

# ESO universal Horn logic: Expressions at machine level versus structure level

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- If we only use ESO  $\Pi_1$  Horn logic and its fragments, then we find that  $\mathcal{P}(sle) \subset \mathcal{P}(mle)$ .





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