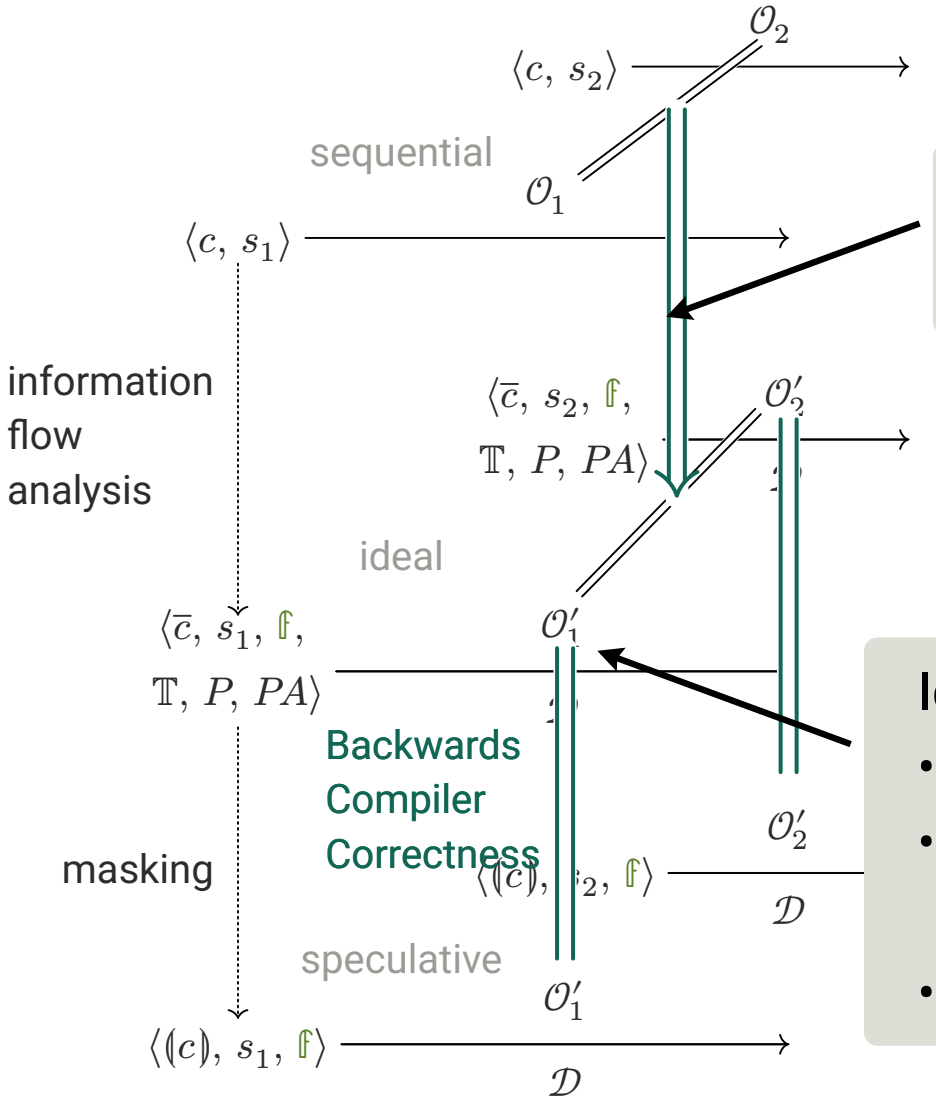

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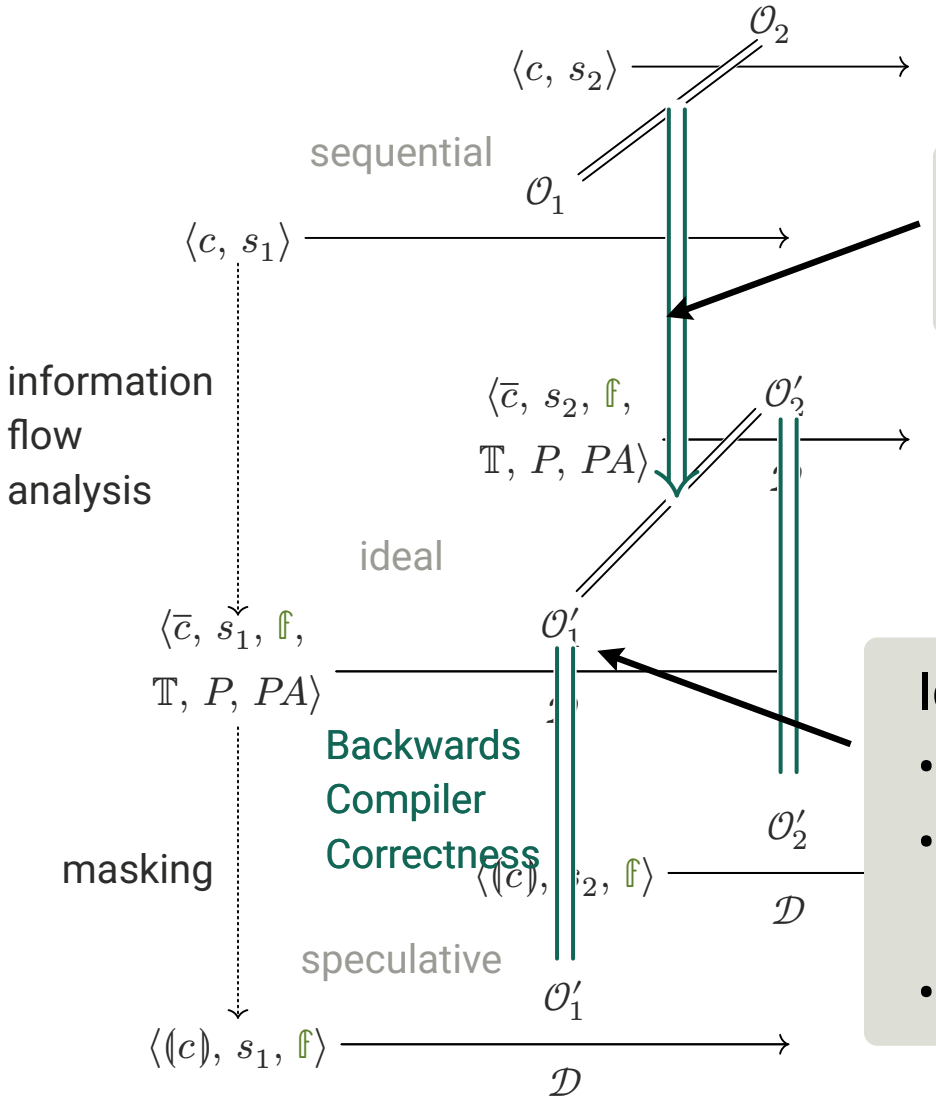

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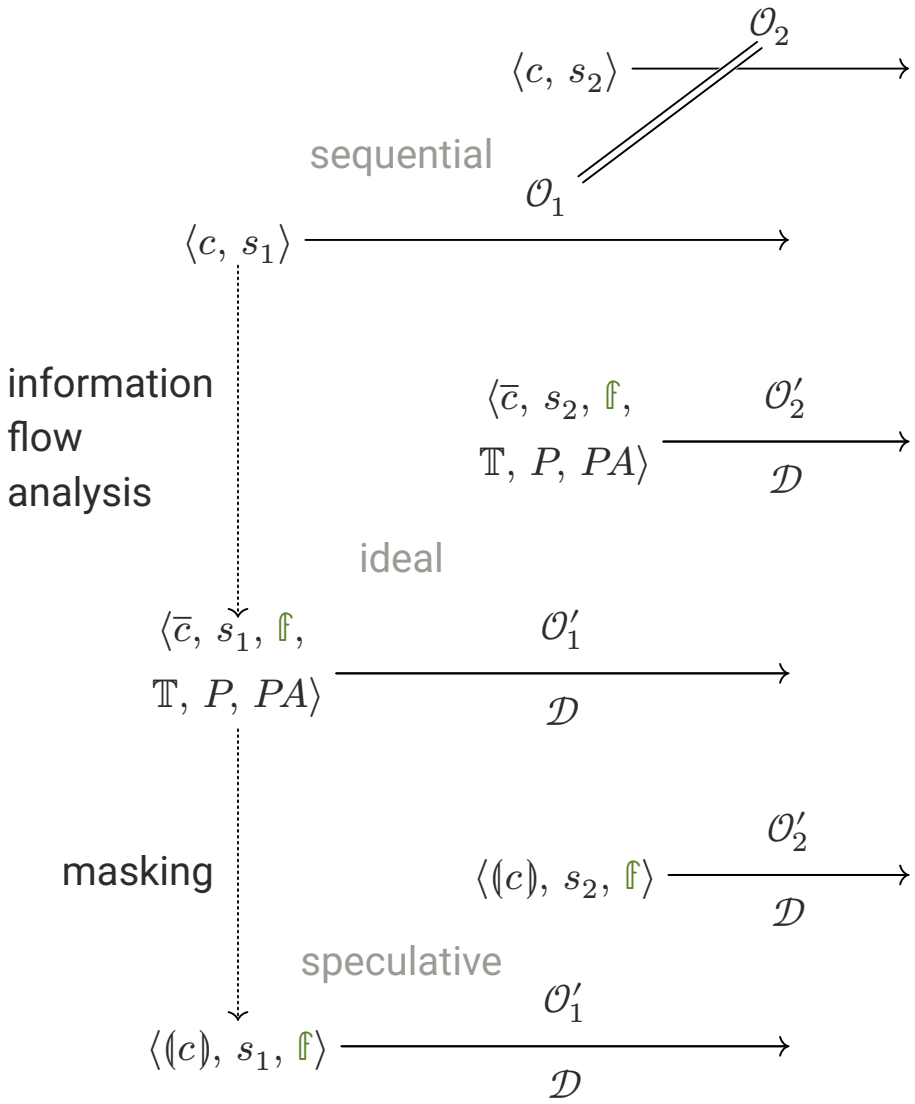

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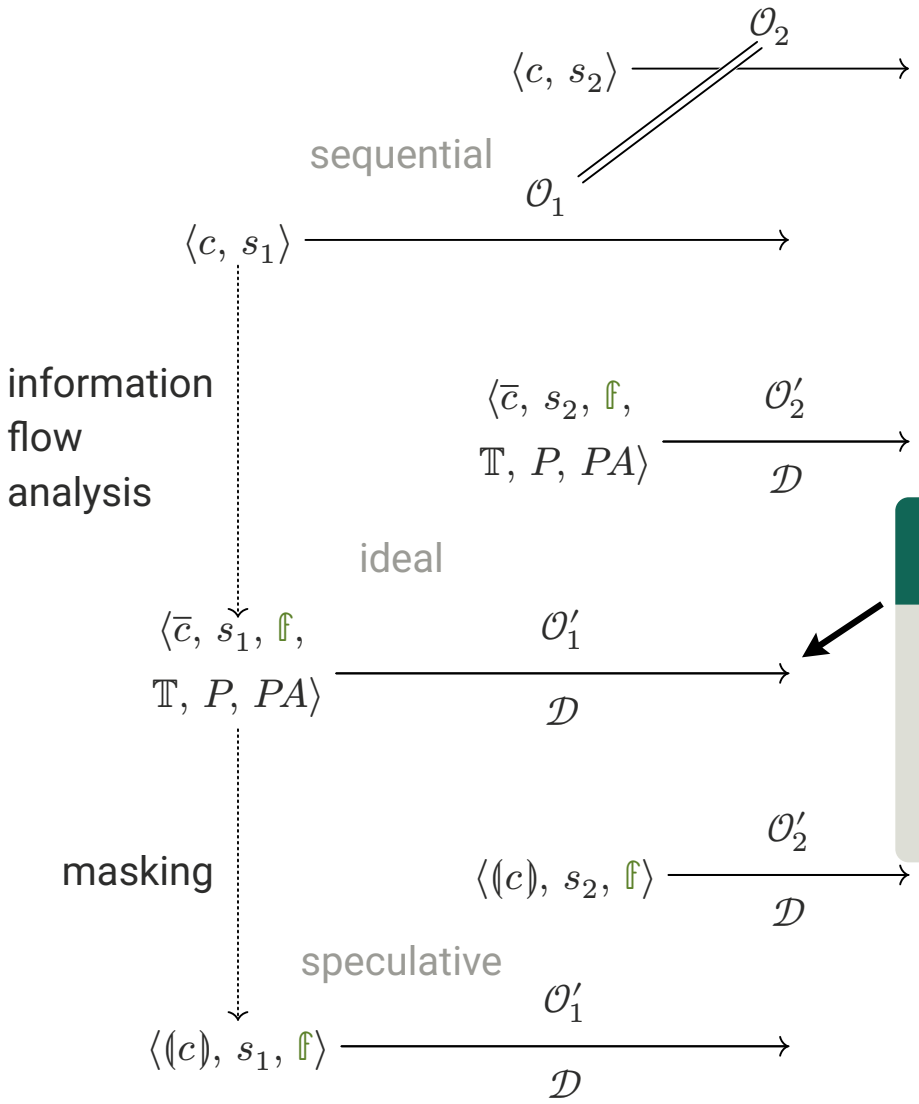

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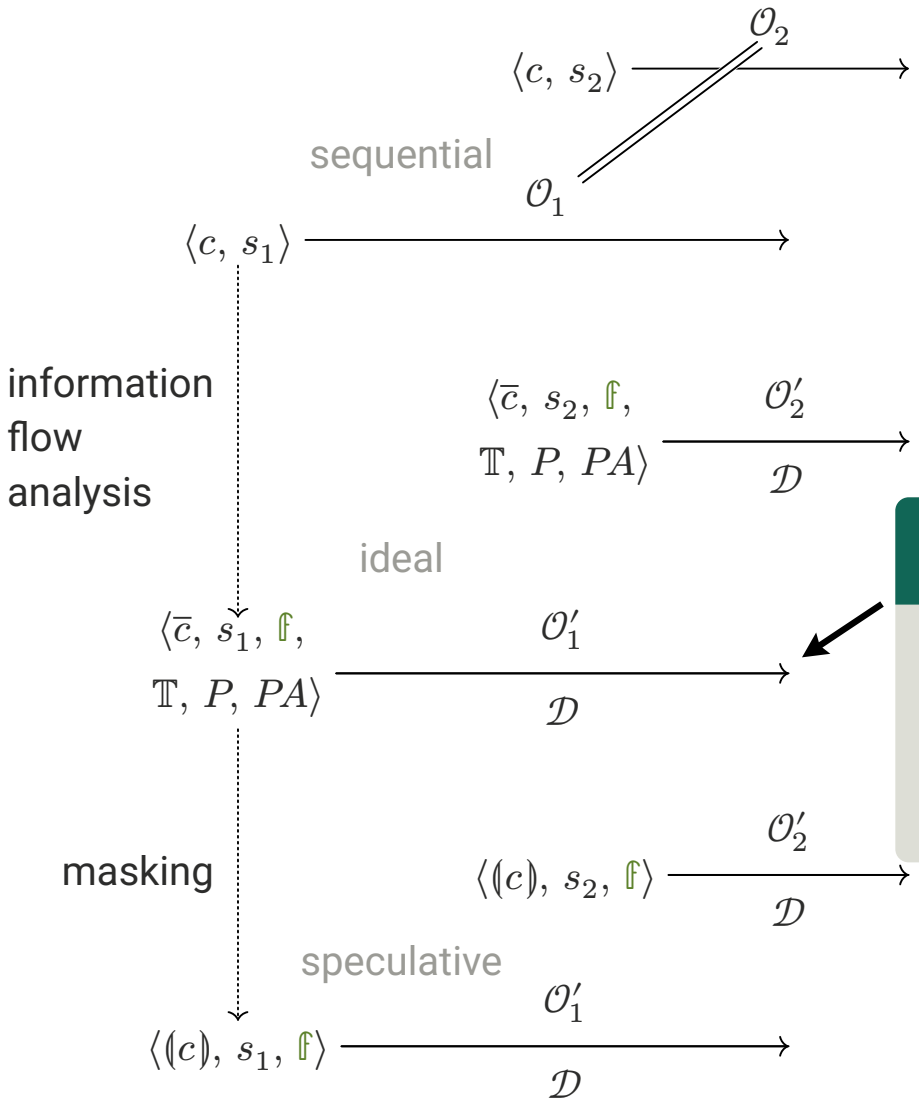

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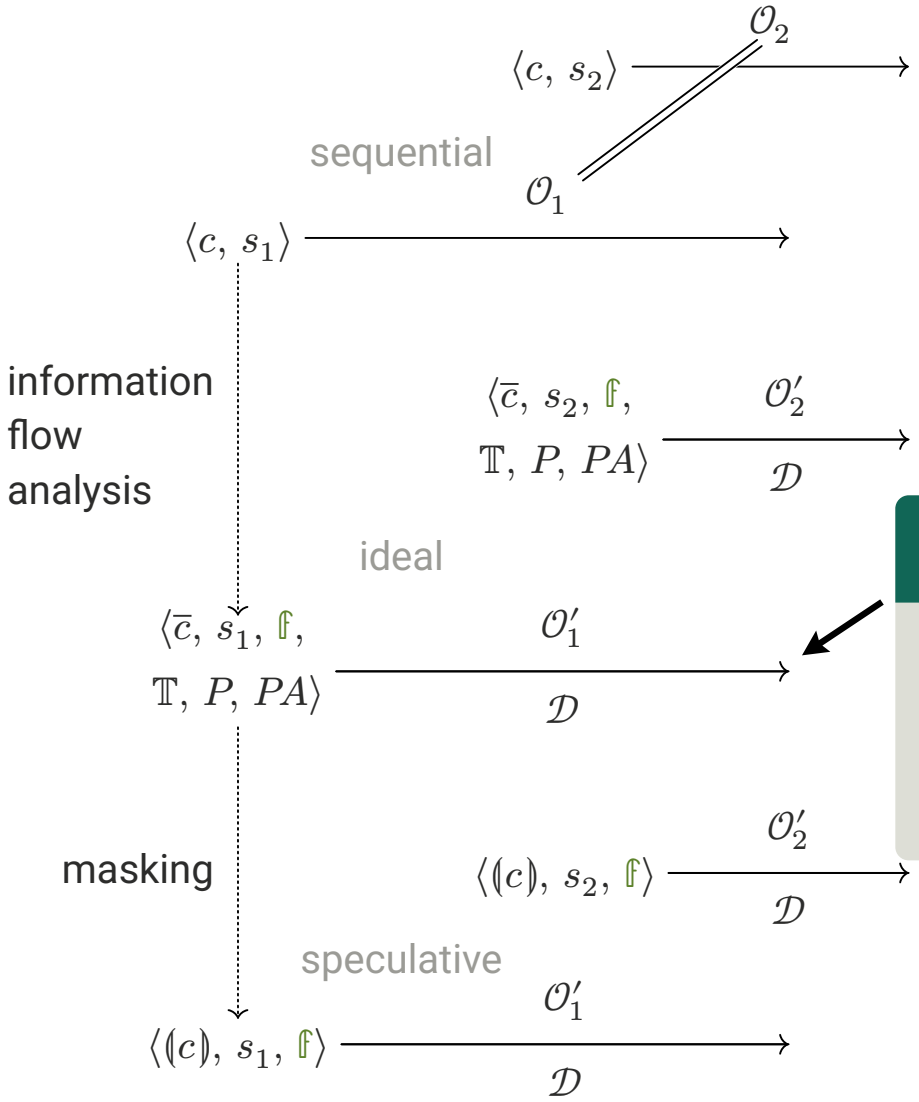

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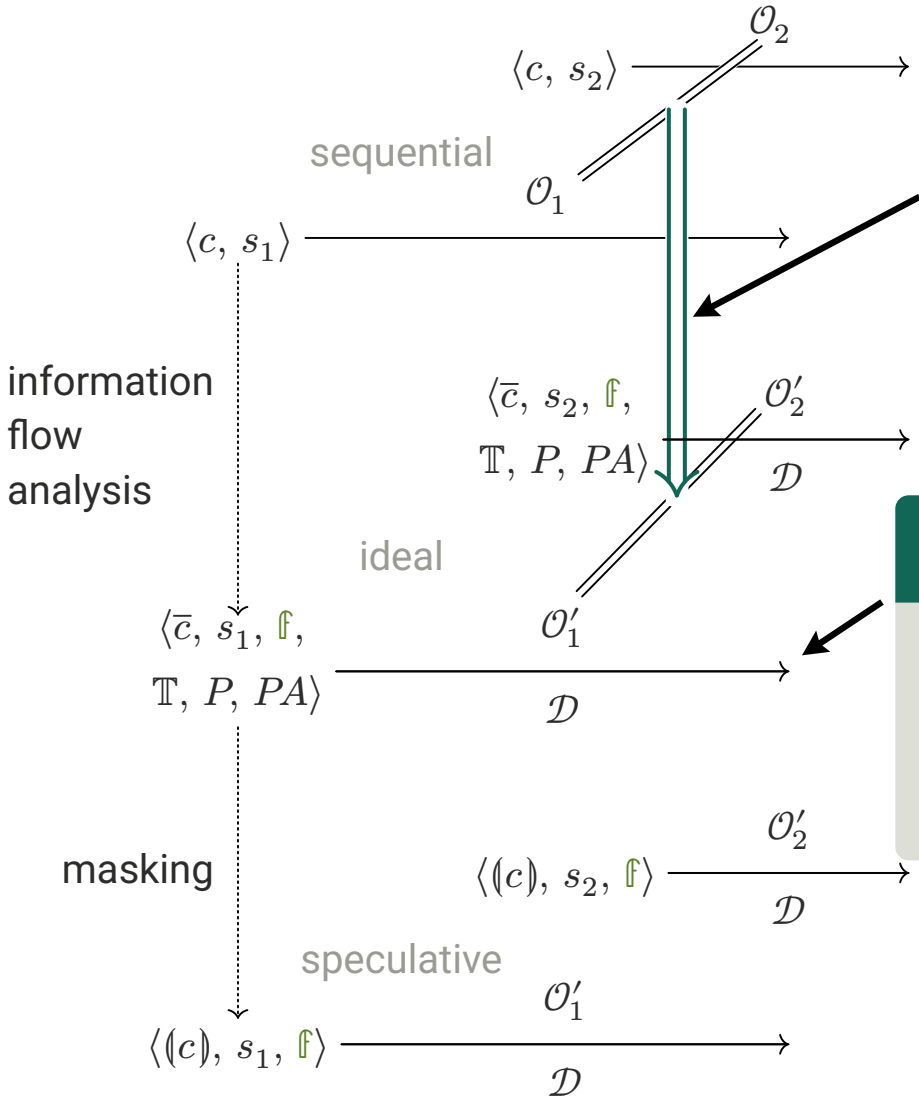

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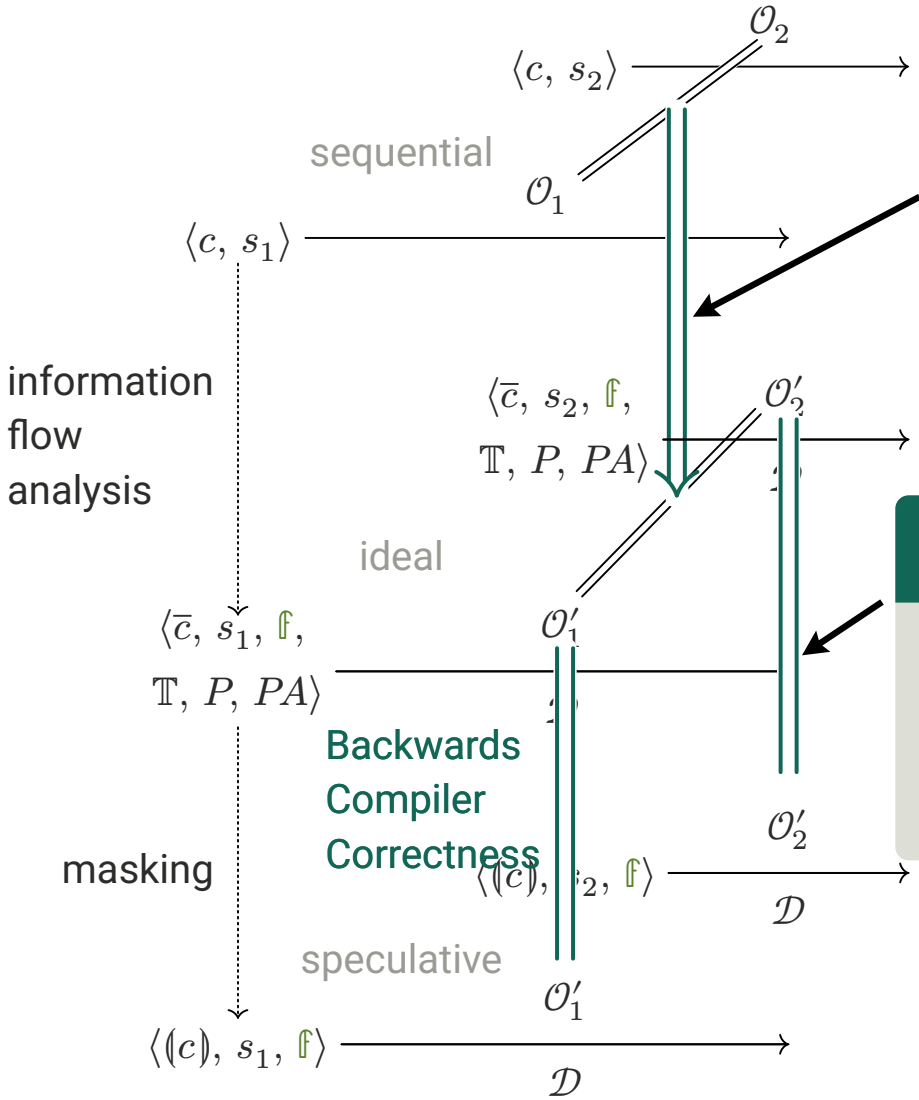

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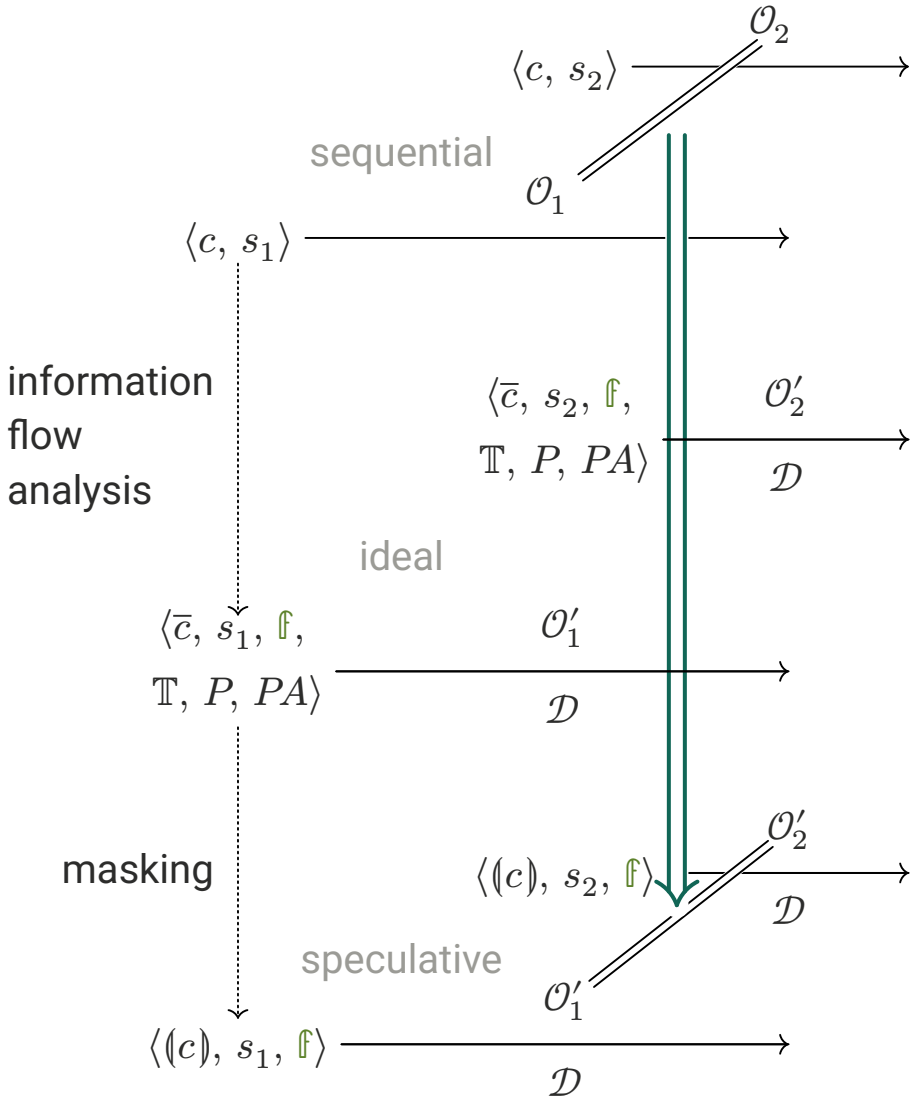

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Ideal Semantics (annotated programs)

$$\textsc{Ideal\_If}\ \frac{\cancel{P(be) = \ell} \quad b' = (\ell \vee \neg b) \wedge [\![be]\!]_\rho}{\langle \texttt{if}\ be_{@\ell}\ \texttt{then}\ \overline{c_{\mathbb{T}}}\ \texttt{else}\ \overline{c_{\mathbb{F}}}, \rho, \mu, b, pc, P, PA\rangle \xrightarrow[step]{branch\ b'}_{\hbar} \langle \texttt{branch}\ pc\ \overline{c_{b'}}, \rho, \mu, b, pc \sqcup \ell, P, PA\rangle}$$

$$\textsc{Ideal\_If\_Force}\ \frac{\cancel{P(be) = \ell} \quad b' = (\ell \vee \neg b) \wedge [\![be]\!]_\rho}{\langle \texttt{if}\ be_{@\ell}\ \texttt{then}\ \overline{c_{\mathbb{T}}}\ \texttt{else}\ \overline{c_{\mathbb{F}}}, \rho, \mu, b, pc, P, PA\rangle \xrightarrow[force]{branch\ b'}_{\hbar} \langle \texttt{branch}\ pc\ \overline{c_{\neg b'}}, \rho, \mu, \mathbb{T}, pc \sqcup \ell, P, PA\rangle}$$

$$\textsc{Ideal\_Read}\ \frac{\cancel{P(ie) = \ell_i} \quad i = \begin{cases} 0 & if\ \neg\ell_i \wedge b \\ [\![ie]\!]_\rho & otherwise \end{cases} \quad v = \begin{cases} 0 & if\ \ell_{\mathsf{X}} \wedge \ell_i \wedge b \\ [\![\mathsf{a}[i]]\!]_\mu & otherwise \end{cases} \quad i < |\mathsf{a}|_\mu}{\langle \mathsf{X}_{@\ell_{\mathsf{x}}} \leftarrow \mathsf{a}[ie_{@\ell_i}], \rho, \mu, b, pc, P, PA\rangle \xrightarrow[step]{read\ \mathsf{a}\ i}_{\hbar} \langle \texttt{skip}, [\mathsf{X} \mapsto v]\rho, \mu, b, pc, [\mathsf{X} \mapsto \ell_{\mathsf{X}}]P, PA\rangle}$$

$$\textsc{Ideal\_Read\_Force}\ \frac{\cancel{P(ie)} \quad i = [\![ie]\!]_\rho \quad v = \begin{cases} 0 & if\ \ell_{\mathsf{X}} \\ [\![\mathsf{b}[j]]\!]_\mu & otherwise \end{cases} \quad i \geq |\mathsf{a}|_\mu \quad j < |\mathsf{b}|_\mu}{\langle \mathsf{X}_{@\ell_{\mathsf{x}}} \leftarrow \mathsf{a}[ie_{@\mathbb{T}}], \rho, \mu, \mathbb{T}, pc, P, PA\rangle \xrightarrow[step]{read\ \mathsf{a}\ i}_{\hbar} \langle \texttt{skip}, [\mathsf{X} \mapsto v]\rho, \mu, \mathbb{T}, pc, [\mathsf{X} \mapsto \ell_{\mathsf{X}}]P, PA\rangle}$$

$$\textsc{Ideal\_Seq\_Skip}\ \frac{terminal\ \overline{c_1}}{\langle \overline{c_1}\,;_{@(P',PA')}\ \overline{c_2}, \rho, \mu, b, pc, P, PA\rangle \overset{\bullet}{\underset{\bullet}{\rightarrow}}_{\hbar} \langle \overline{c_2}, \rho, \mu, b, pc\text{-}after\ \overline{c_1}\ pc, P, PA\rangle}$$

$$\textsc{Ideal\_Branch}\ \frac{\langle \overline{c}, \rho, \mu, b, pc, P, PA\rangle \xrightarrow[d]{o}_{\hbar} \langle \overline{c'}, \rho', \mu', b', pc', P', PA'\rangle}{\langle \texttt{branch}\ \ell\ \overline{c}, \dots\rangle \xrightarrow[d]{o}_{\hbar} \langle \texttt{branch}\ \ell\ \overline{c'}, \dots\rangle}$$

Fig. 12: Ideal semantics for FvSLH$^{\forall}$ (selected rules)

Flow-sensitive static analysis

$$\langle\!\langle \texttt{skip} \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc} \doteq (\texttt{skip}, P, PA)$$

$$\langle\!\langle \texttt{X := } e \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc} \doteq (\texttt{X := } e, [\texttt{X} \mapsto P(e)]P, PA)$$

$$\langle\!\langle c_1\texttt{; } c_2 \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc} \doteq (\overline{c_1}\texttt{;}_{@(P_1,PA_1)}\ \overline{c_2}, P_2, PA_2) \text{ where } (\overline{c_1}, P_1, PA_1) = \langle\!\langle c_1 \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc} \text{ and } (\overline{c_2}, P_2, PA_2) = \langle\!\langle c_2 \rangle\!\rangle^{P_1,PA_1}_{pc}$$

$$\langle\!\langle \texttt{if } be \texttt{ then } c_1 \texttt{ else } c_2 \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc} \doteq (\texttt{if } be_{@P(be)} \texttt{ then } \overline{c_1} \texttt{ else } \overline{c_2}, P_1 \sqcup P_2, PA_1 \sqcup PA_2) \text{ where } (\overline{c_1}, P_1, PA_1) = \langle\!\langle c_1 \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc\sqcup P(be)} \text{ and } (\overline{c_2}, P_2, PA_2) = \langle\!\langle c_2 \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc\sqcup P(be)}$$

$$\langle\!\langle \texttt{while } be \texttt{ do } c \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc} \doteq (\texttt{while } be_{@P_{fix}(be)} \texttt{ do } \overline{c}_{@(P_{fix},PA_{fix})}, P_{fix}, PA_{fix})$$
$$\text{where } (P_{fix}, PA_{fix}) = \textbf{fix}\ (\lambda(P', PA').\ \textbf{let}\ (\overline{c}, P'', PA'') = \langle\!\langle c \rangle\!\rangle^{P',PA'}_{pc\sqcup P'(be)}\ \textbf{in}\ (P'', PA'') \sqcup (P, PA))$$

$$\langle\!\langle \texttt{X} \leftarrow \texttt{a}[i] \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc} \doteq (\texttt{X}_{@pc\sqcup P(i)\sqcup PA(\texttt{a})} \leftarrow \texttt{a}[i_{@P(i)}], [\texttt{X} \mapsto pc \sqcup P(i) \sqcup PA(\texttt{a})]P, PA)$$

$$\langle\!\langle \texttt{a}[i] \leftarrow e \rangle\!\rangle^{P,PA}_{pc} \doteq (\texttt{a}[i_{@P(i)}] \leftarrow e, P, [\texttt{a} \mapsto PA(\texttt{a}) \sqcup pc \sqcup P(i) \sqcup P(e)]PA)$$

Fig. 11: Flow-sensitive IFC analysis generating annotated commands

Well-Labeledness

$$\textsc{WL\_Skip}\ \frac{(P_1, PA_1) \sqsubseteq (P_2, PA_2)}{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} \texttt{skip}}$$

$$\textsc{WL\_Asgn}\ \frac{([\mathsf{X} \mapsto P_1(e)]P_1, PA_1) \sqsubseteq P_2, PA_2}{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} (\mathsf{X} := e)}$$

$$\textsc{WL\_Seq}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c}\mathit{branch\text{-}free}\ \overline{c_2} \quad P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P', PA' \vdash_{pc} \overline{c_1} \\ P', PA' \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{(pc\text{-}after\ \overline{c_1}\ pc)} \overline{c_2}\end{array}}{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} (\overline{c_1}\,;_{@(P', PA')}\ \overline{c_2})}$$

$$\textsc{WL\_If}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c}P_1(be) \sqsubseteq \ell_{be} \qquad \mathit{branch\text{-}free}\ \overline{c_1} \qquad \mathit{branch\text{-}free}\ \overline{c_2} \\ P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc \sqcup \ell_{be}} \overline{c_1} \quad P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc \sqcup \ell_{be}} \overline{c_2}\end{array}}{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} (\texttt{if}\ be_{@\ell_{be}}\ \texttt{then}\ \overline{c_1}\ \texttt{else}\ \overline{c_2})}$$

$$\textsc{WL\_While}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c}P_1(be) \sqsubseteq \ell_{be} \qquad \mathit{branch\text{-}free}\ \overline{c} \\ (P_1, PA_1) \sqsubseteq (P', PA') \qquad (P', PA') \sqsubseteq (P_2, PA_2) \\ P', PA' \rightsquigarrow P', PA' \vdash_{pc \sqcup \ell_{be}} \overline{c_1}\end{array}}{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} (\texttt{while}\ be_{@\ell_{be}}\ \texttt{do}\ \overline{c}_{@(P', PA')})}$$

$$\textsc{WL\_ARead}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c}P_1(e) \sqsubseteq \ell_i \quad pc \sqsubseteq \ell_{\mathsf{X}} \\ \ell_i \sqsubseteq \ell_{\mathsf{X}} \quad PA_1(\mathsf{a}) \sqsubseteq \ell_{\mathsf{X}} \quad ([\mathsf{X} \mapsto \ell_{\mathsf{X}}]P_1, PA_1) \sqsubseteq (P_2, PA_2)\end{array}}{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} (\mathsf{X}_{@\ell_{\mathsf{X}}} \leftarrow \mathsf{a}[\mathsf{e}_{@\ell_i}])}$$

$$\textsc{WL\_AWrite}\ \frac{\begin{array}{c}P_1(i) \sqsubseteq \ell_i \\ (P_1, [\mathsf{a} \mapsto PA_1(\mathsf{a}) \sqcup pc \sqcup \ell_i \sqcup P_1(e)]PA_1) \sqsubseteq (P_2, PA_2)\end{array}}{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} (\mathsf{a}[i_{@\ell_i}] \leftarrow e)}$$

$$\textsc{WL\_Branch}\ \frac{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} \overline{c}}{P_1, PA_1 \rightsquigarrow P_2, PA_2 \vdash_{pc} (\texttt{branch}\ \ell\ \overline{c})}$$

iSLH must protect stores


```
if i < secrets_size then
  secrets[i] <- key;
  x <- a[0];
  if x then...
```

- out-of-bounds `i` could write to `a[0]`
- read from public array `a` is unprotected
  - reads speculatively stored secret