

# Token-passing semantics *with and without* rewriting

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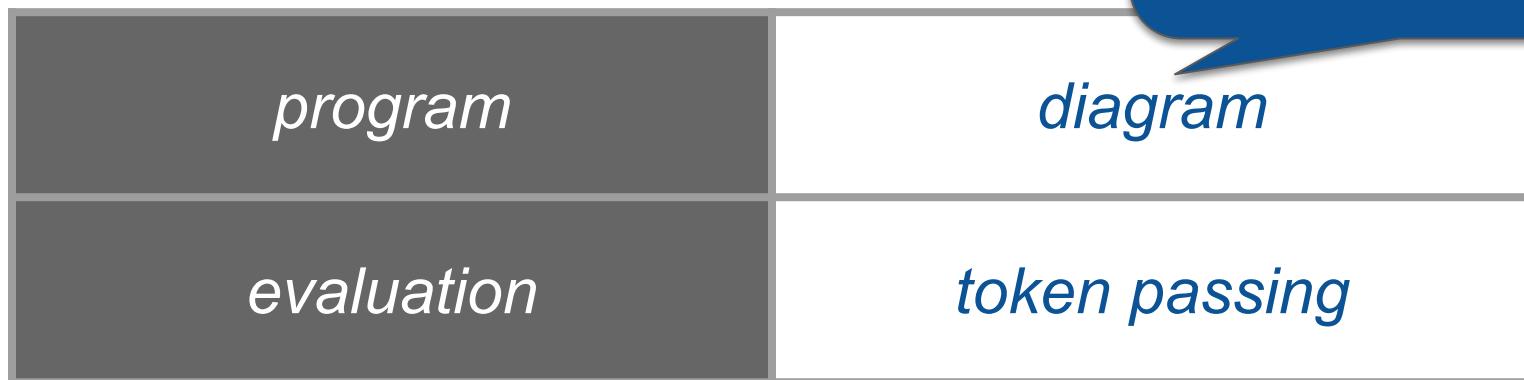
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(MELL) proof net,  
 $\lambda$ -graph, ...



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<i>program</i>	<b><math>\lambda</math>-graph + !-boxes</b>
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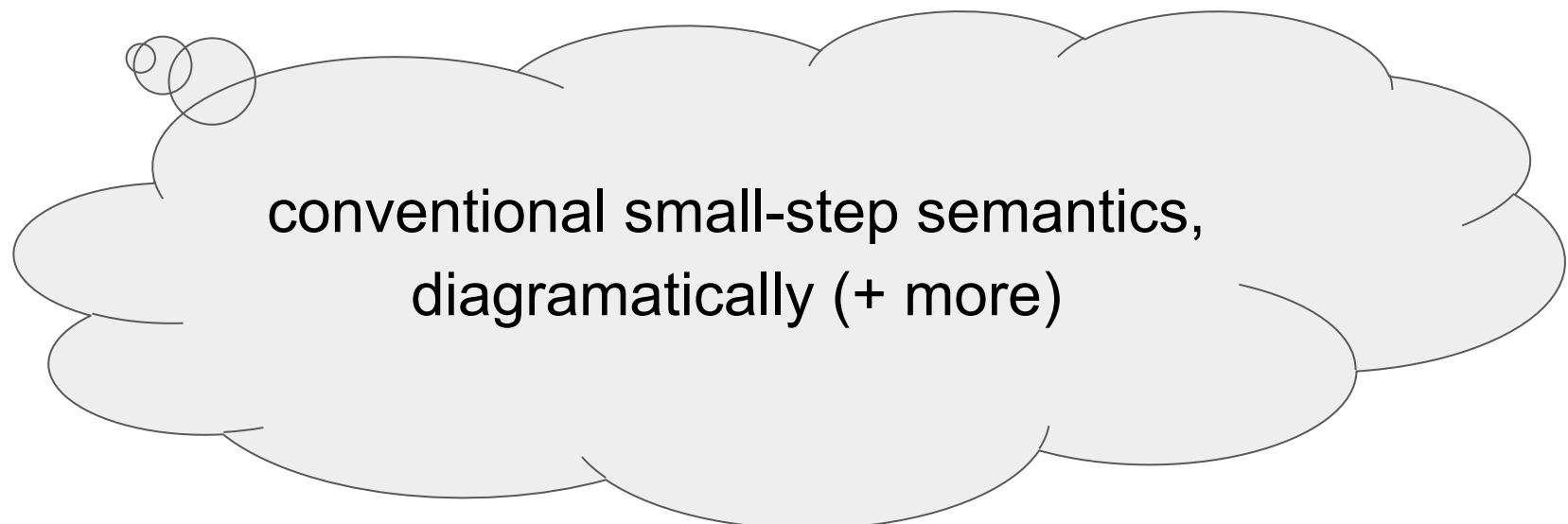
- compiler [Mackie '95]
- higher-order synthesis [Ghica '07]

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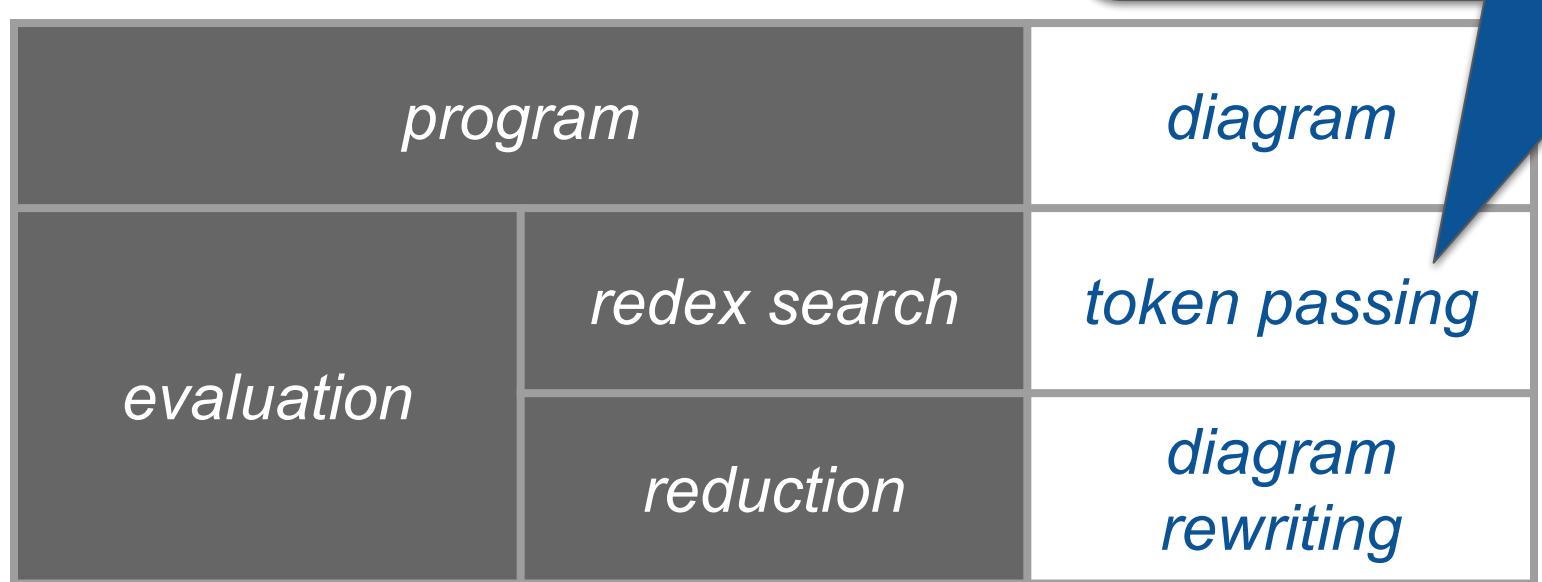


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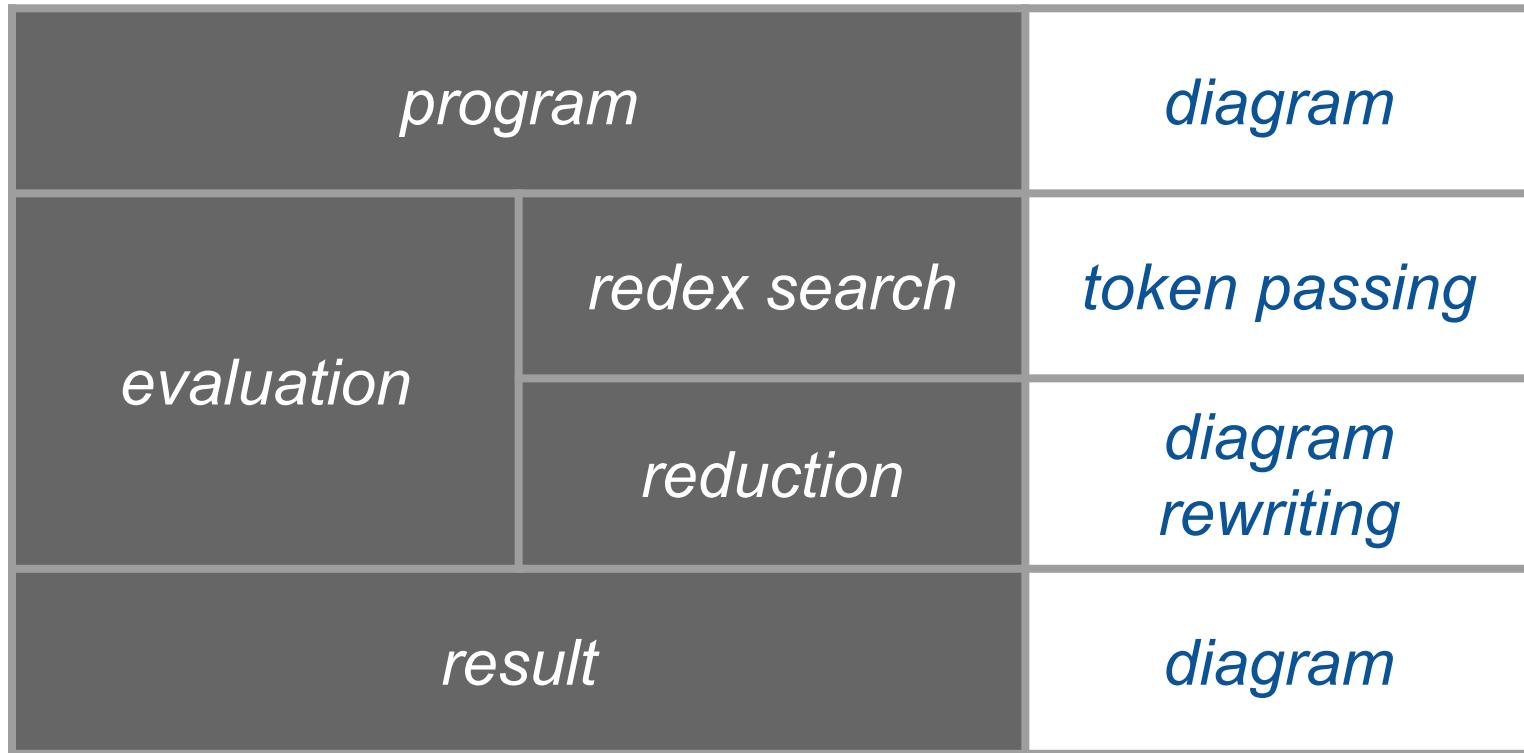
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inspired by  
virtual reduction



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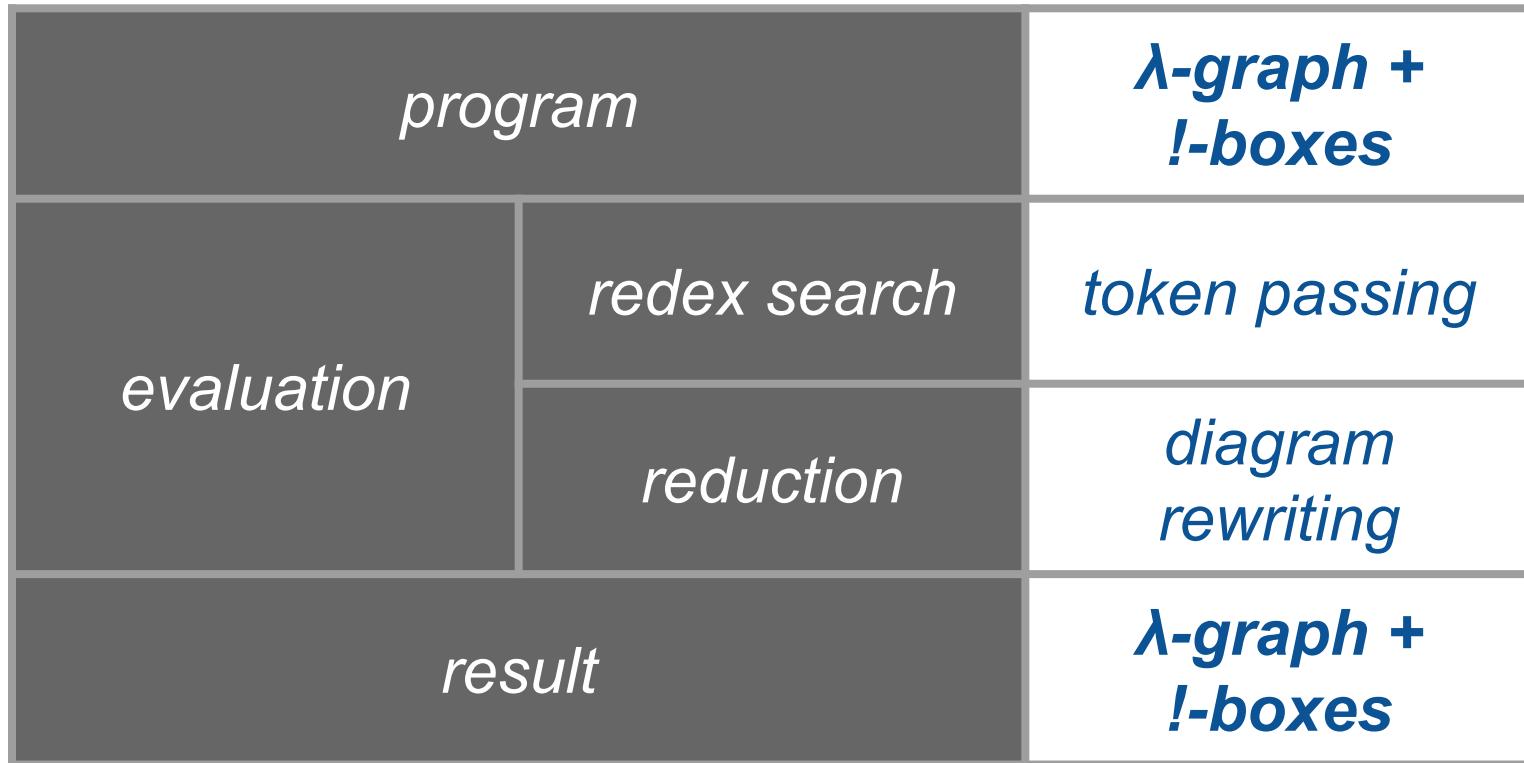


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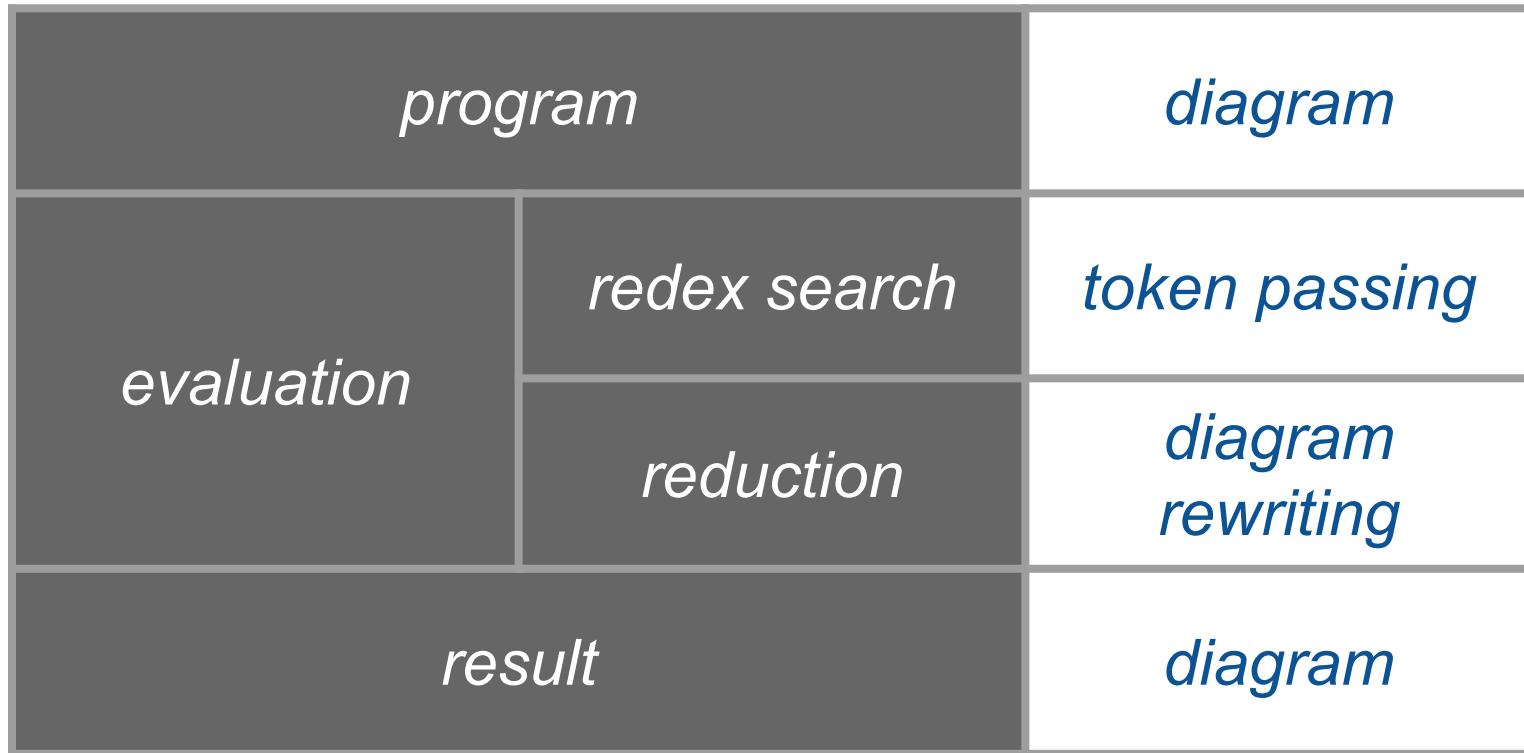


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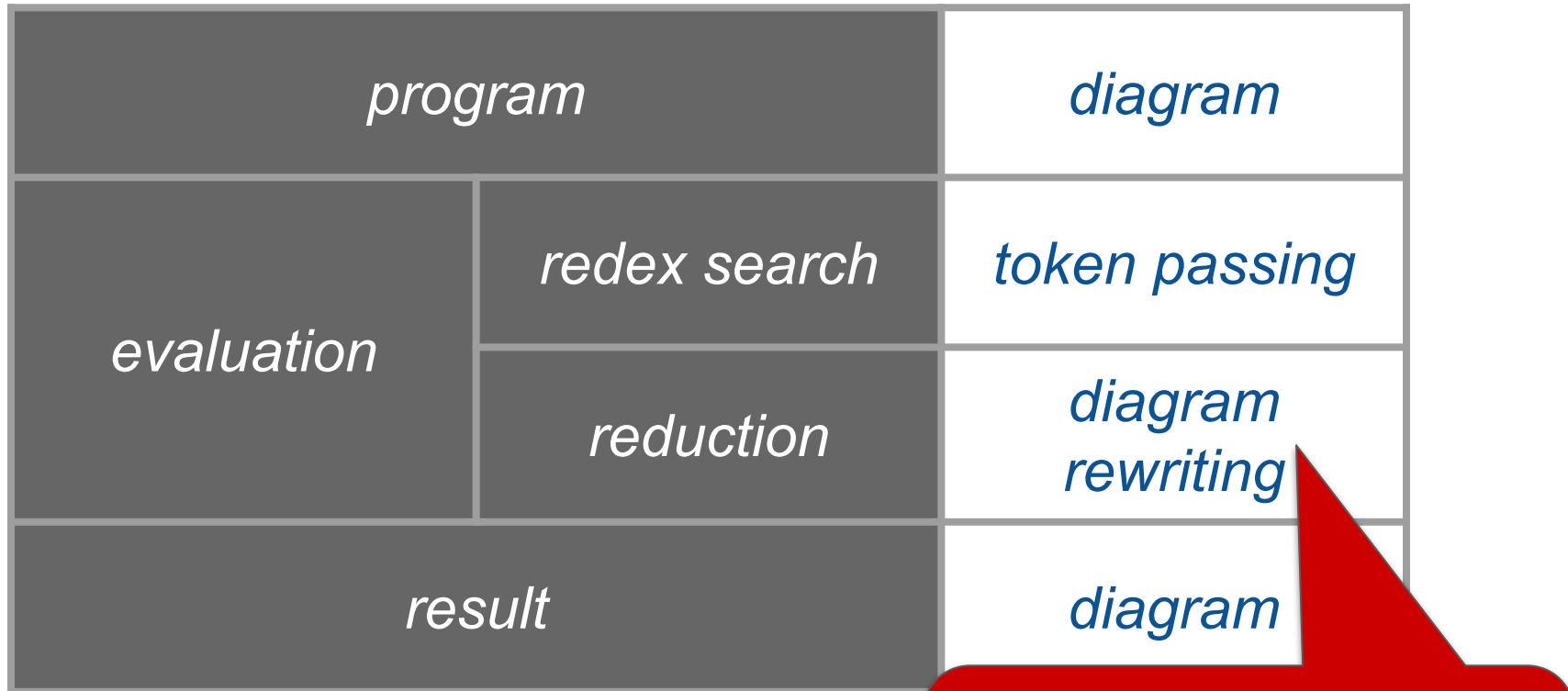
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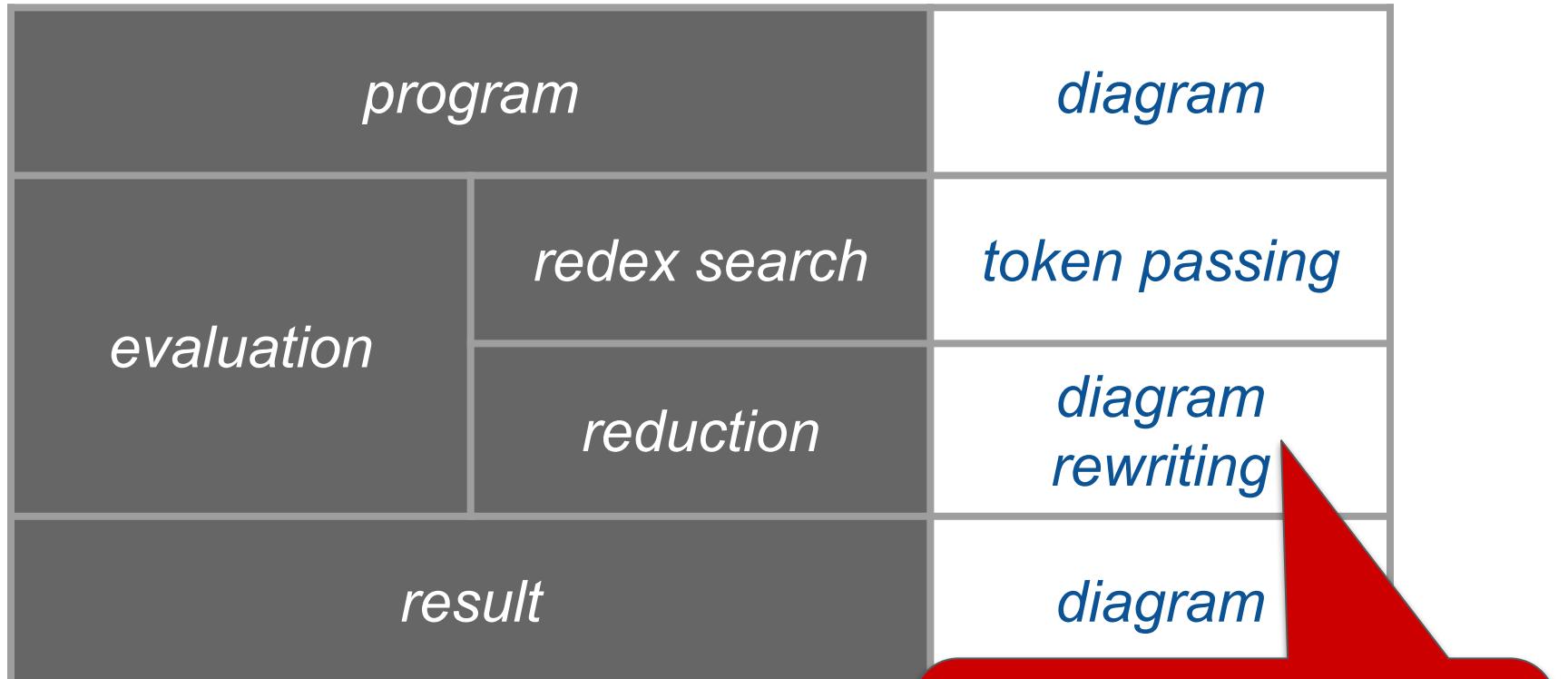


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token-passing semantics *without* rewriting

... space efficiency



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selective rewriting

non-trivial space/time balancing?

token-passing semantics *without* rewriting

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token-passing semantics *without* rewriting

... result given by the token



token-passing semantics *with* rewriting

... result given by a diagram



selective rewriting

programming with dual result

... given by the token *and* a diagram?

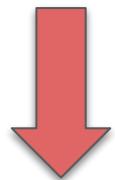
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selective rewriting

programming with “computation graphs”

... result being value with computation graph

# Programming with “computation graphs”

*result*

*value  
with computation graph*

- construction
- manipulation

# Programming with “computation graphs”

TensorFlow, Google’s machine-learning library

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x_data = ...  
y_data = ...  
sess = tf.Session()  
sess.run(init)  
sess.run(train)  
  
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## construction

machine-learning model  
with parameters

## manipulation

model training  
(imperative parameter update)

## value extraction

output prediction

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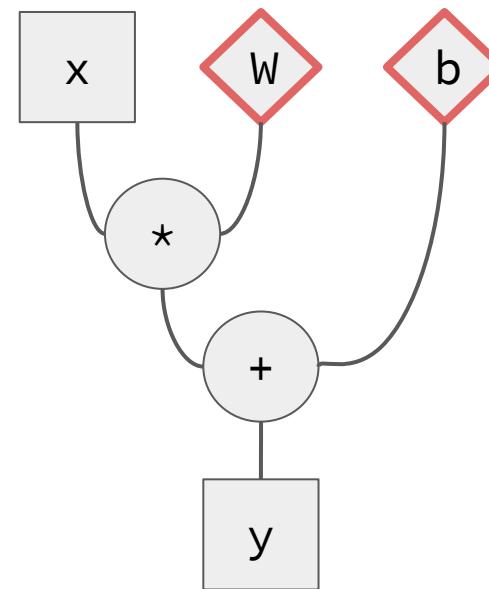
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construction

“variables”



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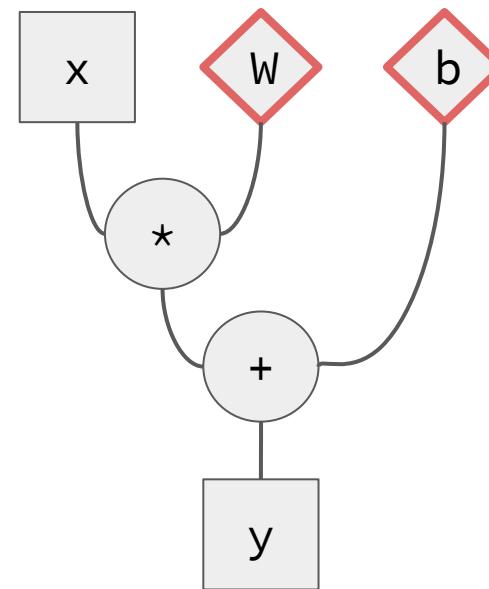
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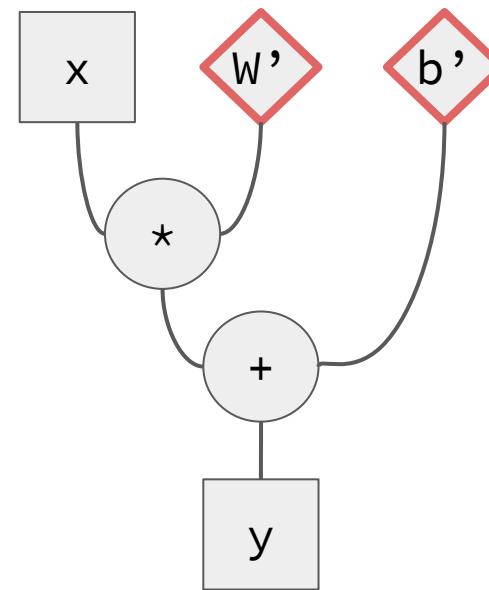
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manipulation

in-place (imperative)  
parameter update



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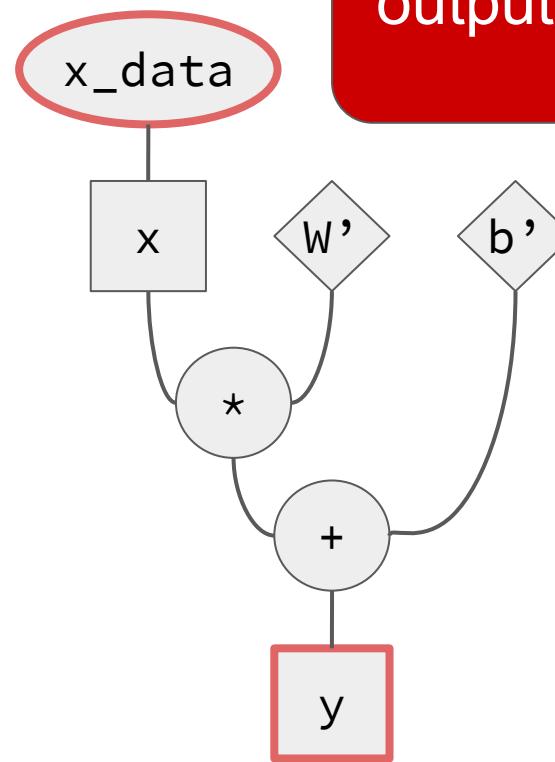
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(Incremental, an OCaml library)

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Inc.Var.set x 3;

Inc.stabilize ();

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“spreadsheet”

## construction

acyclic dependency graph  
with “modifiables/cells”

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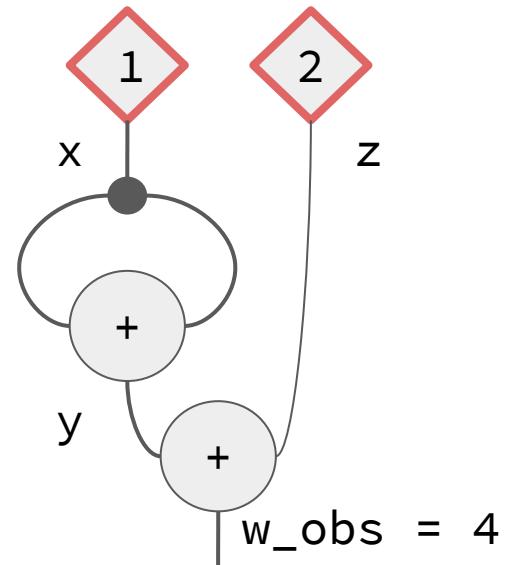
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“spreadsheet”

“modifiables”  
“cells”



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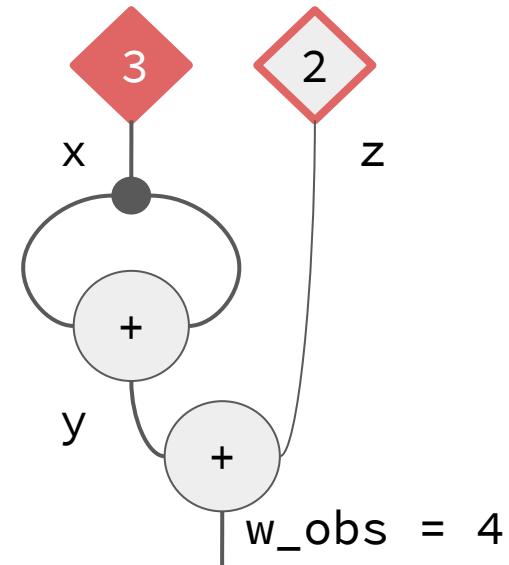
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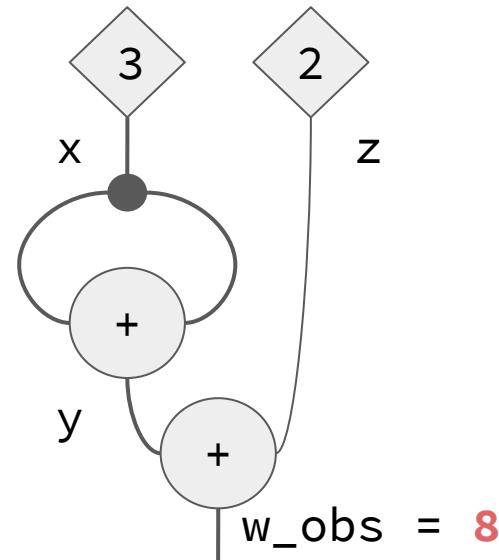
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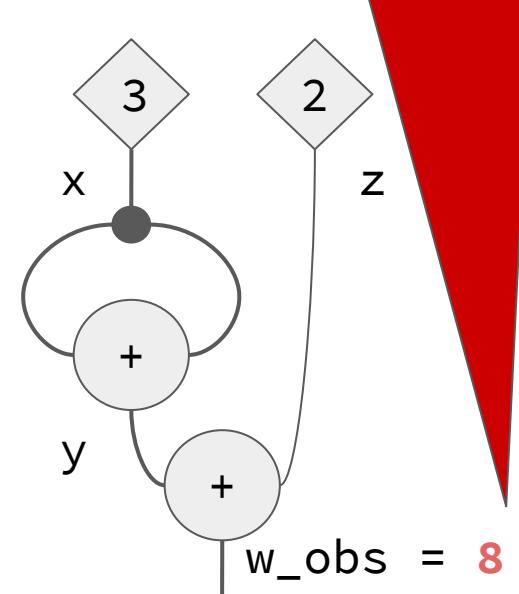
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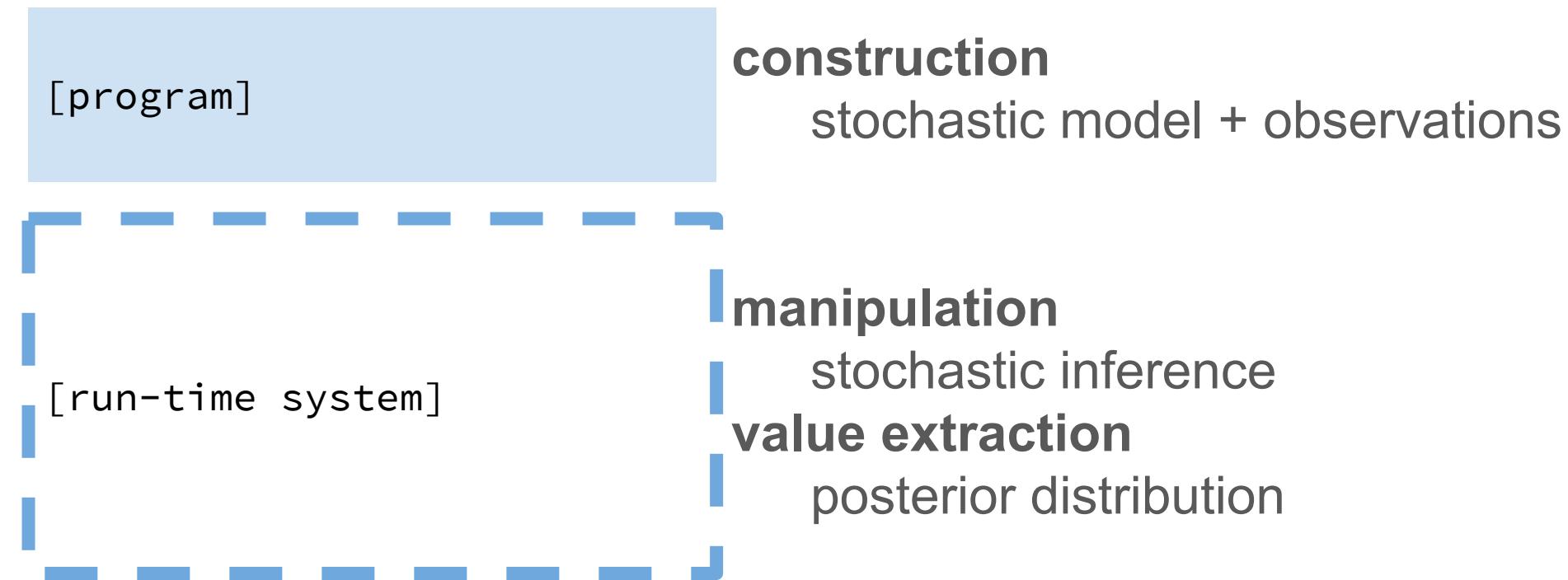
value extraction

observation



# Programming with “computation graphs”

## Probabilistic Programming



# Programming with “computation graphs”

*result*

*value  
with computation graph*

- construction
- manipulation

TensorFlow

imperative parameter update on machine-learning model

Self-Adjusting Computation

change propagation on acyclic dependency graph

Probabilistic Programming

inference on stochastic model

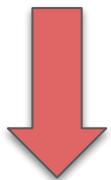
token-passing semantics *without* rewriting

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token-passing semantics *with* rewriting

... result given by a diagram



selective rewriting

programming with “computation graphs”

... result being value with computation graph

# Token-passing semantics *with* & *without* rewriting

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	<i>reduction</i>	<i>diagram rewriting</i>
<i>computation graphs</i>	<i>construction</i>	<b><i>selective</i></b> <i>diagram rewriting</i>
	<i>manipulation</i>	<i>diagram rewriting</i>
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# Programming with “computation graphs”

*result*

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- construction
- manipulation

Idealised TensorFlow [–,Cheung&Ghica ‘18]

functional parameter update on machine-learning model

Synchronous Self-Adjusting Computation

change propagation on cyclic dependency graph

# Synchronous Self-Adjusting Computation

live demo: <https://cwtsteven.github.io/Gol-SAC-Visualiser/>

```
x = {1}
y = x + x
z = {2}
w = y + z
link x to 3;

_ = step ()
_ = step ()
w;
```

## construction

cyclic dependency graph  
with “modifiables/cells”

## manipulation

cell-wise change propagation

multiple  
independent tokens  
*without rewriting*

# Synchronous Self-Adjusting Computation

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```
(* alternating signal *)  
  
x = {true}  
link x to ~x;  
  
_ = step ()  
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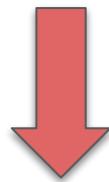
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given by the token and a diagram with “cells”  
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# Directions

- sit back and lay the foundation?
  - “cells”, special constants
    - shared but never duplicated
    - blocking rewrite
- more applications?
  - differentiating (higher-order) computation graphs
  - digesting meta-level stochastic inference