

# RustBelt: A Quick Dive Into the Abyss

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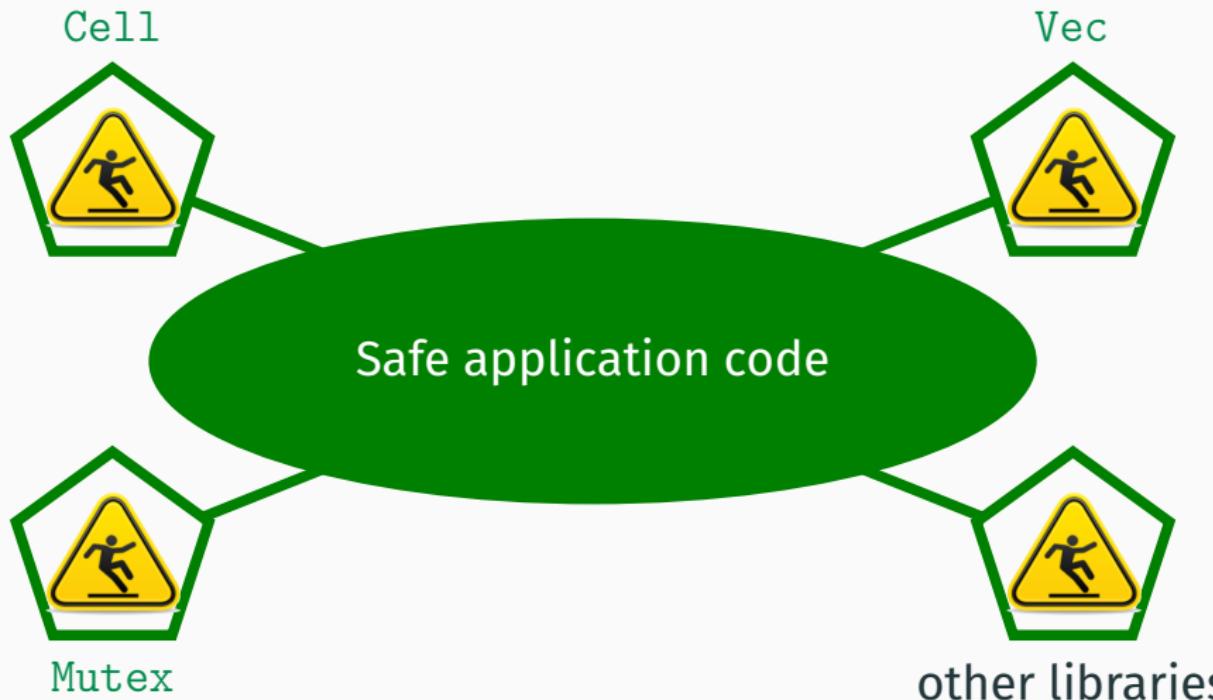


# RustBelt – formalizing Rust's safety story

The safety of Rust rests on two main pillars:

- A sophisticated type system based on the ideas of ownership and borrowing
- Safe encapsulation of unsafe code

# Safely wrapped unsafe code is used pervasively in the Rust ecosystem:



# Mapping the Abyss: RustBelt



Extensible safety proof for Rust

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Core **substructural** typing judgments:

$$\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{L}; \mathbf{T}_1 \vdash I \dashv x. \mathbf{T}_2$$

Typing individual instructions  $I$   
( $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  track lifetimes)

$$\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{L}; \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{T} \vdash F$$

Typing whole functions  $F$   
( $\mathbf{K}$  tracks continuations)

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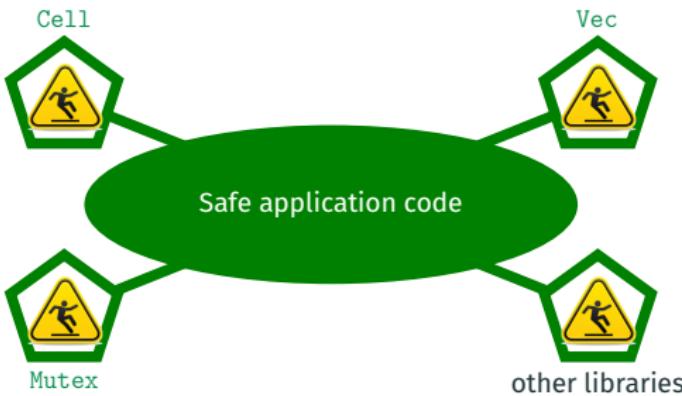
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Well-typed programs can't go wrong:

- No data race
- No invalid memory access

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But what about **unsafe** code?



Unsafe code is essentially **untyped**.

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**Logical relations:** “semantic everything”

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2. Semantic interpretation of judgments ( $\models$ )

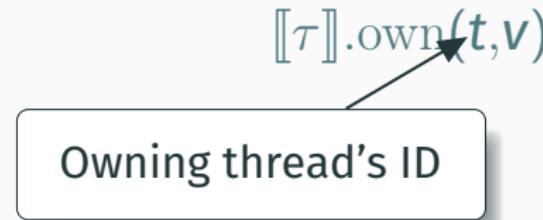
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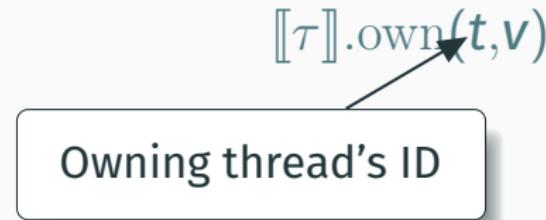
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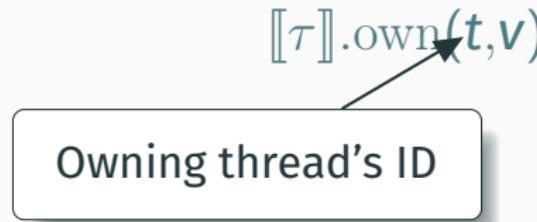
# Separation Logic

# to the Rescue!



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We use a modern, higher-order, concurrent separation logic framework called Iris:

- Implemented in the Coq proof assistant 
- Designed to derive new reasoning principles inside the logic

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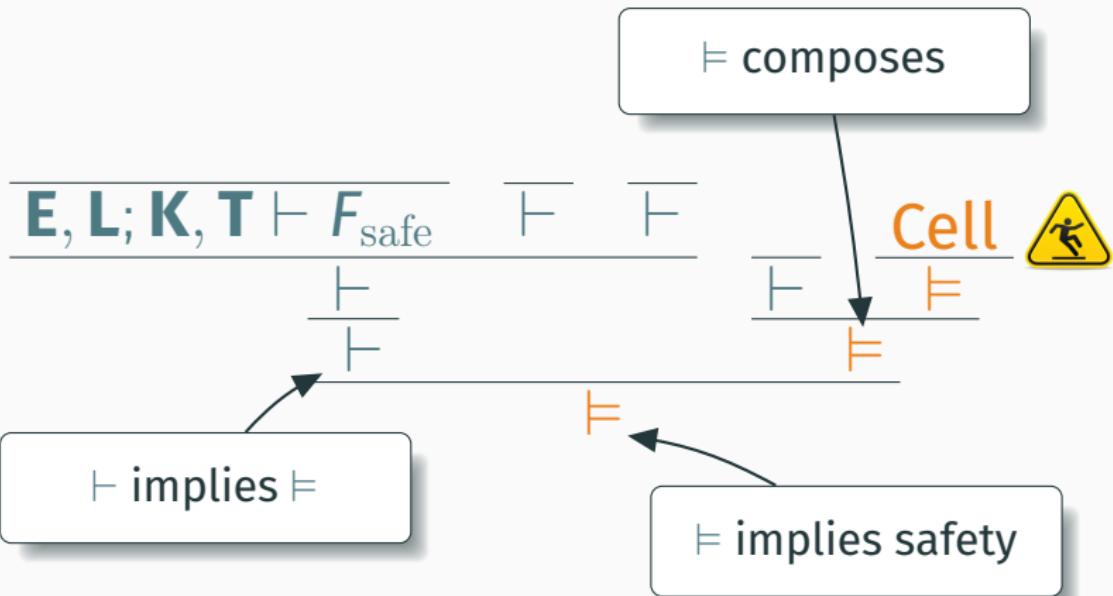
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Hoare triple

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The whole program is safe if  
the **unsafe** pieces are safe!



Depth 1m:  
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Depth 10m:  
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```
Program Definition cell (ty : type) := {|
    ty_size := ty.(ty_size);
    ty_own := ty.(ty_own);
    ty_shr κ tid l :=
        &na{κ, tid, shrN.@l}
            (exists v, l --> v * ty.(ty_own) tid v)
| }%I.
```

# Cell::new in Coq

```
Definition cell_new : val :=  
  funrec: <> ["x"] := return: ["x"].  
  
Lemma cell_new_type ty `{!TyWf ty} :  
  typed_val cell_new (fn(ø; ty) → cell ty).  
Proof.  
  intros E L. iApply type_fn; [solve_typing...|].  
  iIntros "/= !#". iIntros (_ f ret arg). inv_vec arg=>x.  
  simpl_subst. iApply type_jump; [solve_typing...|].  
  iIntros (????) "#LFT _ $ Hty".  
  rewrite !tctx_interp_singleton /=. done.  
Qed.
```

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Definition cell_replace ty : val :=  
funrec: <> ["c"; "x"] :=  
  let: "c'" := !"c" in  
    letalloc: "r" <-{ty.(ty_size)} !"c'" in  
      "c'" <-{ty.(ty_size)} !"x";;  
    delete [ #1; "c" ] ;;  
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  iApply type_deref; [solve_typing..|]. iIntros (c'); simpl_subst.
  iApply type_new; [solve_typing..|]; iIntros (r); simpl_subst.
  (* Drop to Iris level. *) iIntros (tid qmax) "#LFT #HE Htl HL HC".
  rewrite 3!tctx_interp_cons tctx_interp_singleton !tctx_hasty_val.
  iIntros "(Hr & Hc & #Hc' & Hx)".
  destruct c' as [[|c'|]]; try done. destruct x as [[|x|]]; try done.
  destruct r as [[|r|]]; try done.
  iMod (lctx_lft_alive_tok a with "HE HL") as (q') "(Htok & HL & Hclose1)"; [solve_typing..|].
  iMod (na_bor_acc with "LFT Hc' Htok Htl") as "(Hc'↔ & Htl & Hclose2)"; [solve_ndisj..|].
  iDestruct "Hc'↔" as (vc') "[&Hc'↔ Hc'own]". iDestruct (ty_size_eq with "Hc'own") as "#%".
  iDestruct "Hr" as "[Hr↔ Hrt]". iDestruct "Hr↔" as (vr) "[>Hr↔ Hrown]".
  iDestruct (ty_size_eq with "Hrown") as ">Heq". iDestruct "Heq" as %Heq.
  wp_apply (wp_memcpy with "[&Hr↔ $Hc'↔]"). { by rewrite Heq. } { f_equal. done. }
  iIntros "[Hr↔ Hc'↔]". wp_seq. iDestruct "Hx" as "[Hx↔ Hxt]".
  iDestruct "Hx↔" as (vx) "[Hx↔ Hxown]". iDestruct (ty_size_eq with "Hxown") as "#%".
  wp_apply (wp_memcpy with "[&Hc'↔ $Hx↔]"). { try by f_equal. } { iIntros "[Hc'↔ Hx↔]". wp_seq. }
  iMod ("Hclose2" with "[Hc'↔ Hxown] Htl") as "[Htok Htl]"; first by auto with iFrame.
  iMod ("Hclose1" with "Htok HL") as "HL".
  (* Now go back to typing level. *)
  iApply (type_type _ _ _ [c ↳ box (&sh{a}(cell ty)); #x ↳ box (uninit ty.(ty_size)); #r ↳ box ty]
  with "[] LFT HE Htl HL HC"); last first.
  { rewrite 2!tctx_interp_cons tctx_interp_singleton !tctx_hasty_val.
    iFrame "Hc". rewrite !tctx_hasty_val //.
    - iFrame. iExists _. iFrame. iNext. iApply uninit_own. done.
    - iFrame. iExists _. iFrame. }
  iApply type_delete; [solve_typing..|]. iApply type_delete; [solve_typing..|].
  iApply type_jump; solve_typing.
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Qed.

Semantic typing might look  
intimidating, but fundamentally  
it is just **program verification!**

Thanks for your attention!