

# SLIP: a simple language implementation platform

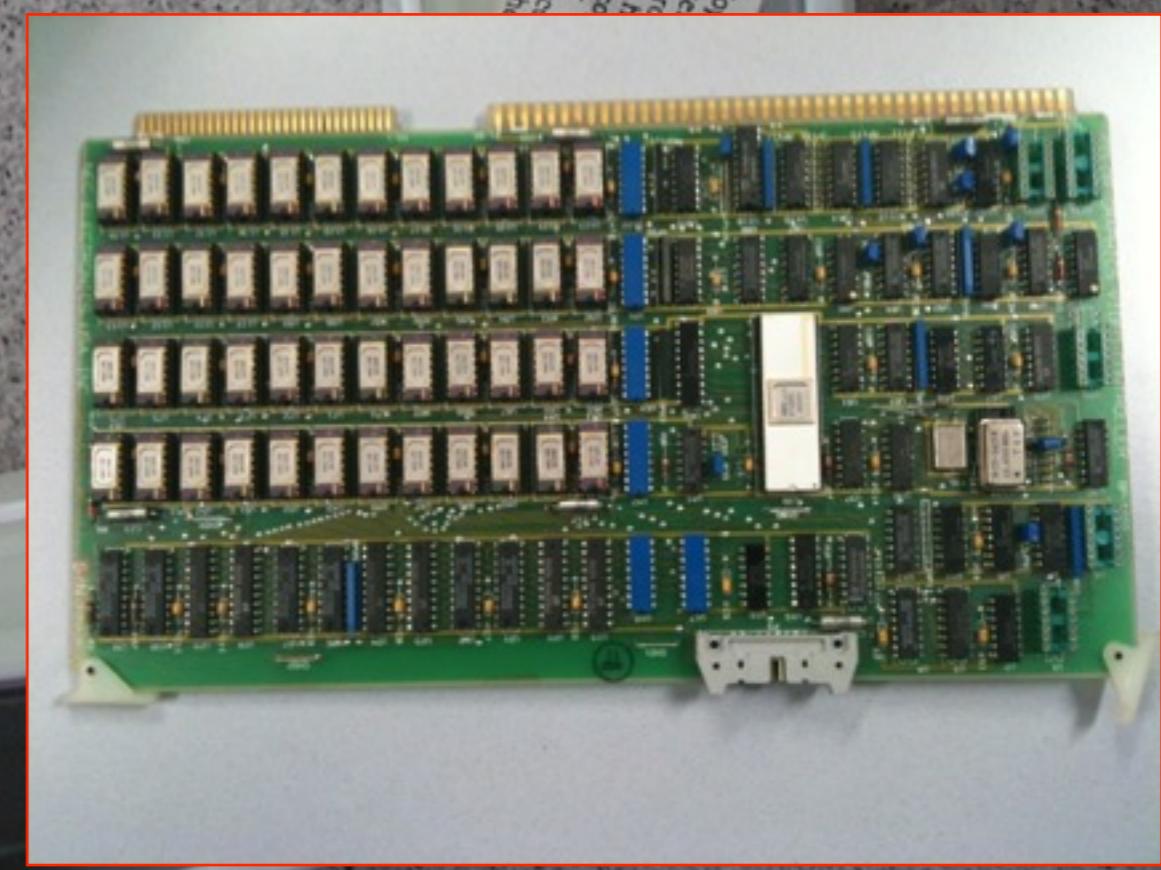
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      (if (> High Left)
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            (if (> High Left)
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```
cpSlip/c version 13: multithreading
>>>(eval (read "quadcoreQuickSort.scm"))
quadcore quicksort of 100000 integers

... Collecting 109145 cells into 103092 cells in 0.003919 seconds
... Collecting 339952 cells into 106248 cells in 0.006443 seconds
... Collecting 940109 cells into 105837 cells in 0.01088 seconds
... Collecting 501743 cells into 105810 cells in 0.003370 seconds
elapsed time = 12 secs
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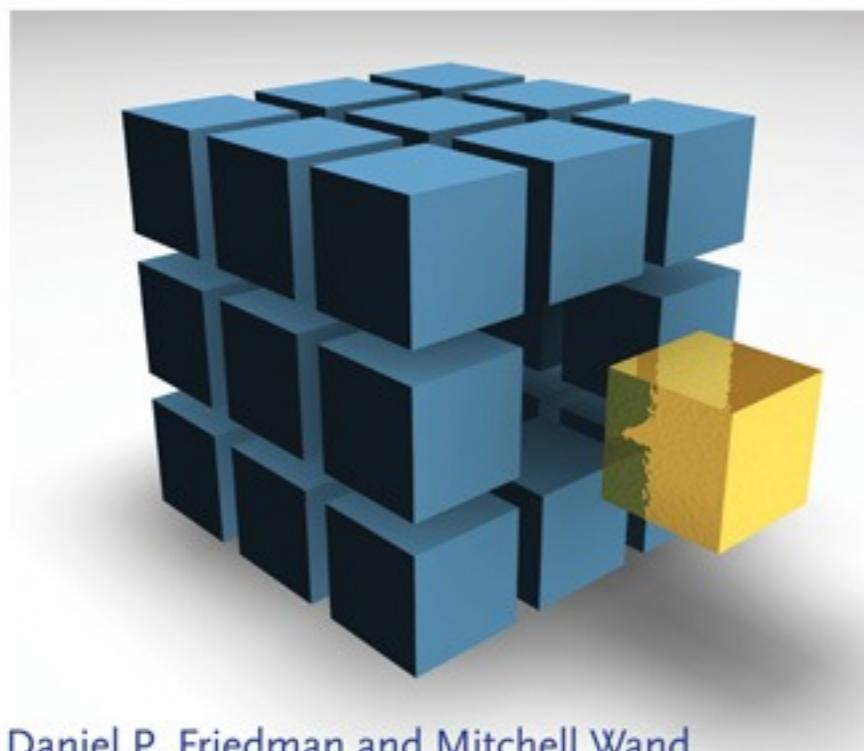
# Agenda

- motivation
- history: Pico (1&2), Pic%, 'skēm
- SLIP
- SLIP in cps
- SLIP in C
- multicore SLIP

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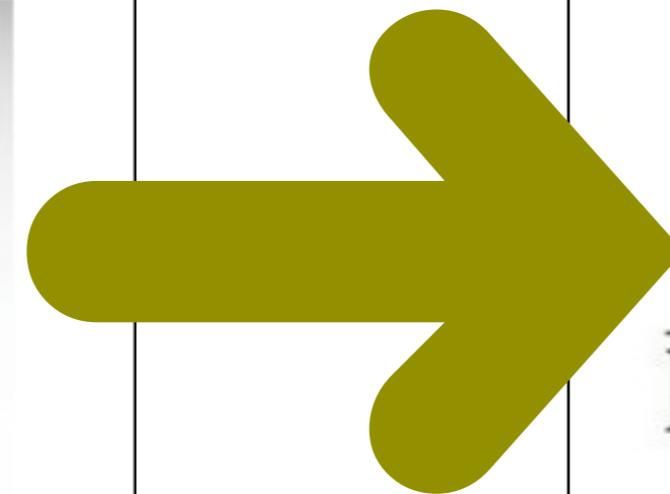
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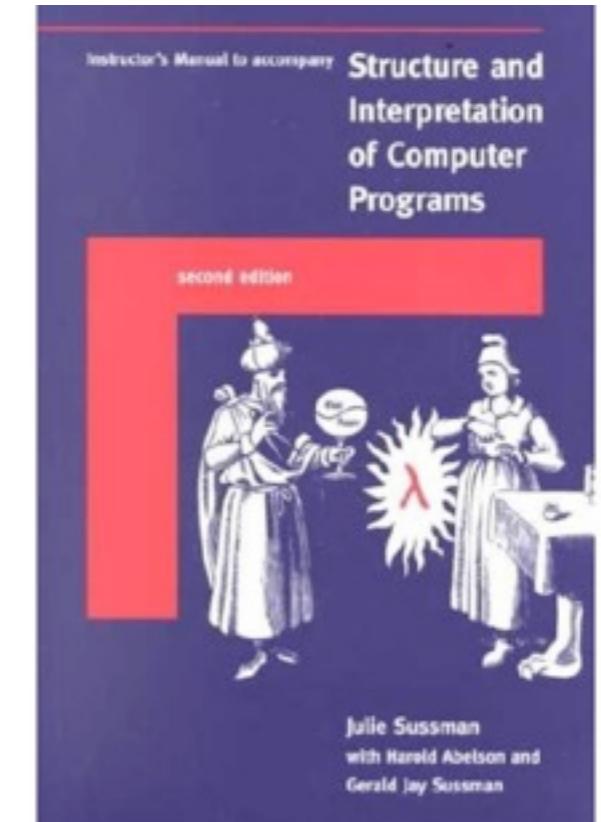
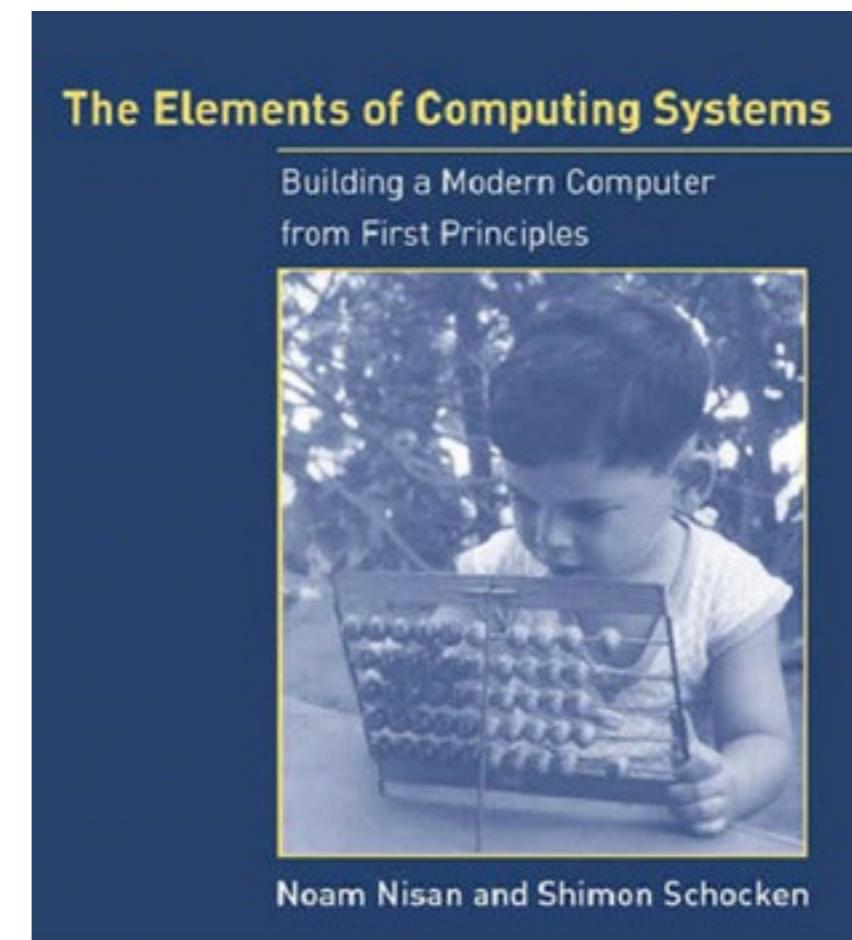
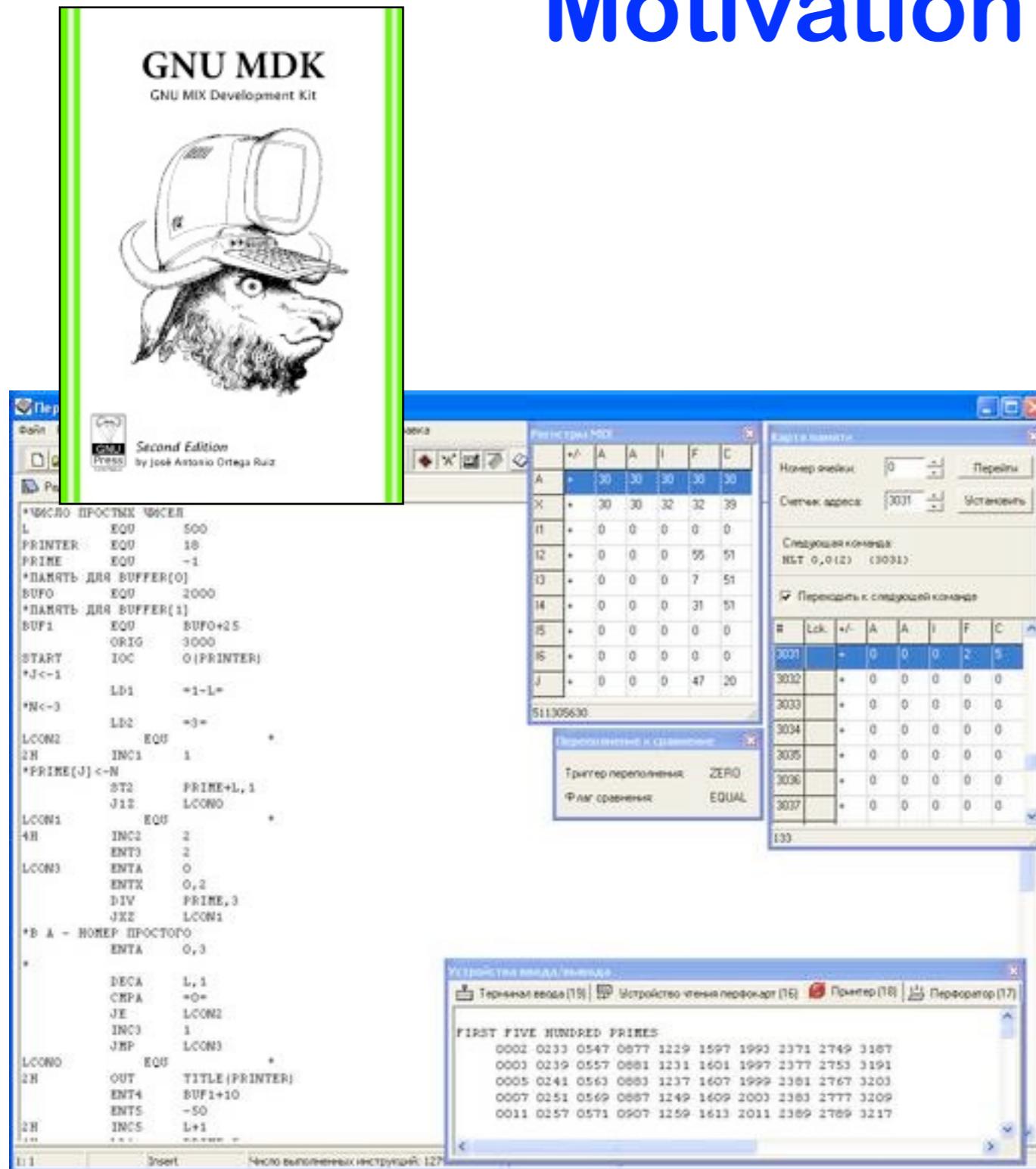
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First principles

Bare metal

# Motivation (cont'd)



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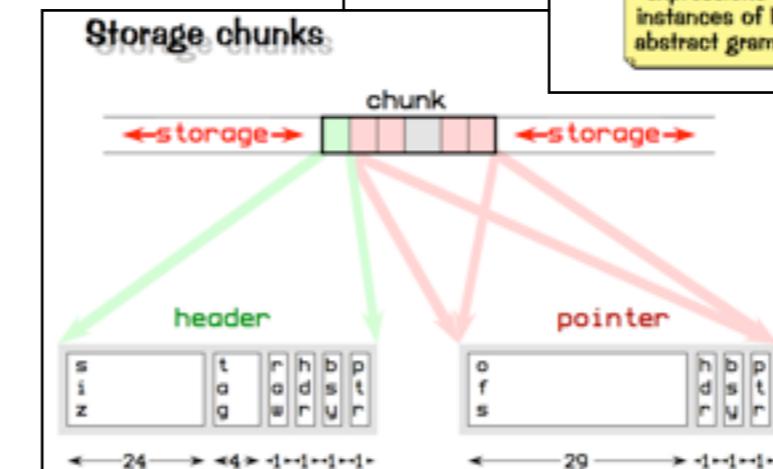
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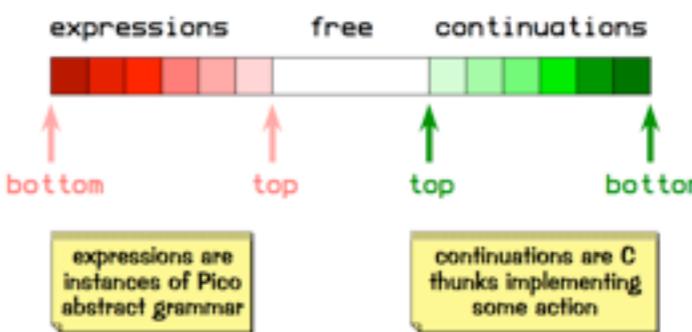
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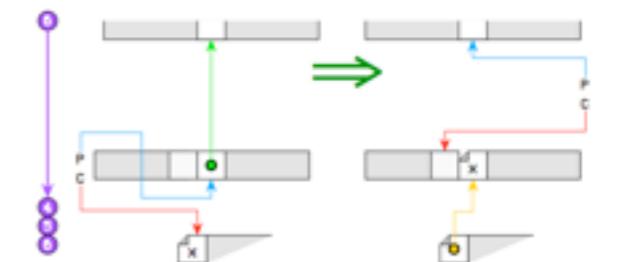
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**GC sweep DFA (cont'd)**



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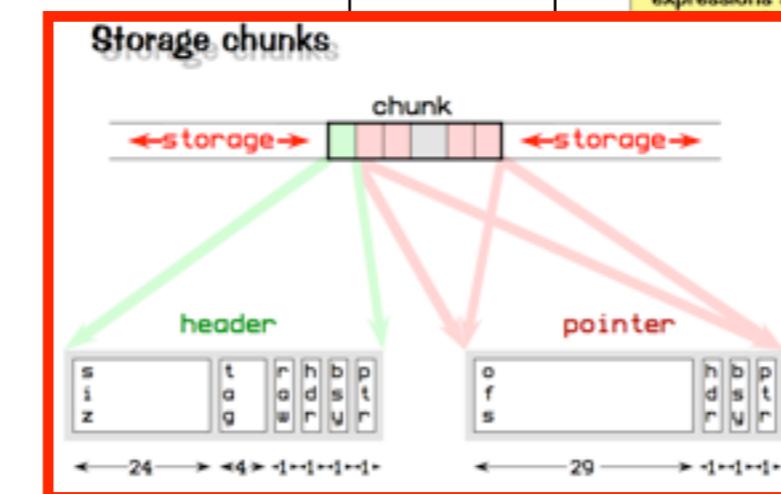
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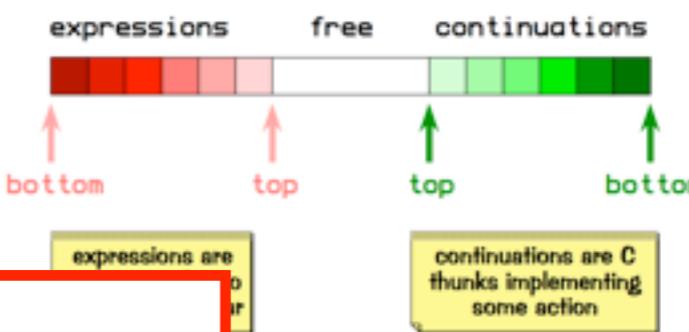
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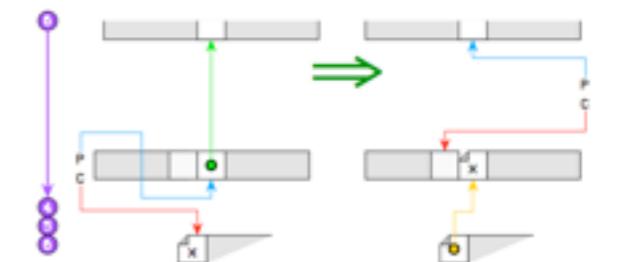
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case # 6: if current points to a marked chunk then follow the back-pointer

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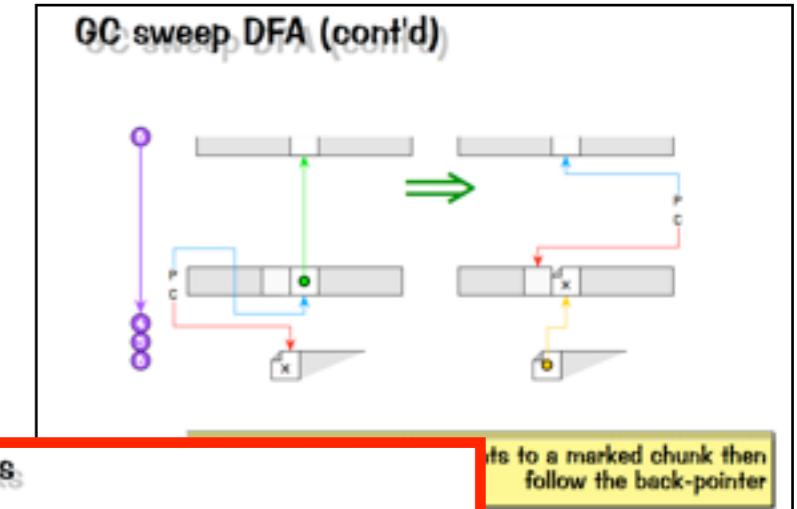
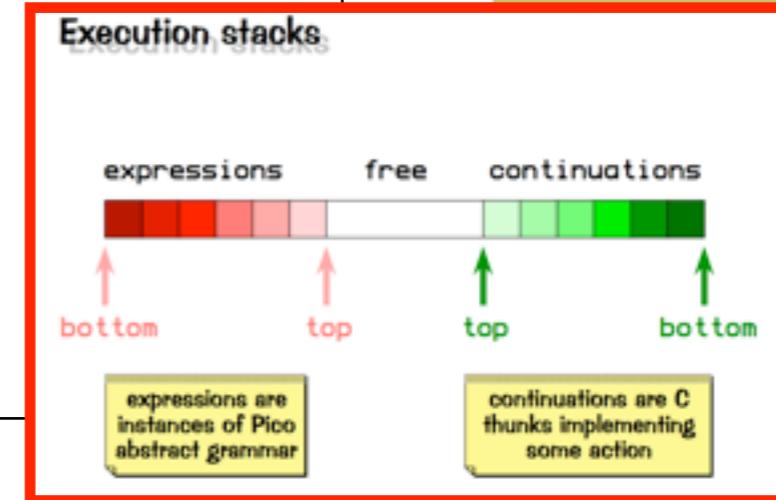
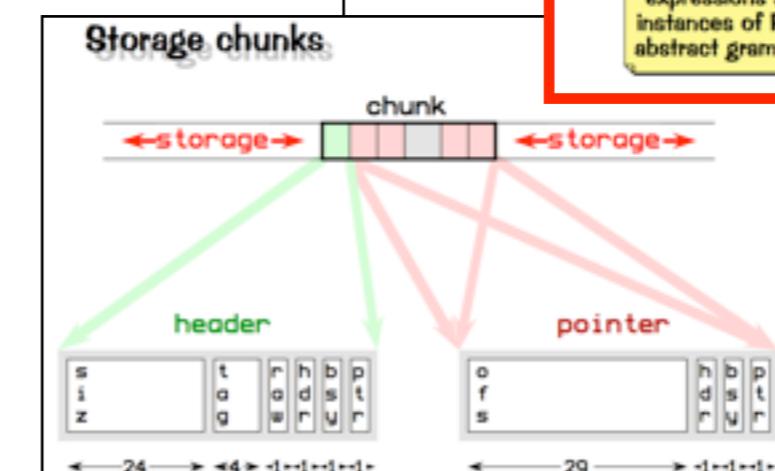
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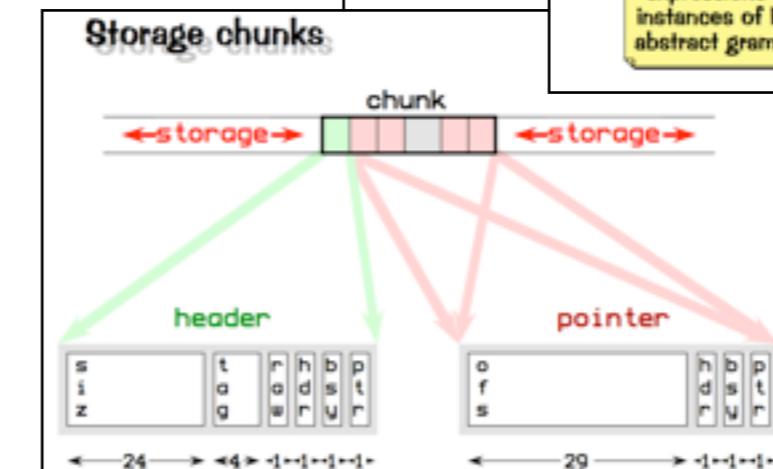
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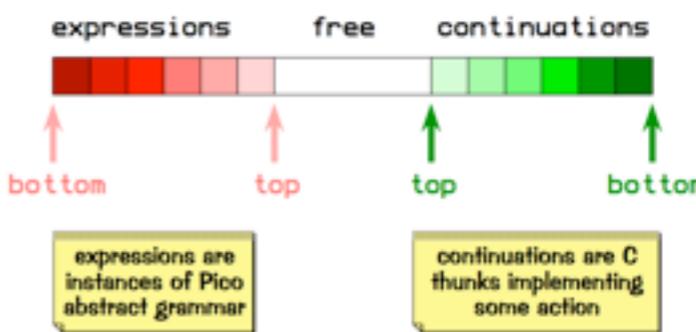
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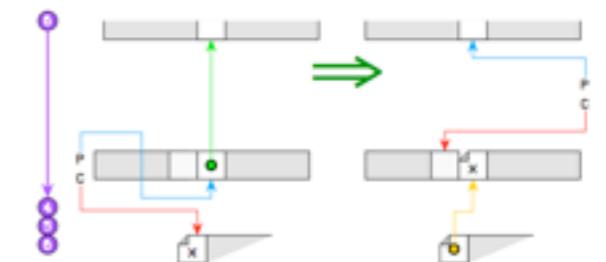
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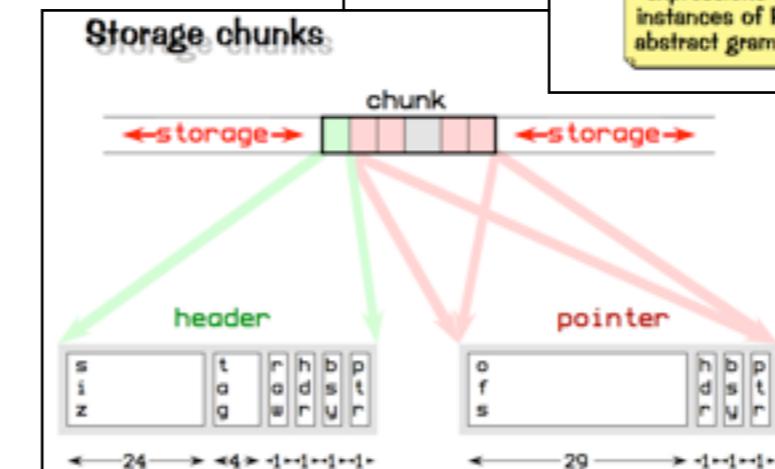
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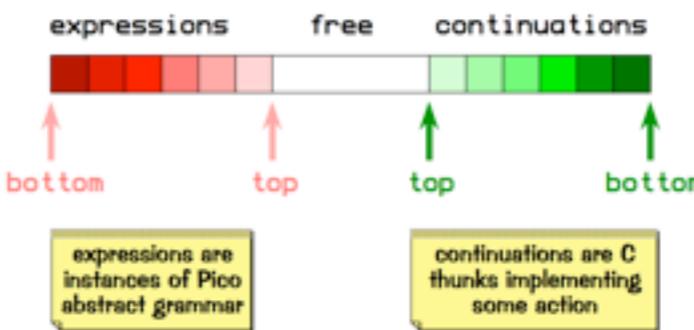
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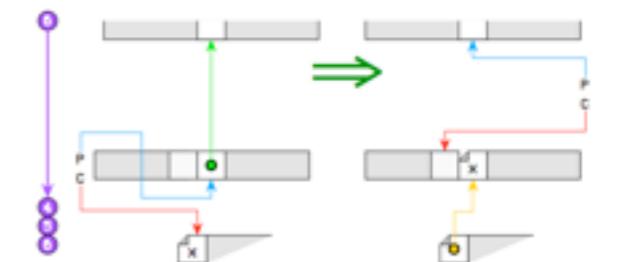
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# History: Pic%

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{ Stack(n):
  { T[n]: void;
    t: 0;
    empty():: t = 0;
    full():: t = n;
    push(x):: { T[t:= t+1]:= x;
      this() };
    pop():: { x: T[t];
      t:= t-1;
      x };
    makeProtected():: { push(x):: if(full(),
      error('overflow'),
      .push(x));
    pop():: if(empty(),
      error('underflow'),
      .pop());
    clone() };
    clone() };
  S: Stack(10);
  T: clone(S);
  if(S.full(),
    void,
    S.push(123));
  if(T.empty(),
    void,
    T.pop());
  R: S.makeProtected();
  R.push(1);
  R.pop() }

```

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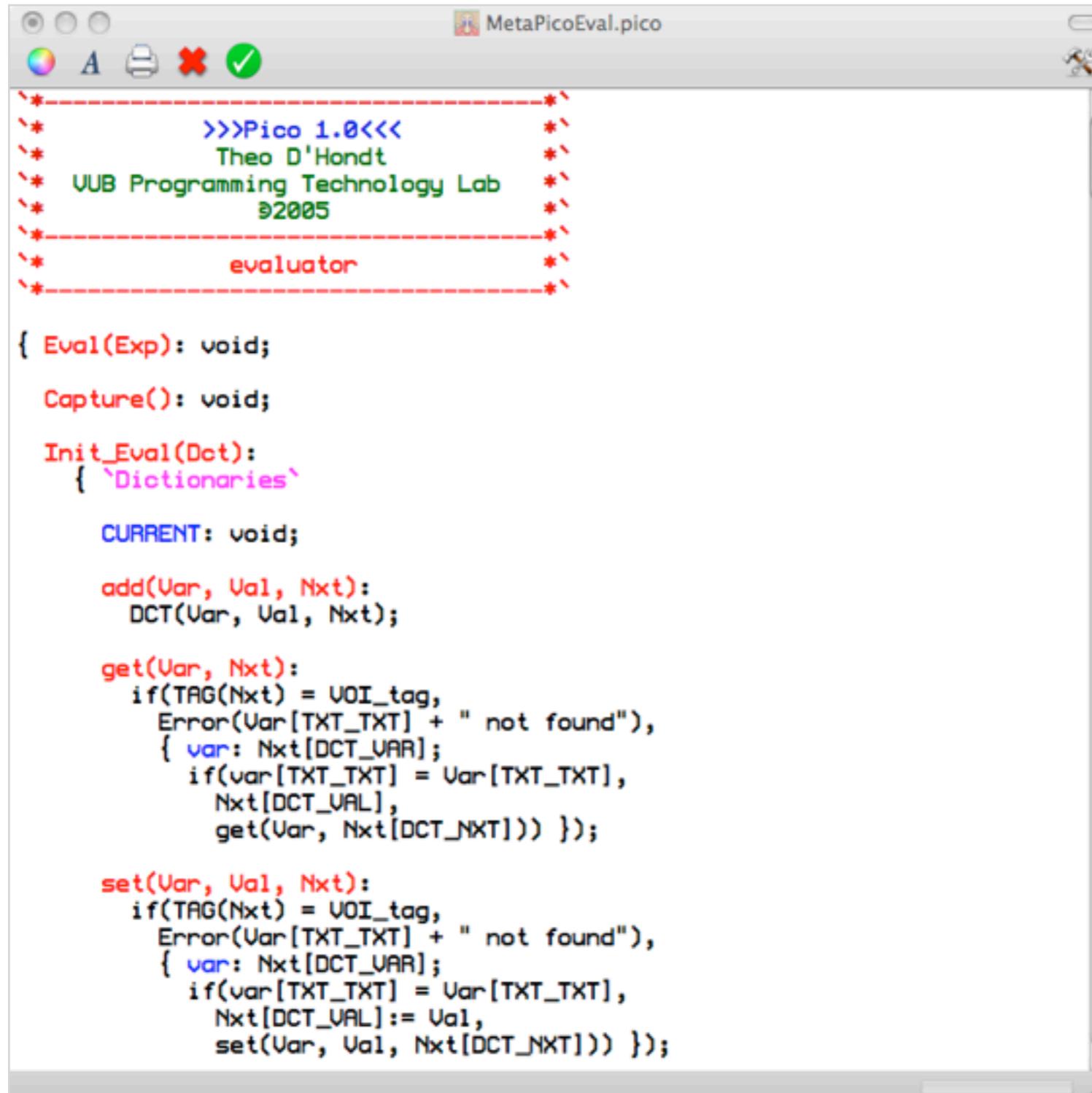
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# History: Pico 2



The screenshot shows a Mac OS X application window titled "MetaPicoEval.pico". The window contains a text editor with the following source code:

```
/*
 *      >>>Pico 1.0<<<
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 *  2005
 *
 *      evaluator
 *
{ Eval(Exp): void;
Capture(): void;
Init_Eval(Dct):
{ `Dictionaries'
  CURRENT: void;

add(Var, Val, Nxt):
  DCT(Var, Val, Nxt);

get(Var, Nxt):
  if(TAG(Nxt) = VOI_tag,
    Error(Var[TXT_TXT] + " not found"),
    { var: Nxt[DCT_VAR];
      if(var[TXT_TXT] = Var[TXT_TXT],
        Nxt[DCT_VAL],
        get(Var, Nxt[DCT_NXT])) });

set(Var, Val, Nxt):
  if(TAG(Nxt) = VOI_tag,
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    { var: Nxt[DCT_VAR];
      if(var[TXT_TXT] = Var[TXT_TXT],
        Nxt[DCT_VAL]:= Val,
        set(Var, Val, Nxt[DCT_NXT])) });
```

- 1st class  $\lambda$**
- no compromises**
- abstract grammars**
- uniform memory**
- continuations**
- interpretation**

# History: 'skēml

counter.scheme

```

;*-----*
;*    >>>Principles of Object<<< *
;*    >>> Oriented Languages <<< *
;*
;*        Actor System
;*        Counter example
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(begin
  (load "dictionary.scheme")
  (load "queue.scheme")
  (load "scheduler.scheme")
  (load "actor-generator.scheme")
  (define p
    (act->scheme
      '(
        (define counter
          (BEHAVIOR (value)
            (METHOD (up n)
              (BECOME counter (+ value n)))
            (METHOD (down n)
              (BECOME counter (- value n)))
            (METHOD (display)
              (display "value=")
              (display value)
              (newline))))
        (define c1 (NEW counter 0))
        (define c2 (NEW counter 5))
        (SEND c2 down 2)
        (SEND c1 up 1)
        (SEND c2 up 5)
        (SEND c1 display)
        (SEND c2 display))))
      (define act-p (eval p (interaction-environment)))
      (act-p)))

```

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iScheme

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 iScheme is a prototype implementation of Ambient-oriented programming concepts that runs on iPhone devices. It provides developers with a convenient Scheme environment for constructing iPhone applications that exploit mobile platform capabilities such as sensors (accelerometer, and GPS), and Wi-Fi connectivity.

iScheme is built on top of an RSRS Scheme implementation that is developed at our lab. It supports Scheme and Objective-C interaction, thus enabling access to iPhone APIs (e.g., GPS, SMS, phone) from Scheme while bringing Scheme's well-known benefits (higher-order functions, structural macros, automatic

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# SLIP: design

- performance, performance, performance
- smallest possible footprint (loc, kb)
- abstract syntax everywhere
- no compromises or limitations
- minimal dynamic language
- main focus on interpretation
- clean code
- incremental implementation

# SLIP: the language

```
(begin
  (define (counter count)
    (define (self message)
      (if (eq? message '+)
          (begin
            (set! count (+ count 1))
            self)
          (if (eq? message '-')
              (begin
                (set! count (- count 1))
                self)
              (if (eq? message '?)
                  count
                  'error))))
        self)
      (define c (counter 10))
      (((c '+) '+) '-)) ?)))
```

# SLIP: the language (cont'd)

```
(begin
  (define empty 0)
  (define full 1)
  (define push 2)
  (define pop 3)
  (define (Stack n)
    (define stack (make-vector n))
    (define top -1)
    (define (empty)
      (< top 0))
    (define (full)
      (>= top n))
    (define (push item)
      (set! top (+ top 1))
      (vector-set! stack top item)
      ())
    (define (pop)
      (define item (vector-ref stack top))
      (set! top (- top 1))
      item)
    (define (self message . arguments)
      (define methods (vector empty full push pop))
      (apply (vector-ref methods message) arguments))
    self))
```

```
(define S (Stack 10))
(define T (Stack 20))
(if (S full)
  (display 'Overflow)
  (S push 123))
(T push 456)
(if (S empty)
  (display 'Underflow)
  (S pop))
(display (T pop))
(newline)
(if (S empty)
  (display 'Underflow)
  (S pop)))
```

# SLIP: the language (cont'd)

- begin, define, if, lambda, set!, while**
- define** and **set!** have a value
- define** used anywhere
- ()** instead of '**()**'
- local variables ≈ parameters
- no forward references
- natives inherited from metalevel
- no top-level sequences

# A Scheme interpreter for SLIP

```

(begin
  (define environment '())
  (define (loop output)
    (define rollback environment)
    (define (error message qualifier)
      (display message)
      (set! environment rollback)
      (loop qualifier))
    (define (bind-variable variable value)
      (define binding (cons variable value))
      (set! environment (cons binding environment)))
    (define (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
      (for-each bind-variable parameters arguments))
    (define (evaluate-sequence expressions)
      (define head (car expressions))
      (define tail (cdr expressions))
      (if (null? tail)
          (evaluate head)
          (evaluate-sequence tail)))
    (define (make-procedure parameters expression)
      (define lexical-scope environment)
      (lambda arguments
        (define dynamic-scope environment)
        (set! environment lexical-scope)
        (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
        (let ((value (evaluate expression)))
          (set! environment dynamic-scope)
          value)))
    (define (evaluate-application operator)
      (lambda operands
        (apply (evaluate operator) (map evaluate operands))))
    (define (evaluate-begin . expressions)
      (evaluate-sequence expressions))
    (define (evaluate-define variable expression)
      (define binding (cons variable '()))
      (set! environment (cons binding environment))
      (let ((value (evaluate expression)))
        (set-cdr! binding value)
        value))
    (define (evaluate-if predicate consequent alternative)
      (define boolean (evaluate predicate))
      (if (eq? boolean #f)
          (evaluate alternative)
          (evaluate consequent)))
    (define (evaluate-lambda parameters expression)
      (make-procedure parameters expression))
    (define (evaluate-set! variable expression)
      (define binding (assoc variable environment))
      (if binding
          (let ((value (evaluate expression)))
            (set-cdr! binding value)
            value)
          (error "inaccessible variable: " variable)))
    (define (evaluate-variable variable)
      (define binding (assoc variable environment))
      (if binding
          (cdr binding)
          (eval variable (interaction-environment))))
    (define (evaluate expression)
      (cond
        ((symbol? expression)
         (evaluate-variable expression))
        ((pair? expression)
         (let ((operator (car expression))
               (operands (cdr expression)))
           (apply
             (case operator
               ((begin) evaluate-begin)
               ((define) evaluate-define)
               ((if) evaluate-if)
               ((lambda) evaluate-lambda)
               ((set!) evaluate-set!)
               (else (evaluate-application operator))) operands)))
        (else
          expression)));
    (display output)
    (newline)
    (display ">>>")
    (loop (evaluate (read))))
  (loop "Slip version 0"))
)

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        (else
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    (newline)
    (display ">>>")
    (loop (evaluate (read))))
  (loop "Slip version 0"))
)

```

# A metacircular SLIP interpreter

# A metacircular SLIP interpreter (cont'd)

```
(begin
  (define circularity-level 0)
  (define meta-level-eval eval)
  (define eval '()))

  (loop (evaluate (read)))

  (loop "Root-Level Slip" '())
Slip version 3
>>>
(begin
  (define circularity-level (+ circularity-level 1))
  (define meta-level-eval eval)
  (define eval ())
  (define environment ())
  (define (loop output)
    (define rollback environment)

    (loop "Meta-Circular Slip" ()))
Meta-Circular Slip
level 1>
(begin
  (define circularity-level (+ circularity-level 1))

  (loop "Meta-Circular Slip" ()))
Meta-Circular Slip
level 2>
(begin
  (define circularity-level (+ circularity-level 1))

  (loop "Meta-Circular Slip" ()))
Meta-Circular Slip
level 3>(+ 1 2)
3
level 3>
```

# A metacircular SLIP interpreter (cont'd)

```
(define environment ())
```

```
(define (evaluate-sequence expressions)
  (define head (car expressions))
  (define tail (cdr expressions))
  (if (null? tail)
      (evaluate head))
```

```
(define (make-procedure parameters expressions)
```

```
  (define lexical-environment environment)
```

```
  (lambda arguments
```

```
    (define dynamic-environment environment)
```

```
    (set! environment lexical-environment)
```

```
    (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
```

```
    (define value (evaluate-sequence expressions))
```

```
    (set! environment dynamic-environment)
```

```
    value))
```

```
:e tail))))  
re value))  
ing environment)))  
eters arguments)  
arguments)
```

```
(begin
  (define variable (car parameters))
  (define value (car arguments))
  (bind-variable variable value)
  (bind-parameters (cdr parameters)
    (cdr arguments))))))
```

```
(define (evaluate-application operator operands)
```

```
  (lambda (operator operands)
```

```
    (apply (evaluate operator) (map evaluate operands))))
```

# A metacircular SLIP interpreter (cont'd)

```
(define environment ())
```

```
(define (make-procedure parameters expressions)
  (define lexical-environment
    (lambda arguments
      (define (bind-variable variable value)
        (define dynamic-environment
          (define environment
            (set! environment (cons binding environment)))
          (bind-parameters parameters arguments))
        (define value (evaluate-sequence expressions))
        (set! environment dynamic-environment)
        value))
      (begin
        (define variable (car parameters))
        (define value (car arguments))
        (bind-variable variable value)
        (bind-parameters (cdr parameters)
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```

```
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  (define tail (cdr expressions))
  (if (null? tail)
      (evaluate head)
      (evaluate (cons head (evaluate-sequence tail))))))
```

```
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  (define lexical-environment environment)
  (lambda arguments
    (define dynamic-environment environment)
    (set! environment lexical-environment)
    (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
    (define value (evaluate-sequence expressions))
    (set! environment dynamic-environment)
    value))
```

```
(begin
  (define variable (car parameters))
  (define value (car arguments))
  (bind-variable variable value)
  (bind-parameters (cdr parameters)
    (cdr arguments)))))
```

```
(define (evaluate-application operator)
  (lambda operands
    (apply (evaluate operator) (map evaluate operands)))))
```

# A metacircular SLIP interpreter (cont'd)

```
(define environment ())
```

```
(define (make-procedure parameters expressions)
  (define lexical-environment
    (lambda arguments
      (define (bind-variable variable value)
        (evaluate head))
      (define dynamic-environment
        (define (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
          (set! environment (cons binding environment)))
        (define value (evaluate sequence expressions))
        (set! environment dynamic-environment)
        (if (pair? parameters)
            (begin
              (define variable (car parameters))
              (define value (car arguments))
              (bind-variable variable value)
              (bind-parameters (cdr parameters))
            )
            value
          )
        )
      )
      (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
    )
  )
)
```

```
(define (evaluate-application operator)
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    (apply (evaluate operator) (map evaluate operands))))
```

# A metacircular SLIP interpreter (cont'd)

```
(define environment ())
```

```
(define (make-procedure parameters expressions))
```

```
(define lexical-environment environment (lambda (head)))
```

```
(lambda arguments (lambda (dynamic-environment)))
```

```
(define dynamic-environment (set! environment (lambda (head))))
```

```
(bind-parameters (set! environment (lambda (head))))
```

```
(define value (bind-parameters (set! environment (lambda (head))))))
```

```
(set! environment (lambda (head) (bind-parameters (set! environment (lambda (head)))))))
```

```
(value)))
```

```
(define (bind-variable variable value)
  (define binding (cons variable value))
  (set! environment (cons binding environment)))
(define (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
  (if (symbol? parameters)
    (bind-variable parameters arguments)
    (if (pair? parameters)
      (begin
        (define variable (car parameters))
        (define value (car arguments)))
      (bind-variable variable value)
      (bind-parameters (cdr parameters)
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# A metacircular SLIP interpreter (cont'd)

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```

```
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  (define lexical-environment
    (lambda arguments
      (define dynamic-environment
        (define variable-environment
          (lambda (variable value)
            (set! environment (cons binding environment)))
          (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
          (define value (evaluate-sequence expressions))
          (set! environment dynamic-environment)
          value))))
```

```
(define (evaluate-sequence expressions)
  (define head (car expressions))
  (define tail (cdr expressions))
  (if (null? tail)
      (evaluate head)
      (begin
        (evaluate head)
        (evaluate-sequence tail)))))

(define (bind-variable variable value)
  (bind-variables variable value))

(define (bind-parameters parameters arguments)
  (if (pair? parameters)
      (begin
        (define variable (car parameters))
        (define value (car arguments))
        (bind-variable variable value)
        (bind-parameters (cdr parameters)
                        (cdr arguments)))))))
```

```
(define (evaluate-application operator)
  (lambda operands
    (apply (evaluate operator) (map evaluate operands))))
```

# SLIP in cps

```
(define (evaluate expression [continue])
  (cond
    ((symbol? expression) [evaluate-variable expression [continue]])
    ((pair? expression)
      (let ((operator (car expression))
            (operands (cdr expression)))
        ((apply
          (case operator
            ((begin) evaluate-begin)
            ((define) evaluate-define)
            ((if) evaluate-if)
            ((lambda) evaluate-lambda)
            ((quote) evaluate-quote)
            ((set!) evaluate-set!)
            ((while) evaluate-while)
            (else (evaluate-application operator))) operands) [continue])))
    (else [continue expression]))))
```

# SLIP in cps

```
(define (evaluate expression [continue])
  (cond
    ((symbol? expression) [evaluate-variable expression [continue]])
    ((pair? expression)
      (let ((operator (car expression))
            (operands (cdr expression)))
        (apply
          (case operator
            ((begin) evaluate-begin)
            ((define) evaluate-define)
            ((if) evaluate-if)
            ((lambda) evaluate-lambda)
            ((quote) evaluate-quote)
            ((set!) evaluate-set!)
            ((while) evaluate-while)
            (else (evaluate-application operator))) operands) [continue])))
    (else [continue expression])))
```

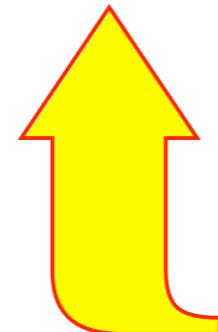
```
(define environment '())
(define (loop output)
  (define rollback environment)
  (define (error message qualifier)
    (set! environment rollback)
    (display message)
    (loop qualifier)))
```

```
(display output)
(newline)
(display ">>>")
(evaluate (read) loop))
```

(loop "Meta-Circular Slip"))

# SLIP in cps (cont'd)

```
(define (evaluate-set! variable expression)
  (lambda (continue)
    (define (continuation value)
      (define binding (assoc variable environment))
      (set-cdr! binding value)
      (continue value)))
    (evaluate expression continuation)))
```



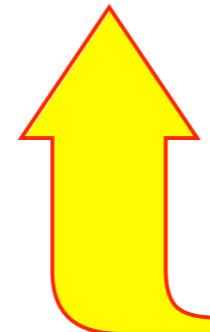
```
(let ((operator (car expression))
      (operands (cdr expression))))
```

```
(define (evaluate expression continue)
  ...
  ((apply evaluate-set! operands) continue)
  ... )
```

# SLIP in cps (cont'd)

```
(define (evaluate-set! variable expression)
  (lambda (continue)
    (define (continuation value)
      (define binding (assoc variable environment))
      (set-cdr! binding value)
      (continue value)))
    (evaluate expression continuation)))
```

currying



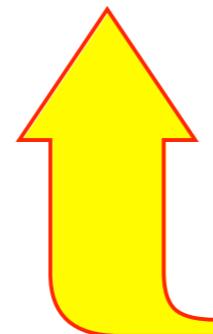
```
(let ((operator (car expression))
      (operands (cdr expression))))
```

```
(define (evaluate expression continue)
  ...
  ((apply evaluate-set! operands) continue)
  ... )
```

# SLIP in cps (cont'd)

```
(define (evaluate-set! variable expression)
  (lambda (continue)
    (define (continuation value)
      (define binding (assoc variable environment))
      (set-cdr! binding value)
      (continue value)))
    (evaluate expression continuation)))
```

continuation



```
(let ((operator (car expression))
      (operands (cdr expression))))
```

```
(define (evaluate expression continue)
  ...
  ((apply evaluate-set! operands) continue)
  ... )
```

# SLIP in cps (cont'd)

```
(define (wrap-native-procedure native-procedure)
  (lambda (arguments continue)
    (define native-value
      (apply native-procedure arguments))
    (continue native-value)))
```

price to pay ...

# SLIP in cps (cont'd)

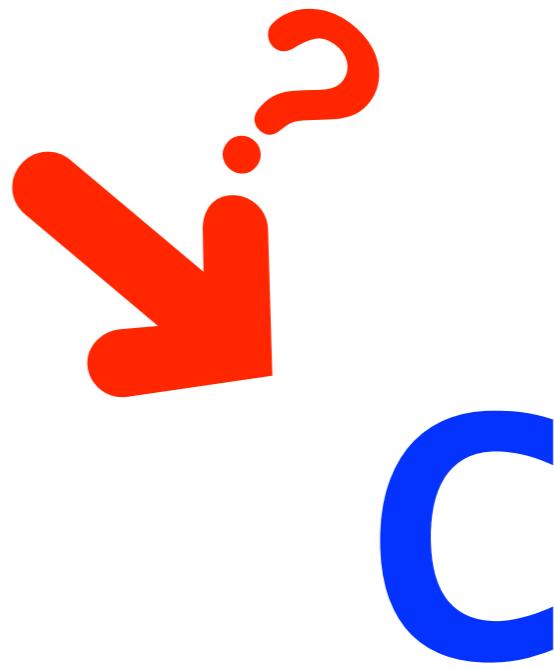
```
(define (evaluate-set! variable expression)
  (lambda (continue environment)
    (define (continue-after-expression value
                                         environment-after-expression)
      (define binding (assoc variable
                               environment-after-expression))
      (if binding
          (set-cdr! binding value)
          (error "inaccessible variable: " variable)))
      (continue value environment-after-expression)))
    (evaluate expression continue-after-expression
              environment))))
```

# SLIP in cps (cont'd)

```
(define (evaluate-set! variable expression)
  (lambda (continue environment)
    (define (continue-after-expression value
                                         environment-after-expression)
      (define binding (assoc variable
                             environment-after-expression))
      (if binding
          (set-cdr! binding value)
          (error "inaccessible variable: " variable)))
      (continue value environment-after-expression)))
    (evaluate expression continue-after-expression
              environment)))
```

# SLIP in C: continuations

```
(define (fibonacci n continue)
  (define (continuation-1 p)
    (define (continuation-2 q)
      (continue (+ p q)))
    (fibonacci (- n 2) continuation-2))
  (if (> n 1)
    (fibonacci (- n 1) continuation-1)
    (continue 1)))
```



(fibonacci 15 display)

# SLIP in C: continuations (cont'd)

- ▶ No nested functions
- ▶ No garbage collection
- ▶ Static & weak typing
- ▶ No proper tail calls

# SLIP in C: continuations (cont'd)

```
(begin
  (define (factorial n)
    (if (> n 1)
        (* n (factorial (- n 1)))
        1))
  (factorial 10))
```

```
begin
  (define (factorial n continue)
    (define (continuation p)
      (continue (* n p)))
    (if (> n 1)
        (factorial (- n 1) continuation)
        (continue 1)))
    (factorial 10 display))
  (continuation (* n p) nested-closure)))
```

```
(define (factorial . closure)
  (define n (car closure))
  (define nested-continuation (cadr closure))
  (define nested-closure (caddr closure))
  (if (> n 1)
      (factorial (- n 1) continuation closure)
      (nested-continuation 1 nested-closure)))
```

```
(define (top-continuation p closure)
  (display p))
```

```
(factorial 10 top-continuation '()))
```

# SLIP in C: continuations (cont'd)

```
(begin
  (define (factorial n)
    (if (> n 1)
        (* n (factorial (- n 1)))
        1))
  (factorial 10))

  . . .
  (continuation
    (nested-closure
      (continuation (* n p) nested-closure)))
  (continuation (* n p) nested-closure)))

(define (factorial . closure)
  (define n (car closure))
  (define nested-continuation (cadr closure))
  (define nested-closure (caddr closure))
  (if (> n 1)
      (factorial (- n 1) continuation closure)
      (nested-continuation 1 nested-closure)))

(define (top-continuation p closure)
  (display p))

(factorial 10 top-continuation '())))

  (begin
    (define (factorial n continue)
      (define (continuation p)
        (continue (* n p)))
      (if (> n 1)
          (factorial (- n 1) continuation)
          (continue 1)))
    (factorial 10 display)))
```

# SLIP in C: continuations (cont'd)

requires ad-hoc  
closures

```
(begin
  (define (factorial n)
    (if (> n 1)
        (+ (* n (factorial (- n 1))) 1)
        (begin
          (define (continuation p closure)
            (let* ((n (car closure))
                   (continuation (cadr closure))
                   (nested-closure (caddr closure)))
              (continuation (* n p) nested-closure)))

          (define (factorial . closure)
            (define n (car closure))
            (define nested-continuation (cadr closure))
            (define nested-closure (caddr closure))
            (if (> n 1)
                (factorial (- n 1) continuation closure)
                (nested-continuation 1 nested-closure)))

          (define (top-continuation p closure)
            (display p))

          (factorial 10 top-continuation '()))))
```

```
begin
  (define (factorial n continue)
    (define (continuation p)
      (begin
        (continuation)
```

# Ad hoc continuations in C

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

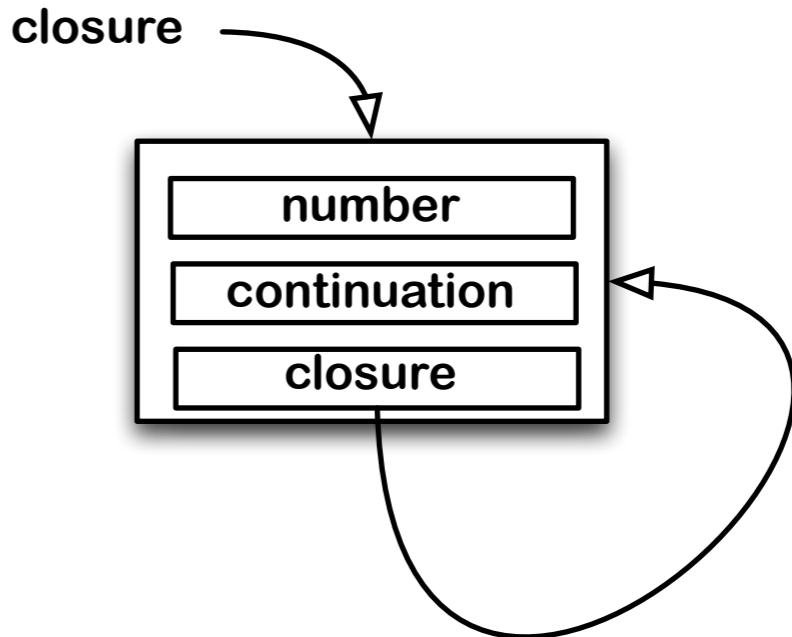
static int factorial(int n)
{ if (n > 1)
    return n * factorial(n - 1);
else
    return 1; }

typedef
struct cl * clos;

typedef
void (* cont)(int, clos);

typedef
struct cl { int n;
            cont continuation;
            clos closure; } cl;

static clos make_closure(int n, cont continuation, clos closure)
{ clos new_closure = malloc(sizeof(cl));
  new_closure->n = n;
  new_closure->continuation = continuation;
  new_closure->closure = closure;
  return new_closure; }
```



# Ad hoc continuations in C (cont'd)

```
static void continuation(int p, clos closure)
{ int n = closure->n;
  cont continuation = closure->continuation;
  clos nested_closure = closure->closure;
  free(closure);
  continuation(n * p, nested_closure); }

static void c_factorial(clos closure)
{ int n = closure->n;
  cont nested_continuation = closure->continuation;
  clos nested_closure = closure->closure;
  if (n > 1)
    c_factorial(make_closure(n - 1, continuation, closure));
  else
    nested_continuation(1, nested_closure); }

static void top_continuation(int p, clos closure)
{ printf("c_factorial(10) = %d\n", p); }

int main (int argc, const char * argv[])
{ printf("factorial(10) = %d\n", factorial(10));
  c_factorial(make_closure(10, top_continuation, (clos)0));
  return 0; }
```

# Ad hoc continuations in C (cont'd)

```
static void continuation(int p, clos closure)
{ int n = closure->n;
  cont continuation = closure->continuation;
  clos nested_closure = closure->closure;
  free(closure);
  continuation(n * p, nested_closure); }

static void c_factorial(clos closure)
{ int n = closure->n;
  cont nested_continuation = closure->continuation;
  clos nested_closure = closure->closure;
  if (n > 1)
    c_factorial(make_closure(n - 1, continuation, closure));
  else
    nested_continuation(1, nested_closure); }

static void top_continuation(int p, clos closure)
{ printf("c_factorial(10) = %d\n", p); }

int main (int argc, const char * argv[])
{ printf("factorial(10) = %d\n", factorial(10));
  c_factorial(make_closure(10, top_continuation, (clos)0));
  return 0; }
```

# Ad hoc continuations in C (cont'd)

```
static void continuation(int p, clos closure)
{ int n = closure->n;
  cont continuation = closure->continuation;
  clos nested_closure = closure->closure;
  free(closure);
  continuation(n * p, nested_closure); }

static void c_factorial(clos closure)
{ int n = closure->n;
  cont nested_continuation = closure->continuation;
  clos nested_closure = closure->closure;
  if (n > 1)
    c_factorial(make_closure(n - 1, continuation, closure));
  else
    nested_continuation(1, nested_closure); }

static void top_continuation(int p, clos closure)
{ printf("c_factorial(10) = %d\n", p); }

int main (int argc, const char * argv[])
{ printf("factorial(10) = %d\n", factorial(10));
  c_factorial(make_closure(10, top_continuation, (clos)0));
  return 0; }
```

# Incremental SLIP implementation in C

- version 1: straightforward code
- version 2: using a trampoline
- version 3: factored out environment
- version 4: threaded continuations
- version 5: functional continuations
- version 6: partial evaluation
- version 7: iterative constructs
- version 8: lexical addressing
- version 9: garbage collection
- version 10: proper tail recursion
- version 11: 1st class continuations
- version 12: smart caching
- version 13: multicores

# SLIP/C client interface

```
/*-----*/
/*           >>>Slip<<<          */
/*           Theo D'Hondt          */
/*   VUB Software Languages Lab  */
/*           (c) 2010          */
/*-----*/
/* version 1: straightforward code */
/*-----*/
/*           Slip          */
/*-----*/
```

```
/*----- imported functions -----*/
void Slip_Load(char *, char **);
void Slip_Print(char *);
void Slip_Read(char **);

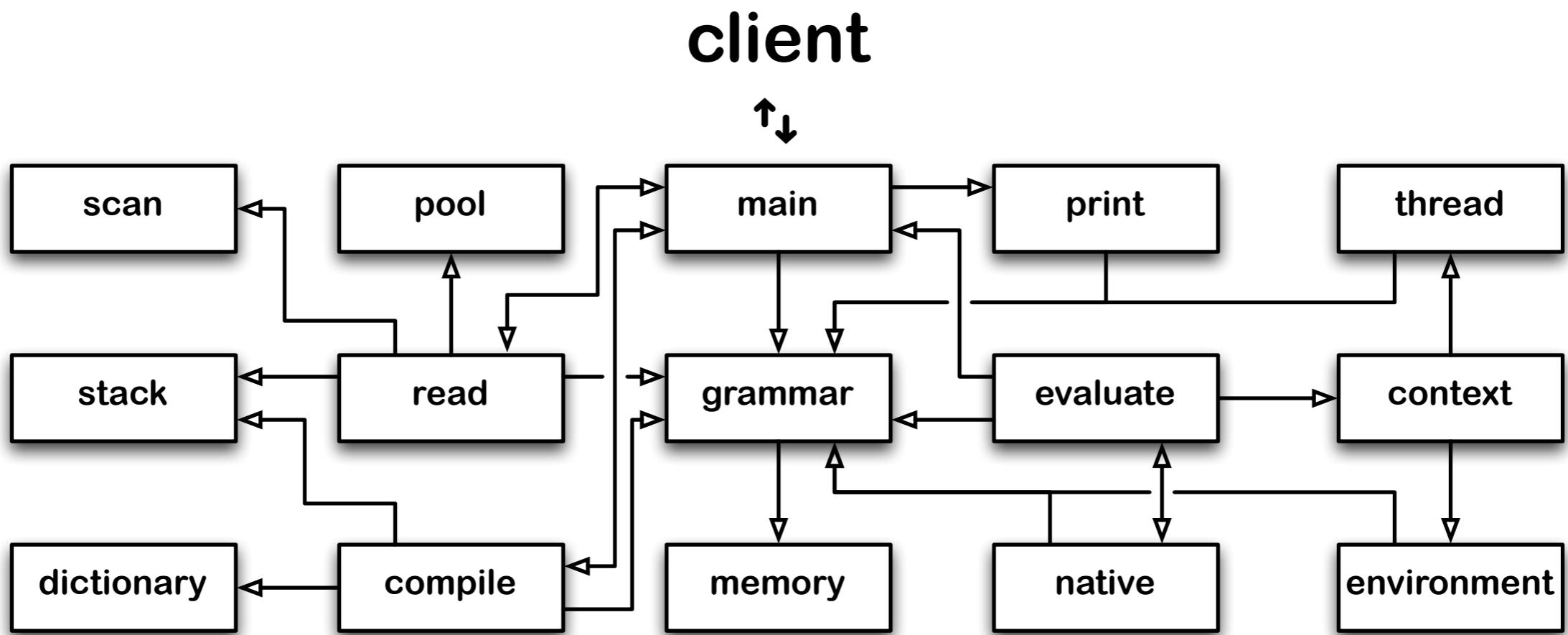
/*----- exported functions -----*/
void Slip REP(char *, int );
```

# SLIP/C example

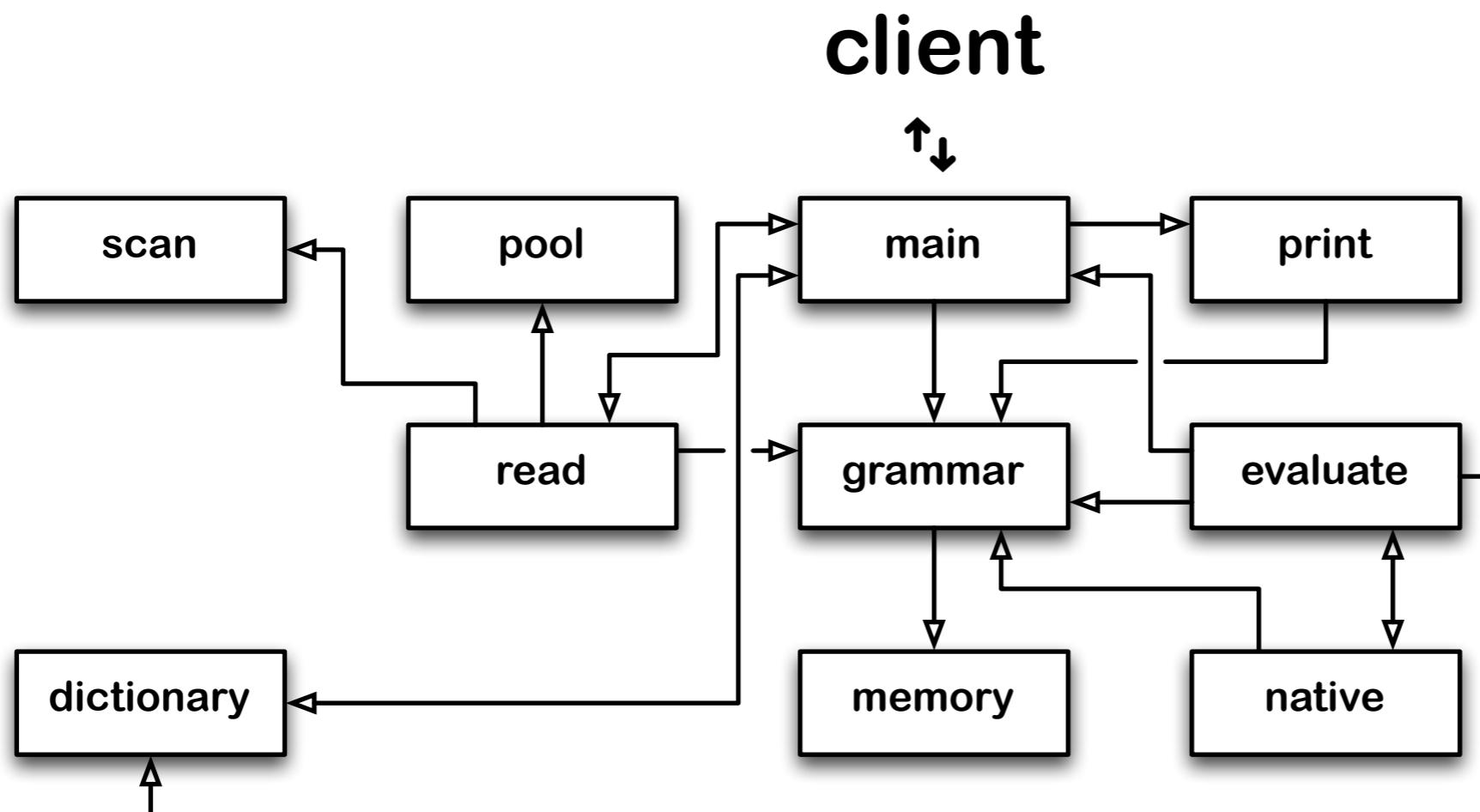
The screenshot shows the SLIP debugger interface with a "Slip - Debugger Console" window. The console displays a GDB session output in red text. The session starts with the GDB startup message, followed by shared library loading, program loading, and running. It then enters a SLIP version 1 prompt, where a factorial function is defined and executed. The result, 3628800, is displayed in blue. The console ends with a GDB: Running... message and a Succeeded status indicator.

```
[Session started at 2010-03-21 18:54:31 +0100.]  
GNU gdb 6.3.50-20050815 (Apple version gdb-1346) (Fri Sep 18 20:40:51 UTC 2009)  
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This GDB was configured as "x86_64-apple-darwin".tty /dev/ttys001  
Loading program into debugger...  
sharedlibrary apply-load-rules all  
Program loaded.  
run  
[Switching to process 11197]  
Running...  
Slip version 1  
>>>(begin  
  (define (factorial n continue)  
    (define (continuation p)  
      (continue (* n p)))  
    (if (> n 1)  
        (factorial (- n 1) continuation)  
        (continue 1)))  
  (factorial 10 display))  
3628800  
>>>  
GDB: Running... Succeeded
```

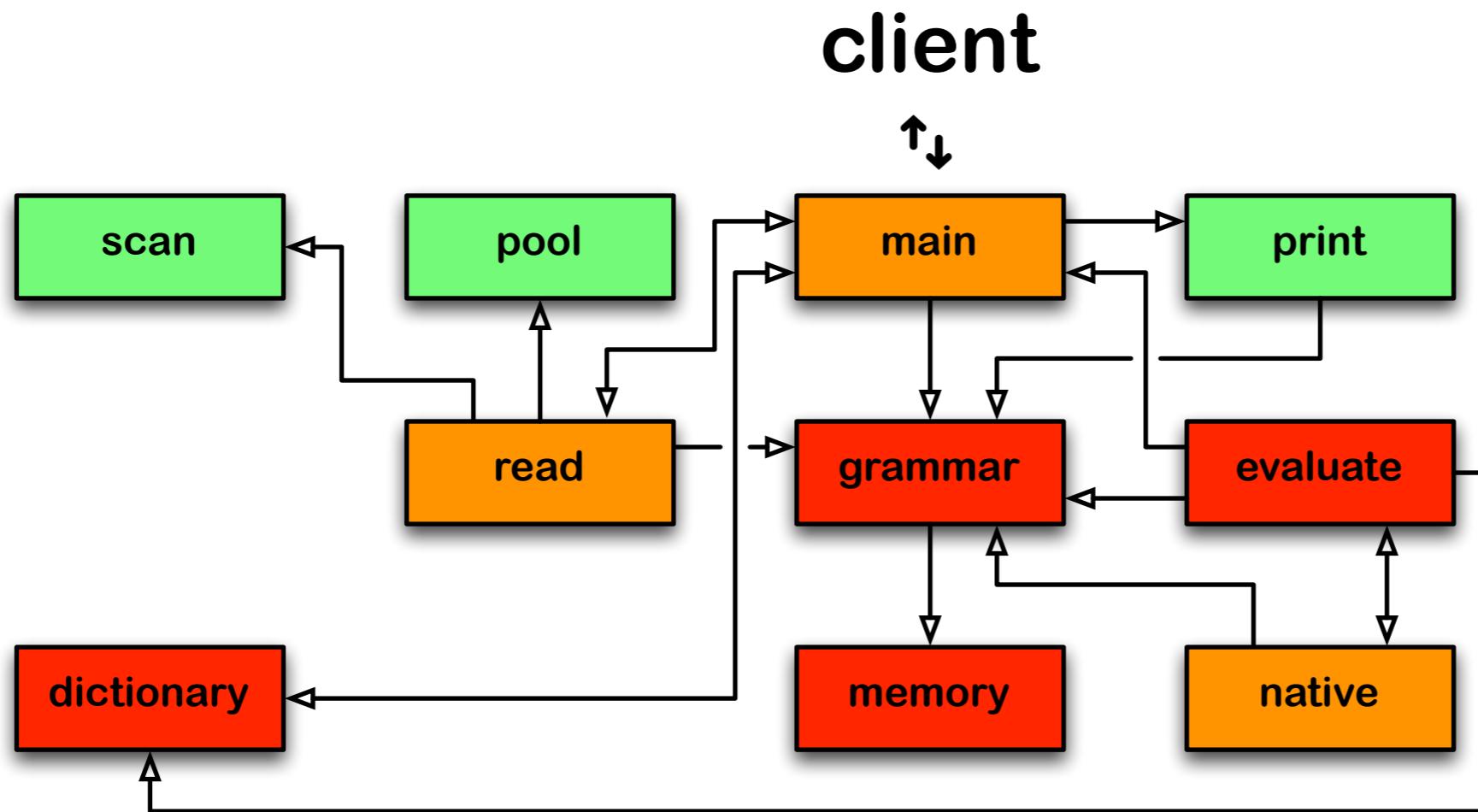
# SLIP/C ultimate implementation



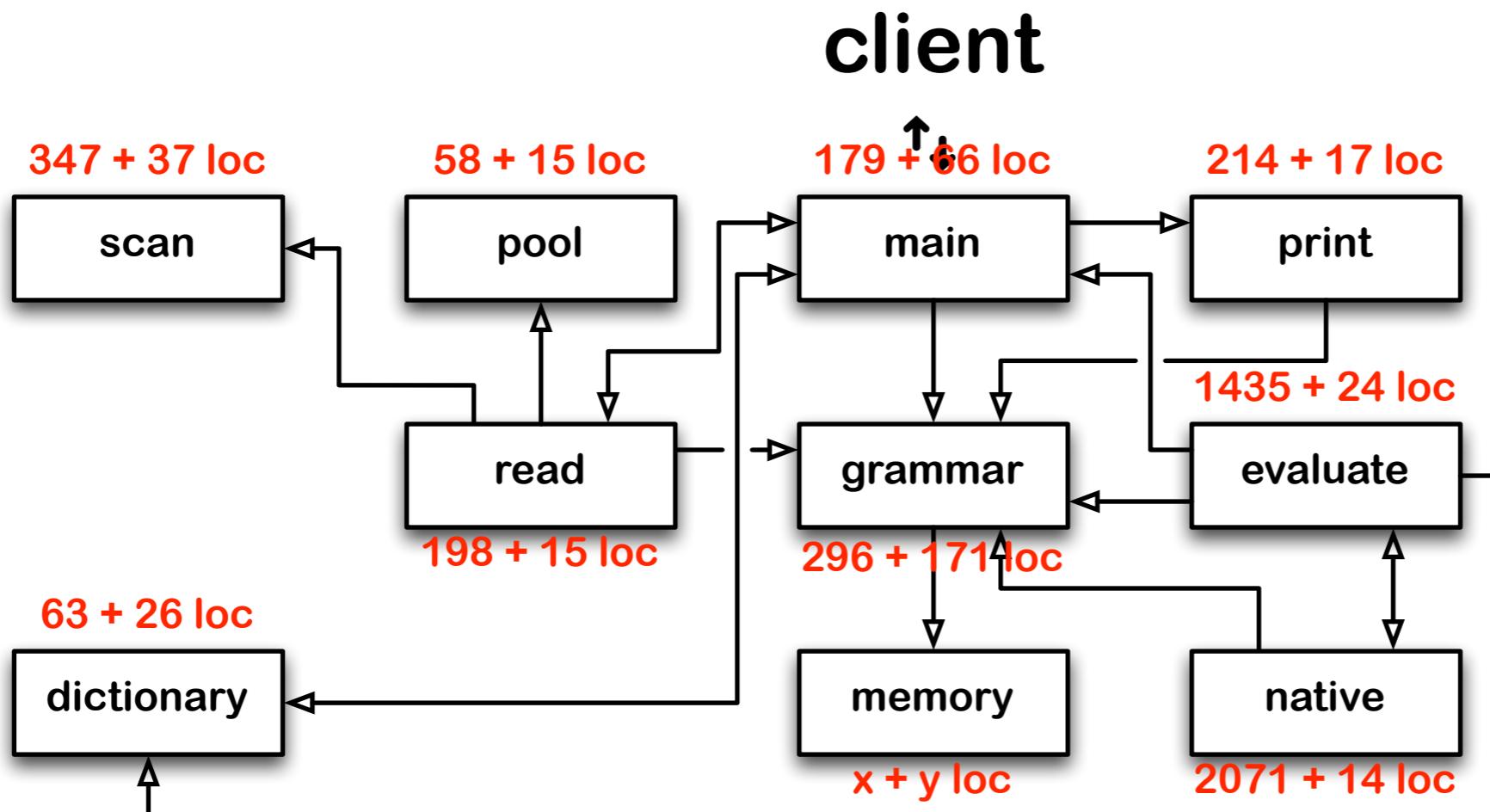
# SLIP/C initial implementation



# SLIP/C initial implementation (cont'd)

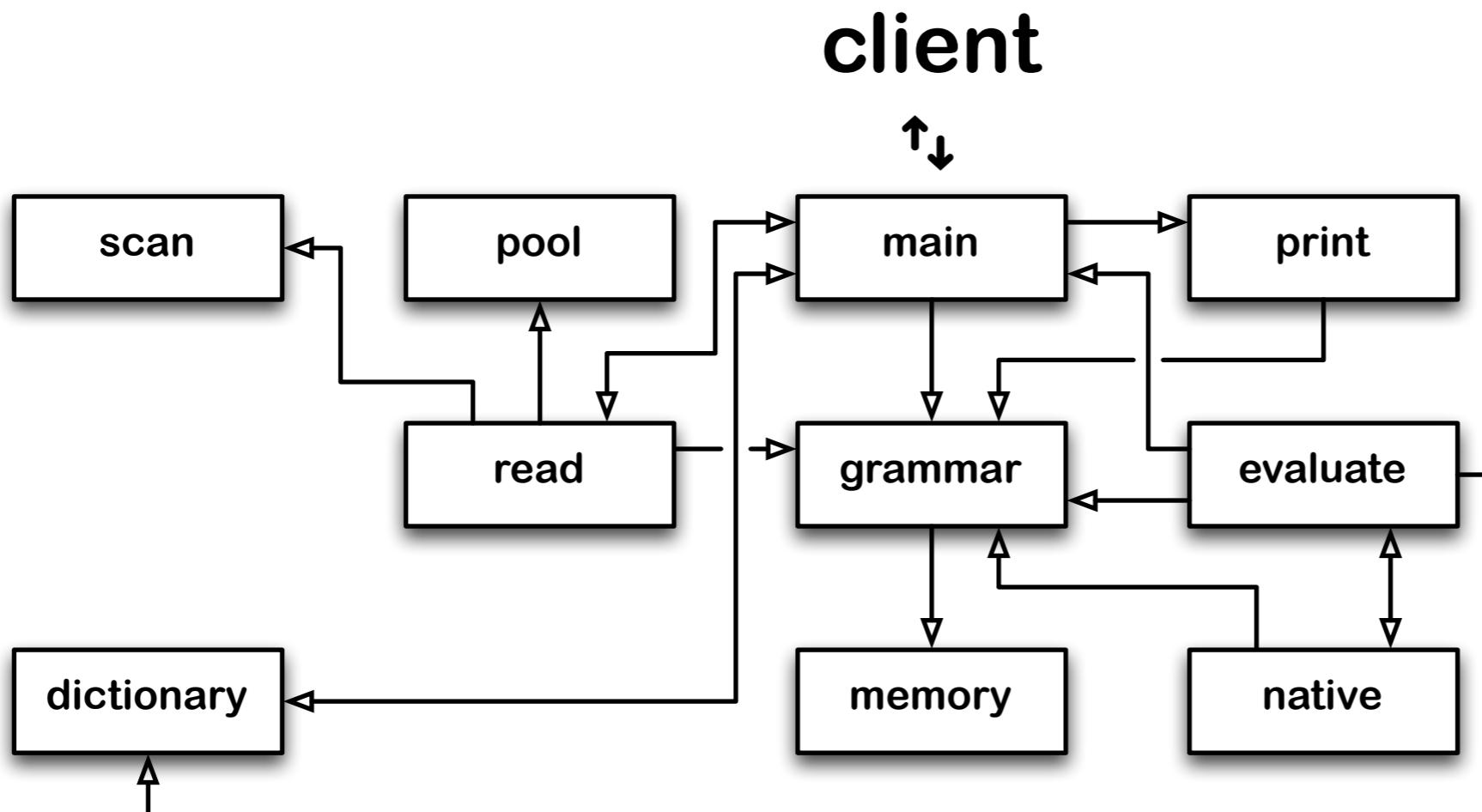


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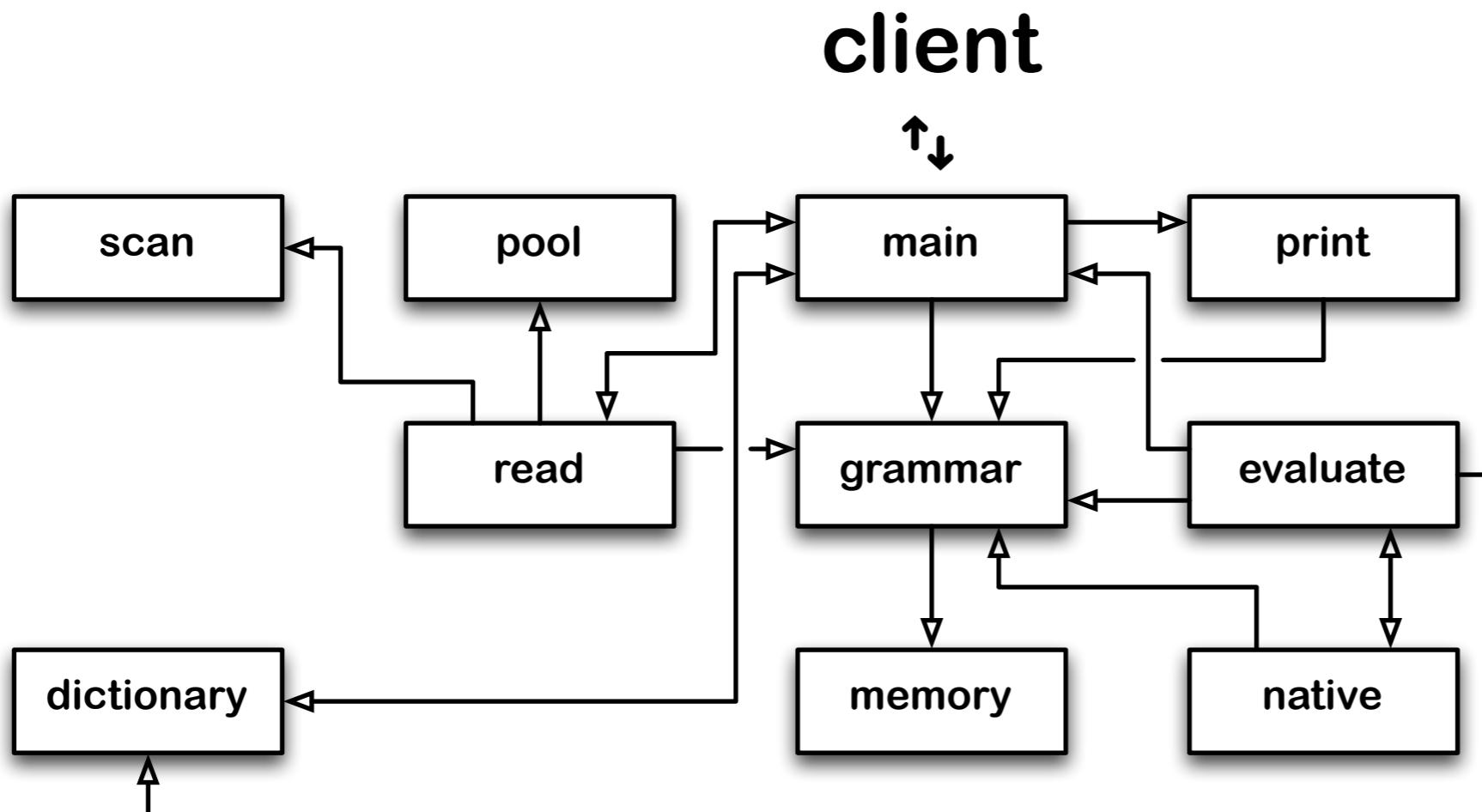
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# SLIP/C first stage



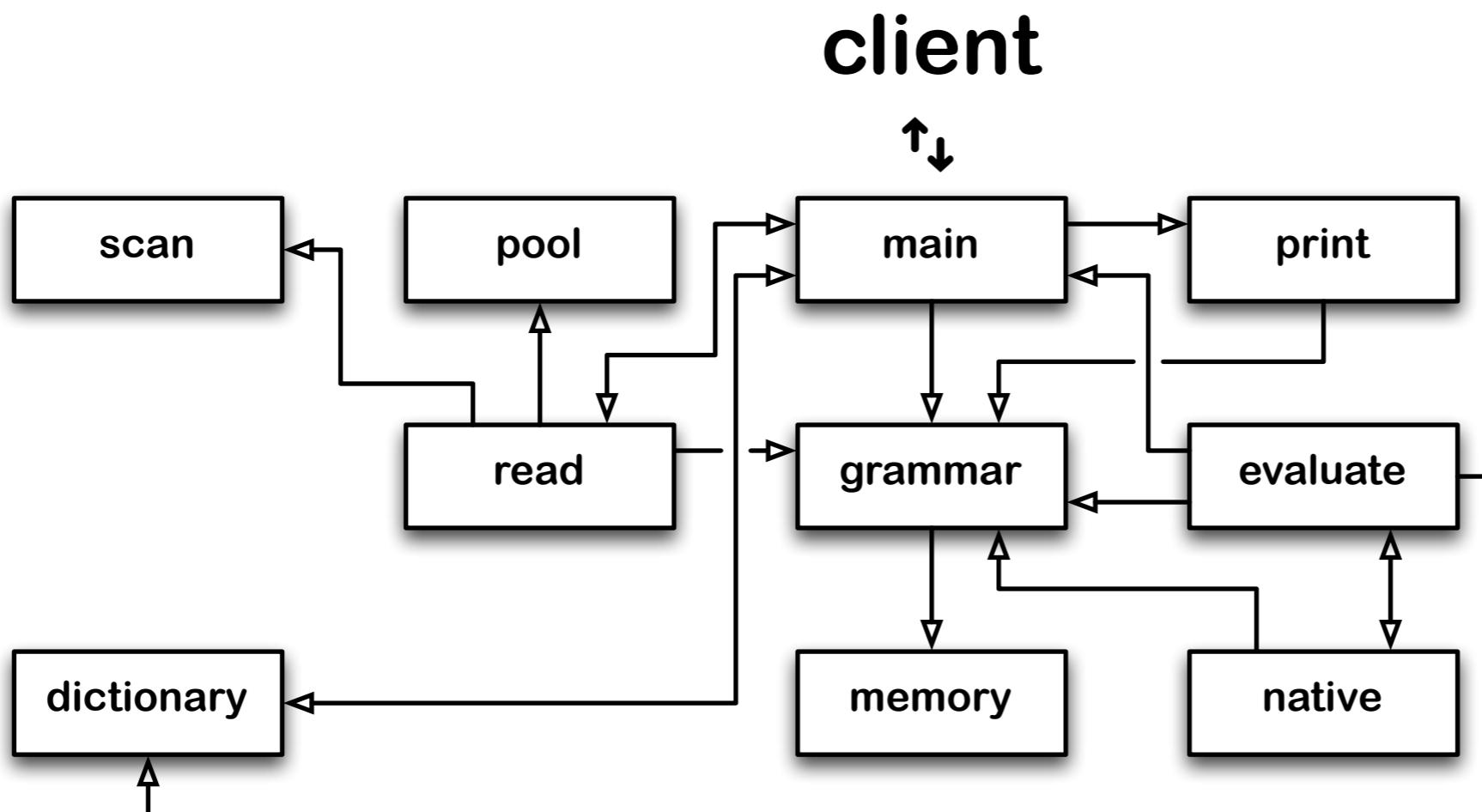
version 1: straightforward cps implementation

# SLIP/C first stage (cont'd)



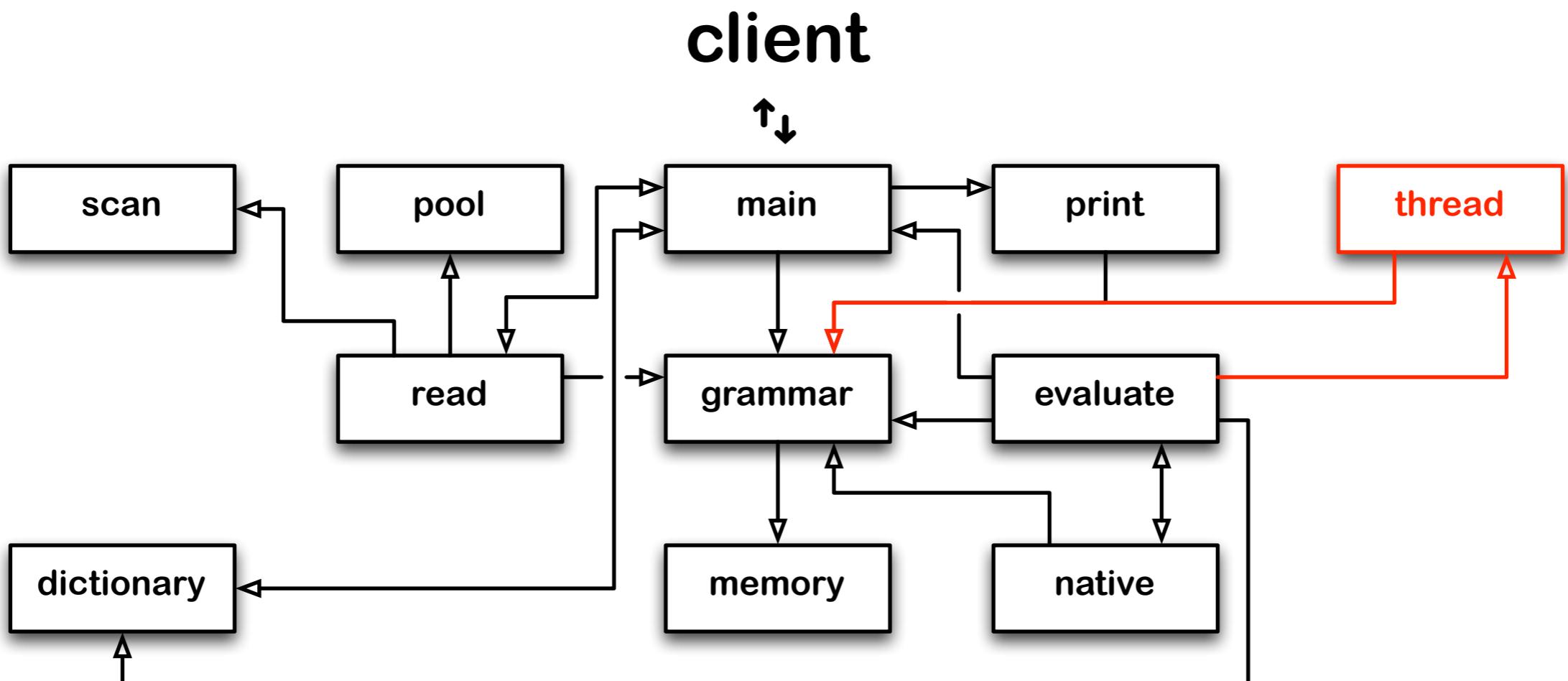
version 2: introducing a trampoline

# SLIP/C first stage (cont'd)



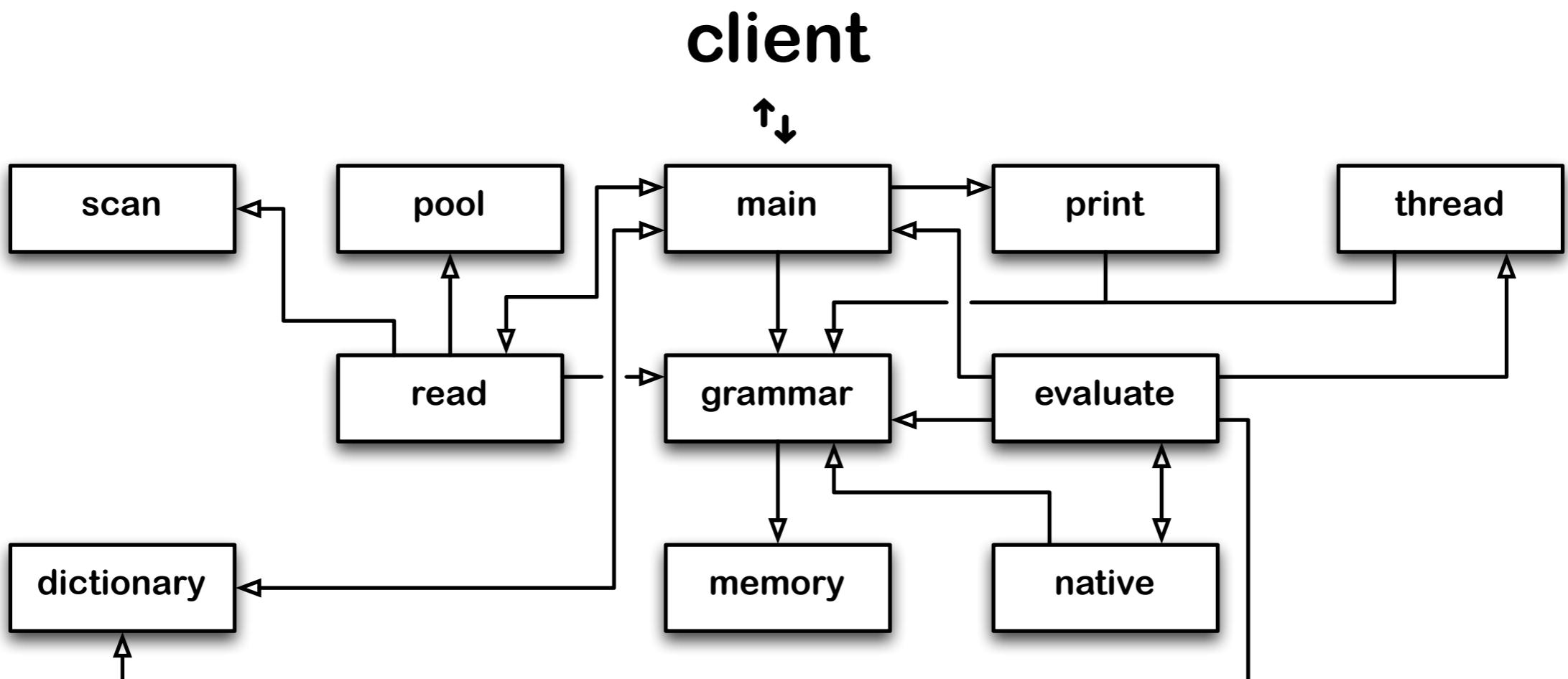
version 3: factored out environment

# SLIP/C second stage



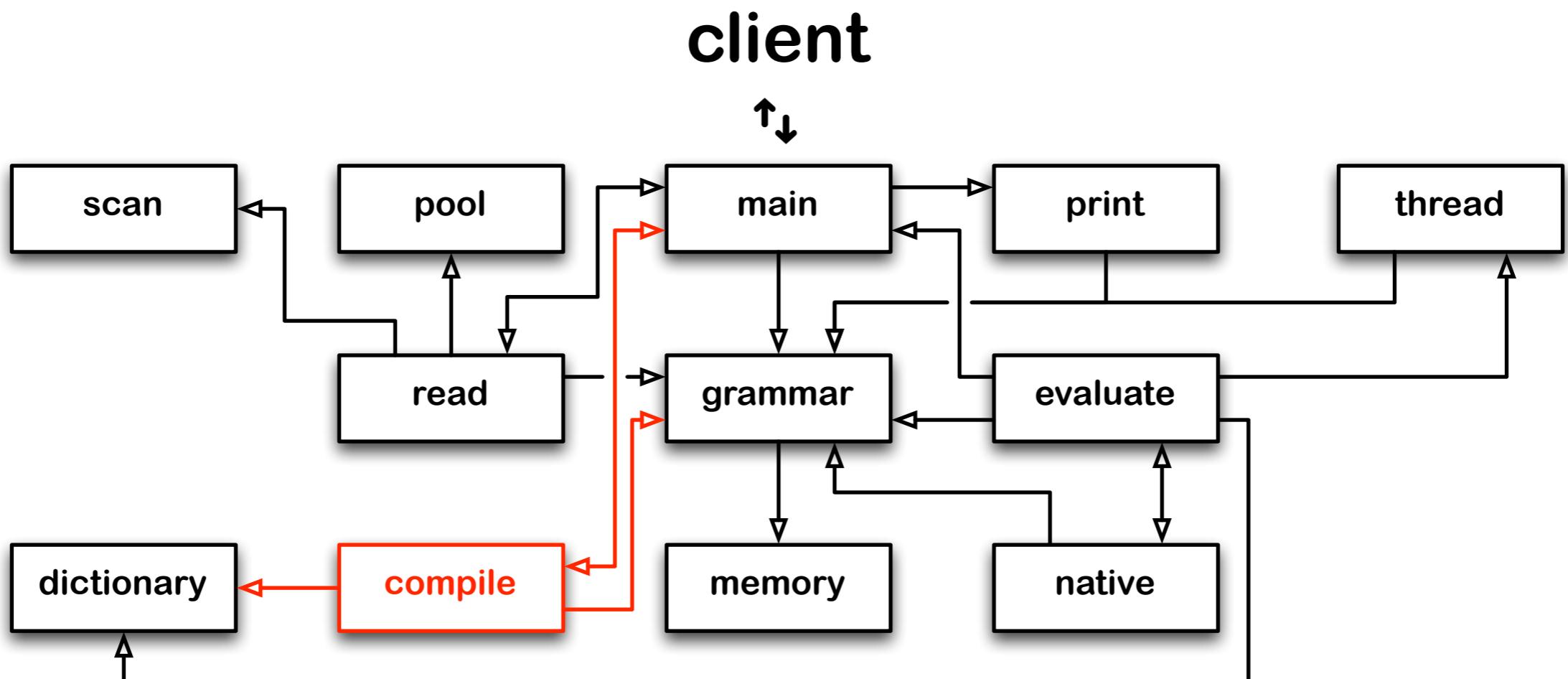
version 4: threaded continuations

# SLIP/C second stage (cont'd)



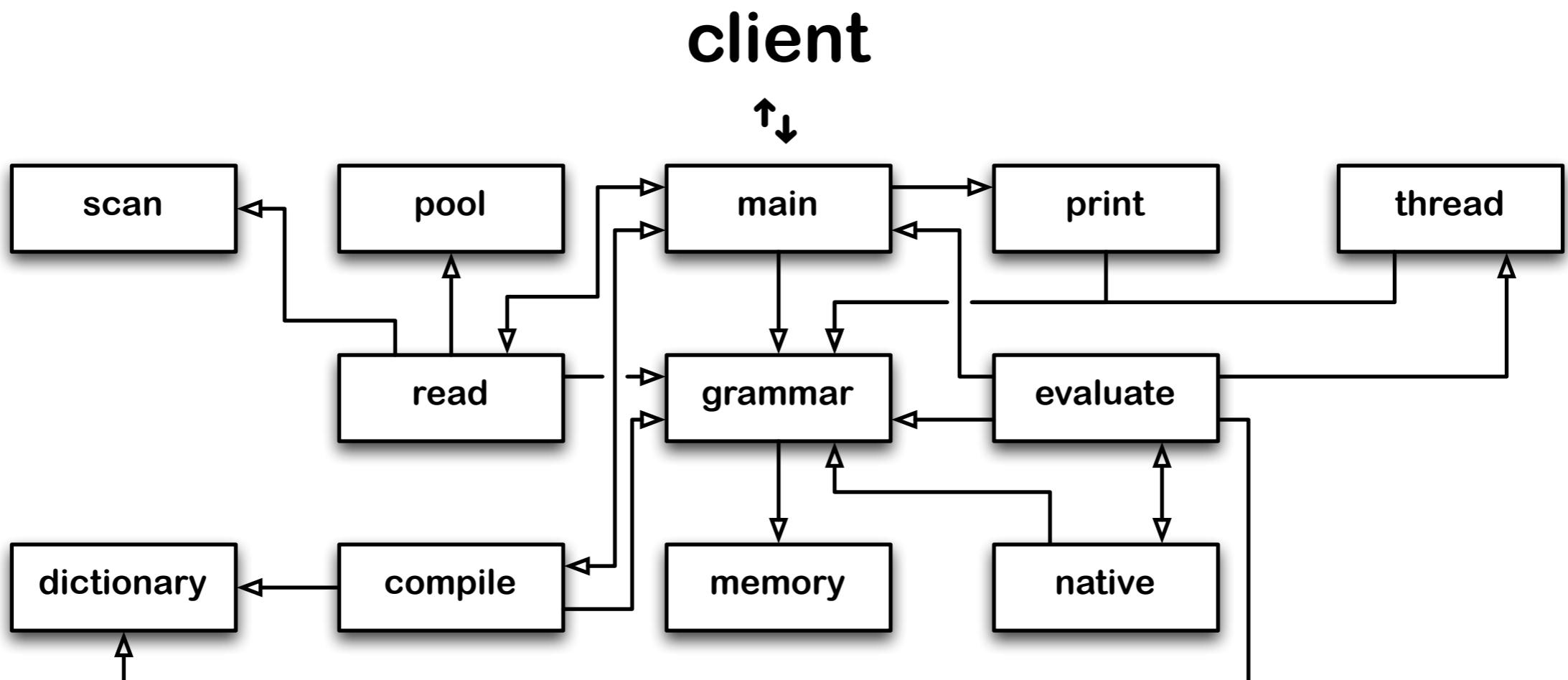
version 5: functional continuations

# SLIP/C third stage



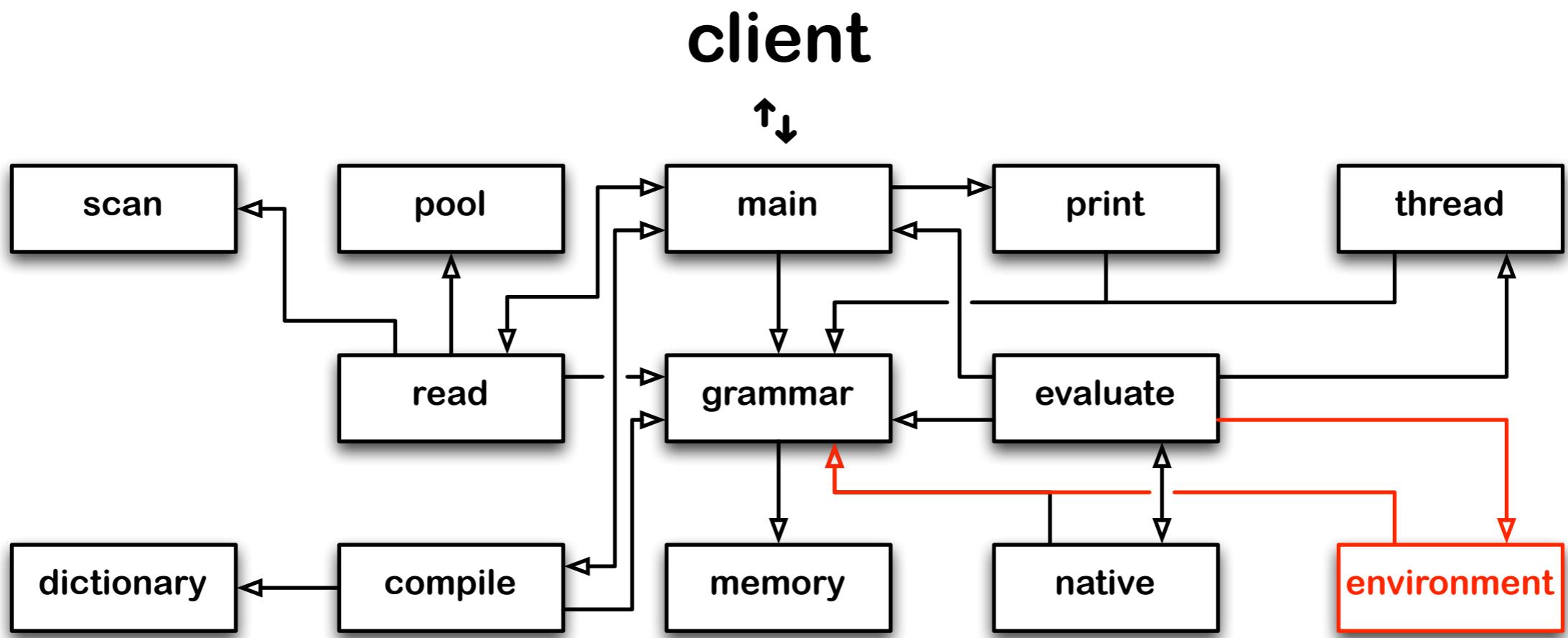
version 6: partial evaluation

# SLIP/C third stage (cont'd)



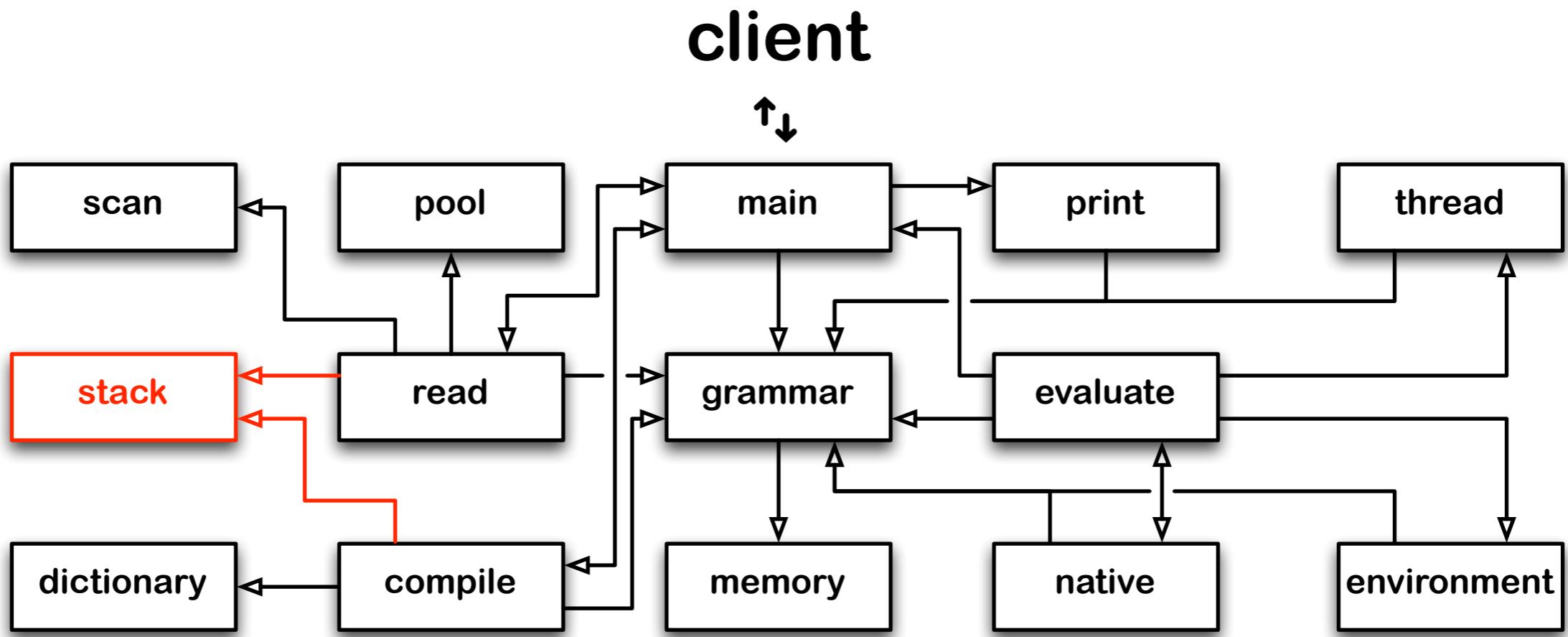
version 7: iterative constructs

# SLIP/C fourth stage



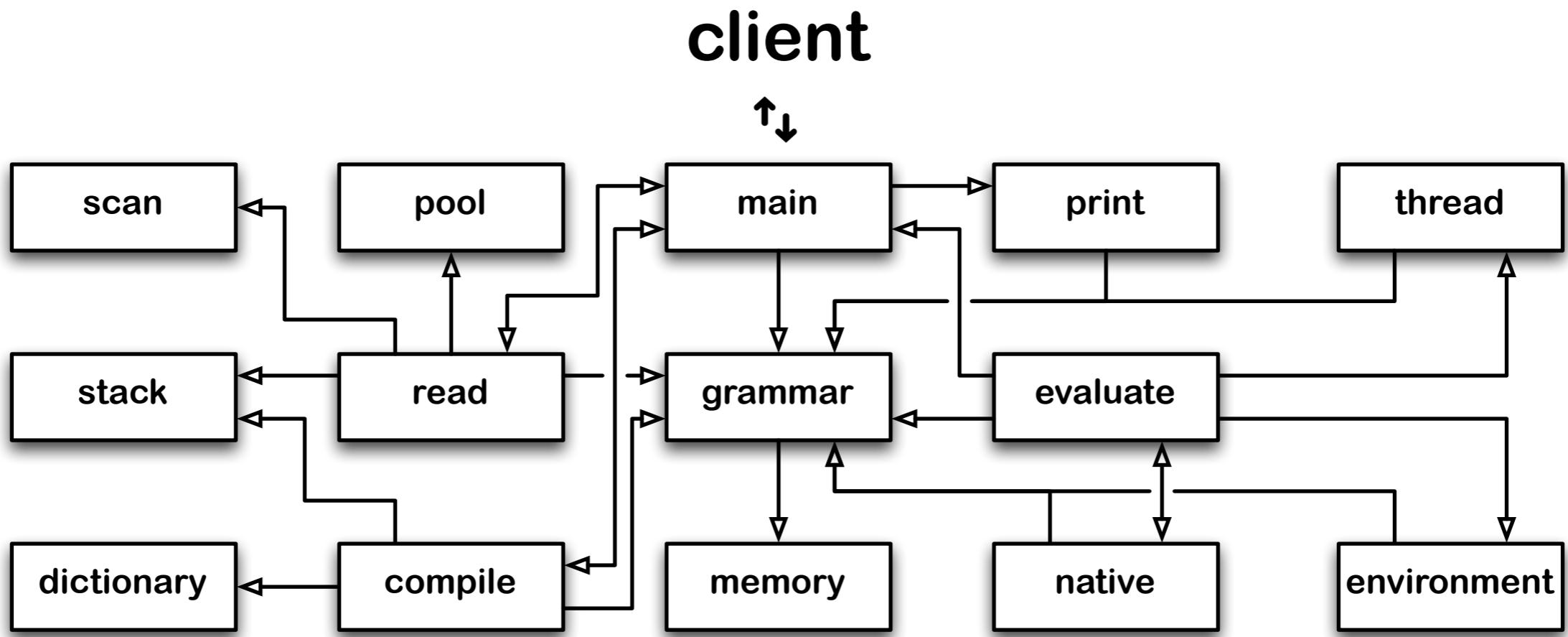
# version 8: lexical addressing

# SLIP/C fifth stage



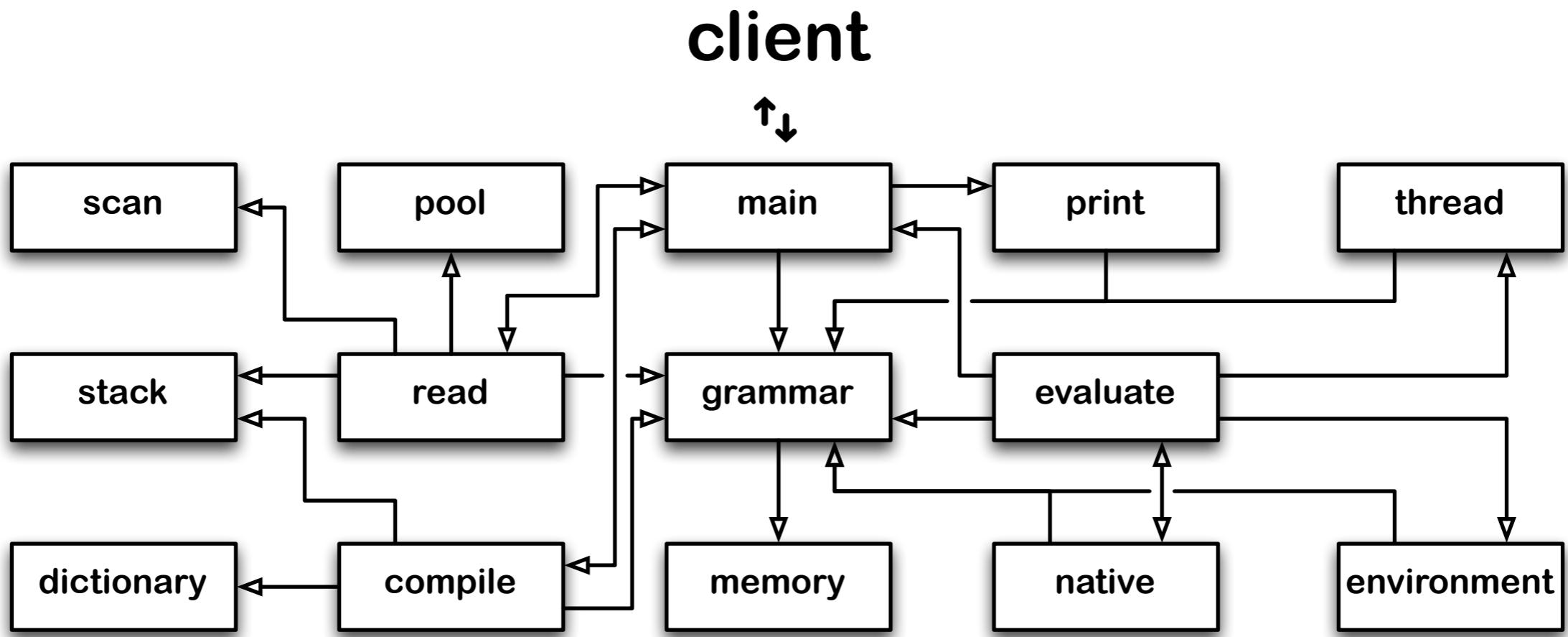
version 9: garbage collection

# SLIP/C fifth stage (cont'd)



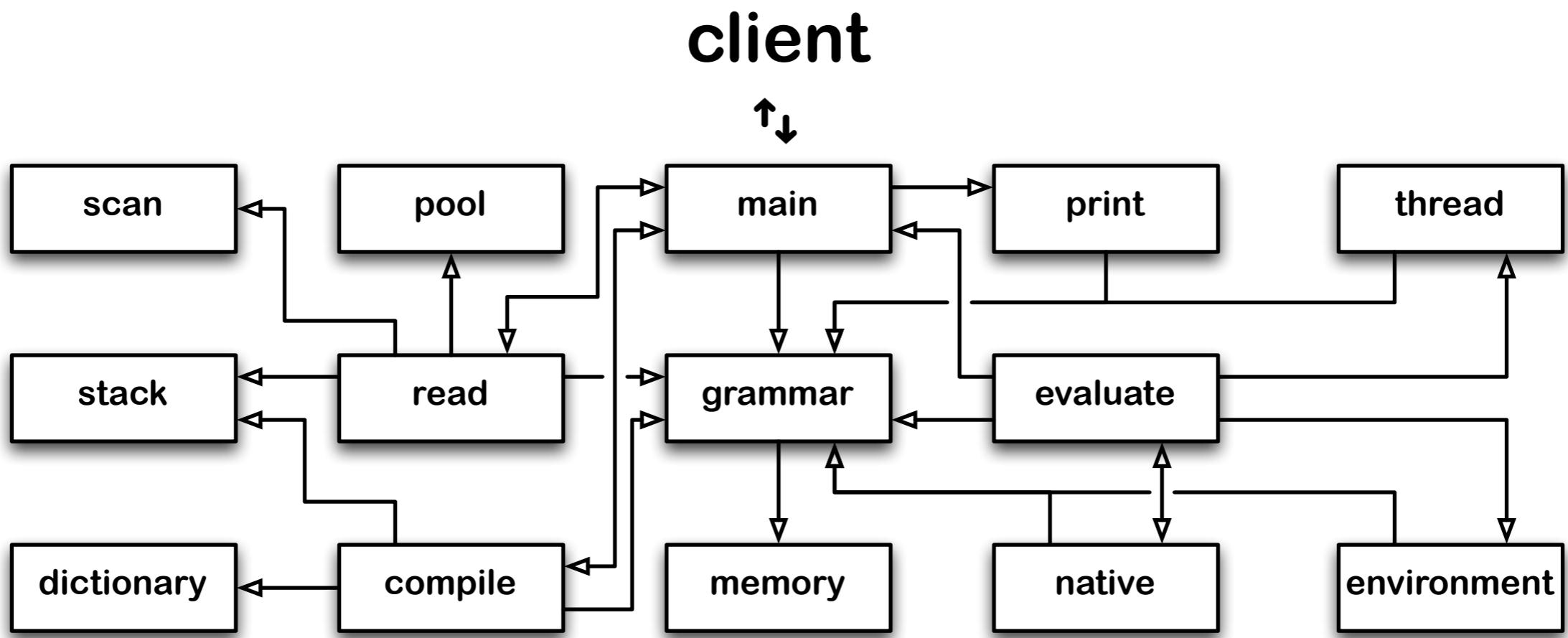
version 10: proper tail recursion

# SLIP/C fifth stage (cont'd)



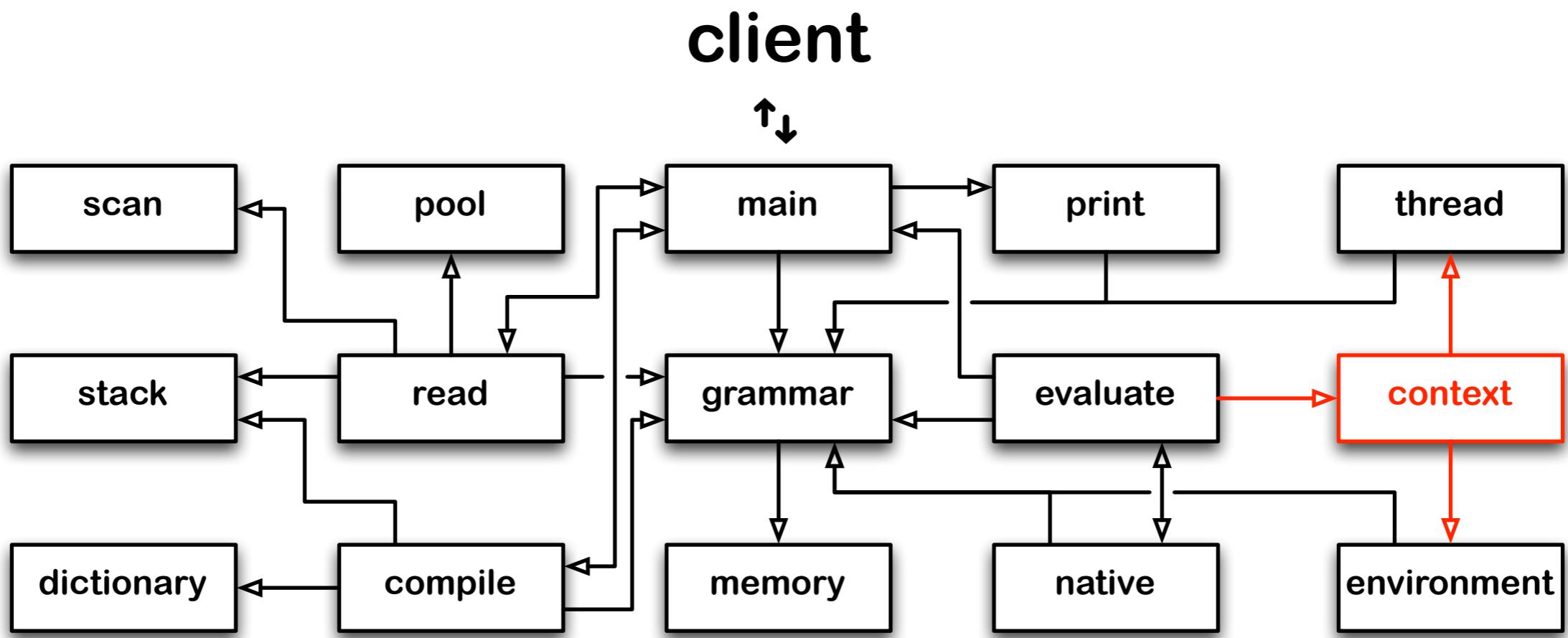
version 11: first class continuations

# SLIP/C fifth stage (cont'd)



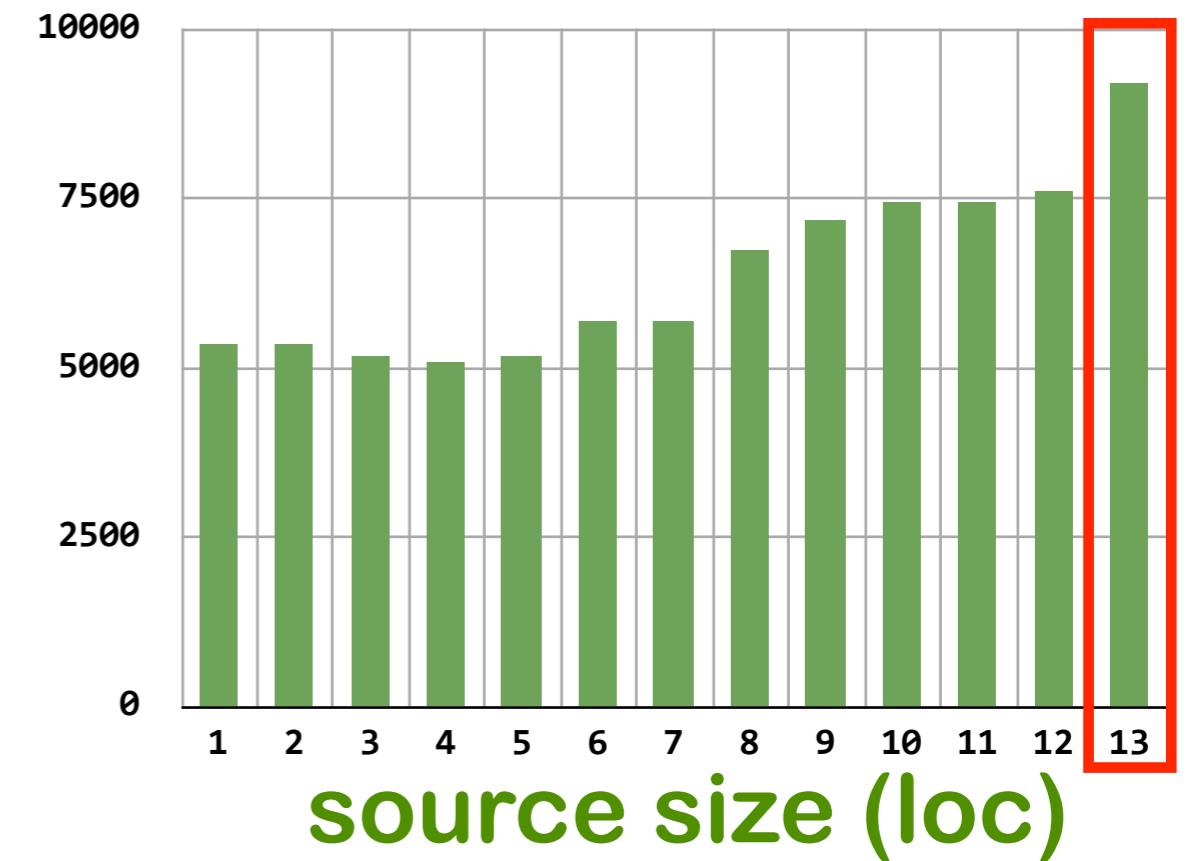
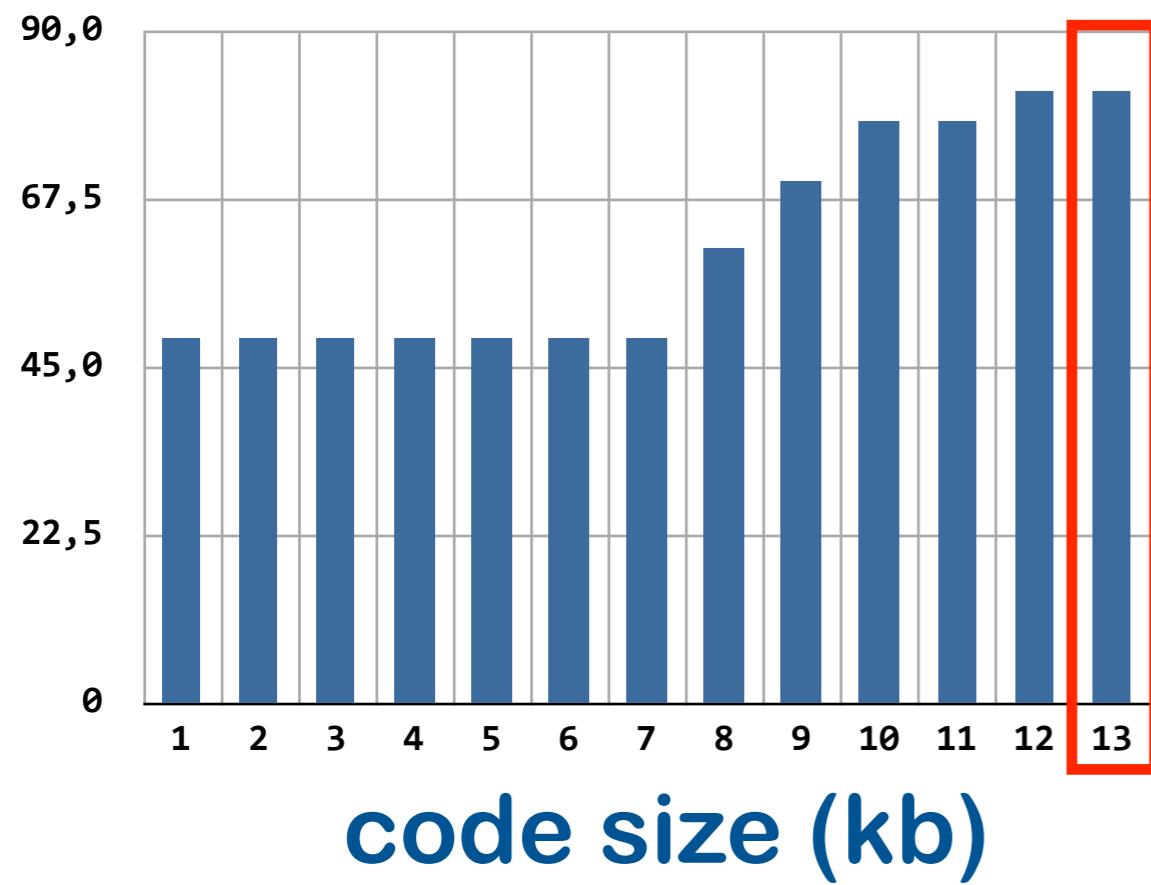
version 12: smart caches

# SLIP/C new stage



version 13: multicore support

# SLIP/C implementation size



# Multicore memory management

```
BYT_type Memory_Claim(UNS_type Claim)
{
    BYT_type overflow;
    Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
    Claim_size += Claim + 1;
    Claim_counter++;
    overflow = (Tail_pointer - Free_pointer <= Claim_size);
    if (overflow)
    {
        collect();
        if (Tail_pointer - Free_pointer <= Claim_size)
            Memory_Fail();
    }
    Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
    return overflow;
}
```

memory\_Make\_Chunk(BYT\_type Tag,  
UNS\_type Size)

```
{ PTR_type pointer;
UNS_type size;
size = Size + 1;
Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
if (size > Claim_size)
    Memory_Fail();
pointer = Free_pointer;
Free_pointer += size;
Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
pointer->cel = make_header(Tag,
Size);
return pointer; }
```

NIL\_type Memory\_Release(UNS\_type Claim)
{
 Slip\_Spin\_Lock(Memory\_lock);
 Claim\_size -= Claim + 1;
 Claim\_counter--;
 Slip\_Spin\_Unlock(Memory\_lock); }

# Multicore memory management

```
BYT_type Memory_Claim(UNS_type Claim)
{
    BYT_type overflow;
    Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
    Claim_size += Claim + 1;
    Claim_counter++;
    overflow = (Tail_pointer - Free_pointer <= Claim_size);
    if (overflow)
    {
        collect();
        if (Tail_pointer - Free_pointer <= Claim_size)
            Memory_Fail();
    }
    Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
    return overflow;
}
```

```
NIL_type Memory_Release(UNS_type Claim)
{
    Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
    Claim_size -= Claim + 1;
    Claim_counter--;
    Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
}
```

```
PTR_type Memory_Make_Chunk(BYT_type Tag,
                             UNS_type Size)
{
    PTR_type pointer;
    UNS_type size;
    size = Size + 1;
    Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
    if (size > Claim_size)
        Memory_Fail();
    pointer = Free_pointer;
    Free_pointer += size;
    Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
    pointer->cel = make_header(Tag,
                                Size);
    return pointer;
}
```

# Multicore memory management

```

BYT_type Memory_Claim(UNS_type Claim)
{
    BYT_type overflow;
    Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
    Claim_size += Claim + 1;
    Claim_counter++;
    overflow = (Tail_pointer - Free_pointer <= Claim_size);
    if (overflow)
    {
        collect();
        if (Tail_pointer - Free_pointer <= Claim_size)
            Memory_Fail();
    }
    Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
    return overflow;
}

NIL_type Memory_Release(UNS_type Claim)
{
    Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
    Claim_size -= Claim + 1;
    Claim_counter--;
    Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
}

UNS_type Memory_Make_Chunk(BYT_type Tag,
                           UNS_type Size)
{
    PTR_type pointer;
    UNS_type size;
    size = Size + 1;
    Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
    if (size > Claim_size)
        Memory_Fail();
    pointer = Free_pointer;
    Free_pointer += size;
    Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
    pointer->cel = make_header(Tag,
                               Size);
    return pointer;
}

```

# Multicore memory management

```
BYT_type Memory_Claim(UNS_type Claim)
{
    BYT_type overflow;
    Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);
    Claim_size += Claim + 1;
    Claim_counter++;
    overflow = (Tail_pointer - Free_pointer <= Claim_size);
    if (overflow)
    {
        collect();
        if (Tail_pointer - Free_pointer <= Claim_size)
            Memory_Fail();
    }
    Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);
    return overflow;
}
```

<pre>PTR_type Memory_Make_Chunk(BYT_type Tag,                              UNS_type Size)</pre>	<pre>{ PTR_type pointer;   UNS_type size;   size = Size + 1;   Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);   if (size &gt; Claim_size)       Memory_Fail();   pointer = Free_pointer;   Free_pointer += size;   Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock);   pointer-&gt;cel = make_header(Tag,                              Size);</pre>
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<pre>NIL_type Memory_Release(UNS_type Claim) {     Slip_Spin_Lock(Memory_lock);     Claim_size -= Claim + 1;     Claim_counter--;     Slip_Spin_Unlock(Memory_lock); }</pre>	<pre>turn pointer; }</pre>
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# SLIP/C multicore quicksort

```
(define (Sort V Low High Recurse)
  (define Left Low)
  (define Right High)
  (define Pivot (vector-ref V (quotient (+ Left Right) 2)))
  (define Save 0)
  (while (< Left Right)
    (while (< (vector-ref V Left) Pivot)
      (set! Left (+ Left 1)))
    (while (> (vector-ref V Right) Pivot)
      (set! Right (- Right 1)))
    (if (<= Left Right)
      (begin
        (set! Save (vector-ref V Left))
        (vector-set! V Left (vector-ref V Right))
        (vector-set! V Right Save)
        (set! Left (+ Left 1))
        (set! Right (- Right 1))))))
  (Recurse Left Right))

  (if (> Depth 0)
    (begin
      (define promise
        (if (< Low Right)
          (spawn (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Low Right)))
        (if (> High Left)
          (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Left High))
        (sync promise)))
      (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)))
  (Sort V Low High MultiCore-Recuse)))
```

```
(define (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
  (define (SingleCore-Recuse Left Right)
    (if (< Low Right)
        (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low Right))
    (if (> High Left)
        (SingleCore-QuickSort V Left High)))
  (Sort V Low High SingleCore-Recuse)))
```

# SLIP/C multicore quicksort (cont'd)

```
(define (Sort V Low High Recurse)
  (define Left Low)
  (define Right High)
  (define Pivot (vector-ref V (quotient (+ Left Right) 2))))
  (define Save 0)
  (while (< Left Right)
    (while (< (vector-ref V Left) Pivot)
      (set! Left (+ Left 1)))
    (while (> (vector-ref V Right) Pivot)
      (set! Right (- Right 1)))
    (if (<= Left Right)
      (begin
        (set! Save (vector-ref V Left))
        (vector-set! V Left (vector-ref V Right))
        (vector-set! V Right Save)
        (set! Left (+ Left 1))
        (set! Right (- Right 1))))))
  (Recurse Left Right))
```

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SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
  (SingleCore-Recurse Left Right)
  < Low Right)
SingleCore-QuickSort V Low Right))
  > High Left)
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  / Low High SingleCore-Recurse))
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Low High)
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```
(if (> Depth 0)
  (begin
    (define promise
      (if (< Low Right)
        (spawn (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Low Right))))
    (if (> High Left)
        (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Left High))
    (sync promise))
    (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)))
  (Sort V Low High MultiCore-Recurse))
```

# SLIP/C multicore quicksort (cont'd)

```
(define (Sort V Low High Recurse)
  (define Left Low)
  (define Right High)
  (define Pivot (vector-ref V (quotient (+ Left Right) 2)))
  (define Save 0)
  (while (< Left Right)
    (while (< (vector-ref V Left) Pivot)
      (set! Left (+ Left 1)))
    (while (> (vector-ref V Right) Pivot)
      (set! Right (- Right 1)))
    (if (<= Left Right)
      (begin
        (set! Save (vector-ref V Left))
        (vector-set! V Left (vector-ref V Right))
        (vector-set! V Right Save)
        (set! Left (+ Left 1))
        (set! Right (- Right 1))))
      (Recurse Left Right)))
  (define (MultiCore-QuickSort Depth V Low High)
    (define (MultiCore-Recuse Left Right)
      (if (> Depth 0)
        (begin
          (define promise
            (if (< Low Right)
              (spawn (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Low Right))))
          (if (> High Left)
              (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Left High))
          (sync promise))
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)))
        (Sort V Low High MultiCore-Recuse)))
  (define (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
    (define (SingleCore-Recuse Left Right)
      (if (< Low Right)
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low Right))
      (if (> High Left)
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Left High)))
    (Sort V Low High SingleCore-Recuse)))
```

# SLIP/C multicore quicksort (cont'd)

```

(define (Sort V Low High Recurse)
  (define Left Low)
  (define Right High)
  (define Pivot (vector-ref V (quotient (+ Left Right) 2)))
  (define Save 0)
  (while (< Left Right)
    (while (< (vector-ref V Left) Pivot)
      (set! Left (+ Left 1)))
    (while (> (vector-ref V Right) Pivot)
      (set! Right (- Right 1)))
    (if (<= Left Right)
      (begin
        (set! Save (vector-ref V Left))
        (vector-set! V Left (vector-ref V Right))
        (vector-set! V Right Save)
        (set! Left (+ Left 1))
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      (Recurse Left Right)))
  (define (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
    (define (SingleCore-Recurse Left Right)
      (if (< Low Right)
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low Right))
      (if (> High Left)
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Left High)))
    (Sort V Low High SingleCore-Recurse)))

  (Recurse Left Right)
  (define (MultiCore-QuickSort Depth V Low High)
    (define (MultiCore-Recurse Left Right)
      (if (> Depth 0)
        (begin
          (define promise
            (if (< Low Right)
                (spawn (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Low Right))))
          (if (> High Left)
              (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Left High))
          (sync promise))
        (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)))
    (Sort V Low High MultiCore-Recurse)))

```

# SLIP/C multicore quicksort (cont'd)

```

(define (Sort V Low High Recurse)
  (define Left Low)
  (define Right High)
  (define Pivot (vector-ref V (quotient (+ Left Right) 2)))
  (define Save 0)
  (while (< Left Right)
    (while (< (vector-ref V Left) Pivot)
      (set! Left (+ Left 1)))
    (while (> (vector-ref V Right) Pivot)
      (set! Right (- Right 1)))
    (if (<= Left Right)
      (begin
        (set! Save (vector-ref V Left))
        (vector-set! V Left (vector-ref V Right))
        (vector-set! V Right Save)
        (set! Left (+ Left 1))
        (set! Right (- Right 1))))
      (Recurse Left Right)
    )
  )
  (define (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
    (define (SingleCore-Recurse Left Right)
      (if (< Low Right)
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low Right))
      (if (> High Left)
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Left High))
      (Sort V Low High SingleCore-Recurse)))
    (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
  )
)

(define (MultiCore-QuickSort Depth V Low High)
  (define (MultiCore-Recurse Left Right)
    (if (> Depth 0)
      (begin
        (define promise
          (if (< Low Right)
            (spawn MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Low Right)))
        (if (> High Left)
            (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Left High))
        (sync promise))
        (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)))
      (Sort V Low High MultiCore-Recurse)))
  )
)

```

# SLIP/C multicore quicksort (cont'd)

```
(define (Sort V Low High Recurse)
  (define Left Low)
  (define Right High)
  (define Pivot (vector-ref V (quotient (+ Left Right) 2)))
  (define Save 0)
  (while (< Left Right)
    (while (< (vector-ref V Left) Pivot)
      (set! Left (+ Left 1)))
    (while (> (vector-ref V Right) Pivot)
      (set! Right (- Right 1)))
    (if (<= Left Right)
        (begin
          (set! Save (vector-ref V Left))
          (vector-set! V Left (vector-ref V Right))
          (vector-set! V Right Save)
          (set! Left (+ Left 1))
          (set! Right (- Right 1)))
        (Recurse Left Right))))))))
```

```
(define (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
  (define (SingleCore-Recurse Left Right)
    (if (< Low Right)
        (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low Right))
    (if (> High Left)
        (SingleCore-QuickSort V Left High))))
  (Sort V Low High SingleCore-Recurse)))
```

```
(Recurse Left Rig
  (define (MultiCore-QuickSort Depth V Low High)
    (define (MultiCore-Recurse Left Right)
      (if (> Depth 0)
          (begin
            (define promise
              (if (< Low Right)
                  (spawn (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Low Right))))
            (if (> High Left)
                (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Left High))
            (sync promise))
            (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)))
        (Sort V Low High MultiCore-Recurse)))
```

# SLIP/C multicore quicksort (cont'd)

```

(define (Sort V Low High Recurse)
  (define Left Low)
  (define Right High)
  (define Pivot (vector-ref V (quotient (+ Left Right) 2)))
  (define Save 0)
  (while (< Left Right)
    (while (< (vector-ref V Left) Pivot)
      (set! Left (+ Left 1)))
    (while (> (vector-ref V Right) Pivot)
      (set! Right (- Right 1)))
    (if (<= Left Right)
      (begin
        (set! Save (vector-ref V Left))
        (vector-set! V Left (vector-ref V Right))
        (vector-set! V Right Save)
        (set! Left (+ Left 1))
        (set! Right (- Right 1))))
      (Recurse Left Right)
    )
  )
  (define (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
    (define (SingleCore-Recurse Left Right)
      (if (< Low Right)
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low Right))
      (if (> High Left)
          (SingleCore-QuickSort V Left High))
      (Sort V Low High SingleCore-Recurse)))
    (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)
  )
)

(define (MultiCore-QuickSort Depth V Low High)
  (define (MultiCore-Recurse Left Right)
    (if (> Depth 0)
      (begin
        (define promise
          (if (< Low Right)
              (spawn (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Low Right))))
        (if (> High Left)
            (MultiCore-QuickSort (- Depth 1) V Left High))
        (sync promise)
        (SingleCore-QuickSort V Low High)))
      (MultiCore-QuickSort V Low High)
    )
  )
  (Sort V Low High MultiCore-Recurse))
)

```

# SLIP/C multicore quicksort (cont'd)

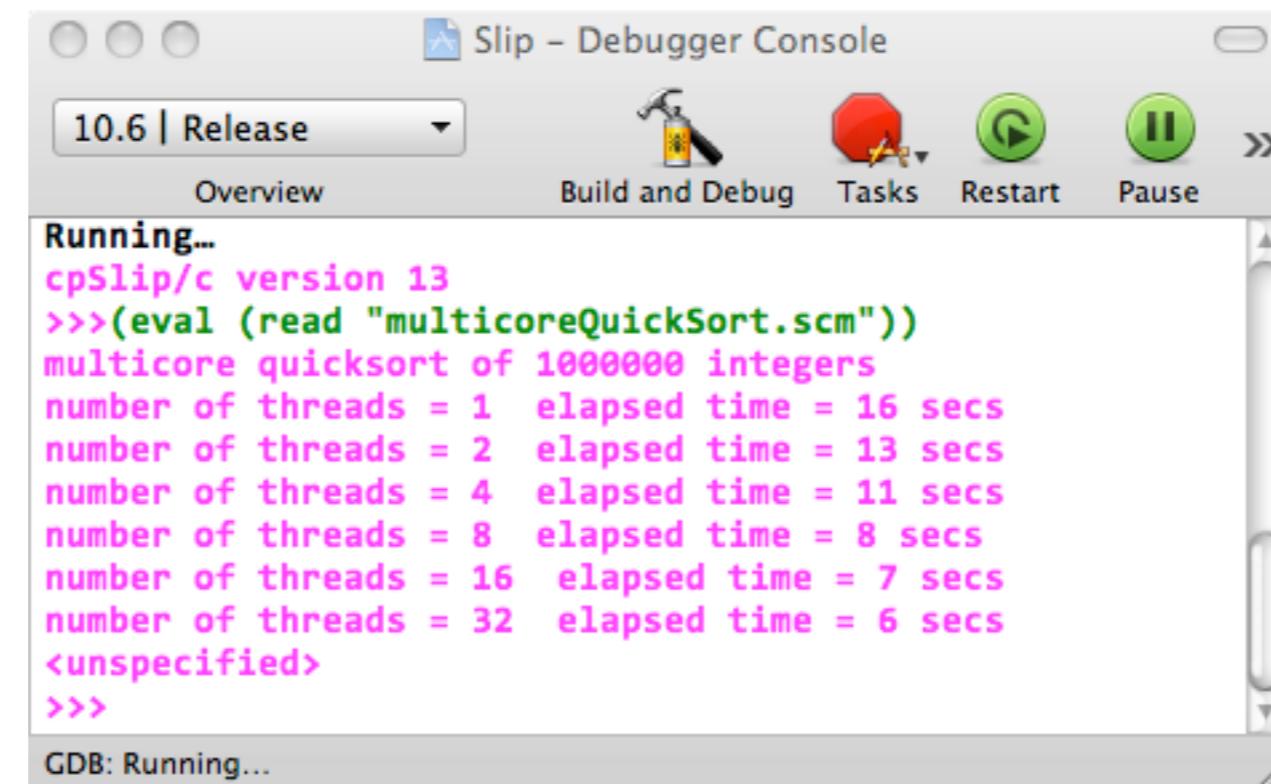
```
(define size 1000000)
(define V (make-vector size 0))
(define Low 0)
(define High (- (vector-length V) 1))
(define depth 0)
(define threads 1)
(display "multicore quicksort of ")
(display size)
(display " integers")
(newline)
(while (< depth 2)
    (display "number of threads = ")
    (display threads)
    (define x 0)
    (define y 1)
    (while (<= x High)
        (vector-set! V x y)
        (set! x (+ x 1))
        (set! y (remainder (+ y 4253171) 1235711)))
    (define t (clock))
    (MultiCore-QuickSort depth V Low High)
    (display " elapsed time = ")
    (display (- (clock) t))
    (display " secs")
    (set! depth (+ depth 1))
    (set! threads (* threads 2))
    (newline)))
```

# SLIP/C multicore quicksort (cont'd)

```
(define size 1000000)
(define V (make-vector size 0))
(define Low 0)
(define High (- (vector-length V) 1))
(define depth 0)
(define threads 1)
(display "multicore quicksort of ")
(display size)
(display " integers")
(newline)
(while (< depth 2)
  (display "number of threads = ")
  (display threads)
  (define x 0)
  (define y 1)
  (while (<= x High)
    (vector-set! V x y)
    (set! x (+ x 1))
    (set! y (remainder (+ y 4253171) 1235711)))
  (define t (clock))
  (MultiCore-QuickSort depth V Low High)
  (display " elapsed time = ")
  (display (- (clock) t))
  (display " secs")
  (set! depth (+ depth 1))
  (set! threads (* threads 2)))
(newline)))
```

```
(define (report text c)
  (protect
    (display text)
    (display c)
    (display " ")
    (display "... ")
    (display (- (clock) t))
    (display " secs")
    (newline)))
```

# Multicore quicksort on a 4core

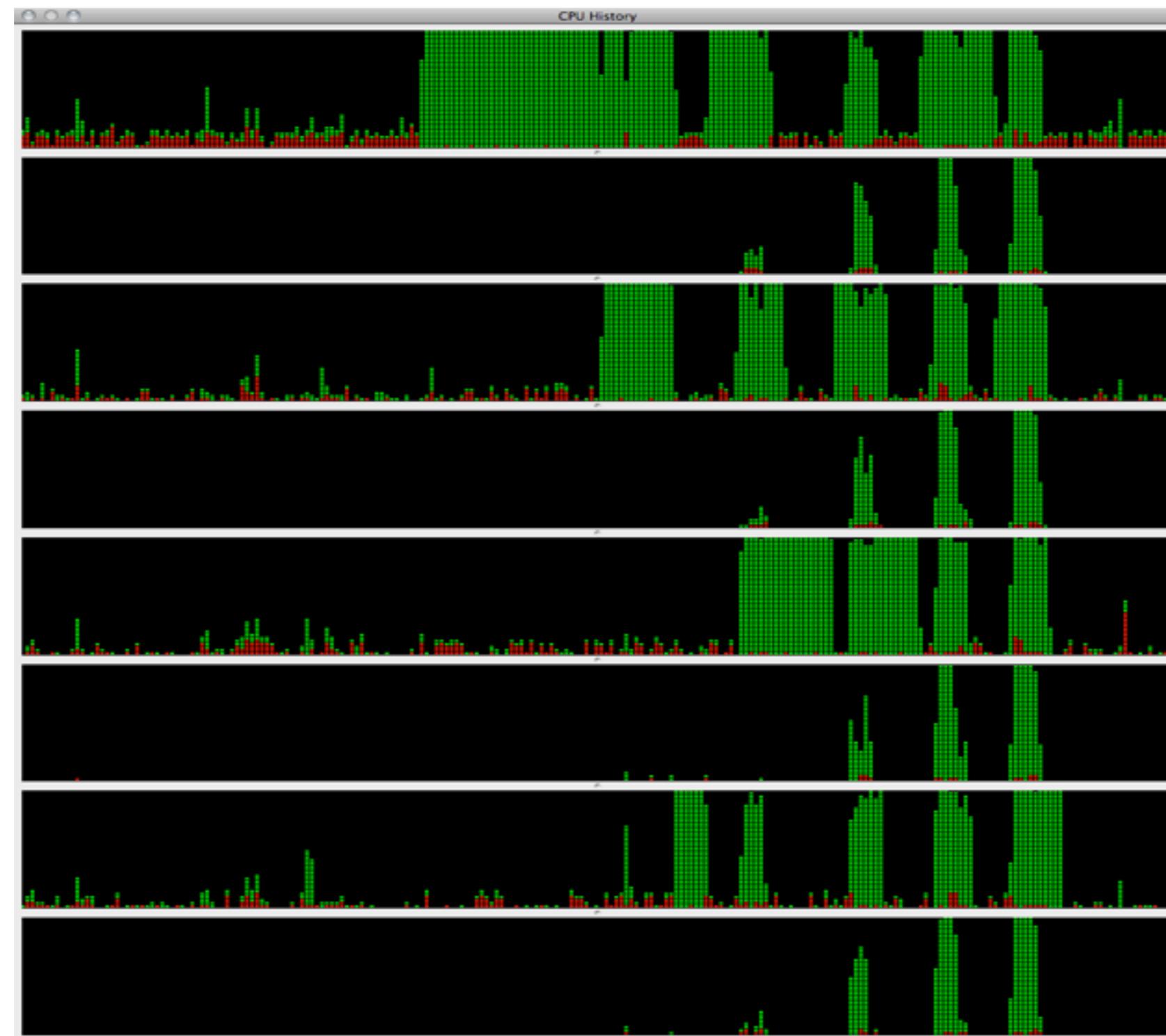


The screenshot shows the SLIP debugger console window titled "Slip - Debugger Console". The window has a toolbar with icons for "Build and Debug", "Tasks", "Restart", and "Pause". A dropdown menu shows "10.6 | Release". The main area displays the output of a quicksort benchmark. It starts with "Running...", then shows the command to evaluate a script, followed by the results for different thread counts: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, and 32 threads. The elapsed time decreases from 16 seconds to 6 seconds as the number of threads increases. The output ends with "<unspecified>" and ">>>". At the bottom, it says "GDB: Running...".

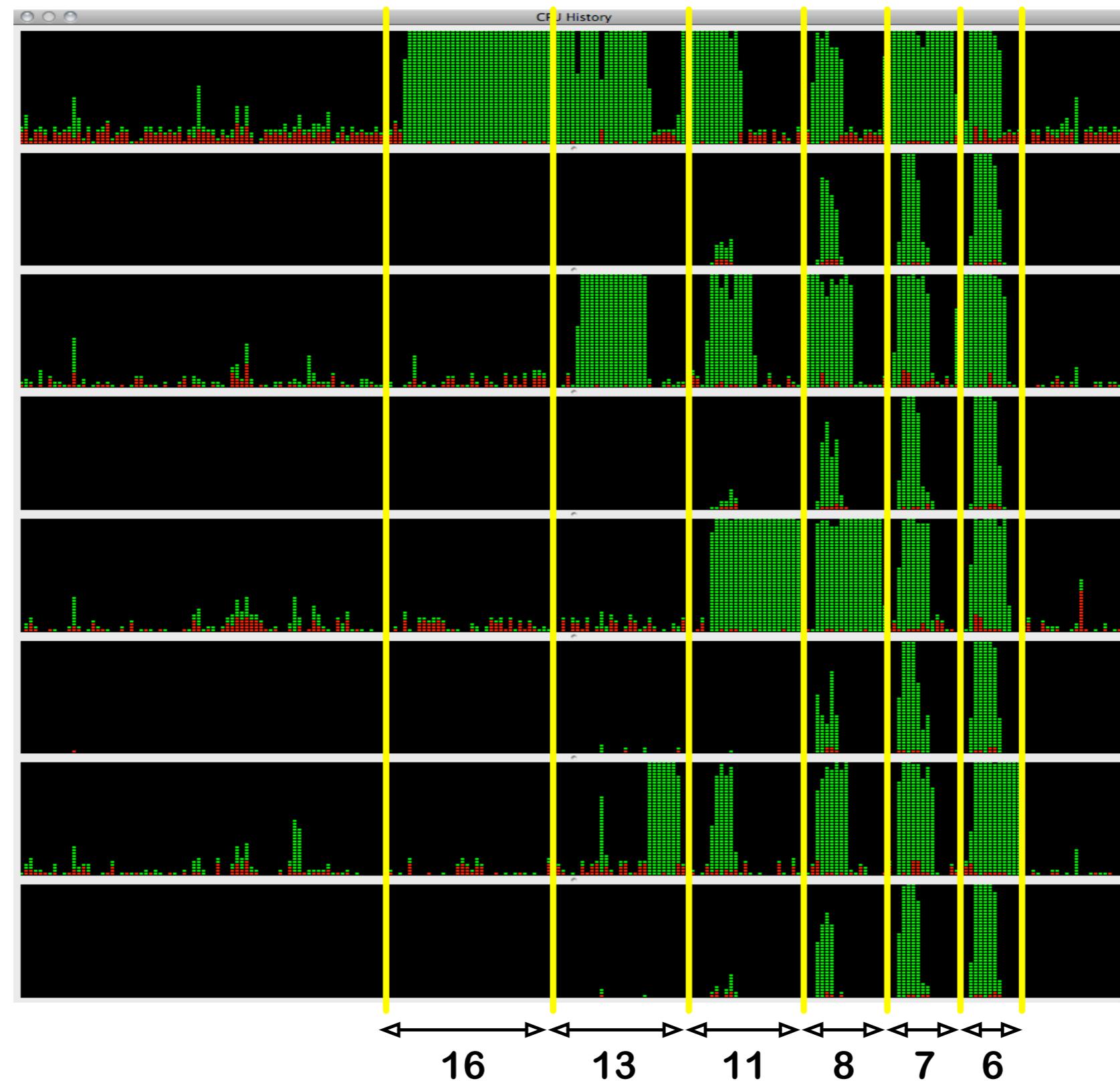
```
Running...
cpSlip/c version 13
>>>(eval (read "multicoreQuickSort.scm"))
multicore quicksort of 1000000 integers
number of threads = 1 elapsed time = 16 secs
number of threads = 2 elapsed time = 13 secs
number of threads = 4 elapsed time = 11 secs
number of threads = 8 elapsed time = 8 secs
number of threads = 16 elapsed time = 7 secs
number of threads = 32 elapsed time = 6 secs
<unspecified>
>>>
GDB: Running...
```

## MacPro 4core

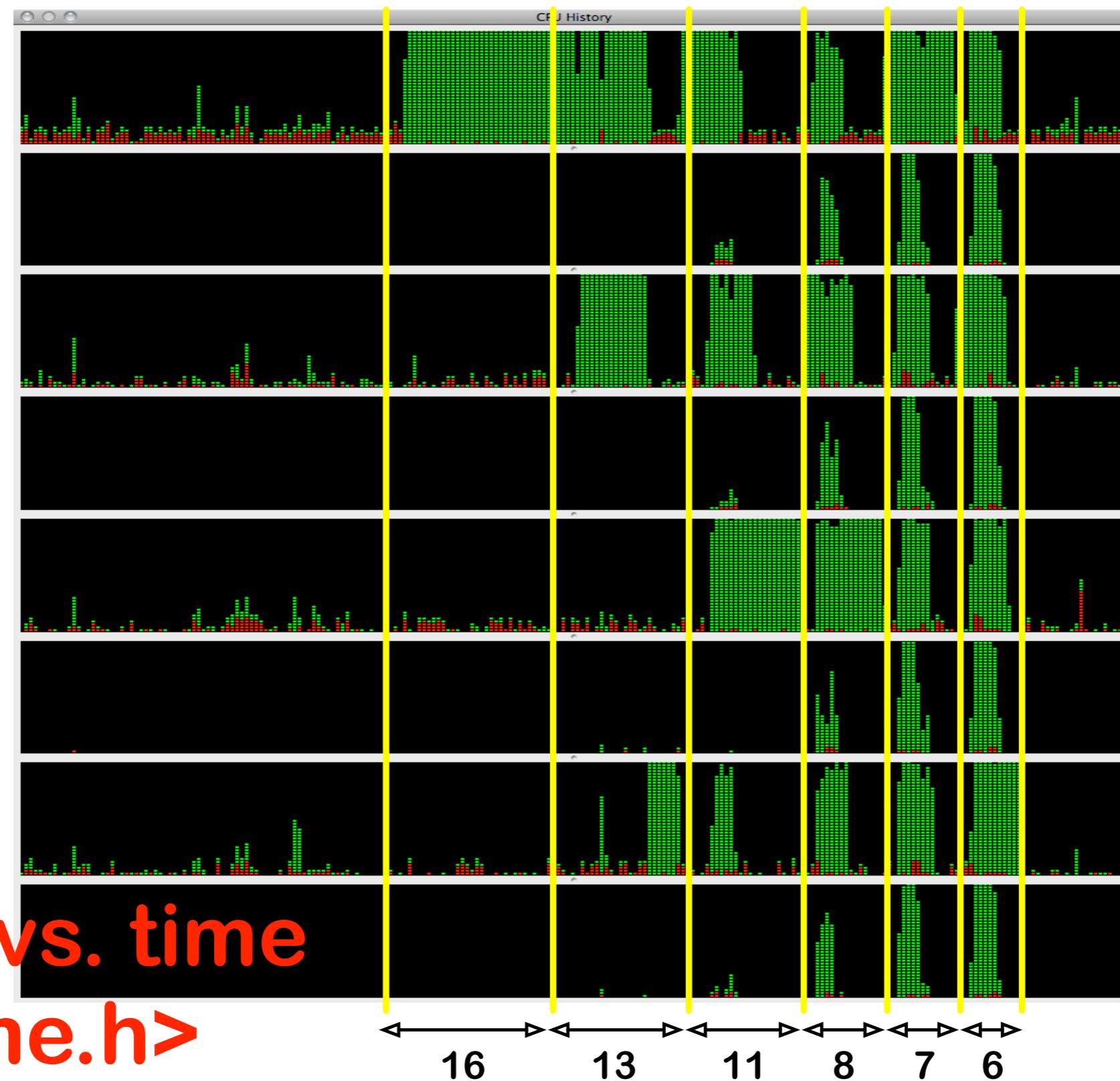
# Multicore quicksort on a 4core (cont'd)



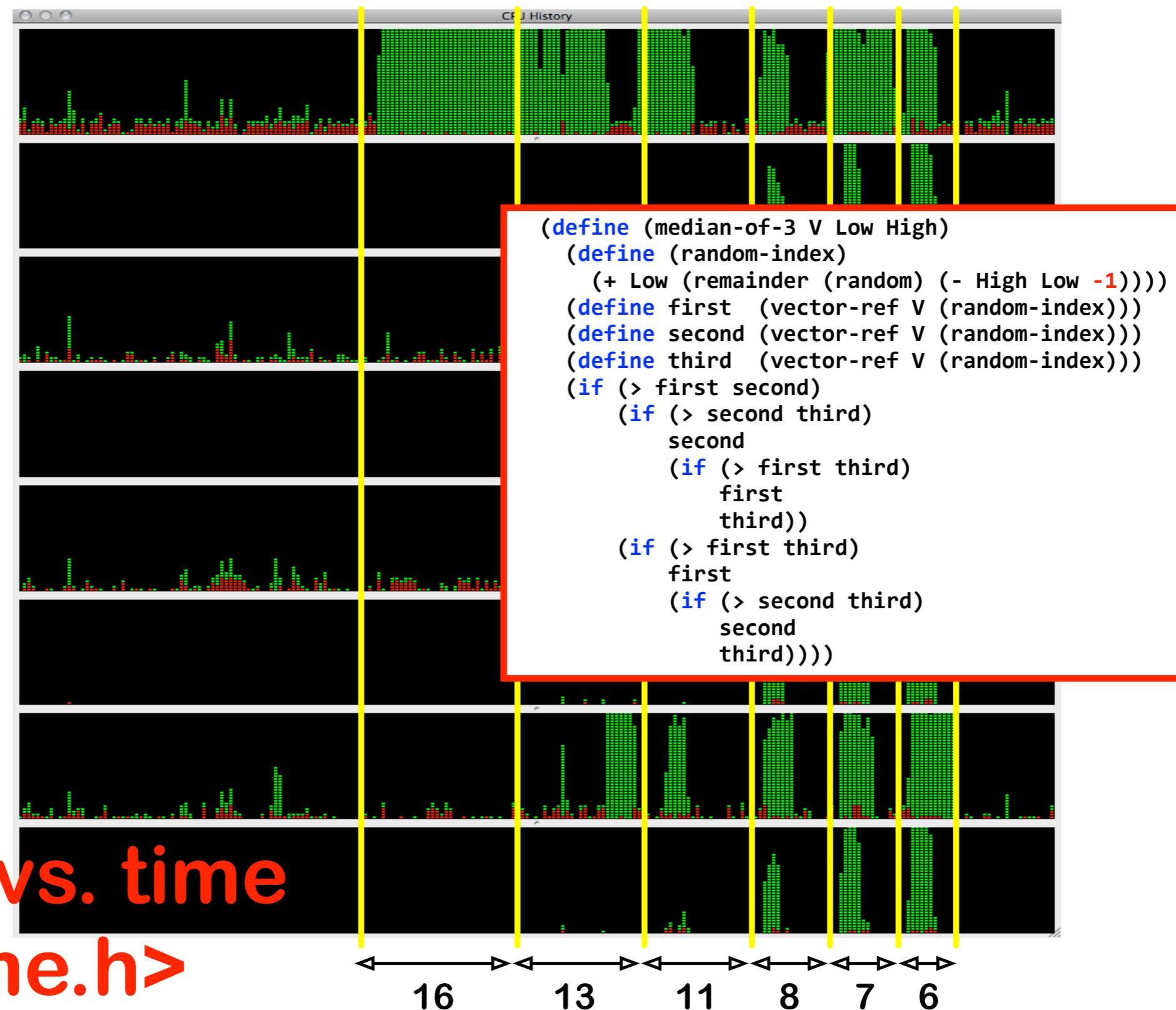
# Multicore quicksort on a 4core (cont'd)



# Multicore quicksort on a 4core (cont'd)



# Multicore quicksort on a 4core (cont'd)



# Multicore primitives

```

static NIL_type continue_spawn(CID_type Context_id)
{ EXP_type value;
  value = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  Context_Thread_Zap(Context_id);
  Main_Stop_Thread(value); }

static EXP_type worker_procedure(ADR_type Address)
{ CID_type context_id;
  context_id = *(CID_type *)Address;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  Context_Thread_Push_M(context_id,
    Continue_spawn,
    Main_False,
    sPN_size);

  Main_Release_Default();
  evaluate_context(context_id,
    Main_False);

  for (;;)
    Context_Proceed(context_id);
  return Main_Unspecified; }

static NIL_type evaluate_s()
{ CID_type context_id;
  SPN_type spawn_expression;
  EXP_type expression;
  PRM_type promise;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  spawn_expression = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  expression = spawn_expression->exp;
  context_id = Context_Clone_M(Context_id,
    expression);

  Main_Release_Default();
  promise = Main_Spawn_Thread_M(worker_procedure,
    &context_id);

  Context_Set_Expression(context_id,
    promise); }

```

# Multicore primitives

```

static NIL_type continue_spawn(CID_type Context_id)
{ EXP_type value;
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  Main_Stop_Thread(value); }

static EXP_type worker_procedure(ADR_type Address)
{ CID_type context_id;
  context_id = *(CID_type *)Address;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  Context_Thread_Push_M(context_id,
    Continue_spawn,
    Main_False,
    sPN_size);
  Main_Release_Default();

static NIL_type evaluate_spawn(CID_type Context_id,
  EXP_type Tailposition)
{ CID_type context_id;
  SPN_type spawn_expression;
  EXP_type expression;
  PRM_type promise;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  spawn_expression = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  expression = spawn_expression->exp;
  context_id = Context_Clone_M(Context_id,
    expression);
  promise = Main_Spawn_Thread_M(worker_procedure,
    &context_id);
  Main_Release_Default();
  Context_Set_Expression(context_id,
    promise); }

```

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{ CID_type context_id;
  context_id = *(CID_type *)Address;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  Context_Thread_Push_M(context_id,
    Continue_spawn,
    Main_False,
    sPN_size);

  Main_Release_Default();
}

```

```

static NIL_type evaluate_spawn(CID_type Context_id,
                               EXP_type Tailposition)
{ CID_type context_id;
  SPN_type spawn_expression;
  EXP_type expression;
  PRM_type promise;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  spawn_expression = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  expression = spawn_expression->exp.
  context_id = Context_Clo
  promise = Main_Spawn_Thr
  Main_Release_Default();
  Context_Set_Expression(c
    p
  );
}

```

```

PRM_type Main_Spawn_Thread_M(WPR_type Worker_procedure,
                               ADR_type Address)

{ PRM_type promise;
  STH_type slip_thread;
  Slip_Create_Thread(slip_thread,
    Worker_procedure,
    Address);
  promise = make_PRM(slip_thread);
  return promise; }

```

# Multicore primitives

```

static NIL_type continue_spawn(CID_type Context_id)
{ EXP_type value;
  value = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
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  Main_Claim_Default();
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    Continue_spawn,
    Main_False,
    sPN_size);
  Main_Release_Default(); }

static NIL_type evaluate_spawn(CID_type Context_id,
  EXP_type Tailposition)
{
  CID_type context_id;
  SPN_type spawn_expression;
  EXP_type expression;
  PRM_type promise;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  spawn_expression = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  expression = spawn_expression->exp;
  context_id = Context_Clo
  promise = Main_Spawn_Thr
  Main_Release_Default();
  Context_Set_Expression(c
    p
    PRM_type Main_Spawn_Thread_M(WPR_type Worker_procedure,
      ADR_type Address)
    { PRM_type promise;
      STH_type slip_thread;
      Slip_Create_Thread(slip_thread,
        Worker_procedure,
        Address);
      promise = make_PRM(slip_thread);
      return promise; }
}

```

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  Context_Thread_Push_M(context_id,
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    Main_False,
    sPN_size);
  Main_Release_Default();
  evaluate_context(context_id,
    Main_False);
  for (;;)
    Context_Proceed(context_id);
  return Main_Unspecified; }

static NIL_type evaluate_s
{ CID_type context_id;
  SPN_type spawn_expression;
  EXP_type expression;
  PRM_type promise;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  spawn_expression = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  expression = spawn_expression->exp;
  context_id = Context_Clone_M(Context_id,
    expression);
  Main_Release_Default();
  promise = Main_Spawn_Thread_M(worker_procedure,
    &context_id);
  Context_Set_Expression(context_id,
    promise); }

```

# Multicore primitives

```

static NIL_type continue_spawn(CID_type Context_id)
{ EXP_type value;
  value = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
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  Main_Stop_Thread(value); }

worker_procedure(ADR_type Address)
{
  CID_type *context_id;
  context_id = *(CID_type *)Address;
  Main_Release_Default();
  Context_Thread_Push_M(context_id,
    Continue_spawn,
    Main_False,
    sPN_size);
  Main_Release_Default();

static NIL_type evaluate_spawn(eval_type_Context(context_id,
  EXP_type TailpositionMain)False);
{ CID_type context_id;
  SPN_type spawn_expression;
  EXP_type expression;
  PRM_type promise;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  spawn_expression = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  expression = spawn_expression->exp;
  context_id = Context_Clone_M(Context_id,
    expression);

  Main_Release_Default();
  promise = Main_Spawn_Thread_M(worker_procedure,
    &context_id);
  Context_Set_Expression(context_id,
    promise); }

```

## Multicore primitives

```

static NIL_type continue_spawn(CID_type Context_id)
{ EXP_type value;
  value = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  Context_Thread_Zap(Context_id);
  Main_Stop_Thread(value); }

static NIL_type Main_Stop_Thread(EXP_type Value)
{ Slip_Destroy_Thread(Value); }

static NIL_type evaluate_spawn(evaltype_Context(context_id,
  EXP_type TailpositionMain)False);
{ CID_type context_id;
  SPN_type spawn_expression;
  EXP_type expression;
  PRM_type promise;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  spawn_expression = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  expression = spawn_expression->exp;
  context_id = Context_Clone_M(Context_id,
    expression);

  Main_Release_Default();
  promise = Main_Spawn_Thread_M(worker_procedure,
    &context_id);

  Context_Set_Expression(context_id,
    promise); }

worker_procedure(ADR_type Address)
{ CID_type context_id;
  context_id = *(CID_type *)Address;
  Main_Release_Default();
  Context_Thread_Push_M(context_id,
    Continue_spawn,
    in_False,
    N_size);

  Main_Release_Default();
}

```

## Multicore primitives

```

static NIL_type continue_spawn(CID_type Context_id)
{ EXP_type value;
  value = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  Context_Thread_Zap(Context_id);
  Main_Stop_Thread(value); }

static NIL_type evaluate_spawn(evaltype_Context(context_id,
  EXP_type TailpositionMain)False);
#define Slip_Destroy_Thread(Value) pthread_exit(Value);

static NIL_type Main_Stop_Thread(EXP_type Value)
{ Slip_Destroy_Thread(Value); }

static NIL_type worker_procedure(ADR_type Address)
{ CID_type context_id;
  context_id = *(CID_type *)Address;
  Main_Release_Default();
  Context_Thread_Push_M(context_id,
    Continue_spawn,
    in_False,
    N_size);
  Main_Release_Default();

  EXP_type expression;
  PRM_type promise;
  Main_Claim_Default();
  spawn_expression = Context_Get_Expression(Context_id);
  expression = spawn_expression->exp;
  context_id = Context_Clone_M(Context_id,
    expression);

  Main_Release_Default();
  promise = Main_Spawn_Thread_M(worker_procedure,
    &context_id);

  Context_Set_Expression(context_id,
    promise); }

```

# Status of version 13

- should be version 14
- persistent bug in standard GC
- untested multicore GC

grumble!

# Some numbers

sorting 1000000 numbers

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SLIP/C version 9:	19 sec
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SLIP/C version 12:	14 sec
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SLIP/C version 13:	24 sec
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLT Scheme:	9 sec
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	'skēml:	16 sec

PLT Scheme: no JIT, no debug info

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only one  
solution: coding  
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