

# Capturing & Inferring the Proof Process

Leo Freitas

School of Computing Science  
Newcastle University, UK

*with contributions from AI4FM members*



# Motivation

- ▶ **Extract** & reuse high-level proof strategy (cf. Gudmund's talk)
- ▶ **Capture** enough information to facilitate understanding of **high-level reasoning** (cf. Andrius' talk)
- ▶ meta-proof data gathering

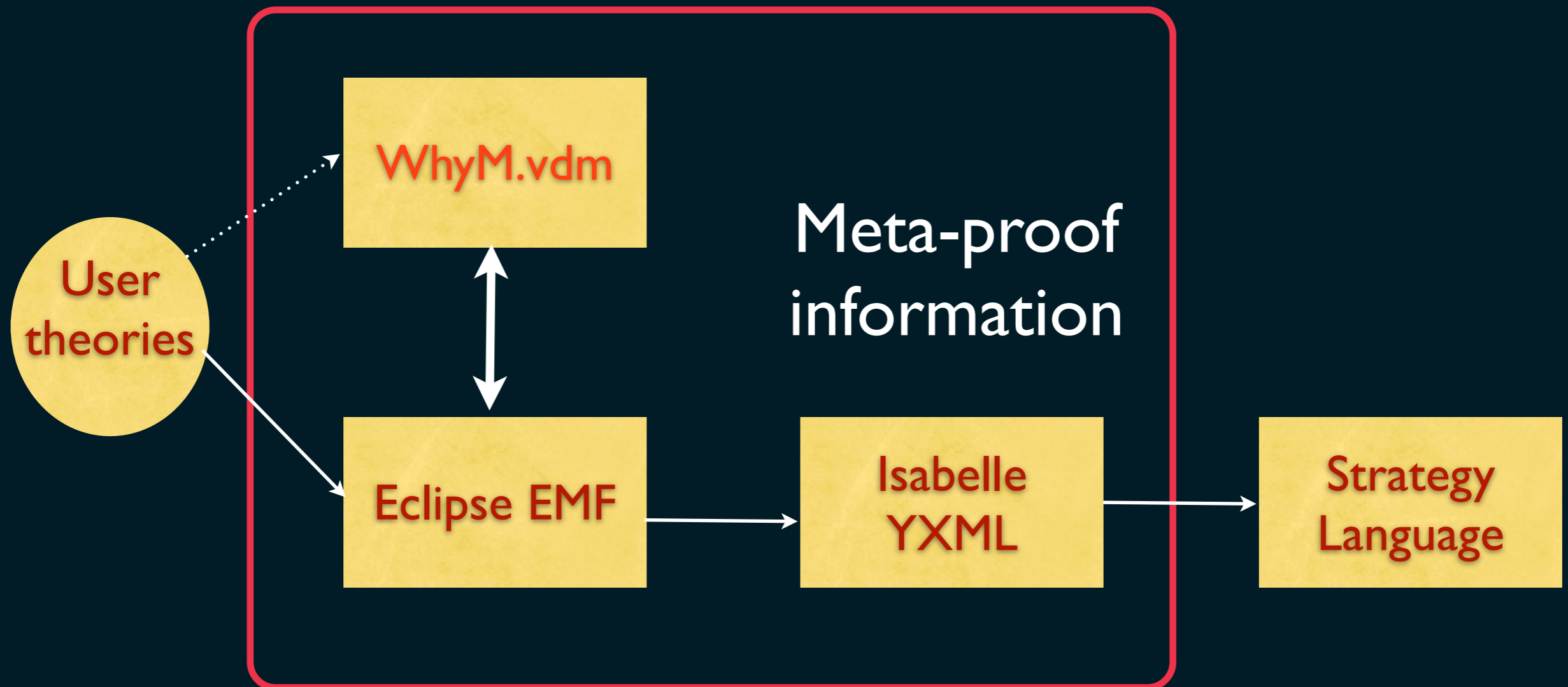
# What to capture?

- ▶ categorisation of POs / hypotheses
- ▶ ranking of hypotheses per interest
- ▶ what kind of meta-data will be useful for AI techniques?
- ▶ **APOLOGY: no evidence (/strategy) yet.**

# Models of Why

- ▶ abstract data structures to capture proof intent
- ▶ partial proof attempts as important as final proof
- ▶ described as an executable VDM model (in Overture)
- ▶ informal translations to EMF and Eclipse plugins
- ▶ reason about captured data, yet trust a prover will take care of ensuring all is okay (e.g. loosely defined)

# From data to strategies



# Proof engineering and abstractions

- ▶ commonly occurring categories / patterns:
  - map-op-circumscribe
  - feasibility witnessing
  - type bridges / definition morphisms
  - chase-bindings-of-interest
- ▶ proof engineering (e.g. system centric)
- ▶ proof planning (e.g. method centric)
- ▶ user's proofs (e.g. domain specific/centric)

# Case studies

- ▶  $R^+$  lemmas used in various problems
- ▶ Union/Find characterisations
- ▶ e-science central Cloud workflows
- ▶ EMV (Europay-Master-Visa) NFC
- ▶ Tokeneer abstract models
- ▶ Part of the Xenon Security Hypervisor

# $R^+$ lemmas

- ▶ mathematical operators properties used in various ex.
- ▶ isomorphic defs.:  $R \in \mathbb{P}(X \times X) \Rightarrow R^+ = \cup \{ i : \mathbb{N}_1 \cdot R^i \}$
- ▶ lemmas useful for mechanisation
  - $i > 1 \Rightarrow R^i = R \circ R^{(i-1)} ; R^{(i-1)} = R^{(i-1)} \circ R$
  - $f \in \textcircled{X} \ X \Rightarrow f^i \in \textcircled{X} \ X$
- ▶ lemmas about mathematical operators
  - $\neg (x, y) \in R^+ \wedge (x, z) \in R^+ \Rightarrow (x, y) \in (R \cup \{(z, y)\})^+$
  - $\neg s \in \text{ran } R \Rightarrow (\{s\} \triangleleft R)^+ = \{s\} \triangleleft R^+$



# Cliff's version of Union/find

- ▶ from partitions of sets of sets to forests
- ▶ data structure representation variations
- ▶ morphisms to aid proof / clarity
- ▶ exercise in both ZEvEs and Isabelle

# e-science Central workflows

- ▶ cloud workflows for science as a service
- ▶ workflow deployment on federated clouds
- ▶ workflow topology representation
- ▶ representation properties of interest
  - security + cost + dependability + etc

# EMV near-field communication

- ▶ model of terminal + card + transaction
- ▶ security properties / checks of protocol
- ▶ rep. of device driver algorithm
- ▶ found couple of protocol vulnerabilities

# Tokeneer abstract models

- ▶ Audited secure enclave of workstations
- ▶ NSA contract for EAL5+ demonstration
- ▶ modelled in Z, coded in SPARKAda
- ▶ Tokeneer dist. has no proof, though (!)
- ▶ mechanisation of abstract Tokeneer
  - found errors/problems with audit logging

# Xenon Security Hypervisor

- ▶ NRL reengineering of Xen hypervisor
- ▶ concurrency and info. flow security
- ▶ concurrency in CSP + data types in Z
- ▶ enforcement of security policies

# Conclusion

- ▶ collecting meta-proof data from variety of proof exercises
- ▶ serves as input to Gudmund's strategy language
- ▶ hopefully we will find common strategies there --- they are present!