

# Asynchronous Method Contracts for ABS

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# Method Contracts

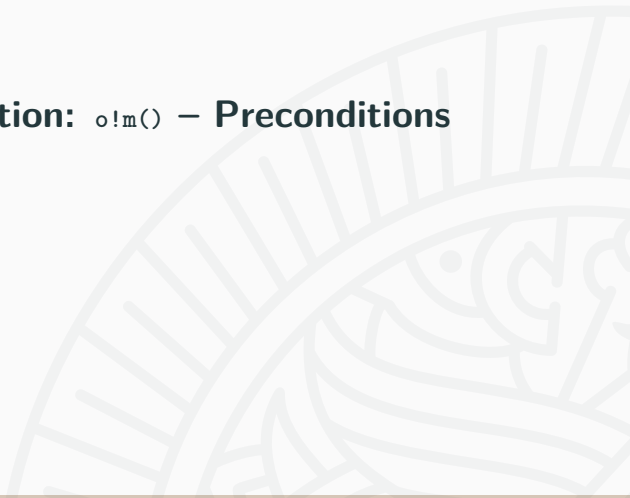
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## Core Ideas

- Annotate concurrency context
- Verify functional part with KeY
- Check context statically on composition

## Specification: $\text{oom}()$ – Preconditions



## Main Idea: Two preconditions

- Constraint on parameters (for caller) in interface
- Constraint on state (for previous process) in class

```
1 interface I {  
2   /*@ requires i > 0; @*/  
3   Unit m(Int i);  
4 class A(Rat r) implements I{  
5   /*@ requires r > 0; @*/  
6   Unit m(Int i){ ... }
```

# Preconditions

## Context preconditions

- Terminated methods which guarantee precondition
- Possibly run methods which preserve precondition

```
1 interface I {
2   /*@ requires i > 0; @*/
3   Unit m(Int i);
4   class A(Rat r) implements I{
5     /*@ requires r > 0;
6       succeeds m2;
7       overlaps m3;@*/
8     Unit m(Int i){ ... }
```

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- Add state-constraint to postcondition of all contracts of methods in `succeeds`
- Add new spec. case to all methods in `overlaps` with  $\phi$  in pre- and postcondition

## Example

```
1 class A implements A{
2   Rat r;
3   /*@ requires i > 0; requires r > 0
4     succeeds m;      overlaps up ... @*/
5   Unit test(Int i){ ... }
6   /*@ ensures sth @*/
7   Unit up(){ r++; }
8   /*@ ensures sth @*/
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8   Unit up(){ r++; }
9   /*@ ensures sth && r > 0 @*/
10  Unit m(){ r = 10; }
11 }
```

## Example

Check interleavings once main block is provided

```
1 class A implements A{
2  /*@ succeeds m;      overlaps none @*/
3  Unit test(Int i){...}
4  Unit m(){ ... }
5  Unit m2(){ ... }
6 }
```

Not correct

```
1 o!m();
2 o!test();
3 o!m2();
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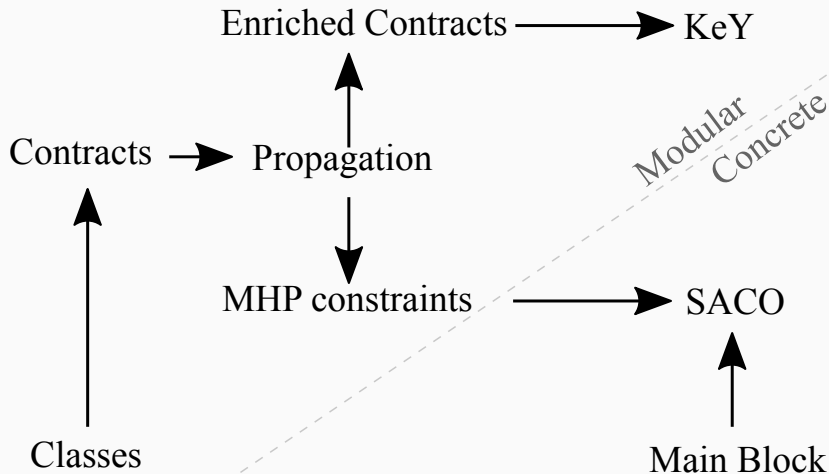
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1 await o!m();
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# Workflow



# Verification of Concurrency Constraints

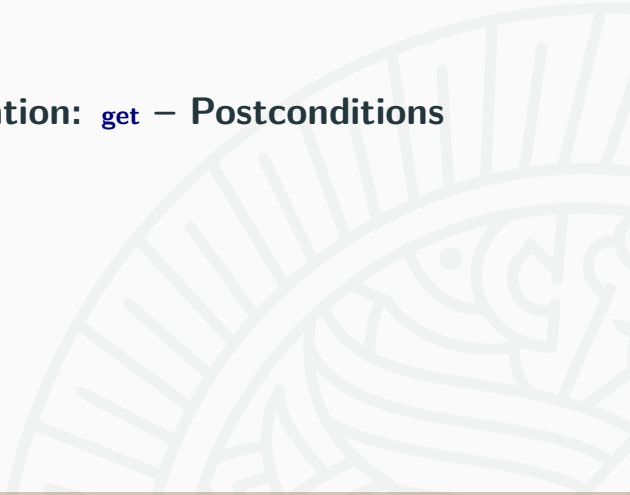
- overlaps is May-Happen-in-Parallel/partial order reduction
- succeeds is MHP + dependency analysis

## succeeds

- MHP gives a set of methods which will have terminated, if run before
- Dependency analysis on method starts
- More precision: Sorting with dependency analysis

Propagation degenerates to invariants!

**Specification: `get` – Postconditions**



## Example

```
1 class A implements A{
2   Rat r; Int c;
3   /*@ ensures \result > 0 @*/
4   Unit m(Fut<Int> f){
5     Int i = f.get;
6     return i;
7   }
8 }
```

What knowledge do we have about *i*?

## Accessing the Postcondition

```
1 class A implements A{
2   Rat r; Int c;
3   /*@ ensures \result > 0 @*/
4   Int m2(){ return 10; }
5   /*@ ensures \result > 0 @*/
6   Unit m(Fut<Int> f){
7     /*@ readsFrom m2 @*/
8     Int i = f.get;
9     return i;
10  }
11 }
```

- use points-to with main block to check annotations
- add condition during symbolic execution

## Accessing the Postcondition

- No need to split postcondition:

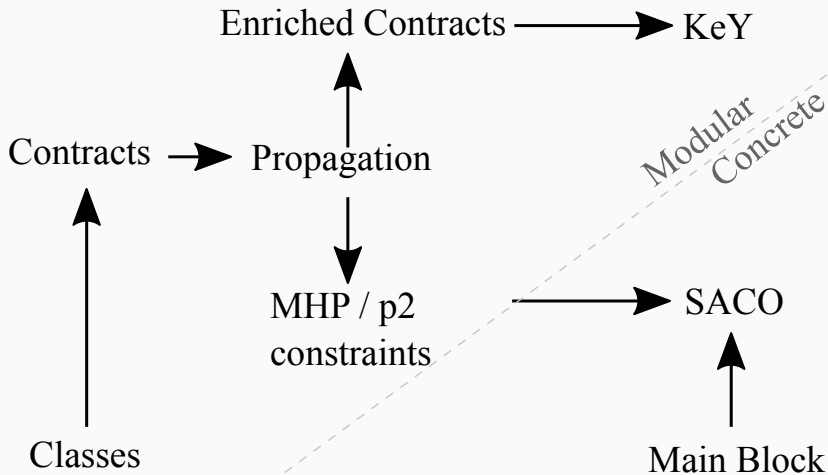
ensures **this.i** > 0 && **this.i** < result

$\exists j. j > 0 \wedge j < \text{result}$

$\exists j. \text{this.i} > 0 \wedge \text{this.i} < j$



# Workflow



**Specification: `await` – Suspension**



## Example

```
1 class A implements A{
2   Rat r; Int c;
3   /*@ ensures r > c @*/
4   Unit m(){
5     r = c - 1;
6     await True;
7     r = c + 2;
8   }
9 }
```

Is a postcondition a condition for all suspension points?

# Suspension Points

- In FormbaR we require more in some methods:  
At the **await** we hold a lock, but not at the **return**
- Postcondition describes termination
- Suspension points get extra conditions

```
1 /*@ assume r < 0;  
2   ensures r < 0;  
3   overlaps m3  
4   succeeds m2  
5 @*/  
6   await c < 0;
```

# Suspension Points

- Method names not fine-grained enough
- More control over interleavings needed

```
1 Unit m(Fut<Unit> f, Fut<Unit> f2){
2     s1;
3     await f?;
4     s2;
5     await f2?;
6     s3;
7 }
8 ...
9 ...
```

# Suspension Points

- Mark beginning of CFG block
- Method name refers to last block

```
1 Unit m(Fut<Unit> f, Fut<Unit> f2){
2     s1;
3     [atom: "b11"] await f?;
4     s2;
5     await f2?;
6     s3;
7 }
8 ...
9 /*@succeeds b11;@*/ await c < 0;
```

- Method contracts are special suspension contracts

# Segment Structure

```
1 /*@ requires  $\varphi_m$ 
2     ensures  $\chi_m$  @*/
3 Unit m() {
4     S1;
5     /*@ requires  $\varphi_1$ 
6         ensures  $\chi_1$  @*/
7     [atom: "1"] await g;
8     S2;
9     /*@ requires  $\varphi_2$ 
10        ensures  $\chi_2$  @*/
11     [atom: "2"] await g;
12     S3;
13     return e;
14 }
```

```
 $\varphi_m$      Unit m() {
           S1           } atomic
 $\chi_1$  [atom: "1"] await g } segment 1
 $\varphi_1$ 
 $\chi_2$  [atom: "2"] await g } atomic
 $\varphi_2$            S2           } segment 2
 $\chi_m$      return e; }
           S3           } atomic
           } segment m
```

# Verification: Deduction and Composition





## How to connect Contract and Analyses?

- Characterize contract in meta-trace logic
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  - Connection Lemma: Success of analysis implies contract
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- Deduction is special analysis

# Encapsulation

Logical Characterization of Resolving Contract  $\text{resolve}(\text{resolve}_k, tr)$

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Connecting Lemma

$$\forall tr. \text{p2}(k) \subseteq \text{resolve}_k \rightarrow (\text{points}(k, tr) \rightarrow \text{resolve}(\text{resolve}_k, tr))$$

# Rules

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(get)} \frac{\text{fresh}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbb{T}), (\bigvee_{\mathbf{m} \in \text{resolve}(k)} \widehat{\chi}_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{r})) \Longrightarrow \{\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{r}\} \{\mathbb{T} := \mathbb{T} \cdot \text{futREv}(\text{this}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{r}, k)\} [\mathbf{s}] \chi}{\Longrightarrow [[\text{sync}: "k"] \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{f}.\text{get}; \mathbf{s}] \chi} \\ \\ \text{(aw)} \frac{\begin{array}{l} \Longrightarrow \{\mathbb{T} := \mathbb{T} \cdot \text{suspEv}(\text{this}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{M}, i)\} \chi_i \\ \text{fresh}(t, \mathbb{T}) \Longrightarrow U_A \{\mathbb{T} := \mathbb{T} \cdot \text{suspEv}(\text{this}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{M}, i) \cdot t \cdot \text{reacEv}(\text{this}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{M}, i)\} (\phi_i \rightarrow [\mathbf{s}] \chi) \end{array}}{\Longrightarrow [[\text{atom}: "i"] \text{await } f?; \mathbf{s}] \chi} \end{array}$$

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## Prgm-Soundness

Let Prgm be a program. A rule with premises  $P_1 \dots P_n$  and conclusion  $C$  is Prgm-sound if for every  $\beta$  and every partial trace  $tr$  of Prgm the following holds:  $(\bigwedge_{i \leq n} \llbracket P_i \rrbracket_{tr, \beta}) \rightarrow \llbracket C \rrbracket_{tr, \beta}$ .

Rules depend on the program!

$$\text{(get)} \frac{\text{fresh}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbb{T}), (\bigvee_{\mathbf{m} \in \text{resolve}(i)} \widehat{\chi}_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{r})) \implies \{v := \mathbf{r}\} \{ \mathbb{T} := \mathbb{T} \cdot \text{futREv}(\text{this}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{r}, i) \} [s] \chi}{\implies [\text{sync: "i"}] v = \mathbf{f}. \text{get}; s] \chi}$$

## Prgm-Soundness of (get)

- One rule per synchronization point!
- Soundness of (get) is not compositional
  - Requires success of Points-To Analysis
  - Requires that all other method obligations are proven
  - Requires that all other (get)-rules are sound
- Proof that for every trace, every future read satisfies Prgm-soundness
- Proof per induction on the number of future read in trace



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Similar for `(aw)`, obviously does not work for recursion

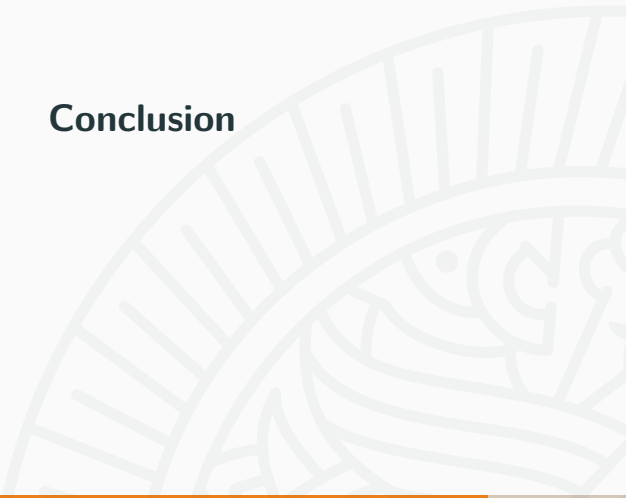
## Soundness of Compositional Reasoning

Let  $M$  be a coherent set of method contracts. If

1. the PT, MHP and MHF analyses succeed on  $M$
2. for each  $\mathcal{M}_m \in M$  the proof obligation can be shown, then the following holds for all  $tr$  with  $\text{Prgm} \Downarrow tr$ :

$$\bigwedge_{\mathcal{M}_m \in M} (\text{assert}(\mathcal{M}_m, tr) \wedge \text{assume}(\mathcal{M}_m, tr) \wedge \text{context}(\mathcal{M}_m, tr) \wedge \text{resolve}(\mathcal{M}_m, tr))$$

## Conclusion



## Asynchronous method contracts

- Two preconditions
  - One postcondition for termination
  - One suspension contract per suspension point
  - A set of methods guaranteeing the precondition
  - A set of methods preserving the precondition
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- Hides complexity in calculus: concurrency pushed out of KeY
  - Complexity visible in specification (compared to JML)

## Better Rules (soon™)

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Encapsulation of memory enforces encapsulation of specifications

- Cannot express global properties like protocols
- “The data I receive is a valid key for some internal map”

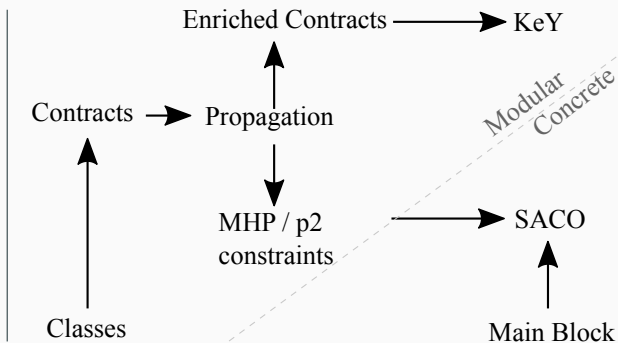


## Future Work

- Implementation
- Method Contracts generated from Session Types
- Better Calculus
- Trace Logic/New Semantics
- Recursion

# Summary

- Two preconditions:  
heap – parameters
- succeeds
- overlaps
- One postcondition:  
at termination
- Suspension contracts



Thank you for your attention!