

# **A Static Approach to Secure Service Composition**

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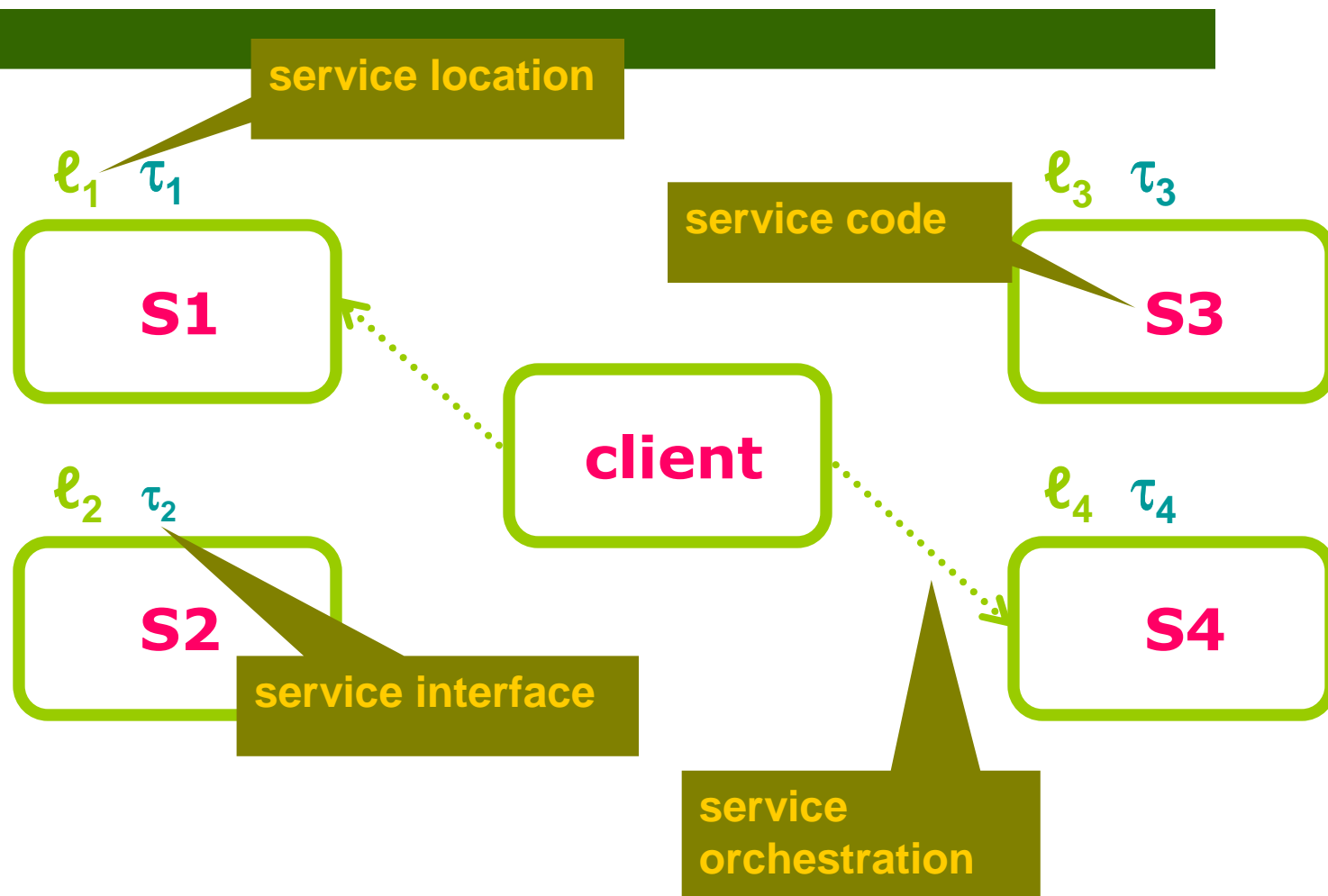
# Summary

- **Overview**
  - **issues in secure service composition**
  - **safety framings and policies**
  - **req-by-contract for service request**
  - **plans for secure orchestration**
- A calculus for service composition
  - syntax and operational semantics
  - type & effect system
- Plans & Orchestration
  - constructions of plans and linearization
  - model-checking viable plans

# Programming in a world of services



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# Security and service composition

- two kinds of security concerns:
  - secrecy of transmitted data, authentication, etc (protocol analysis techniques)
  - control on computational resources (access control, resource usage analysis, information flow control, etc)
- need for linguistic mechanisms that:
  - work in a distributed setting
  - assume no trust relations among services
  - can also cope with *mobile code*

# Security and service composition: safety framings

Client wants to protect from untrusted results



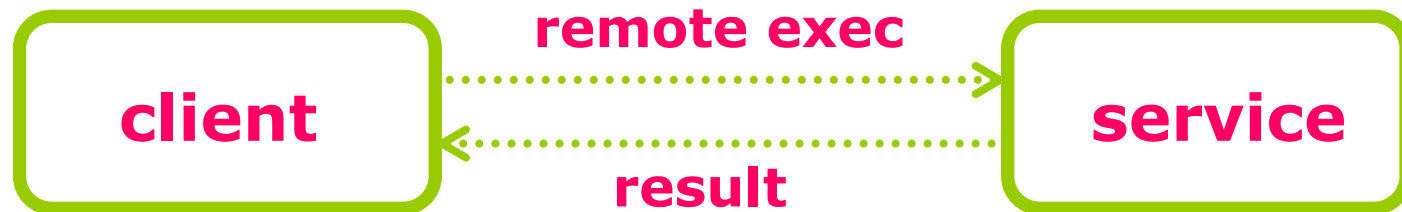
Linguistic mechanism: **safety framing**



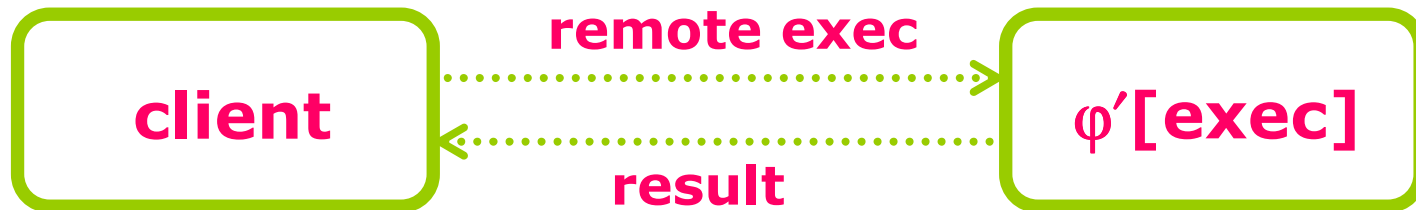
The **policy**  $\phi$  is enforced stepwise within its **scope**

# Security and service composition: safety framings

Similarly, services want to protect from clients



(now the **safety framing** belongs to the service)



**Scoped policies** check the **local execution histories**

# Security and service composition: service selection

**Req-by-name:** request a *given* service among many



Why **S2** and not **S1** or **S3**, if all functionally equivalent ?



# Security and service composition: service selection

Problems with “request by name”:

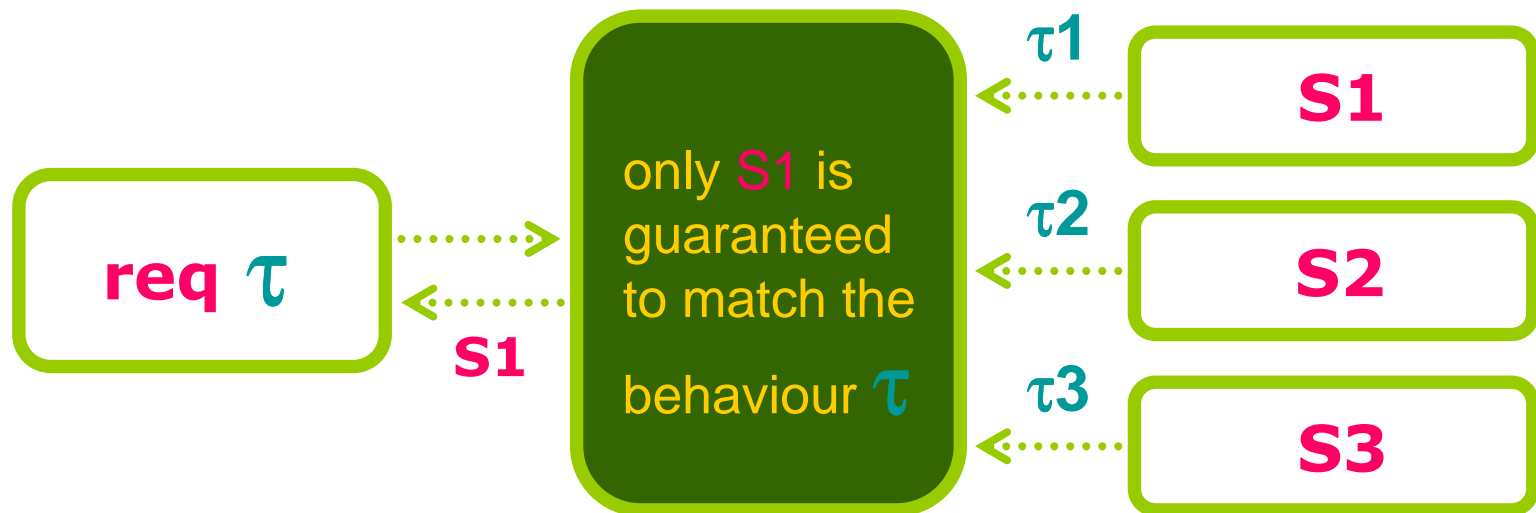
- what if named service **S2** becomes unavailable ?
- ...and if **S2** is outperformed by **S1** or **S3** ?
- hard reasoning about non-functional properties of services (e.g. security)
- security level independent of the execution context (unless hard-wired in the service code)

**From syntax-based to semantics-based invocation**

Service names  $\ell, \ell', \dots$  tell me nothing about the behaviour!

# Security and service composition: service selection

**Req-by-contract:** request a service respecting  
the desired behaviour



$\tau$  imposes both functional and non-functional constraints

# Use cases for Req-by-contract

**Example:** download an applet that obeys the policy  $\varphi$

$$\text{req } \tau_0 \longrightarrow ( \tau_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi[\bullet]} \tau_2 )$$

**Example:** a remote executer that obeys the policy  $\varphi'$

$$\text{req } ( \tau_0 \longrightarrow \tau_1 ) \xrightarrow{\varphi'[\bullet]} \tau_2$$

# Observable behaviour

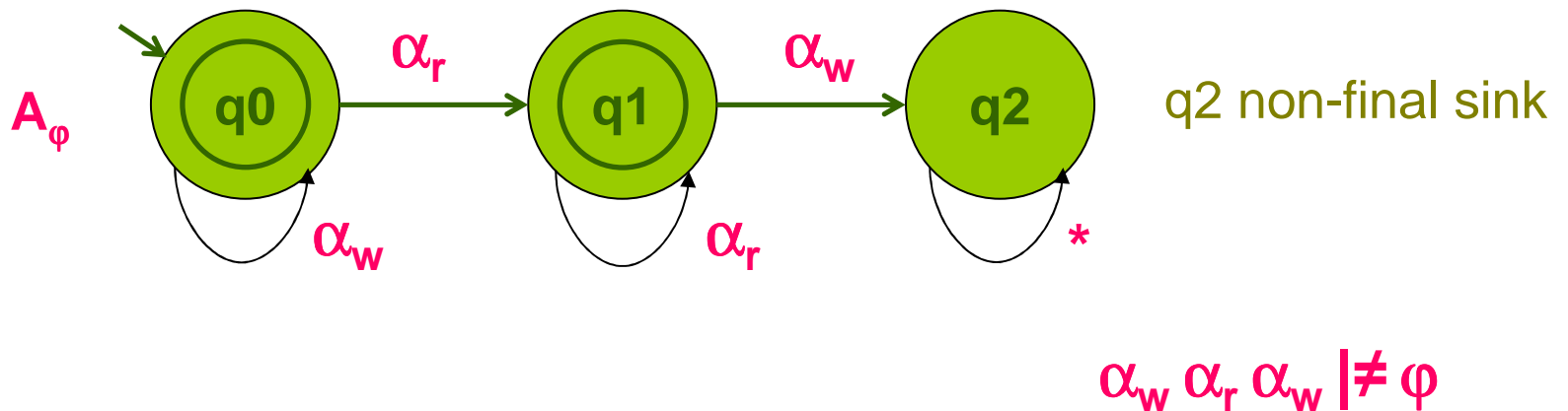
- **access events** are the actions relevant for security (e.g. read/write local files, invoke/be invoked by a given service, etc)
  - mechanically inferred, or inserted by programmer.
  - their meaning is fixed globally.
  - access events cannot be hidden.
- the **(abstract) behaviour** observable by the orchestrator over-approximates the **run-time histories**, i.e. sequences of access events (via a type & effect system).

# What kind of policies ?

- History-based security
- Policies  $\phi$  are **regular** properties event histories
- Policies  $\phi, \phi'$  have a **local scope**, possibly **nested**  $\phi[\dots\phi'[\dots]\dots]$
- A policy can only control histories of a **single** site (no trust among services)
- Histories are **local** to **stateless** service sites (stateful easy)

# Example: the Chinese Wall policy

$\varphi$  Chinese Wall: cannot write ( $\alpha_w$ ) after read ( $\alpha_r$ )

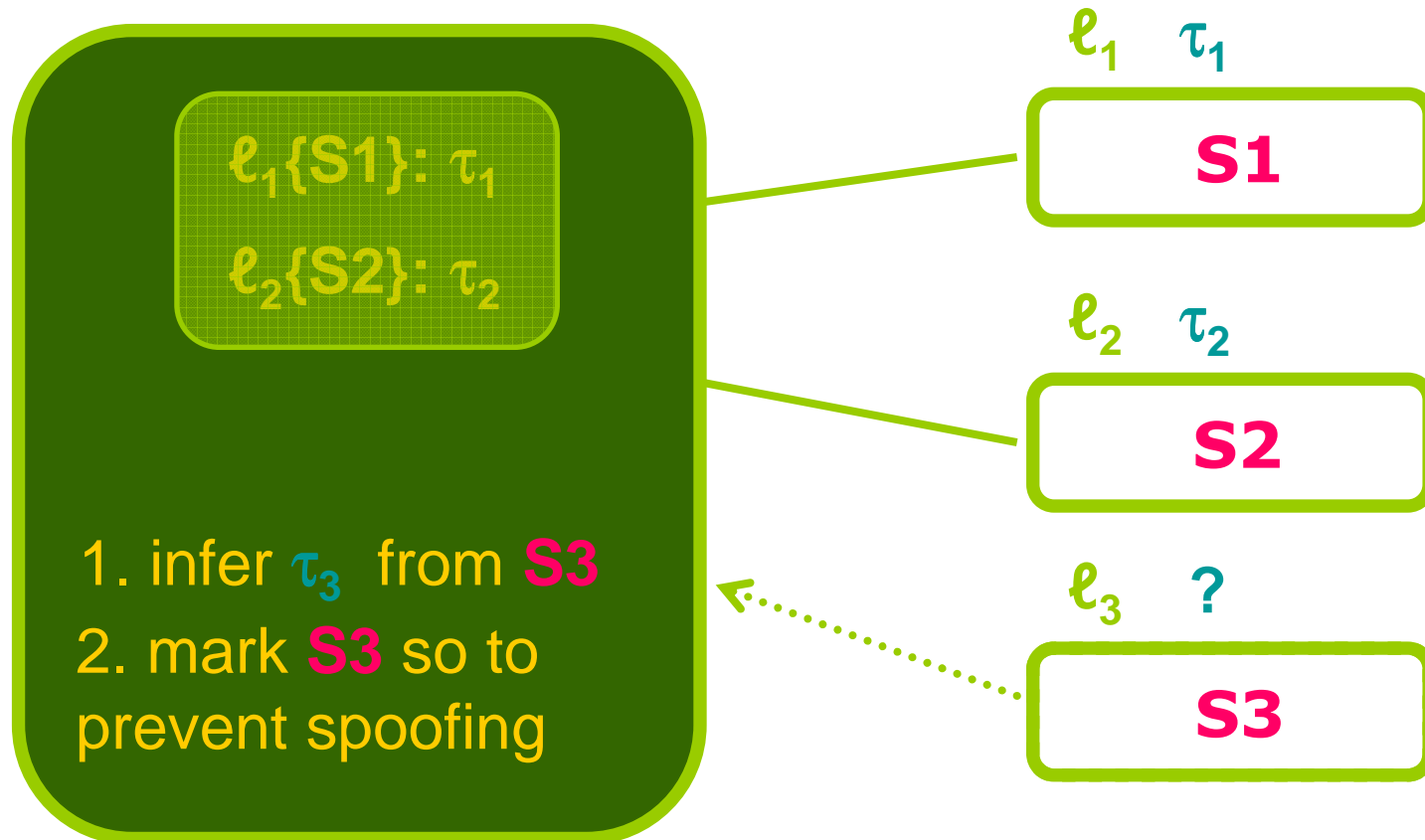


# Principle of Least Privilege

*“Programs should be granted the minimum set of rights needed to accomplish their task”*

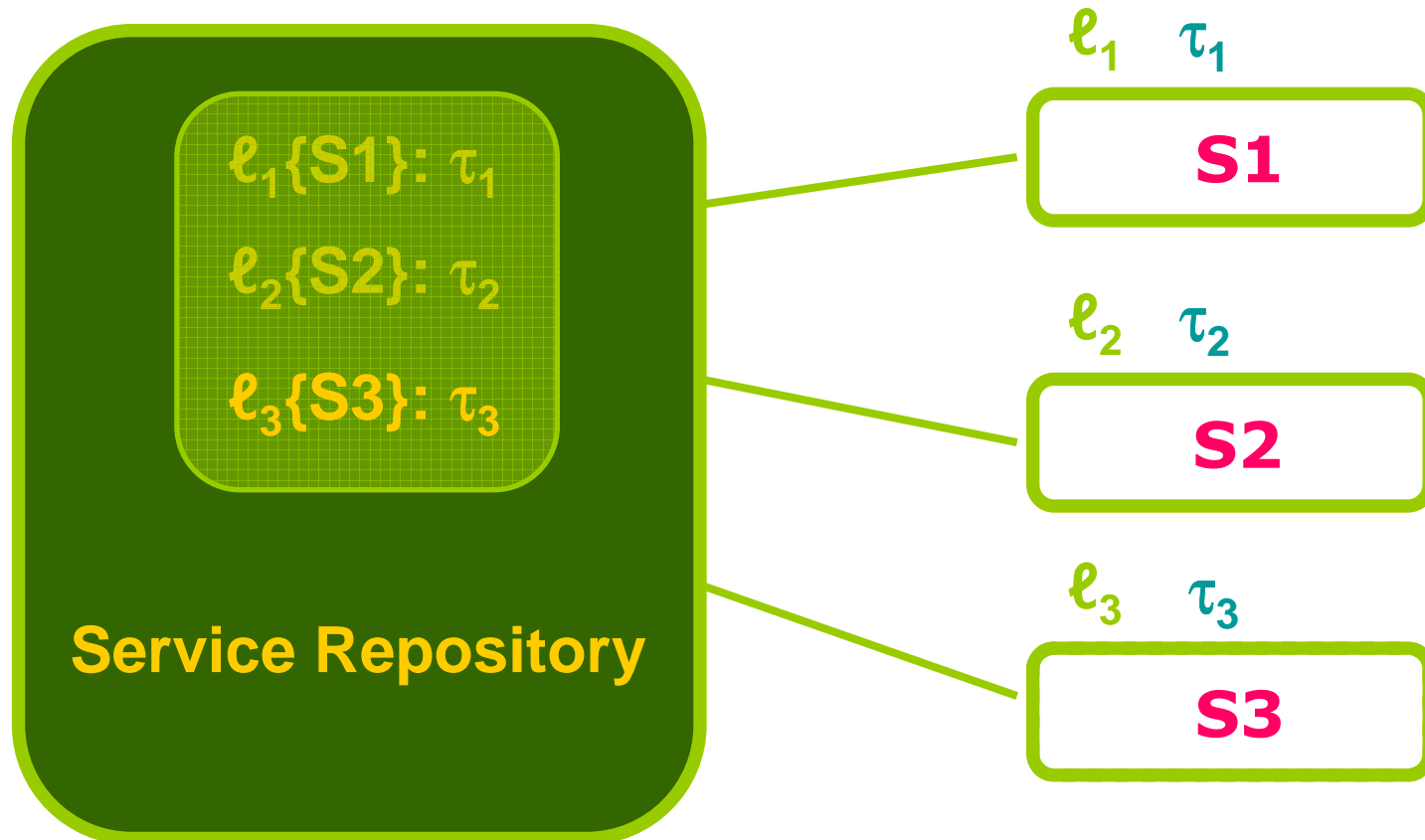
- A service must always obey all the active policies (no policy override)
- Policies can always inspect the whole past history (no event can be discarded)
- “Privileged calls” implemented by policies that explicitly discard the past

# Service publication (1)

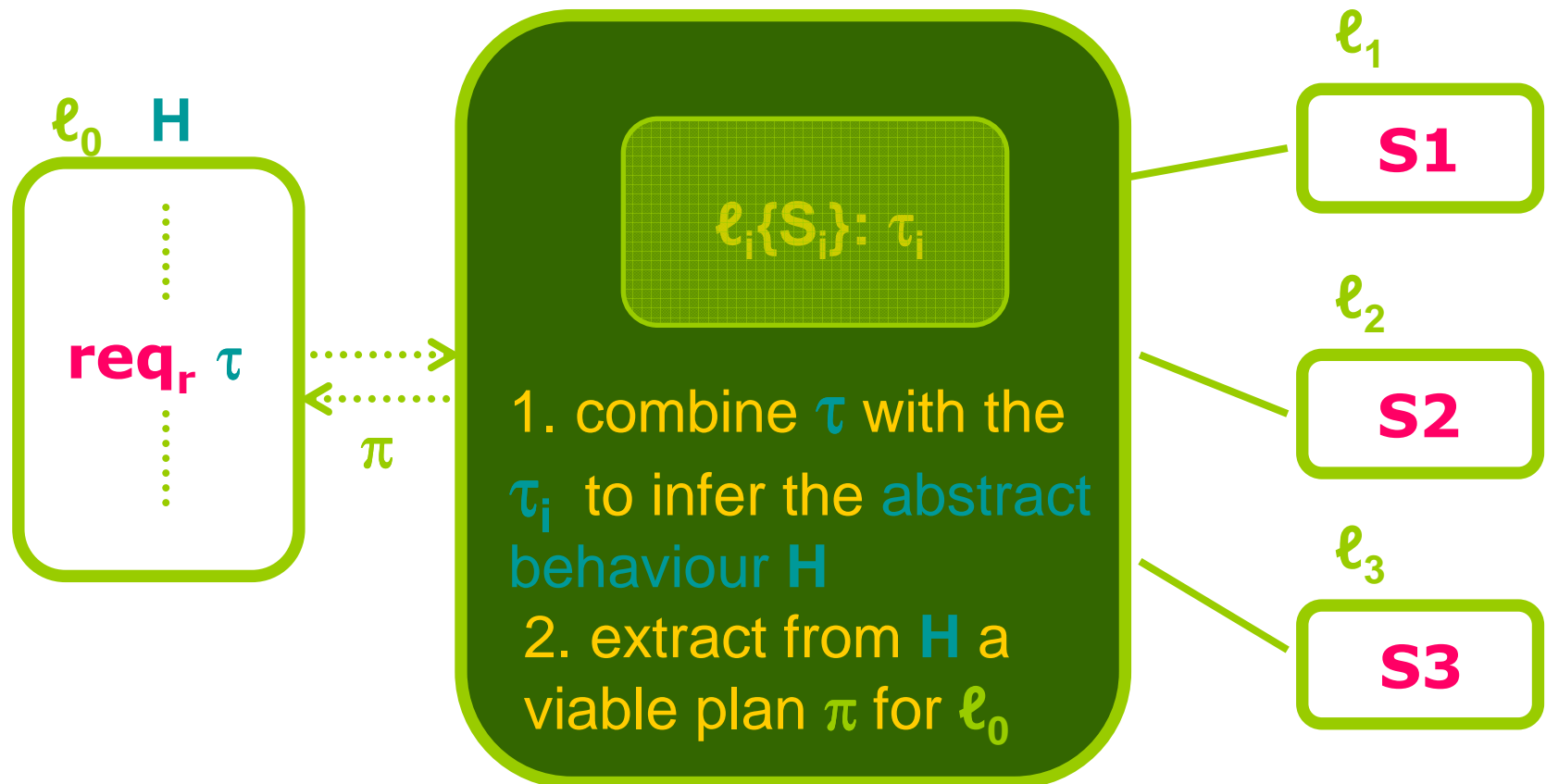




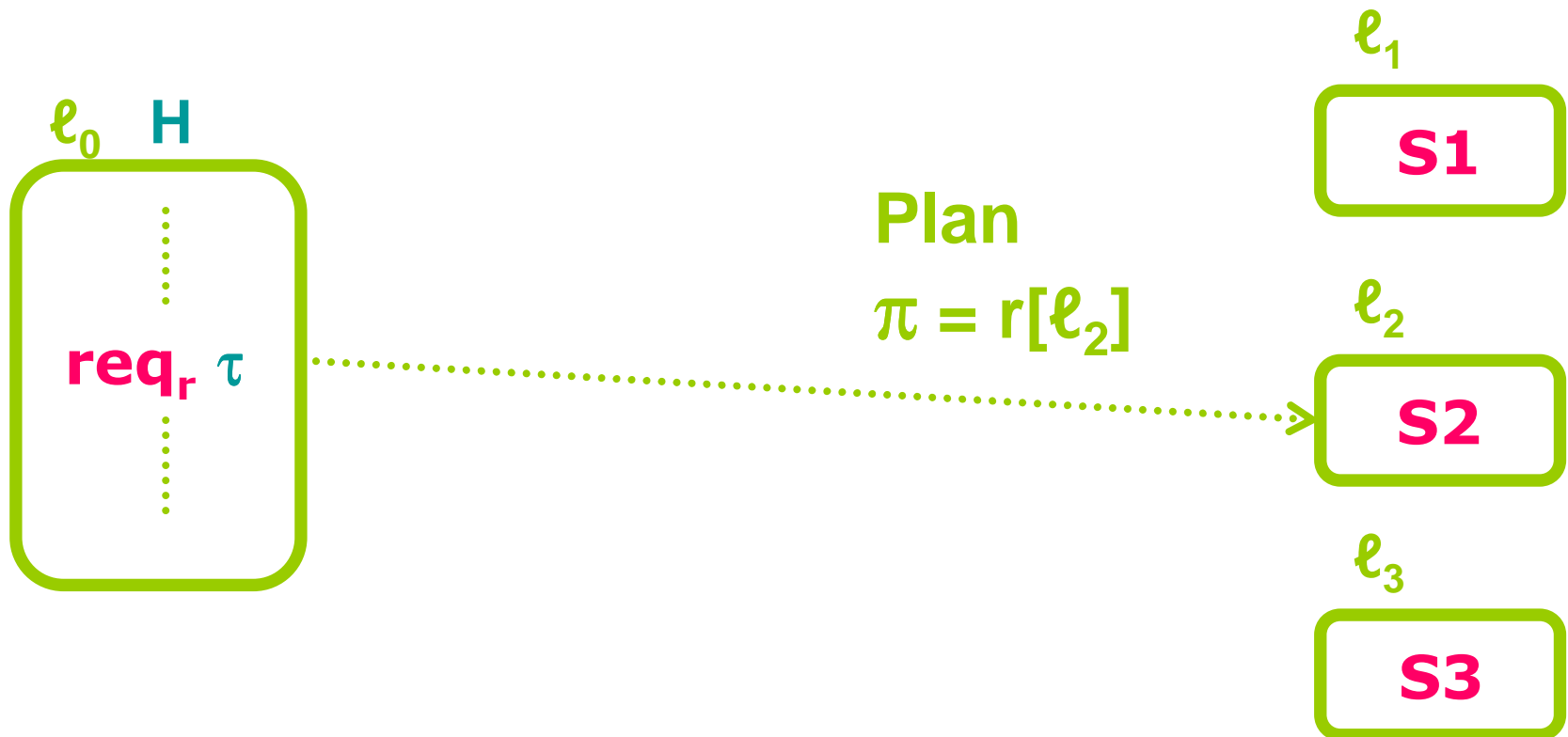
## Service publication (2)



# Service orchestration



# Service orchestration



Names are only known by the orchestrator!

# What is a plan ?

- A plan drives the execution of an application, by associating each service request with one (or more) appropriate services
- With a **viable plan**:
  - executions **never violate** policies
  - there are **no unresolved** requests
  - you can then **dispose** from any execution monitoring!
- Many kinds of plans:
  - **Simple**: one service for each request
  - **Multi-choice**: more services for each request
  - **Dependent**: one service, and a continuation plan
  - ...

# Who do we trust ?

The orchestrator, that:

- certifies the behavioural descriptions of services **(types annotated with effects H)**
- composes the descriptions, and ensures that selected services match the requested types
- extracts the **viable plans** (through model-checking)

Also, someone must ensure that services do not change their code on-the-fly

# Summing up...

- a calculus for secure service composition:
  - **distributed** services
  - **safety framings** scoped policies on localized execution histories
  - **req-by-contract** service invocation
- static orchestrator:
  - certifies the **behavioural interfaces** of services
  - provides a client with the **viable plans** driving secure executions

# What's next

- calculus: syntax and **operational semantics**
- static semantics: **type & effect system**
  - **types** carry annotations **H** about service behaviour
  - **effects H** are history expressions, which over-approximate the actual execution histories
- extracting viable plans:
  - **linearization**: unscrambling the structure of **H**
  - **model checking**: valid plans are viable

# Services

**Services**  $e ::= x$

variable

$\alpha$

access event

**if**  $b$  **then**  $e$  **else**  $e'$

conditional

$\lambda_z x. e$

abstraction

$e e'$

application

$\phi[e]$

safety framing

**req**<sub>r</sub>  $\tau$

service request

(only in configs)

**wait**  $\ell$

wait reply



# Networks

location

service code and  
published interface

$N ::= \ell\{e:\tau\}:\eta, e'$

published service

$N \parallel N'$

composition

running code

execution  
history

# (Simple) Plans

A **plan** is a function from requests **r** to services **ℓ**

$\pi ::= 0$	empty
$r[\ell]$	service choice
$\pi \mid \pi'$	composition

Plans respect the partial knowledge  $\ell < \ell'$  of services about the network ( $<$  is a partial ordering)

## Example: delegating code execution

$\ell_1$

$\lambda x. \varphi[\alpha_r; \dots]$

$\ell_2$

$\alpha_c; (\lambda x. \alpha_r; \dots; \alpha_w)$

$\ell_3$

$\alpha_c; \varphi'[f()]$

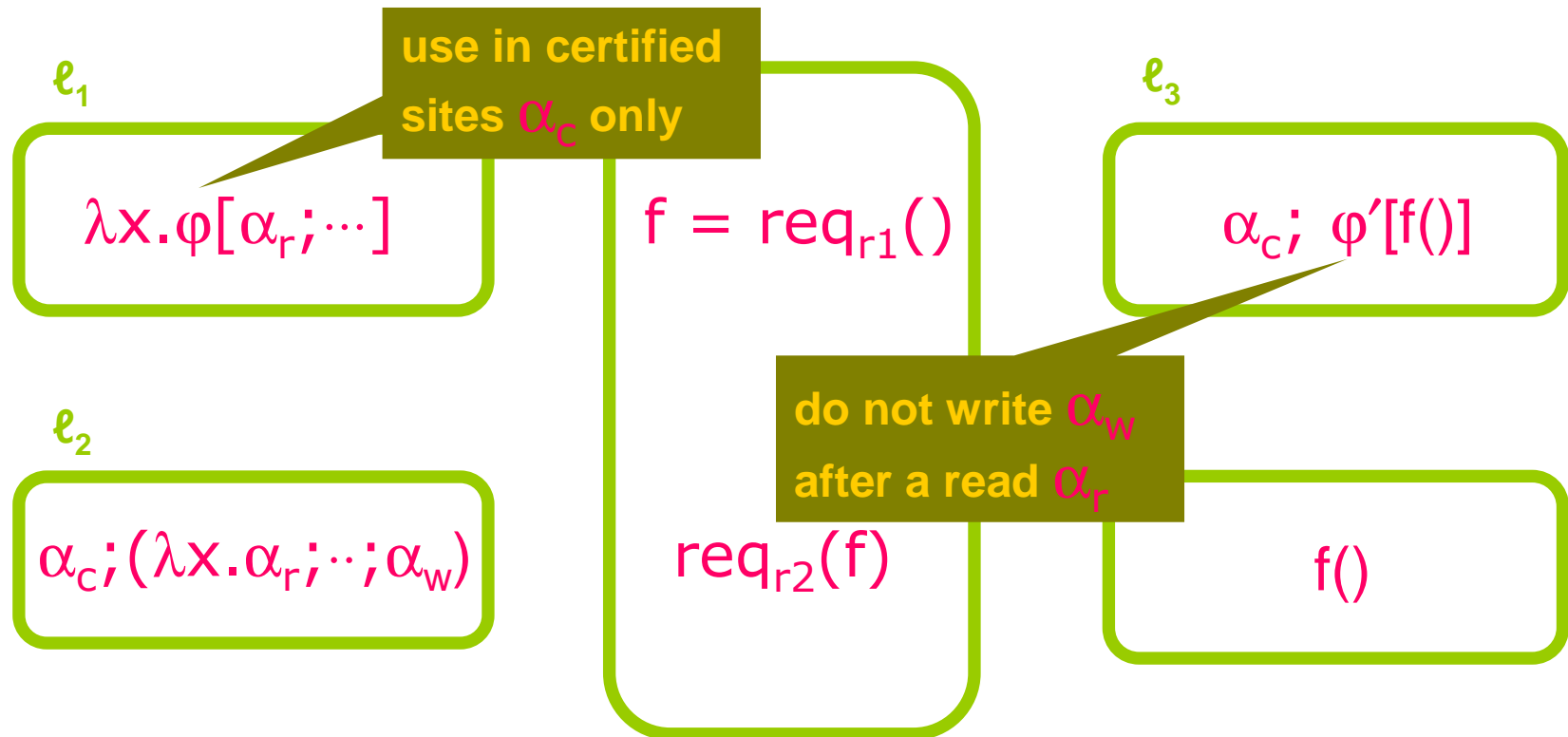
$\ell_4$

$f()$

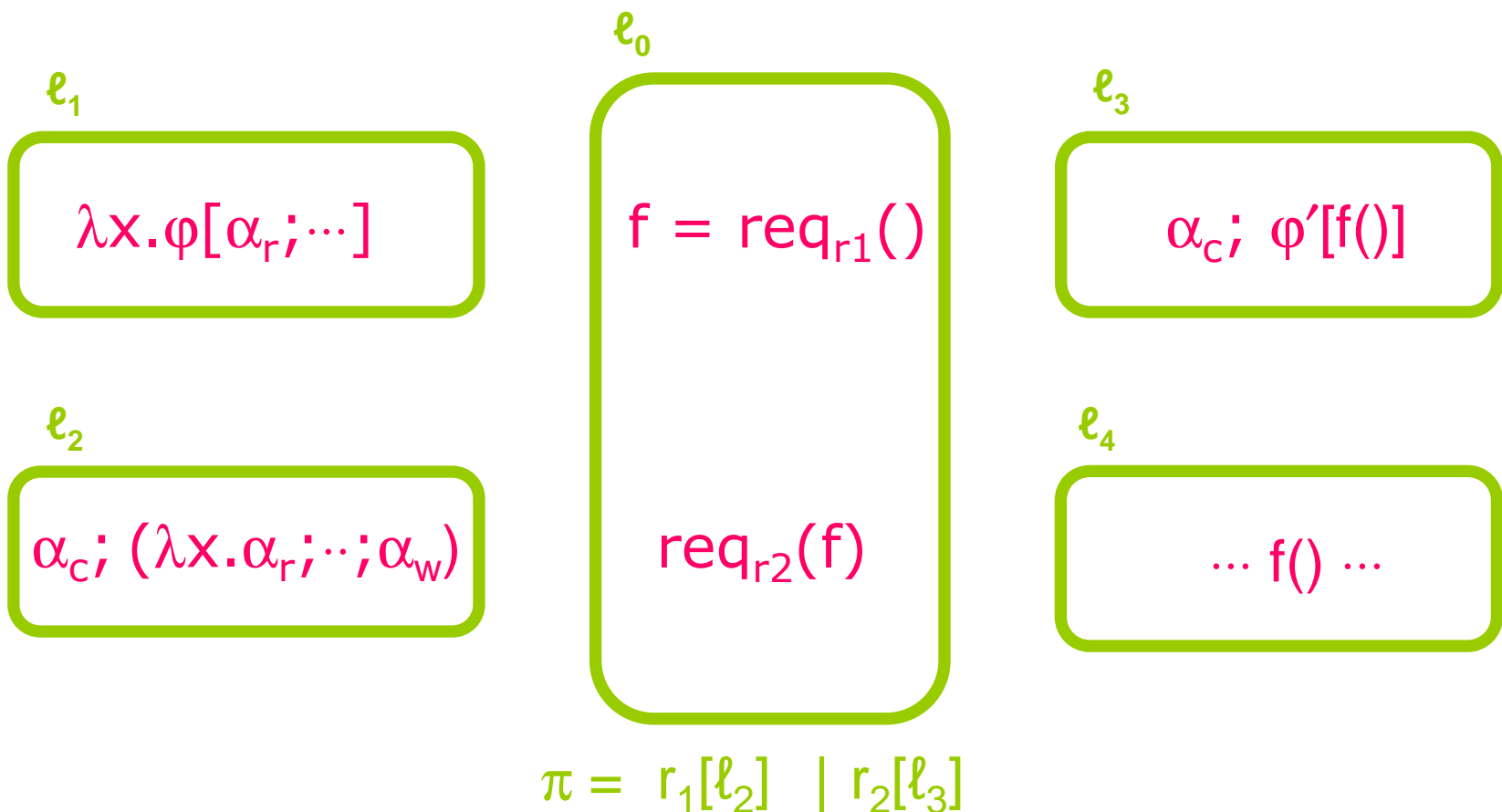
$f = \text{req}_{r1}()$

$\text{req}_{r2}(f)$

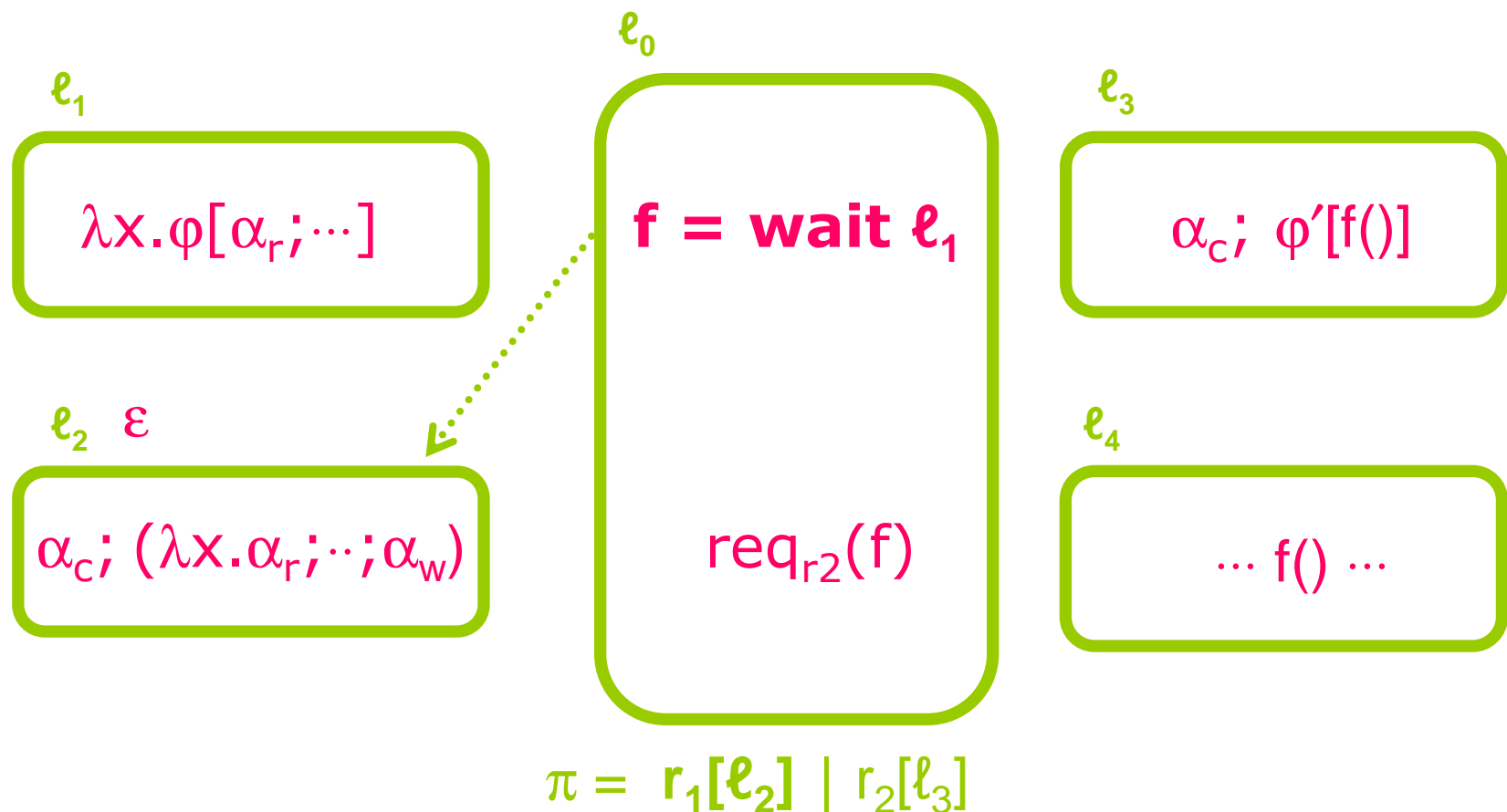
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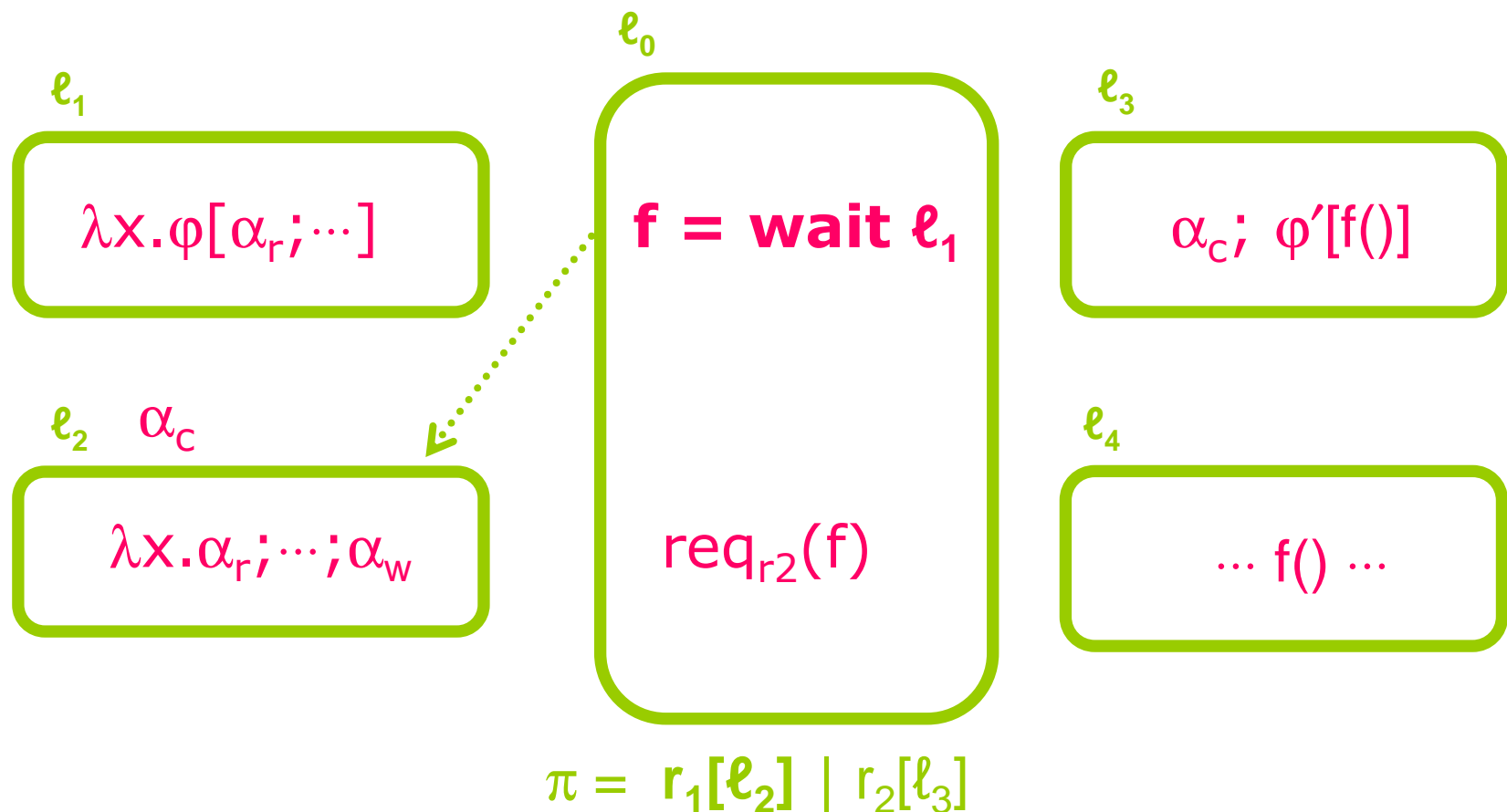
# Executing a network of services



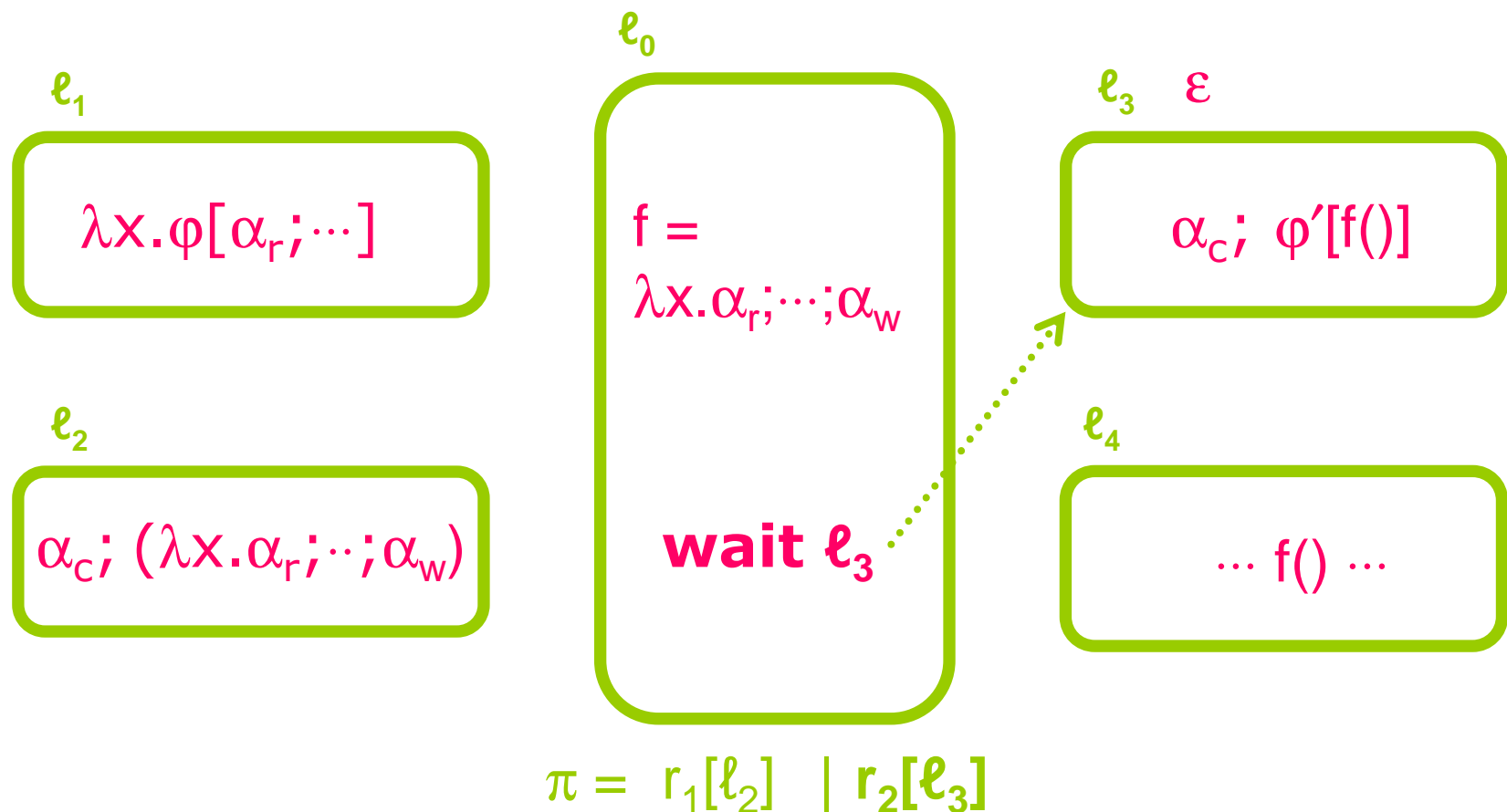
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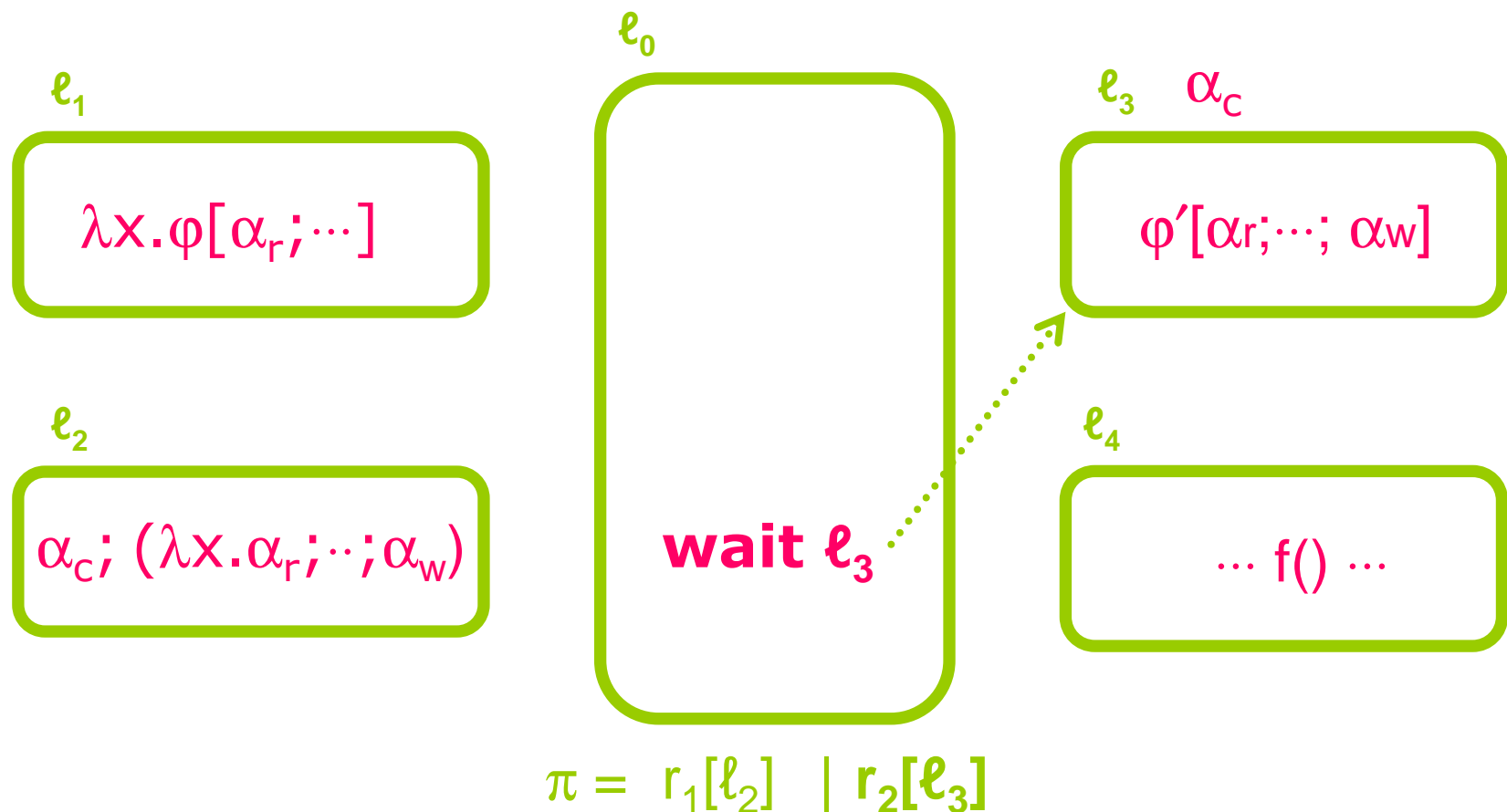


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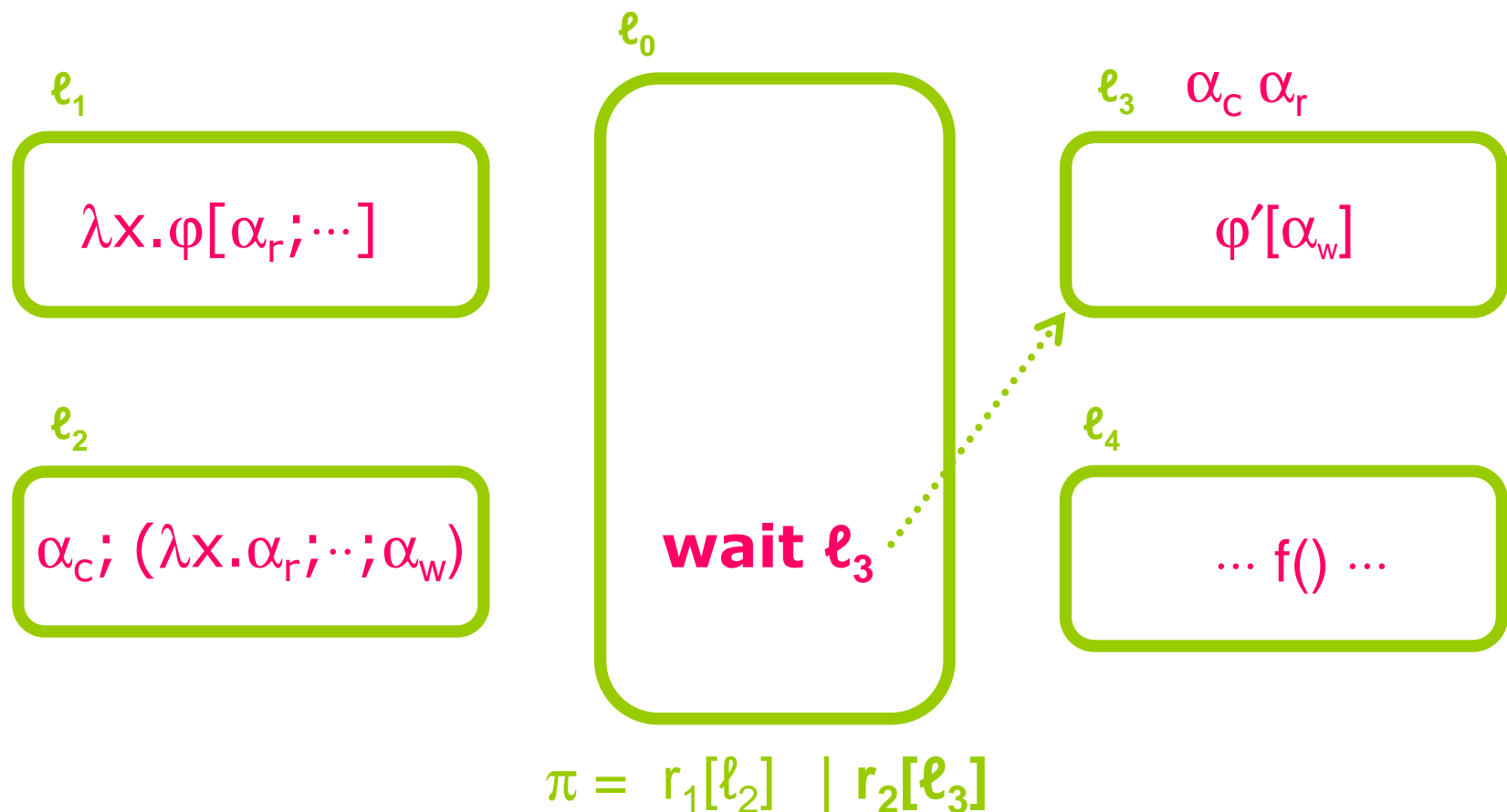




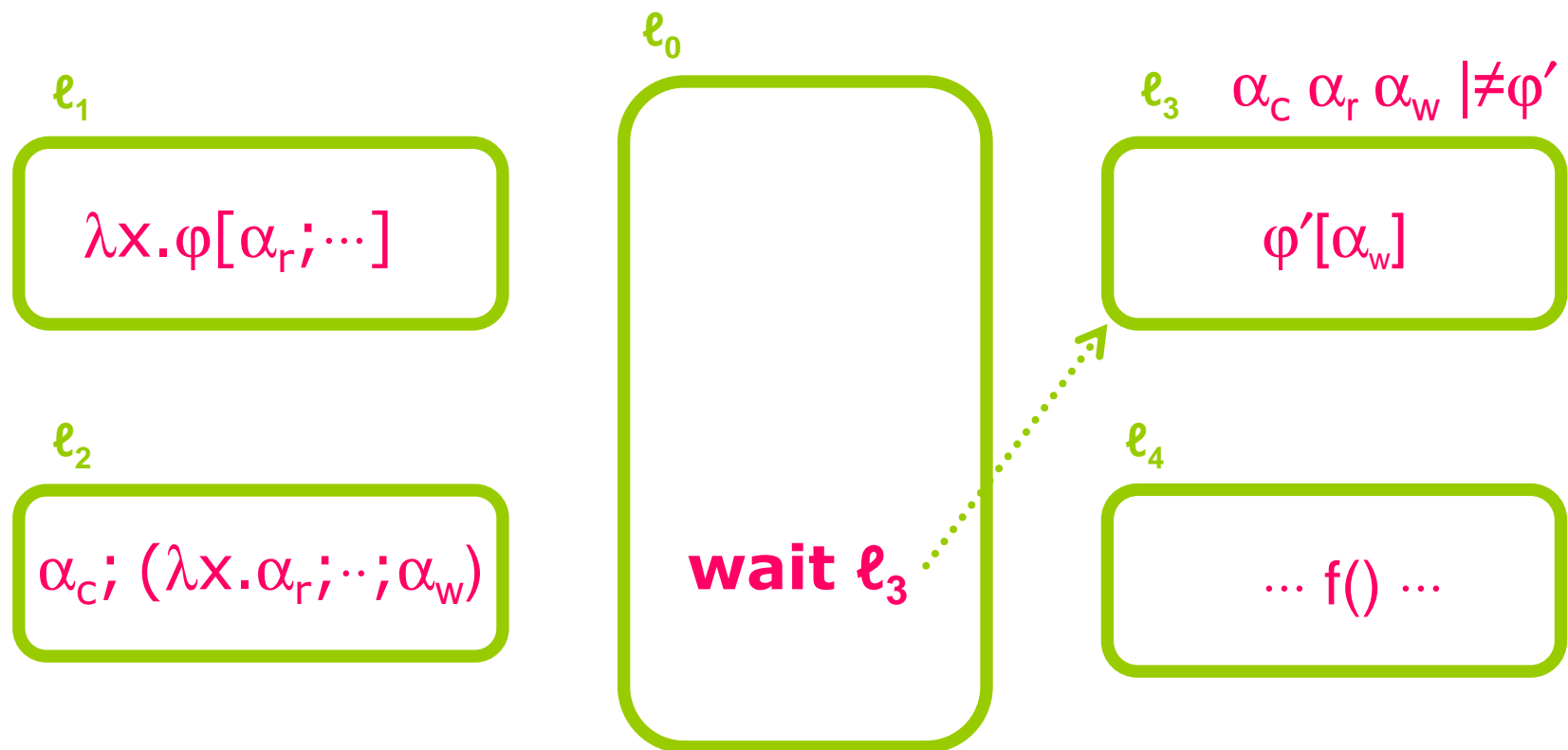
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$\pi = r_1[\ell_2] \mid r_2[\ell_3]$  **not viable!**

# Semantics of services (1)

[App1]

$$\frac{\eta, e_1 \rightarrow \eta', e_1'}{\eta, e_1 e_2 \rightarrow \eta', e_1' e_2}$$

[App2]

$$\frac{\eta, e_2 \rightarrow \eta', e_2'}{\eta, v e_2 \rightarrow \eta', v e_2'}$$

[AbsApp]

$$\eta, (\lambda_z x. e) v \rightarrow \eta, e\{v/x, \lambda_z x. e/z\}$$

[If]

$$\eta, \text{if } b \text{ then } e_{\text{true}} \text{ else } e_{\text{false}} \rightarrow \eta, e_{\mathcal{B}(b)}$$

## Semantics of services (2)

[Event]

$$\eta, \alpha \rightarrow \eta\alpha, ()$$

[Framing In]

$$\frac{\eta, e \rightarrow \eta', e' \quad \eta' \models \varphi}{\eta, \varphi[e] \rightarrow \eta', \varphi[e']}$$

[Framing Out]

$$\frac{\eta \models \varphi}{\eta, \varphi[v] \rightarrow \eta, v}$$

# Semantics of networks (1)

[Inject]

$$\frac{\eta, e \rightarrow \eta', e'}{\ell: \eta, e \rightarrow_{\pi} \ell: \eta', e'}$$

$\{e:\tau\}$  omitted

[Par]

$$\frac{N_1 \rightarrow_{\pi} N_1'}{N_1 \parallel N_2 \rightarrow_{\pi} N_1' \parallel N_2}$$

## Semantics of networks (2)

[Request]

$\pi = r[\ell'] \mid \pi' \text{ -- plan}$

$\ell: \eta, \text{req}_r v \parallel \ell'\{e'\}: \varepsilon, \star$

$\xrightarrow{\pi}$

$\ell: \eta, \text{wait } \ell' \parallel \ell'\{e'\}: \varepsilon, e'v$

[Reply]

$\ell: \eta, \text{wait } \ell' \parallel \ell'\{e'\}: \eta', v$

$\xrightarrow{\pi}$

$\ell: \eta, v \parallel \ell'\{e'\}: \varepsilon, \star$

# Other kinds of plans

- **Simple plans**  $\pi ::= 0 \mid \pi \mid \pi \mid r[\ell]$   
 $\ell: \text{req}_r \parallel \ell': \{P\} \rightarrow_{r[\ell']} \ell: \text{wait } \ell' \parallel \ell': P$
- **Multi-choice plans**  $\pi ::= 0 \mid \pi \mid \pi \mid r[\ell_1 \dots \ell_k]$   
 $\ell: \text{req}_r \parallel \ell': \{P\} \rightarrow_{r[\ell', \ell'']} \ell: \text{wait } \ell' \parallel \ell': P$
- **Dependent plans**  $\pi ::= 0 \mid \pi \mid \pi \mid r[\ell. \pi]$   
 $\ell: r[\ell'. \pi] \triangleright \text{req}_r \parallel \ell': \{P\} \rightarrow \ell: r[\ell'. \pi] \triangleright \text{wait } \ell' \parallel \ell': \pi \triangleright P$
- ...many others: multi+dependent, regular, dynamic,...



# Static semantics

## Type & effect system

- **types** carry annotations **H** about service abstract behaviour
- **effects H**, namely *history expressions*, over-approximate the actual **execution histories**
- the type & effect inferred for a service depends on its **partial knowledge**  $\prec$  of the network

# Types

(pretty standard)

$$\tau ::= \text{int} \mid \text{bool} \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid \tau \xrightarrow{H} \tau'$$

# Effects (history expressions)

$H ::=$	$\varepsilon$	empty
	$\alpha$	access event
	$H \cdot H'$	sequence
	$H + H'$	choice
	$h$	variable
	$\mu h.H$	recursion
	$\phi[H]$	<b>safety framing</b>
	$\ell: H$	<b>localization</b>
	$\{\pi_1 \triangleright H_1 \cdots \pi_k \triangleright H_k\}$	<b>planned selection</b>

# Semantics of history expressions

$$[[\alpha]]^\pi = (? : \alpha)$$

$$[[\ell : H]]^\pi = [[H]]^\pi \{\ell / ?\}$$

$$[[\{\pi_1 \triangleright H_1 \cdots \pi_k \triangleright H_k\}]]^\pi = \bigcup_{i=1..k} [[\{\pi_i \triangleright H_i\}]]^\pi$$

$$[[\{\pi' \triangleright H\}]]^\pi = [[H]]^\pi \quad \text{if } \pi' \leq \pi \quad \text{plan } \pi' \text{ resolves the requests as } \pi$$

$$0 \leq \pi \quad r[\ell] \leq r[\ell] \mid \pi \quad \pi_0 \mid \pi_1 \leq \pi \text{ if } \pi_0 \leq \pi \ \& \ \pi_1 \leq \pi$$

# Semantics of history expressions

$$[[ H \cdot H' ]]\pi = [[ H ]]\pi \cdot [[ H' ]]\pi$$

$$[[ H + H' ]]\pi = [[ H ]]\pi + [[ H' ]]\pi$$

$$[[ \mu h. H ]]\pi = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} f^n(\perp)$$

$$\text{where } f(X) = [[ H ]]\pi_{\{X / h\}}$$

# Example

$$H = \{r[\ell] \triangleright \{r'[\ell_1] \triangleright \alpha_1, r'[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha_2\}, \\ r[\ell'] \triangleright \beta\}$$

$$\pi = r[\ell] \mid r'[\ell_2]$$

$$\begin{aligned} [[H]]^\pi &= [[\{r[\ell] \triangleright \{r'[\ell_1] \triangleright \alpha_1, r'[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha_2\}\}]]^\pi \\ &\quad \cup [[\{r[\ell'] \triangleright \beta\}]]^\pi \\ &= [[\{r'[\ell_1] \triangleright \alpha_1, r'[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha_2\}]]^\pi \\ &= [[\{r'[\ell_1] \triangleright \alpha_1\}]]^\pi \cup [[\{r'[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha_2\}]]^\pi \\ &= [[\alpha_2]]^\pi = (? : \alpha_2) \end{aligned}$$

# Example

$$H = \ell: \{r[\ell_1] \triangleright \ell_1: \alpha_1, r[\ell_2] \triangleright \ell_2: \alpha_2\} \cdot \beta$$

$$\pi = r[\ell_1]$$

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# Typing rules (1)

[T-Ev]

$$\Gamma, \alpha \vdash_{\ell} \alpha : 1$$

[T-Var]

$$\Gamma, \varepsilon \vdash_{\ell} x : \Gamma(x)$$

[T-Loc]

$$\frac{\Gamma, H \vdash_{\ell} e : \tau}{\Gamma, \ell : H \vdash e : \tau}$$

[T-Wk]

$$\frac{\Gamma, H \vdash_{\ell} e : \tau}{\Gamma, H + H' \vdash_{\ell} e : \tau}$$



## Typing rules (2)

[T-Fr]

$$\frac{\Gamma, H \vdash_e e : \tau}{\Gamma, \varphi[H] \vdash_e \varphi[e] : \tau}$$

[T-If]

$$\frac{\Gamma, H \vdash_e e : \tau \quad \Gamma, H \vdash_e e' : \tau}{\Gamma, H \vdash_e \text{if } b \text{ then } e \text{ else } e' : \tau}$$

## Typing rules (3)

### [T-Abs]

$$\frac{\Gamma; x:\tau; z:\tau \xrightarrow{H} \tau', H \vdash_{\ell} e : \tau'}{\Gamma, \varepsilon \vdash_{\ell} \lambda_z x. e : \tau \xrightarrow{H} \tau'}$$

### [T-App]

$$\frac{\Gamma, H \vdash_{\ell} e : \tau \xrightarrow{H''} \tau' \quad \Gamma, H' \vdash_{\ell} e' : \tau}{\Gamma, H \cdot H' \cdot H'' \vdash_{\ell} e e' : \tau'}$$

# Typing Example (1)

$$\alpha \vdash_{\ell} \alpha:1$$
$$? \vdash_{\ell} (\lambda y.zx)\beta:1$$

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$$z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1, \alpha + ? \vdash_{\ell} \text{if } b \text{ then } \alpha \text{ else } (\lambda y.zx)\beta:1$$

## Typing Example (2)

$$\frac{\alpha \vdash_{\epsilon} \alpha:1 \quad \frac{\epsilon \vdash_{\epsilon} (\lambda y.zx):1 \xrightarrow{H} 1 \quad \beta \vdash_{\epsilon} \beta:1}{\epsilon.\beta.H \vdash_{\epsilon} (\lambda y.zx)\beta:1}}{z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1, \alpha + \beta.H \vdash_{\epsilon} \text{if } b \text{ then } \alpha \text{ else } (\lambda y.zx)\beta:1}$$

## Typing Example (3)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{x:1; z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1, H \vdash_{\ell} zx:1}{\varepsilon \vdash_{\ell} (\lambda y. zx):1 \xrightarrow{H} 1} \quad \beta \vdash_{\ell} \beta:1 \\
 \frac{\alpha \vdash_{\ell} \alpha:1 \quad \beta.H \vdash_{\ell} (\lambda y. zx)\beta:1}{z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1, \alpha + \beta.H \vdash_{\ell} \text{if } b \text{ then } \alpha \text{ else } (\lambda y. zx)\beta:1}
 \end{array}$$

## Typing Example (4)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1, \varepsilon \vdash_{\ell} z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1 \quad x:1, \varepsilon \vdash_{\ell} x:1}{x:1; z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1, \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \cdot H \vdash_{\ell} zx:1} \\
 \frac{\varepsilon \vdash_{\ell} (\lambda y. zx):1 \xrightarrow{H} 1 \quad \beta \vdash_{\ell} \beta:1}{\alpha \vdash_{\ell} \alpha:1 \quad \beta \cdot H \vdash_{\ell} (\lambda y. zx)\beta:1} \\
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 z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1, \alpha + \beta \cdot H \vdash_{\ell} \text{if } b \text{ then } \alpha \text{ else } (\lambda y. zx)\beta:1
 \end{array}$$

# Typing Example

$$\frac{z:1 \xrightarrow{H} 1, \alpha + \beta \cdot H \vdash_e \text{if } b \text{ then } \alpha \text{ else } (\lambda y. zx)\beta : 1}{\varepsilon \vdash_e \lambda_z x. \text{if } b \text{ then } \alpha \text{ else } (\lambda y. zx)\beta : \tau \xrightarrow{H} \tau'}$$

To use rule **[T-Abs]** the latent and actual effects must be unified, i.e.  $H = \alpha + \beta \cdot H$

A history expression that satisfies the above is:

$$H = \mu h. \alpha + \beta \cdot h$$

## Typing rules (3)

[T-Req]

$$\tau = U \{ \rho +_{r[e]} \tau' \mid A \& B \& C \}$$

$$A \equiv \emptyset, \varepsilon \vdash_{\ell'} e : \tau' \qquad B \equiv \rho \approx \tau'$$

$$C \equiv \ell < \ell' \{ e : \tau' \}$$

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$$\Gamma, \varepsilon \vdash_{\ell} \text{req}_r \rho : \tau$$



## Typing rules (3)

[T-Req]

certified interface

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## Typing rules (3)

[T-Req]

compatible types

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$$C \equiv \ell < \ell' \{ e : \tau' \}$$

visibility

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$$\Gamma, \varepsilon \vdash_{\ell} \text{req}_r \rho : \tau$$

# Certified published interfaces

$$\ell_1 \quad 1 \longrightarrow (1 \xrightarrow{\varphi[\alpha_r]} 1)$$

$\lambda x. \varphi[\alpha_r; \dots]$

$$\ell_2 \quad 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_c} (1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w} 1)$$

$\alpha_c; \lambda x. \alpha_r; \dots; \alpha_w$

$f = \text{req}_{r1}()$

$\text{req}_{r2}(f)$

$$\ell_3 \quad (1 \xrightarrow{h} 1) \xrightarrow{\alpha_c \cdot \varphi'[h]} 1$$

$\alpha_c; \varphi'[f()]$

$$\ell_4 \quad (1 \xrightarrow{h} 1) \xrightarrow{h} 1$$

$f()$

# Abstracting client behaviour

$$\ell_1 \quad 1 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} (1 \xrightarrow{\varphi[\alpha_r]} 1)$$

$\lambda x. \varphi[\alpha_r; \dots]$

$$\ell_2 \quad 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_c} (1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w} 1)$$

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$f()$

$\{ r_1[\ell_1] \triangleright \ell_1: \varepsilon, r_1[\ell_2] \triangleright \ell_2: \alpha_c \} \cdot$

# Abstracting client behaviour

$$\ell_1 \quad 1 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} (1 \xrightarrow{\varphi[\alpha_r]} 1)$$

$\lambda x. \varphi[\alpha_r; \dots]$

$$\ell_2 \quad 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_c} (1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w} 1)$$

$\alpha_c; \lambda x. \alpha_r; \dots; \alpha_w$

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$\alpha_c; \varphi'[f()]$

$$\ell_4 \quad (1 \xrightarrow{h} 1) \xrightarrow{h} 1$$

$f()$

$\{ r_2[\ell_3] \triangleright \ell_3: \alpha_c \cdot \varphi'[\{ r_1[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[\alpha_r], r_1[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w \}],$

$r_2[\ell_4] \triangleright \ell_4: \{ r_1[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[\alpha_r], r_1[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w \} \}$

## Summing up ...

Calculus: **operational semantics** and  
**type & effect system**

- **effects** are history expressions, and over-approximate the **actual execution histories**
- **planned selections** therein hinder information about which **plans** to choose for secure compositions

## What's next: the road to viable plans

- **linearization:** extracting plans and their “pure” effects by unscrambling the structure of history expressions
- **validity:** defining when an effect denotes histories that “*never go wrong*”
- **model checking:** valid plans are viable
  - transform **history expression** into BPAs
  - transform **policies** into FSAs
- **orchestrator:** uses viable plans to drive safe service composition



# Which are the viable plans ?

$$\{ r_1[\ell_1] \triangleright \ell_1: \varepsilon, r_1[\ell_2] \triangleright \ell_2: \alpha_c \} \cdot$$

$$\{ r_2[\ell_3] \triangleright \ell_3: \alpha_c \cdot \varphi'[\{ r_1[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[\alpha_r], r_1[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w \}],$$

$$r_2[\ell_4] \triangleright \ell_4: \{ r_1[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[\alpha_r], r_1[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w \} \}$$

Difficult to tell: the planned selections are nested!

$$\{ r_1[\ell_1] \mid r_2[\ell_3] \triangleright \ell_1: \varepsilon, \ell_3: \alpha_c \cdot \varphi'[\varphi[\alpha_r]],$$

viable

$$\{ r_1[\ell_2] \mid r_2[\ell_4] \triangleright \ell_2: \alpha_c, \ell_4: \alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w,$$

viable

$$\{ r_1[\ell_1] \mid r_2[\ell_4] \triangleright \ell_1: \varepsilon, \ell_4: \varphi[\alpha_r],$$

not viable

$$\{ r_1[\ell_2] \mid r_2[\ell_3] \triangleright \ell_2: \alpha_c, \ell_3: \alpha_c \cdot \varphi'[\alpha_r \cdot \alpha_w] \}$$

not viable

# Linearization

- transform  $H$  into a *semantically equivalent*  $H' \equiv H$  such that  $H'$  is in linear form, i.e.:

$$H' = \{\pi_1 \triangleright H_1 \cdots \pi_k \triangleright H_k\}$$

and the  $H_i$  have no planned selections.

- defined through oriented equations  $\equiv$  that groups  $r[\ell]$  in topmost position

# Linearization

$$H \equiv \{0 \triangleright H\}$$

$$\{\pi_i \triangleright H_i\}_i \cdot \{\pi'_j \triangleright H'_j\}_j \equiv \{\pi_i \mid \pi'_j \triangleright H_i \cdot H'_j\}_{i,j}$$

$$\{\pi_i \triangleright H_i\}_i + \{\pi'_j \triangleright H'_j\}_j \equiv \{\pi_i \mid \pi_j \triangleright H_i + H'_j\}_{i,j}$$

$$\varphi[\{\pi_i \triangleright H_i\}_i] \equiv \{\pi_i \triangleright \varphi[H_i]\}_i$$

$$\mu h. \{\pi_i \triangleright H_i\}_i \equiv \{\pi_i \triangleright \mu h. H_i\}_i$$

$$\{\pi_i \triangleright \{\pi'_{i,j} \triangleright H_{i,j}\}_j\}_i \equiv \{\pi_i \mid \pi'_{i,j} \triangleright H_{i,j}\}_{i,j}$$

# Example

H

$\varphi[ \lambda_z x. \mathbf{req}_r \rho; z x ]$

$\ell_1$

$\alpha$

$\ell_2$

$\beta$

$H = \varphi[ \mu h. \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \alpha, r[\ell_2] \triangleright \beta \} \cdot h ]$

# Example

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \varphi[ \mu h. \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \alpha, r[\ell_2] \triangleright \beta \} \cdot h ] \\ &\equiv \varphi[ \mu h. \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \alpha, r[\ell_2] \triangleright \beta \} \cdot \{ 0 \triangleright h \} ] \\ &\equiv \varphi[ \mu h. \{ r[\ell_1] \mid 0 \triangleright \alpha \cdot h, r[\ell_2] \mid 0 \triangleright \beta \cdot h \} ] \\ &= \varphi[ \mu h. \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \alpha \cdot h, r[\ell_2] \triangleright \beta \cdot h \} ] \\ &\equiv \varphi[ \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \mu h. \alpha \cdot h, r[\ell_2] \triangleright \mu h. \beta \cdot h \} ] \\ &\equiv \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[ \mu h. \alpha \cdot h ], r[\ell_2] \triangleright \varphi[ \mu h. \beta \cdot h ] \} \end{aligned}$$

# Simple vs multi-choice plans

With simple plans:

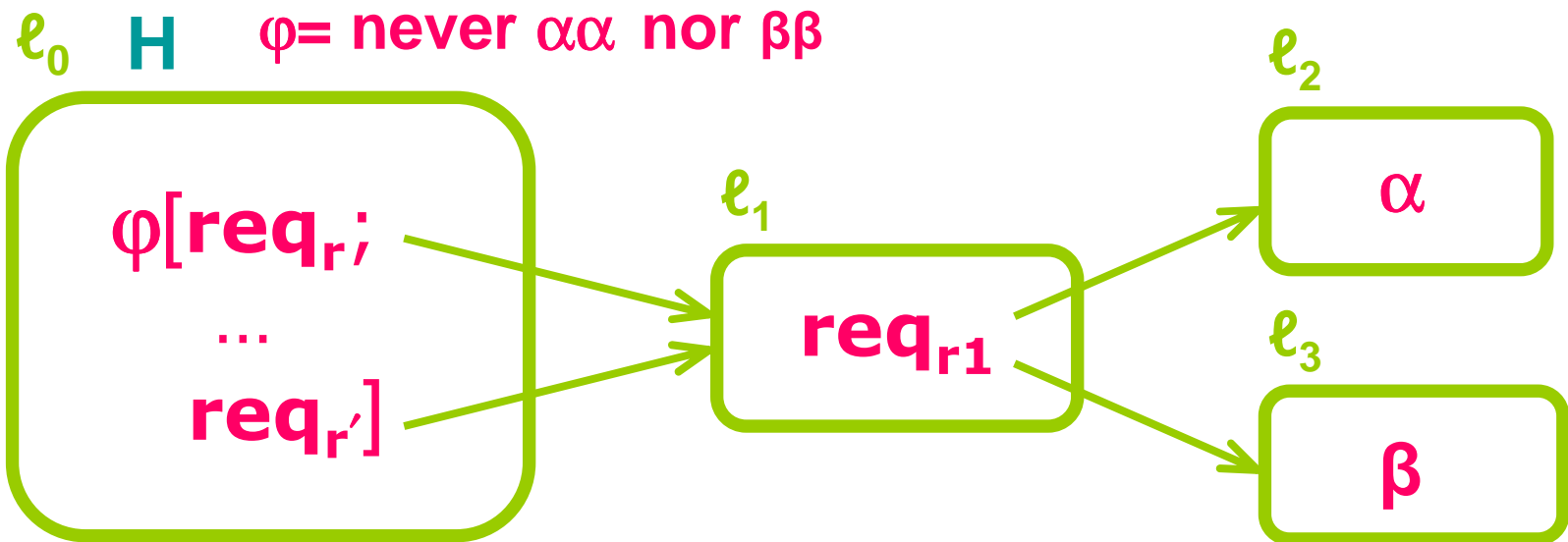
$$H \equiv \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[\mu h. \alpha \cdot h], r[\ell_2] \triangleright \varphi[\mu h. \beta \cdot h] \}$$

With multi-choice plans:

$$H \equiv \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[\mu h. \alpha \cdot h], r[\ell_2] \triangleright \varphi[\mu h. \beta \cdot h], \\ r[\ell_1, \ell_2] \triangleright \varphi[\mu h. (\alpha + \beta) \cdot h] \}$$

Plan  $r[\ell_1, \ell_2]$  useful when  $\ell_1$  or  $\ell_2$  unavailable

# Example: bottleneck service



$$H = \varphi[ \{ r[\ell_1] \triangleright \{ r_1[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha, r_1[\ell_3] \triangleright \beta \} \} \cdot \\ \{ r'[\ell_1] \triangleright \{ r_1[\ell_2] \triangleright \alpha, r_1[\ell_3] \triangleright \beta \} \} ]$$

# Simple vs dependent plans

With simple plans:

$$H \equiv \{ r[\ell_1] \mid r_1[\ell_2] \mid r'[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[\alpha \cdot \alpha], \\ r[\ell_1] \mid r_1[\ell_3] \mid r'[\ell_1] \triangleright \varphi[\beta \cdot \beta] \}$$

not viable

not viable

With dependent plans:

$$H \equiv \{ r[\ell_1. r_1[\ell_2]] \mid r'[\ell_1. r_1[\ell_2]] \triangleright \varphi[\alpha \cdot \alpha], \\ r[\ell_1. r_1[\ell_2]] \mid r'[\ell_1. r_1[\ell_3]] \triangleright \varphi[\alpha \cdot \beta], \\ r[\ell_1. r_1[\ell_3]] \mid r'[\ell_1. r_1[\ell_2]] \triangleright \varphi[\beta \cdot \alpha], \\ r[\ell_1. r_1[\ell_3]] \mid r'[\ell_1. r_1[\ell_3]] \triangleright \varphi[\beta \cdot \beta] \}$$

not viable

viable

viable

not viable



# Validity

- **histories** are enriched with  $[_{\varphi}$  and  $]_{\varphi}$  to point out the scope of policies.
- a **history** is **valid** when all the policies are respected, within their scopes
  - ex:  $\alpha_w \alpha_r [_{\varphi} \alpha_w ]_{\varphi}$  not valid (write after read)
  - ex:  $\alpha_w [_{\varphi} \alpha_r ]_{\varphi} \alpha_w$  valid (write outside scope of  $\varphi$ )
- a history expression **H** is  $\pi$ -valid when all the histories in  $[[ \mathbf{H} ]]$  <sup>$\pi$</sup>  are valid.

# Validity, formally

- **Safe sets:**

- $S(\varepsilon) = 0$        $S(\eta \ \alpha) = S(\eta)$
- $S(\eta_0 \ [_{\varphi} \ \eta_1 \ ]_{\varphi}) = S(\eta_0 \ \eta_1) \cup \varphi[ \text{flat}(\eta_0) \ \text{flat} \ \text{pref}(\eta_1) ]$

- **Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} S([_{\varphi} \ \alpha \ [_{\psi} \ \beta \ ]_{\psi} \ \gamma \ ]_{\varphi}) &= S(\alpha \ [_{\psi} \ \beta \ ]_{\psi} \ \gamma ) \cup \varphi[\{\varepsilon, \alpha, \alpha\beta, \alpha\beta\gamma\}] \\ &= \Psi[\{\alpha, \alpha\beta\}], \varphi[\{\varepsilon, \alpha, \alpha\beta, \alpha\beta\gamma\}] \end{aligned}$$

- $\eta$  is *valid* if, for each  $\varphi[\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k\}]$  in  $S(\eta)$ :

$$\eta_i \models \varphi \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k$$

# Verifying validity

**Model checking:** valid plans are viable  
(drive executions that *never go wrong*)

- transform linearized **history expression** into **BPAs** (Basic Process Algebras)
- transform **policies** into **scoped policies** (in the form of Finite State Automata)

# From history expressions to BPAs

## Example

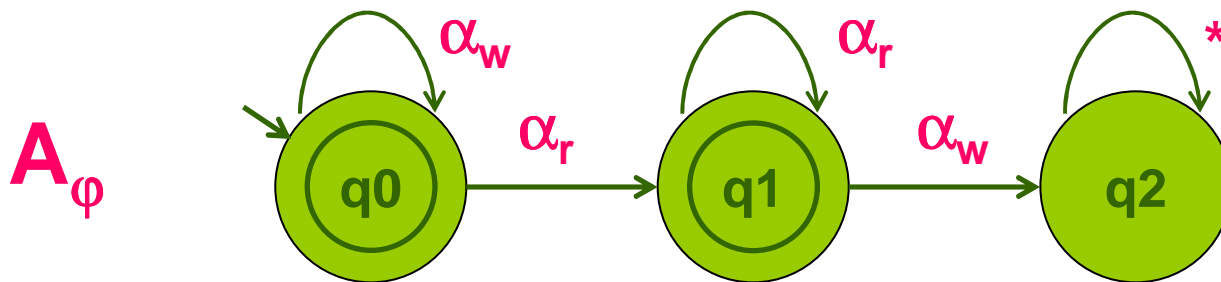
$$H = \beta \cdot (\mu h. \alpha + h \cdot h + \varphi[h])$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BPA}(H) &= \beta \cdot X, \\ &\{ X = \alpha + X \cdot X + [\varphi \cdot X \cdot ]_{\varphi} \} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:**  $[[ H ]] = [[ \text{BPA}(H) ]]$

# From policies to scoped policies

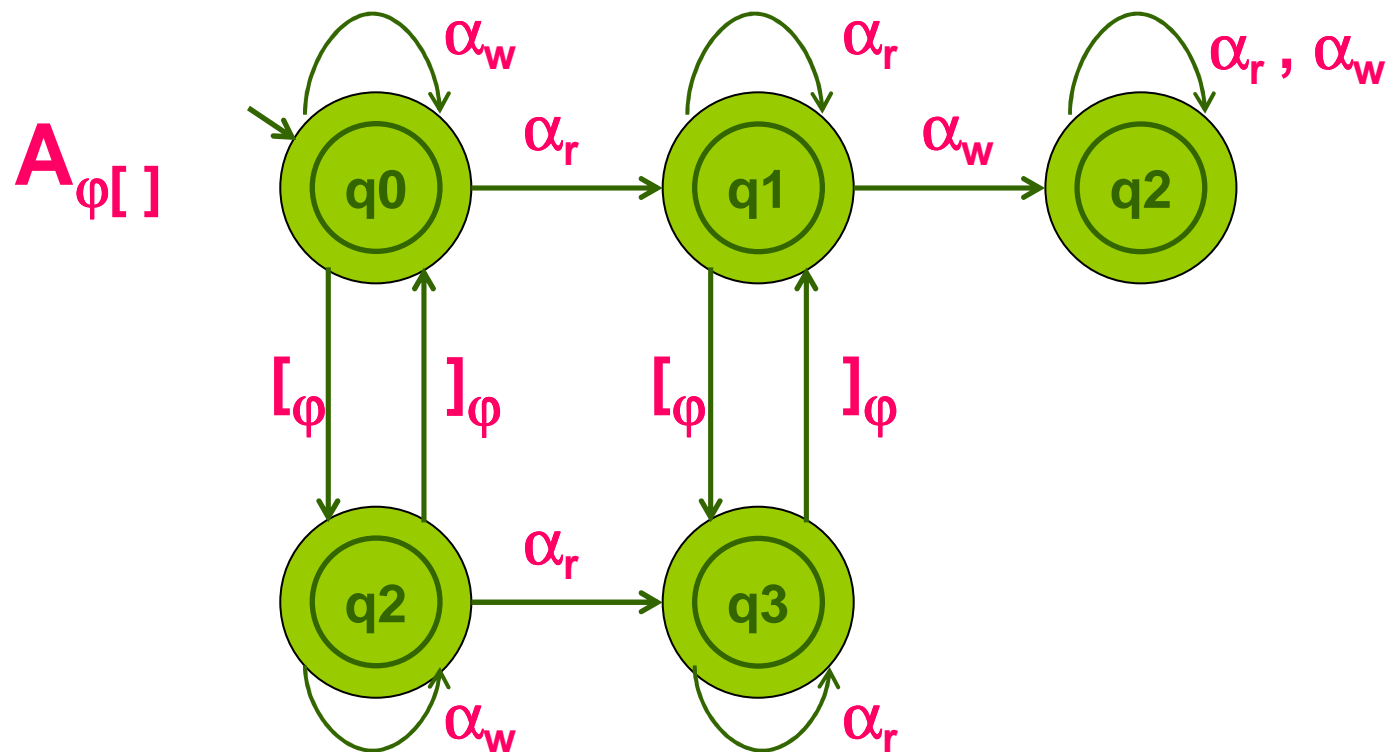
## Example



Chinese Wall policy: no write after read

# From policies to scoped policies

## Example



# From policies to scoped policies

Theorem:

$\eta$  valid iff  
 $\eta$  accepted by  $A_{\varphi[\ ]}$   
for all  $\varphi$  occurring in  $\eta$

$\eta$  w/o “redundant” framings  $\varphi[\dots\varphi[\dots]\dots] = \varphi[\dots \dots \dots]$

# Model- checking BPAs with FSAs

Theorem:

$H$  valid iff

$$[[ \text{BPA}(H) ]] \models \bigwedge_{\varphi \text{ in } H} A_{\varphi}[]$$



## Main result

Network  $N = \ell_1\{e_1 : \tau_1\} \parallel \dots \parallel \ell_k\{e_k : \tau_k\}$

$\emptyset, H_i \vdash e_i : \tau_i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k$

If  $H_i$  is  $\pi$ -valid then  $\pi$  is viable for  $e_i$

## Summing up ...

- **hypothesis:** client with history expression  $H$
- **linearization:** transform  $H$  into a semantically equivalent  $H'$  in linear form, i.e.:

$$H' = \{\pi_1 \triangleright H_1 \cdots \pi_k \triangleright H_k\}$$

and the  $H_i$  have no planned selections.

- **verification:** model-check the  $H_i$  for validity
- **theorem:** if  $H_i$  is valid, then  $\pi_i$  is viable

# Conclusions

## A linguistic framework for secure service composition

- safety framings, policies, req-by-contract
- type & effect system
- verification of effects, to extract viable plans



The orchestrator securely composes and runs service-based applications

## Other issues considered

- **instrumentation:** how to compile local policies into local checks, in case that some policy may fail
- **resource creation:** how to create fresh resources
- **liveness:** how to deal with properties of the form “something good will eventually happen”
- **multi-choice and dependent plans**

# Future work

- other kinds of plans (e.g. dynamic)
- other kinds of effects (e.g. sessions)
- safety framings and security protocols
- safety framings for information flow
- incremental analysis, when new services can be discovered at run-time
- trust relations between services
- spatial types and logics

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