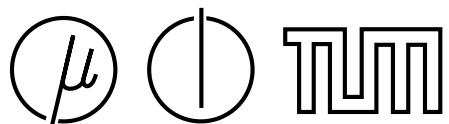


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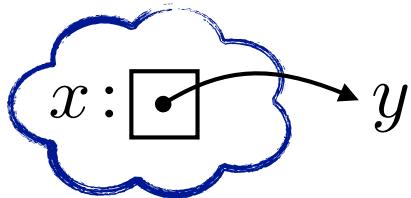
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Separation Logic

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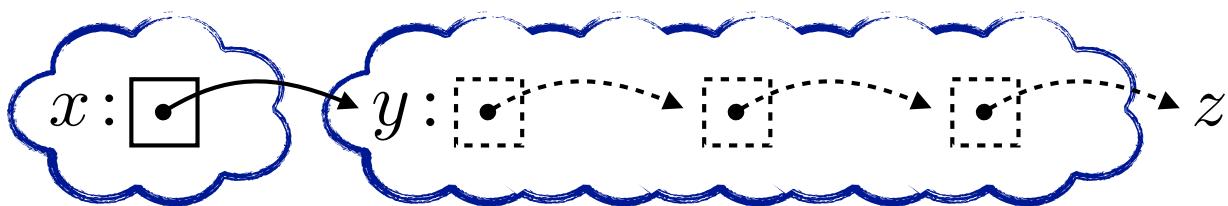
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Separation Logic

$\text{next}(x, y) \quad \text{lseg}(y, z)$

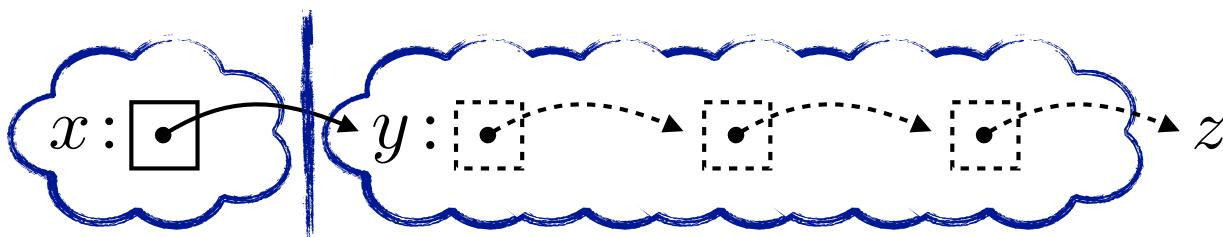
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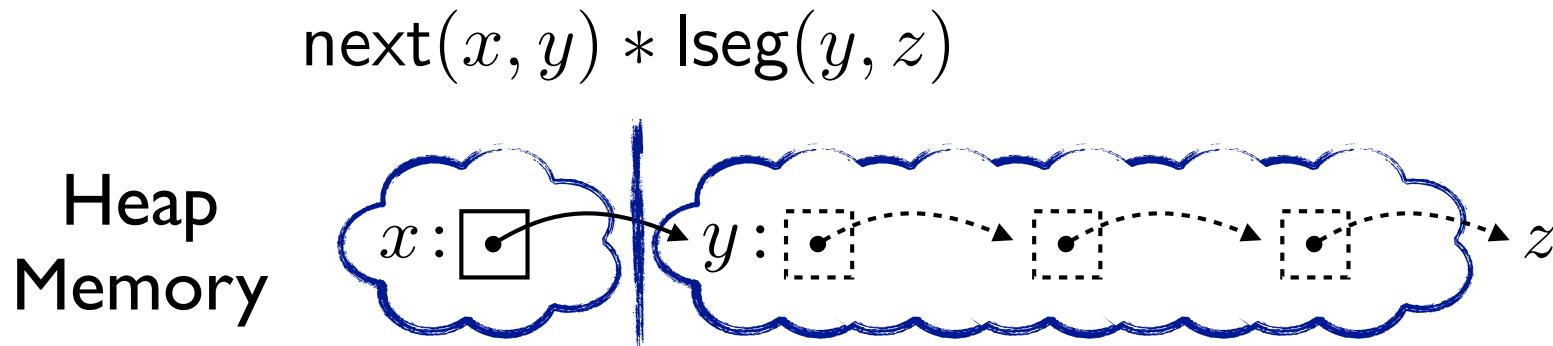
Separation Logic

$$\text{next}(x, y) * \text{lseg}(y, z)$$

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Separation Logic



Symbolic Execution with Separation Logic (*Berdine et al. 2005*)

- Reasoning about heap structure and aliasing
- Calculus for entailments of the form: $\Pi \wedge \Sigma \rightarrow \Pi' \wedge \Sigma'$
- Search for a sequence of inferences that yields a proof

Superposition Calculus

$$L_1 \vee \cdots \vee L_n \vee x \simeq y \quad R_1 \vee \cdots \vee R_m \vee x \simeq z$$

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reasoning about **aliasing** = reasoning about **equality**

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reasoning about
heap structure

reasoning about
aliasing/equality

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split the *entailment* into:

pure clauses, a *positive spatial clause*, and a *negative spatial clause*

repeat

repeat

search for a *model* of the *pure clauses*

return “**Theorem**” if no *model* is found

normalize the *positive spatial clause* w.r.t. the *model*

derive more *pure clauses* by well-formed inferences

until the *pure clauses* reach a fixpoint

return “**Invalid**” if the *model* is a counterexample

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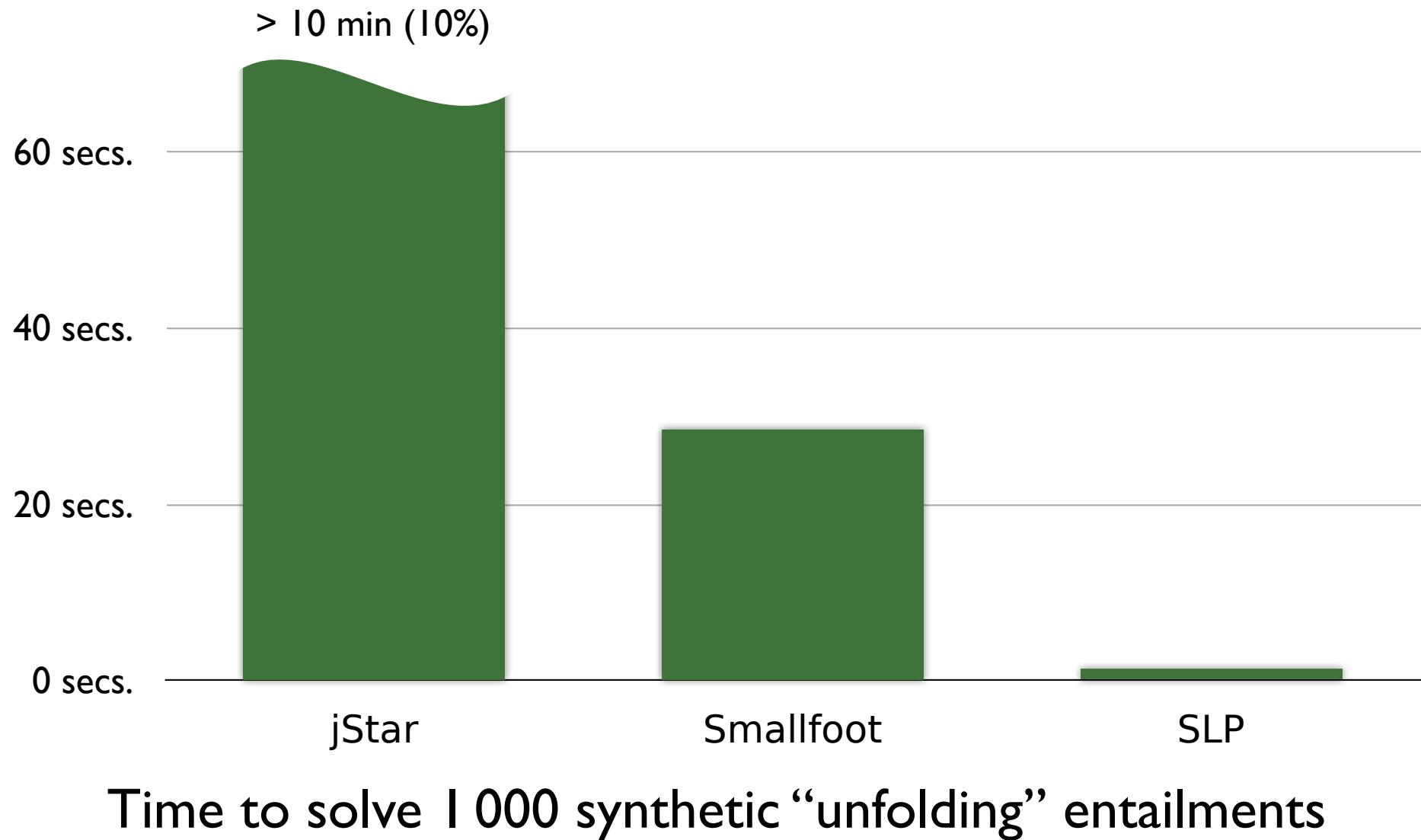
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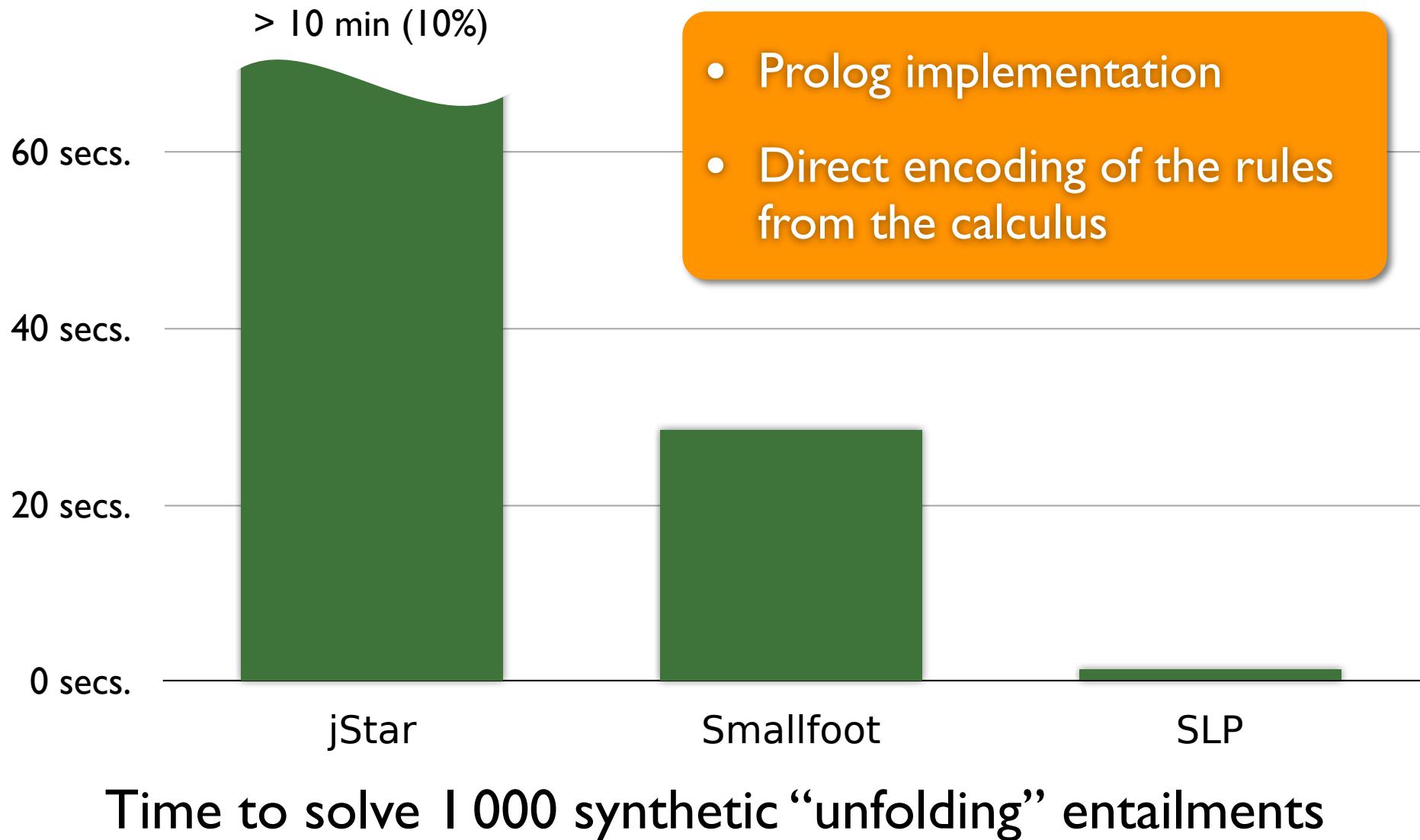
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What's next?

- Extension with other data structures (e.g. trees)
- Combination with other theories
 - Linear Arithmetic (*Korovin & Voronkov 2007*)
 - SMT (*Baumgartner & Waldmann 2009; de Moura & Bjørner 2009*)
- Verified Software Toolchain (*Appel 2011*)
- Ongoing implementation of a model checker

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