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The paper *Multiparty asynchronous session types* by Kohei Honda, Nobuko Yoshida, and Marco Carbone, published in POPL 2008 has been awarded the ACM SIGPLAN Most Influential POPL Paper Award today at POPL 2018.

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10 Jan 2018

Estafet has published a page on their usage of the Scribble language developed in our group with RedHat and other industry partners.

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25 Sep 2017

Nick spoke at Golang UK 2017 on applying behavioural types to verify concurrent Go programs.

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Nobuko Yoshida
Imperial College, London



Adam Bowen @adamnbowen · Sep 15

I didn't even know that session types existed an hour ago, but thanks to Nobuko Yoshida's great talk at [#pwlconf](#), I want to learn more.

DoC researcher to speak at Golang UK conference

by Vicky Kapogianni
20 July 2016



DoC researcher to speak at industry-focused Golang UK conference on results of concurrency research

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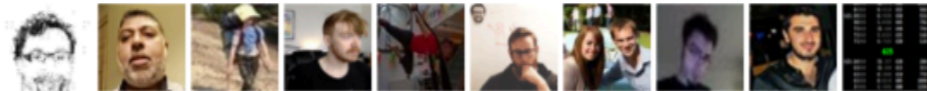
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Session Types with Fahd Abdeljallal



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Synopsis: Session types are a formalism to codify the structure of a communication, using types to specify the communication protocol used. This formalism provides the... [LEARN MORE](#)

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Distributed Systems vs. Compositionality

Dr. Roland Kuhn
@rolandkuhn — CTO of Actyx

actyx

Current State

- behaviors can be composed both sequentially and concurrently
- effects are not yet tracked
- Scribble generator for Scala not yet there
- theoretical work at Imperial College, London (Prof. Nobuko Yoshida & Alceste Scalas)

ECOOP'16

Behavioural Type-Based Static Verification Framework for

GO



Julien Lange



Nicholas Ng



Bernardo
Toninho



Nobuko
Yoshida



Go concurrency verification research at DoC grabs headline



A paper by DoC researchers at POPL on Go concurrency verification was featured in a tech blog and generates a buzz outside of the research community.

A [paper](#) by researchers at the department was recently featured in the morning paper, a [blog](#) by venture capitalist Adrian Colye, which summarises an important, influential, topical or otherwise interesting paper in the field of computer science every weekday in an easily digestible way by non-researchers. On the [2 Feb 2017 issue](#) of the morning paper, It was highlighted as "the true spirit of POPL (Principles of Programming Languages)".

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A Session Type Provider

Compile-Time API Generation of Distributed Protocols with Refinements in F#

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Abstract

We present a library for the specification and implementation of distributed protocols in native F# (and other .NET languages) based on multiparty session types (MPST). There are two main contributions. Our library is the first practical development of MPST to support what we refer to as *interaction refinements*: a collection of features related to the refinement of *protocols*, such as message-type refinements (value constraints) and message-value dependent control flow. A well-typed endpoint program using our library is guaranteed to perform only compliant session I/O actions on the refined protocol, up to premature termination. Our library is developed as a session *type provider*,

1 Introduction

Type providers [20, 27] are a .NET feature for a form of compile-time meta programming, designed to bridge between programming in statically typed languages such as F# and C#, and working with so-called *information spaces*—structured data sources such as SQL databases or XML data.

A type provider works as a compiler plugin that performs on-demand generation of *types*: it takes a schema for an external information space, and generates types that allow the data to be manipulated via a strongly-typed interface, with benefits such as static error detection and IDE auto-completion. For example, an instantiation of the in-built type provider for WSDL Web services [6] may look like



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(This stuff is _fantastic_)

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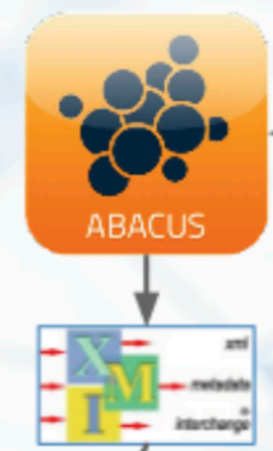
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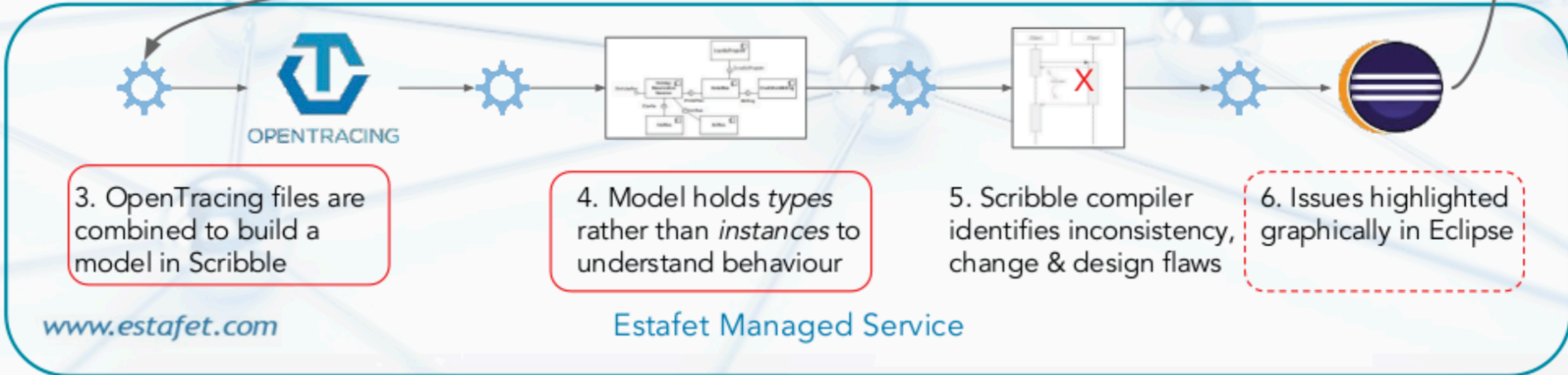
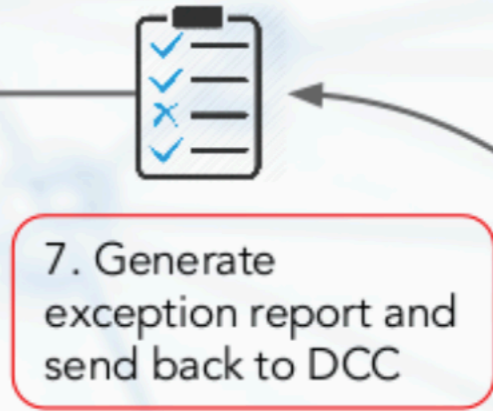


Scribble – Proving a distributed design



1. All design work takes place in ABACUS, DCC's enterprise architecture tool. This can export standard XMI files (an open standard for UML5)

2. XMI is converted into OpenTracing format for consumption by managed service



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Binary Session Types [PARL'94, ESOP'98]



Milner, Honda and Yoshida joined W3C WS-CDL (2002)



Formalisation of W3C WS-CDL [ESOP'07]



Scribble at π^4 Technology

CDL Equivalent

- Basic example:

```
package HelloWorld {
  roleType YouRole, WorldRole;
  participantType You{YouRole}, World{WorldRole};
  relationshipType YouWorldRel between YouRole and WorldRole;
  channelType WorldChannelType with roleType WorldRole;

  choreography Main {
    WorldChannelType worldChannel;

    interaction operation=hello from=YouRole to=WorldRole
      relationship=YouWorldRel channel=worldChannel {
        request messageType=Hello;
      }
  }
}
```

Scribble Protocol

- *"Scribbling is necessary for architects, either physical or computing, since all great ideas of architectural construction come from that unconscious moment, when you do not realise what it is, when there is no concrete shape, only a whisper which is not a whisper, an image which is not an image, somehow it starts to urge you in your mind, in so small a voice but how persistent it is, at that point you start scribbling" - Kohei Honda 2007*

- **Basic example:**

```
protocol HelloWorld {  
  role You, World;  
  Hello from You to World;  
}
```

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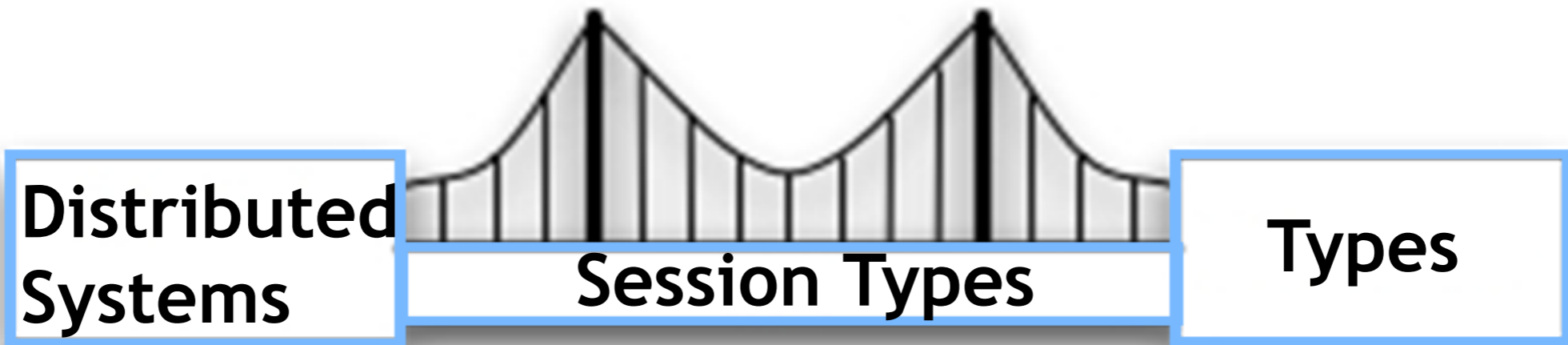
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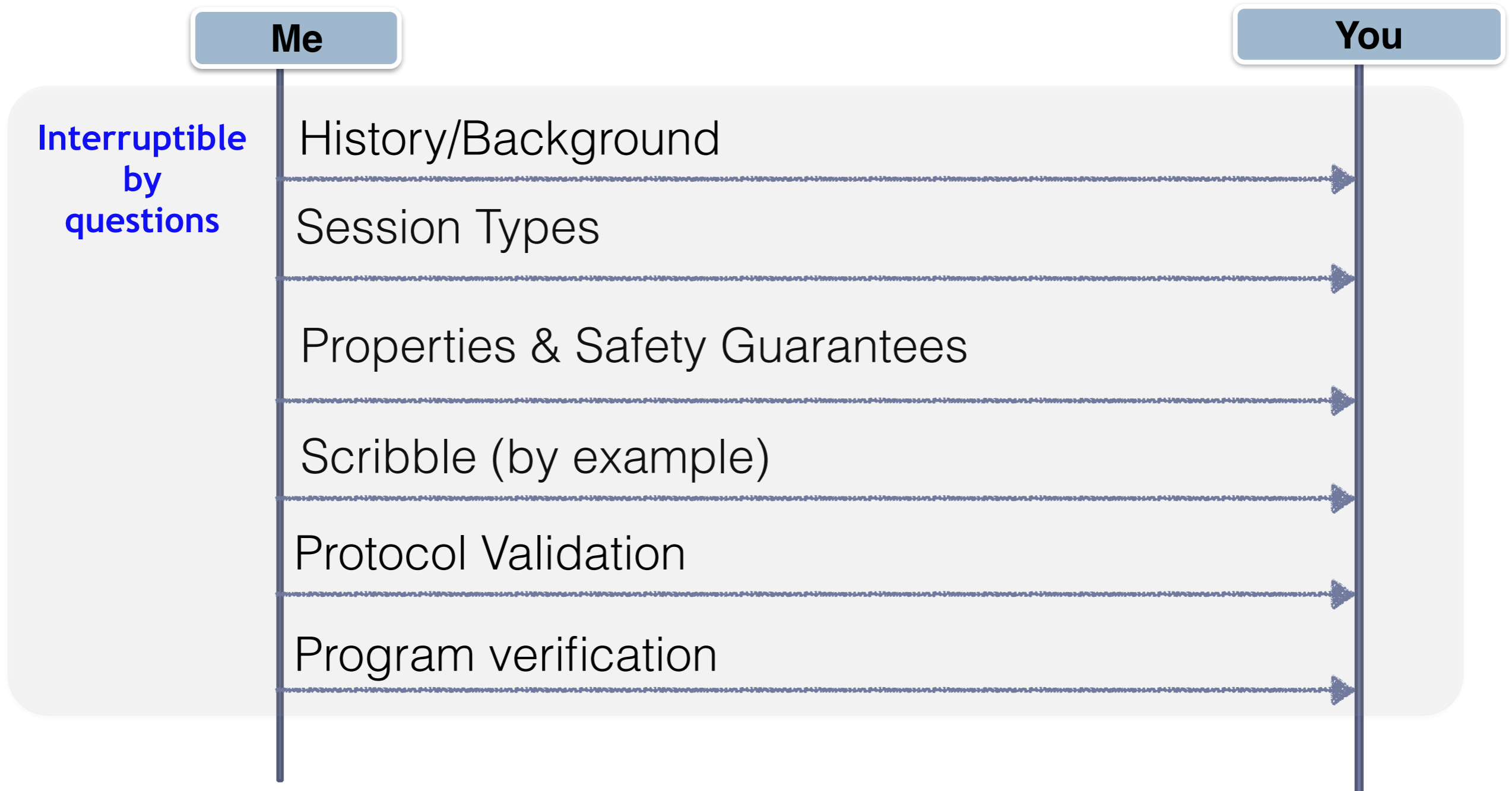
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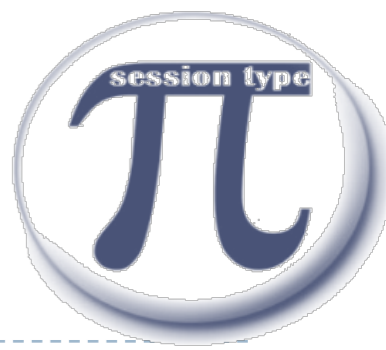


Specification and Verification of Distributed Protocols



Session Types

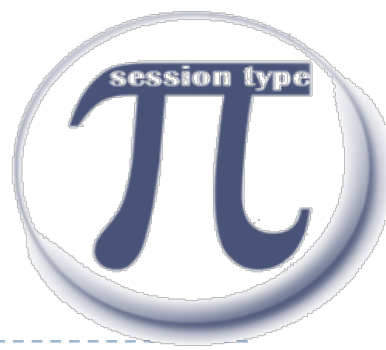
Motivation



Observation 1: Types

- One of the computing most successful concepts
- Codify the structure of the data
- Serve as a fundamental unit of compositionality
- Allow easy error prevention
- Appears from the oldest to the newest programming languages



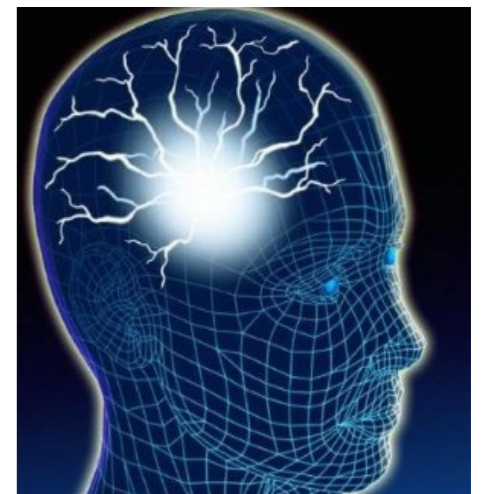


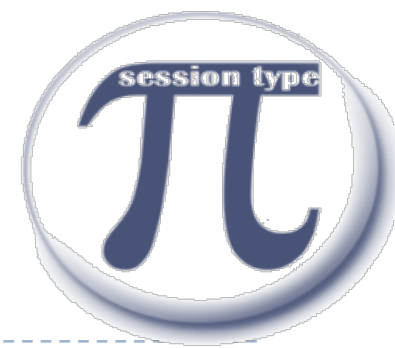
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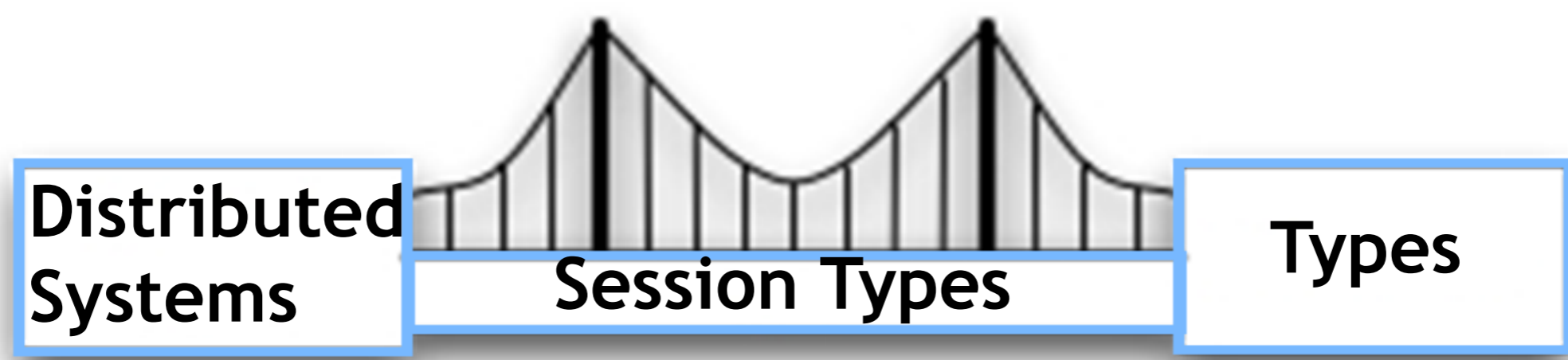
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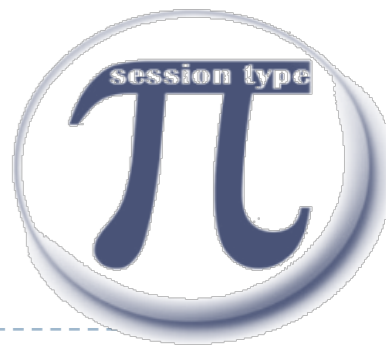
not on
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Then...





Building blocks

- Primitives – to build the types
 - send, receive (well , there are few more, but it boils down to these two 😊)

send(int).send(int).receive(bool)

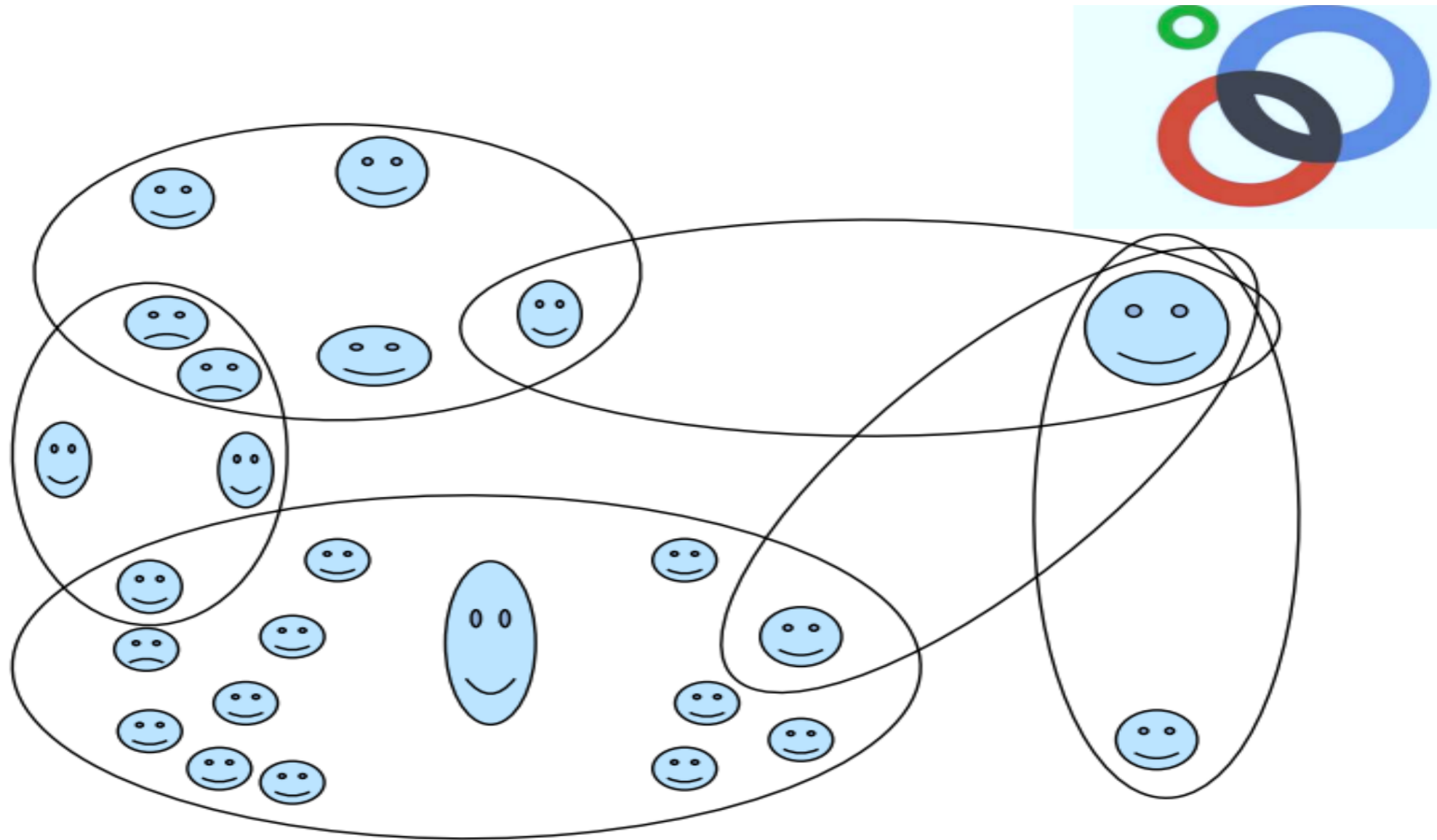
- ▶ Context – to be checked by the type system
 - ▶ protocols – describe the communication between processes

SESSION = STRUCTURED SEQUENCE OF INTERACTIONS



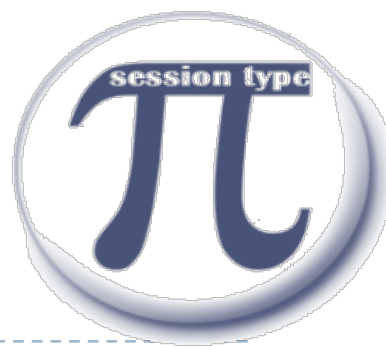
Defining the type

- Separate the communication into sessions

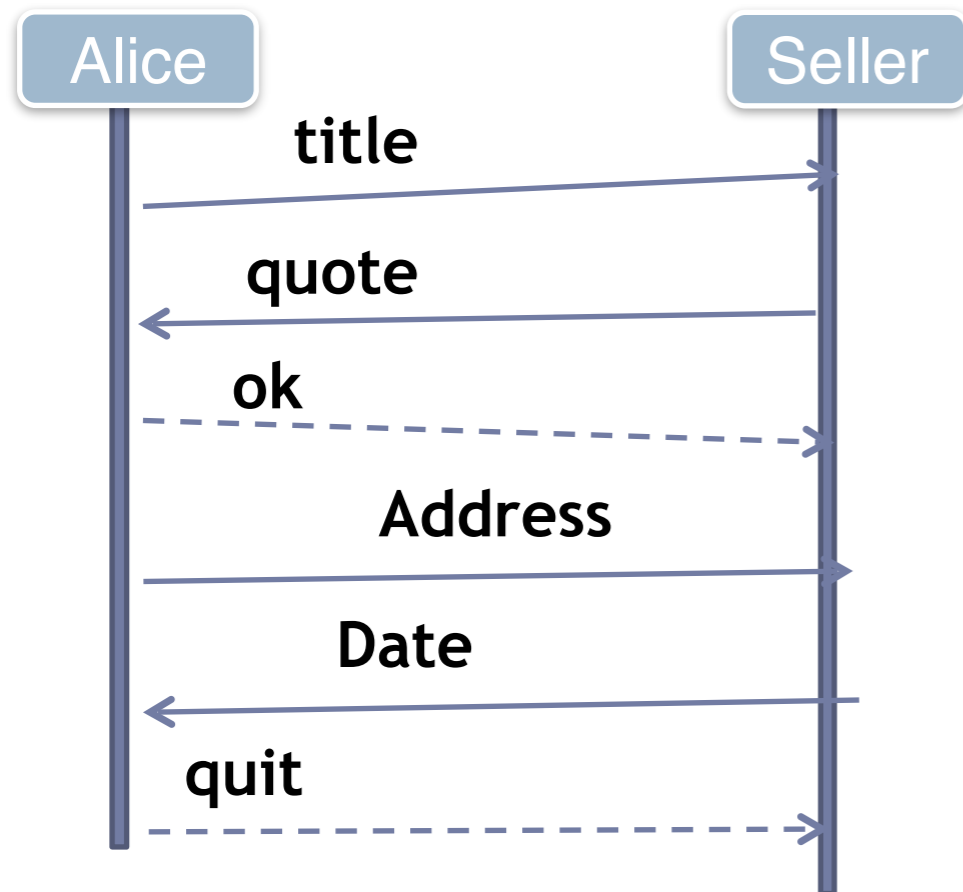


- ▶ Each process has a type in a session, defined by the interactions on the session channel
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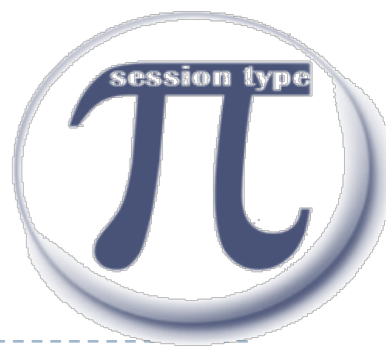
A Protocol



- Protocol: Buyer-Seller
- Description: Alice buying a book

`send(int).receive(int).⊕{ok: send(string).receive(date), quit:end}`
`receive(int).send(int).&{ok: receive(string).send(date), quit: end}`





Are we compatible?

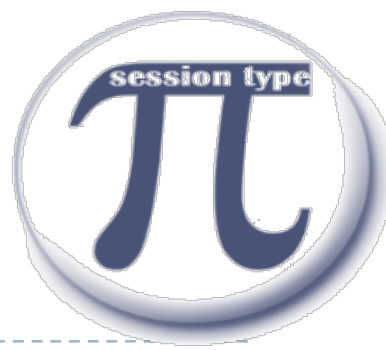
send(int).send(int).receive(bool)



receive(int).receive(int).send(bool)

It is all about duality!





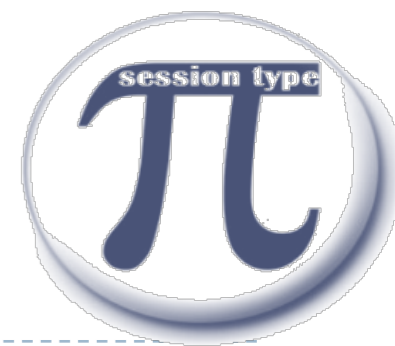
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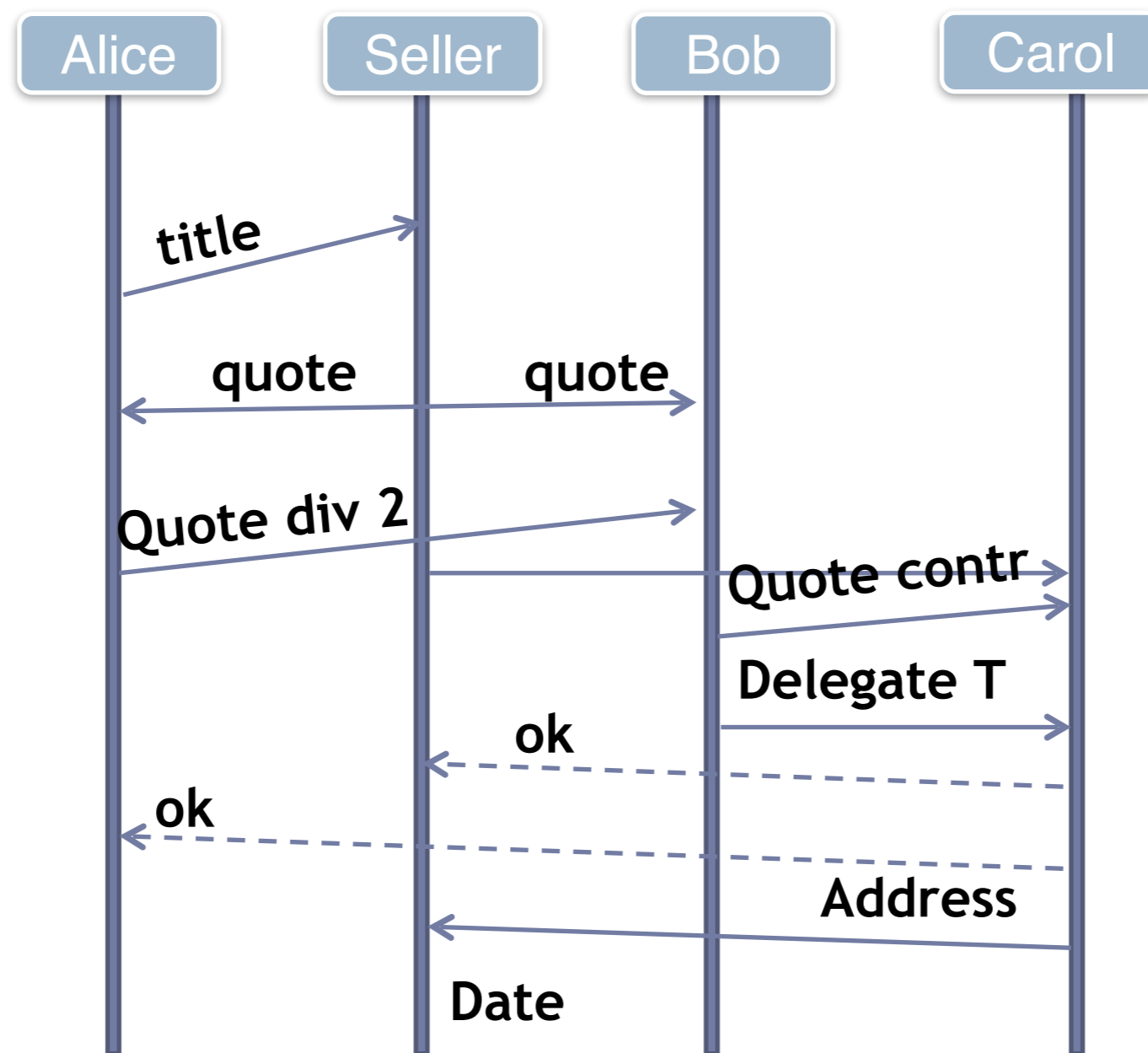


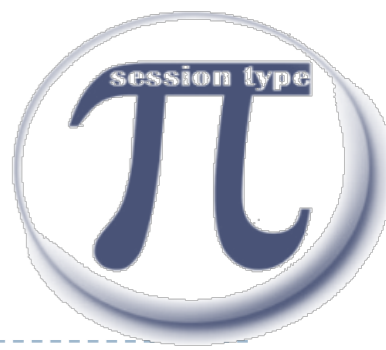
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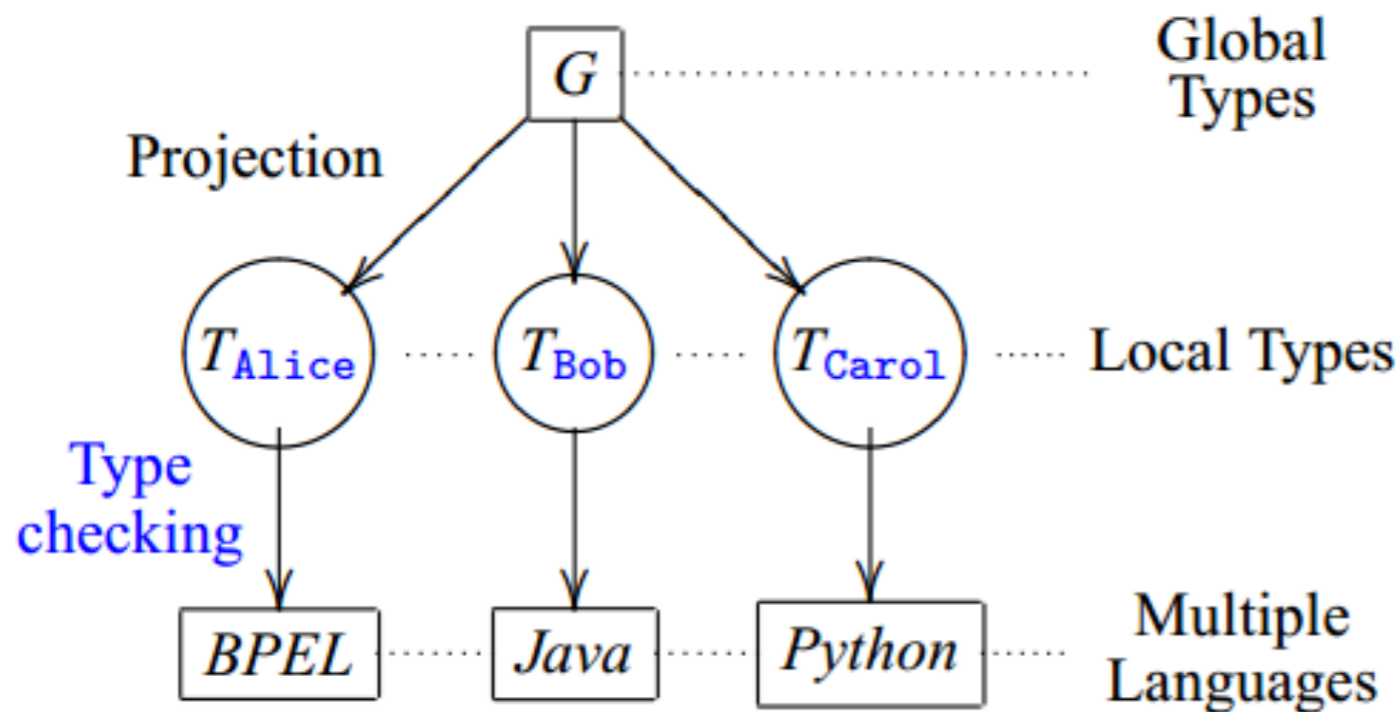


Wait a minute! What if it is more than 2?





How does it work?

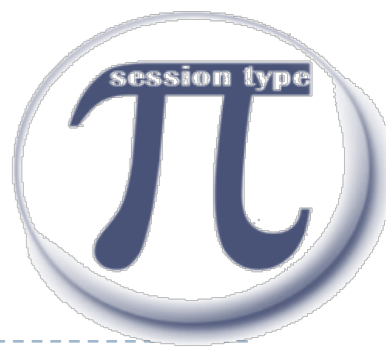


$Alice \rightarrow Bob: \langle Nat \rangle.$
 $Bob \rightarrow Carol: \langle Nat \rangle.end$

$T_{Bob} = ?\langle Alice, Nat \rangle;$
 $!\langle Carol, Nat \rangle; end$

$P_{Bob} = s?(Alice, x);$
 $s!\langle Carol, x \rangle; 0$

- ▶ Step 1: Write a Global Type
- ▶ Step 2: Write Local Programs
- ▶ Step 3: Project and Type Check Locally

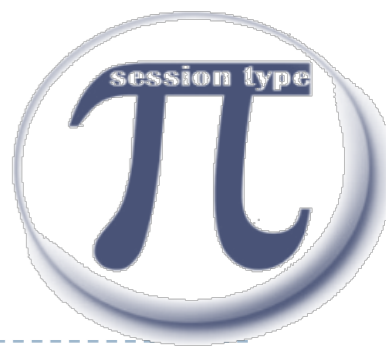


Session Types in a Nutshell

SESSION = STRUCTURED SEQUENCE OF COMMUNICATION

send(int).send(int).receive(bool)





What is type safe communication?

Communication Safety

- No communication mismatch

Session Fidelity

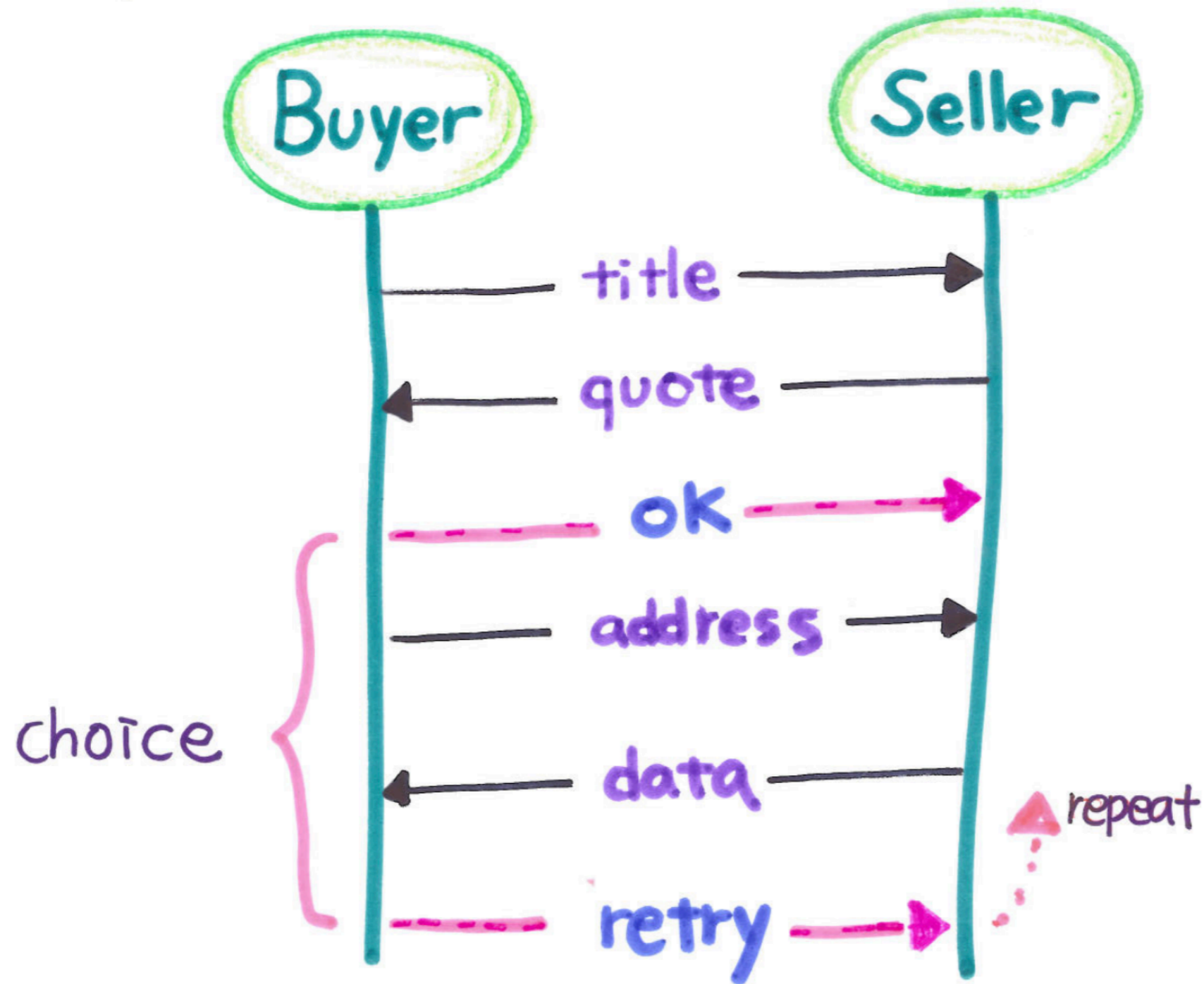
- Communication follow the described protocol

Progress

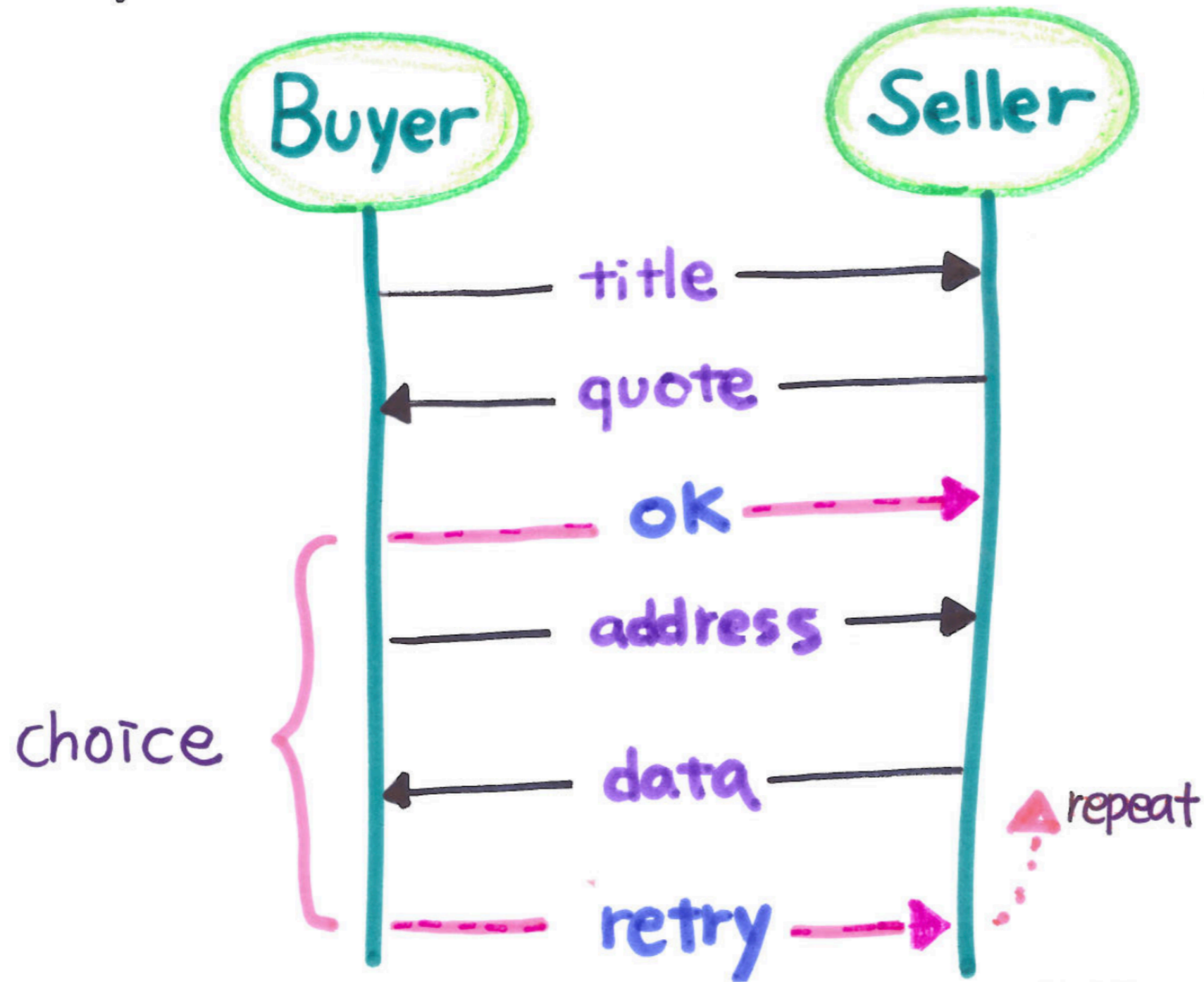
- No deadlock/ stuck in a session



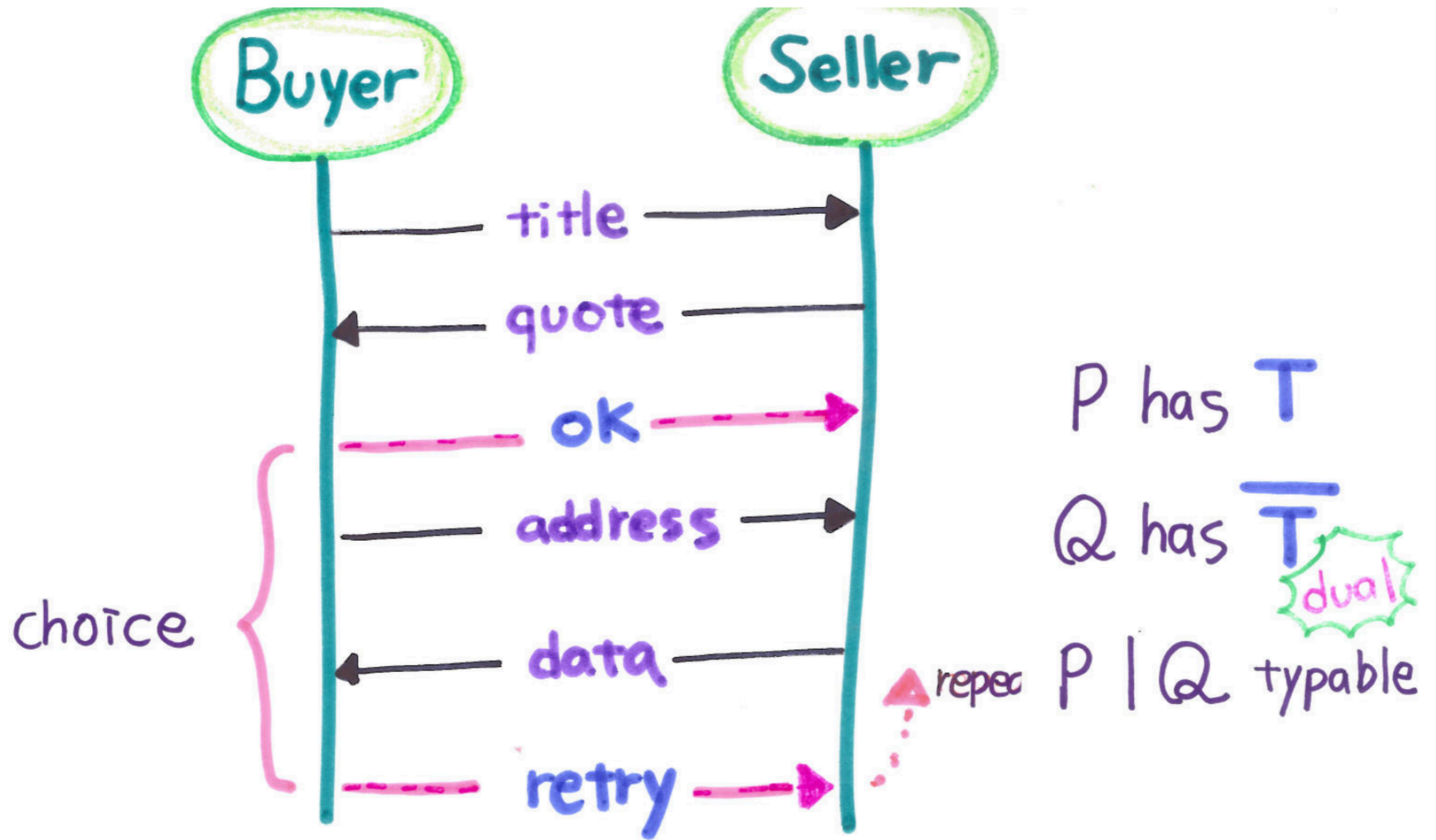
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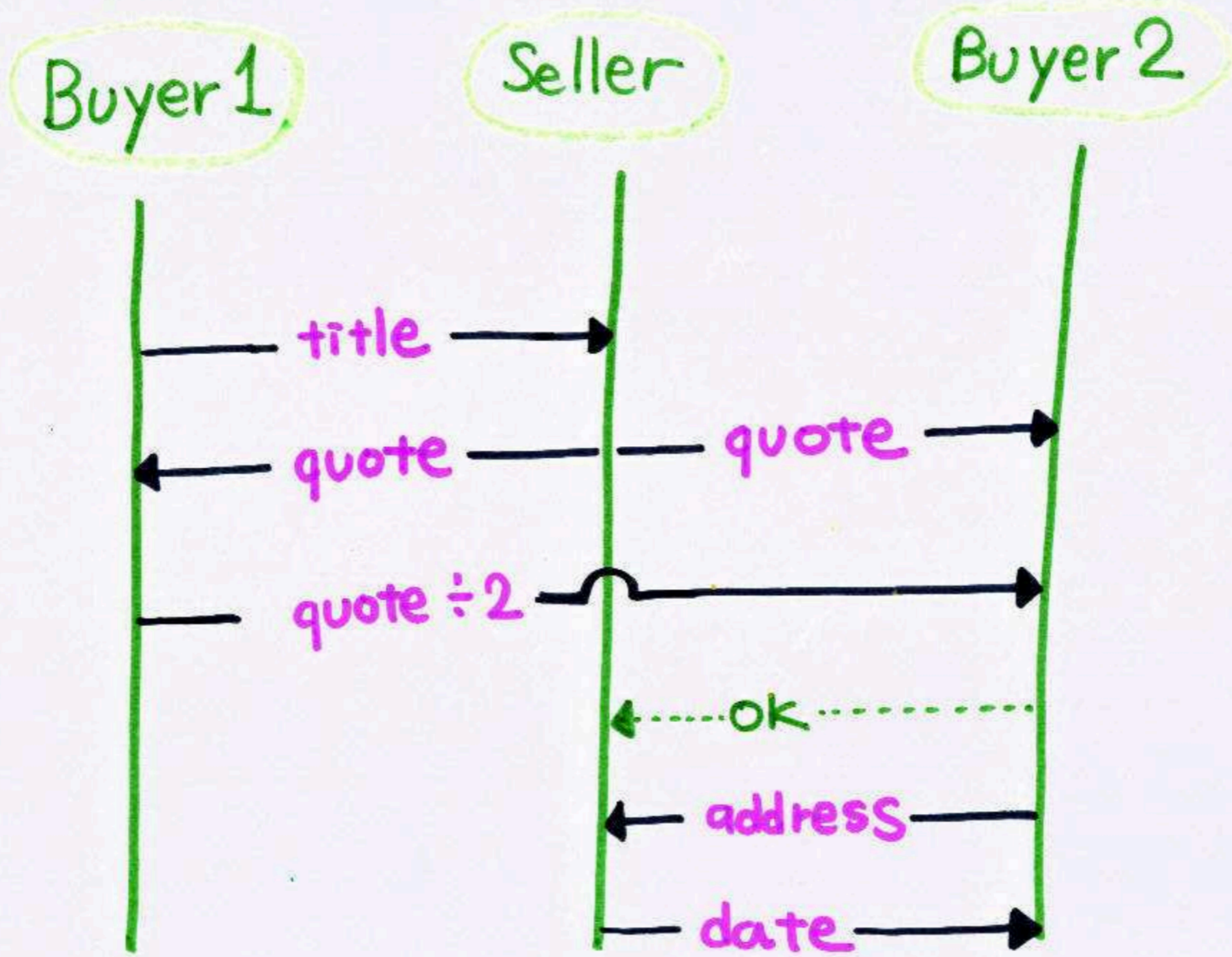
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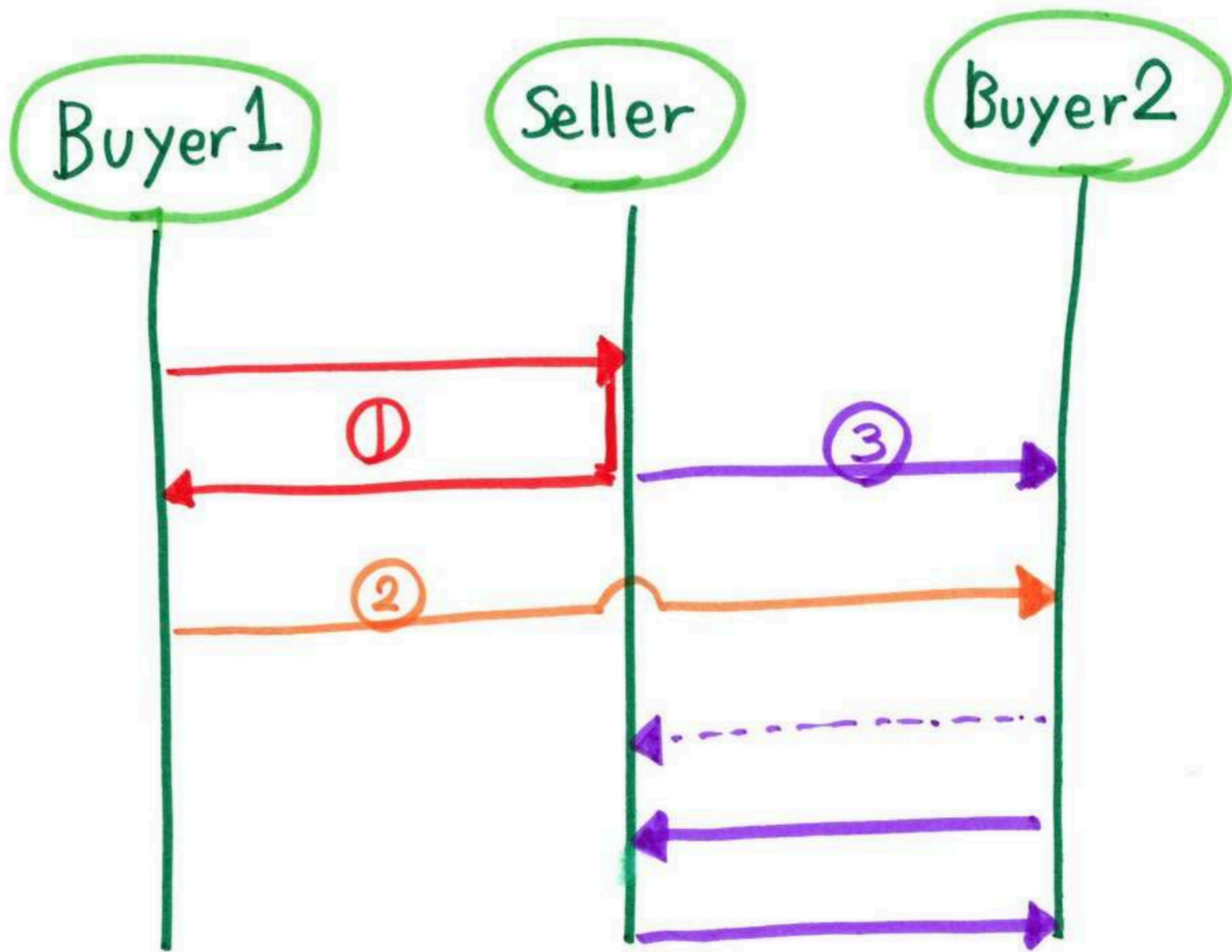


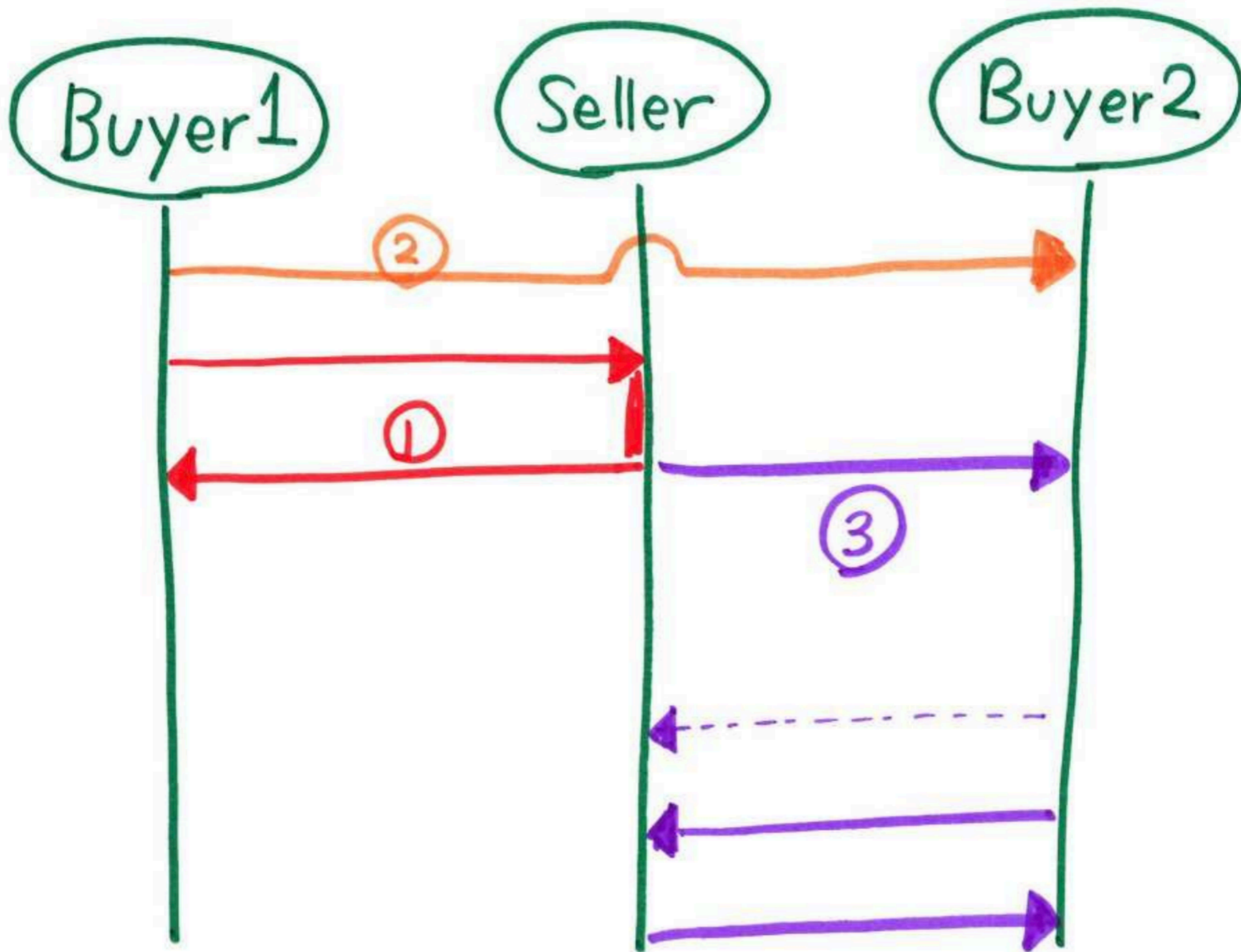
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Multiparty Session Types







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Bob

Carol

CA? c ; AB! a

AB? a ; BC! b

BC? b ; CA? c

dual

dual

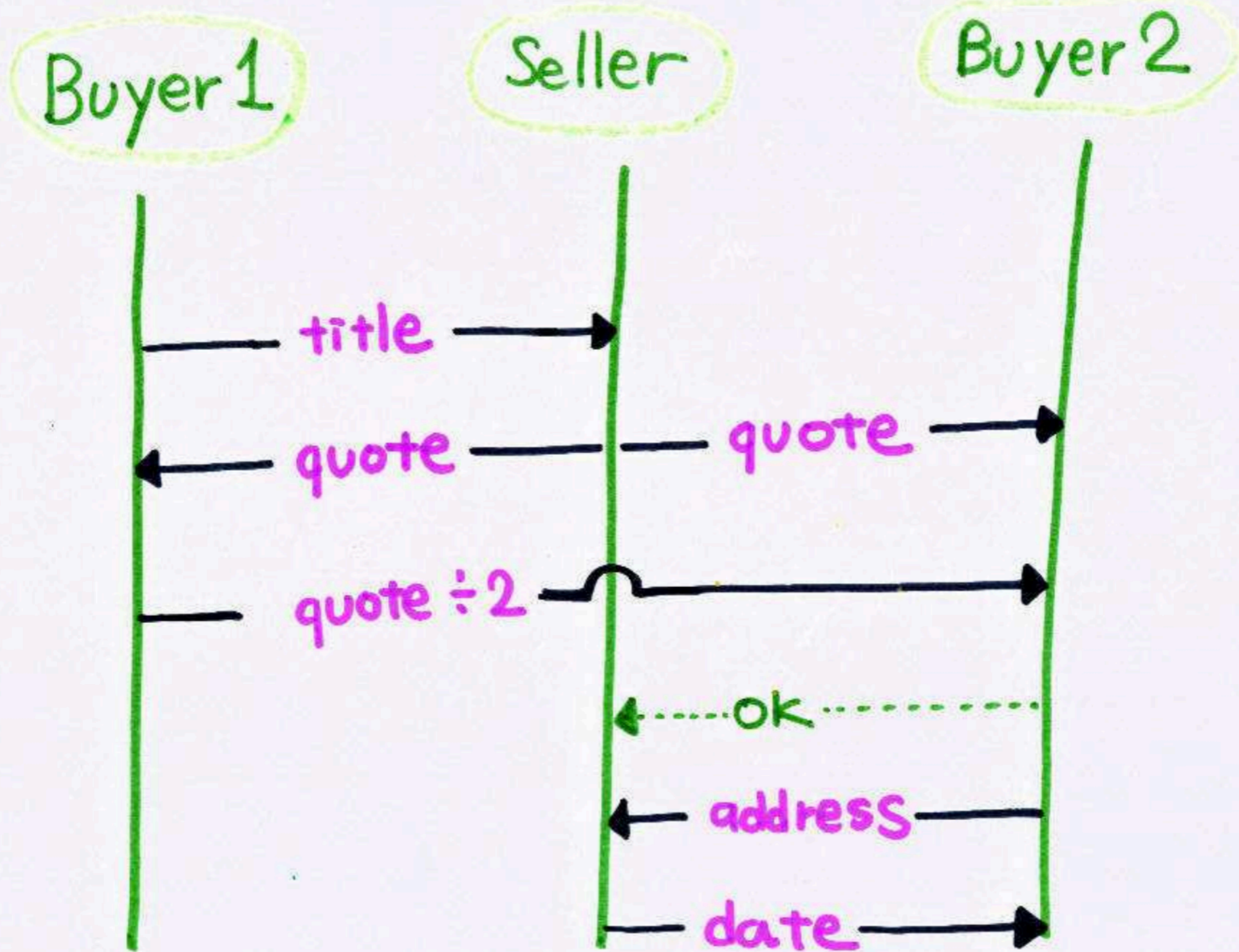
dual

3 dual pairs

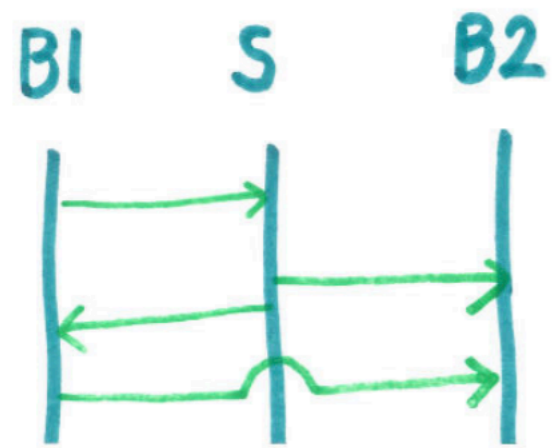
If you use
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Deadlock!

Multiparty Session Types



Multi party Session Types [Honda, Yoshida, Carbone 2008]



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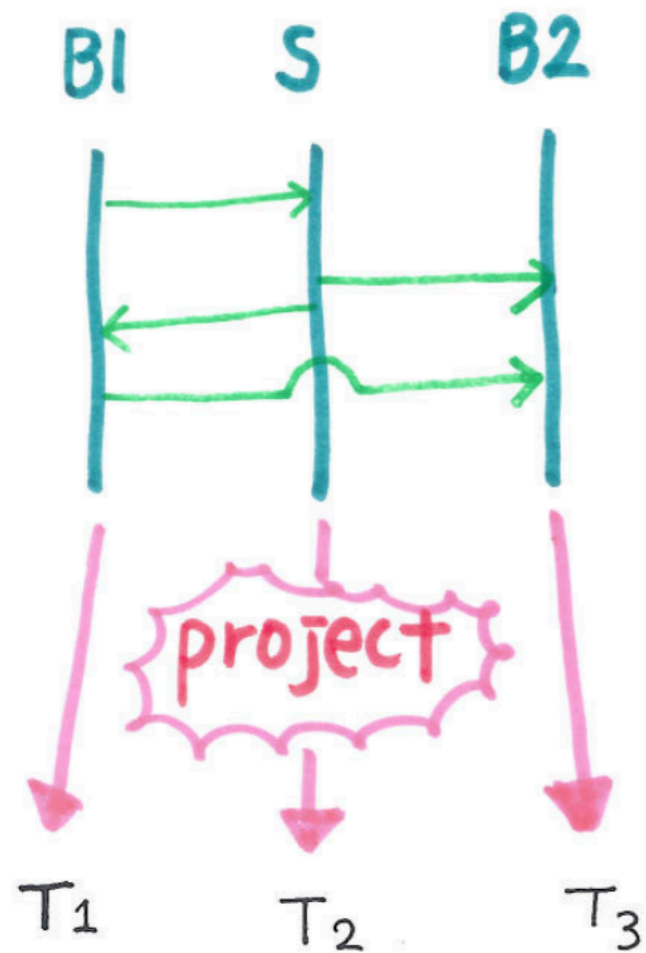
BI \rightarrow S Int.

S \rightarrow B2 Char

STEP 1

Write Global Type

Multi party Session Types [Honda, Yoshida, Carbone 2008]



(G) $B_1 \rightarrow S$ Int.
 $S \rightarrow B_2$ Char

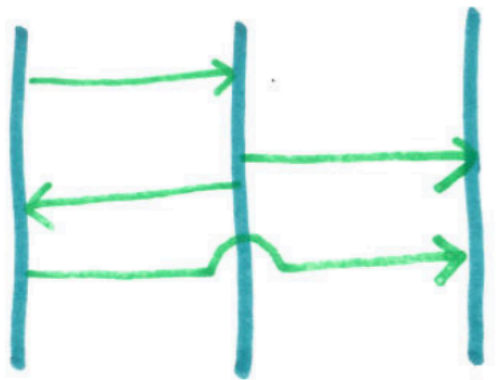
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Write Global Type

(T) $B_1 ?$ Int. $B_2 !$ Char

STEP 2
Project to Local Types

Multi party Session Types [Honda, Yoshida, Carbone 2008]

B1 S B2



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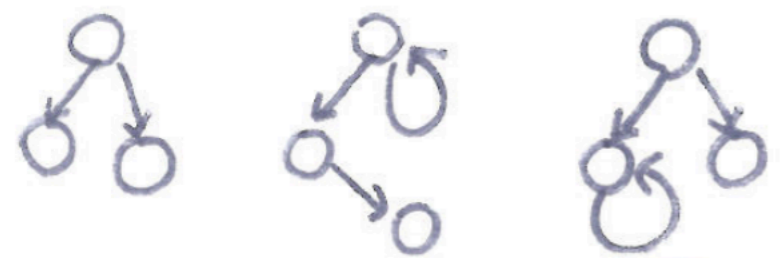
project

(T)

$B1?Int. B2!Char$

STEP 2
 Project to Local Type

T₁ T₂ T₃



P₁ P₂ P₃

(P) $B1?(x). B2!<"apple">$

STEP 3

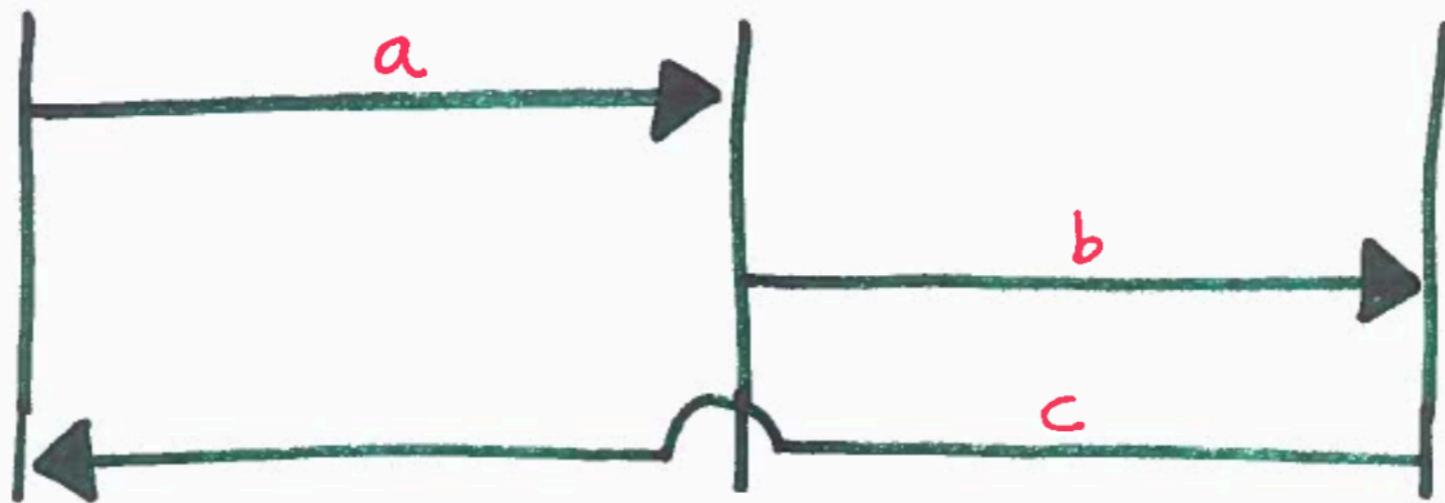
- Static Check
- Generate Code
- Run-time check



Alice

Bob

Carol



Global Type



LOCAL TYPES

Alice $AB!a; CA?c$

Bob $AB?a; BC!b$

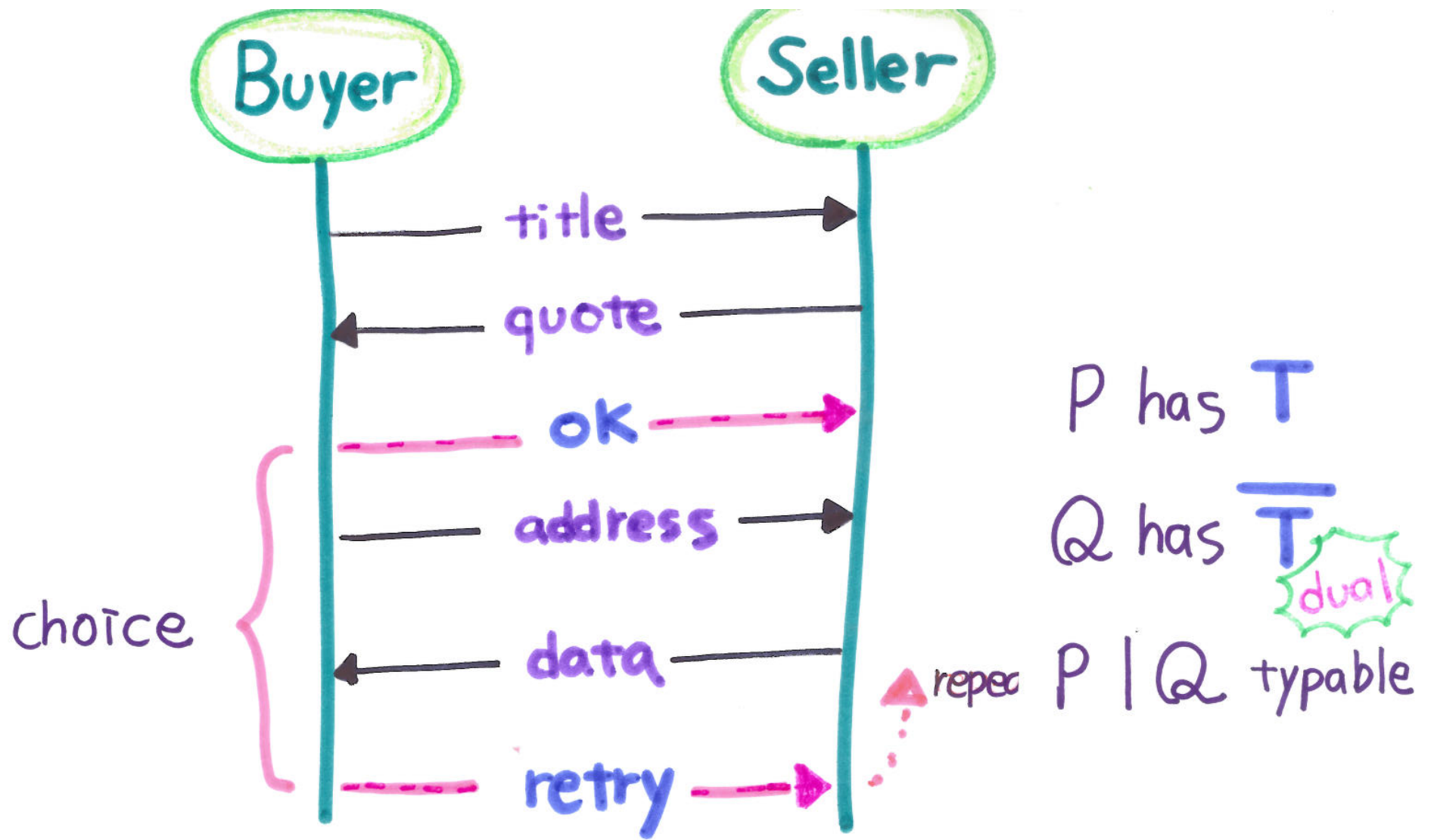
Carol $BC?b; CA!c;$

NO Deadlock

Properties of Session Types

1. Communication Error-Freedom
No communication mismatch
2. Session Fidelity
The communication sequence in a session follows the scenario declared in the types.
3. Progress
No deadlock/ Stuck in a session

“well-typed **channels** cannot go wrong”



nt! Title ; ? Quote ; ! { ok: ! Add ; ? Date, **retry** : t }

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Relationship with Communicating AUTOMATA

ESOP 12

Characterisation

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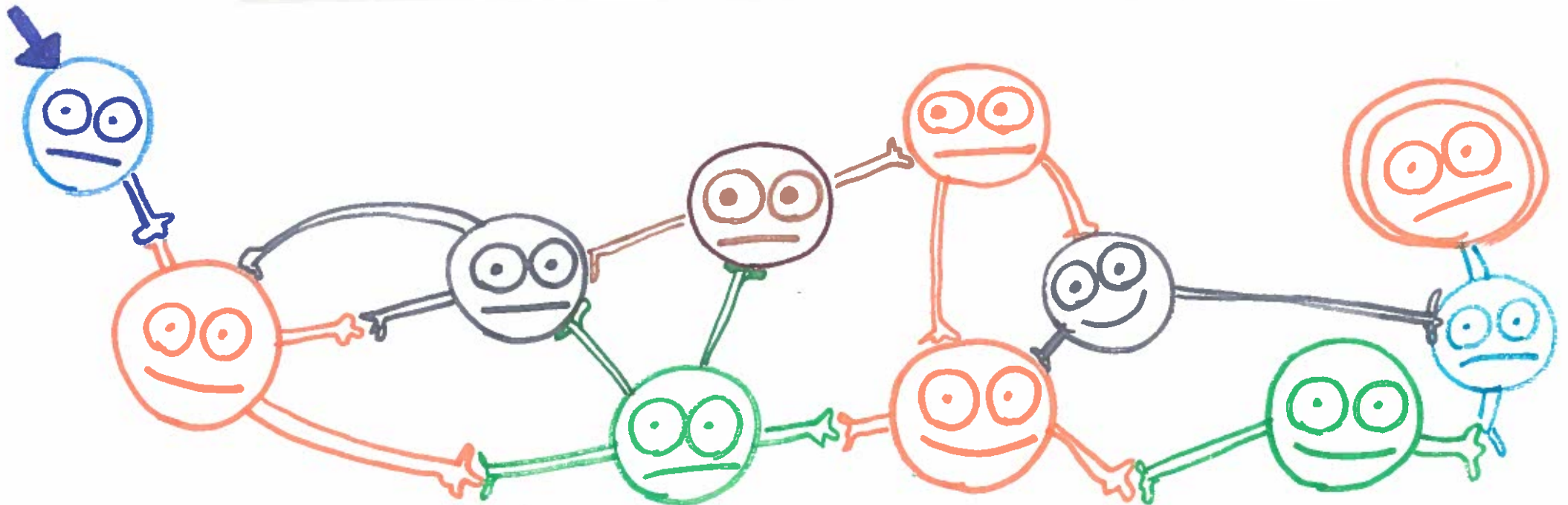
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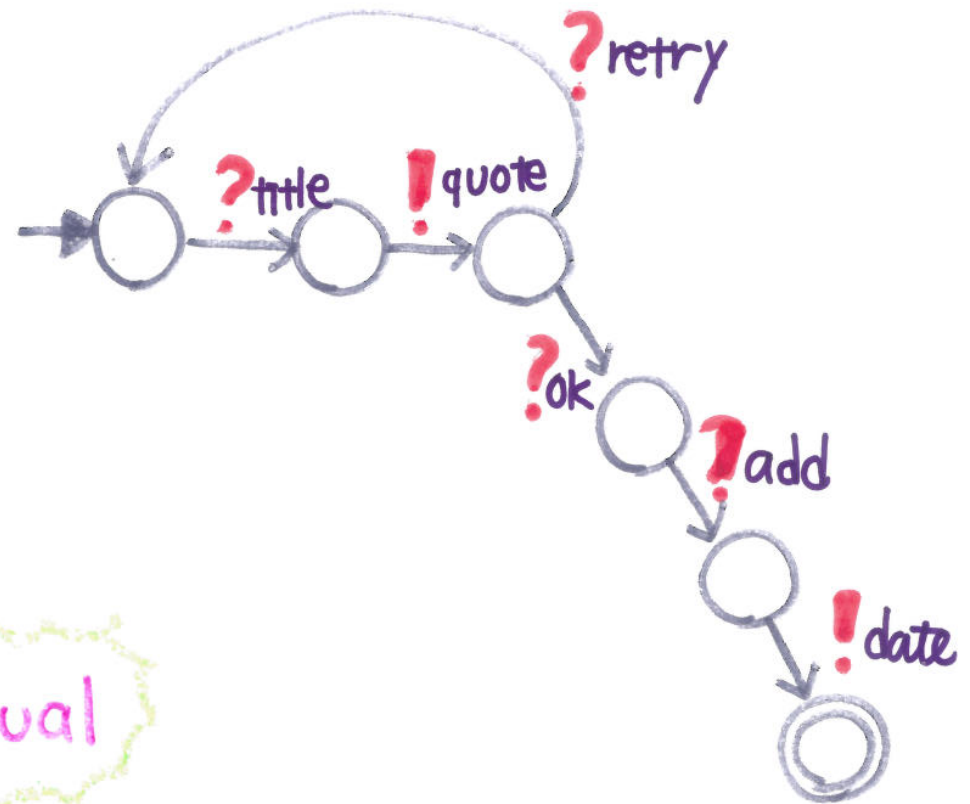
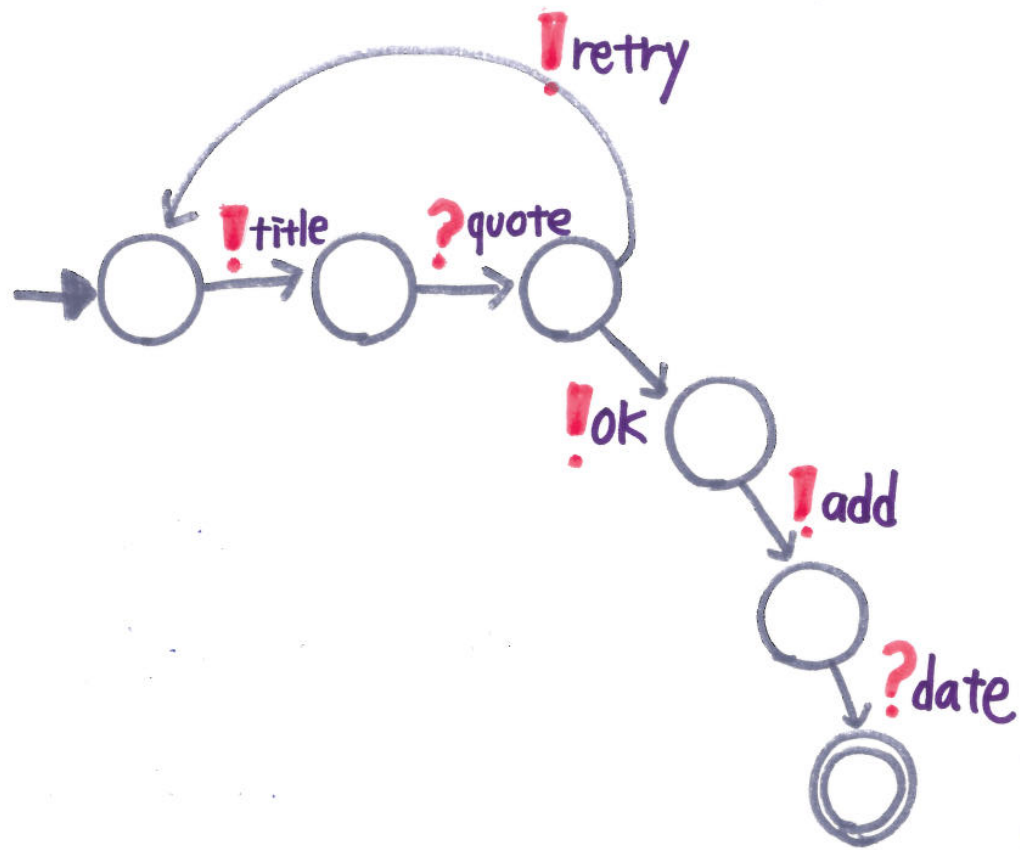
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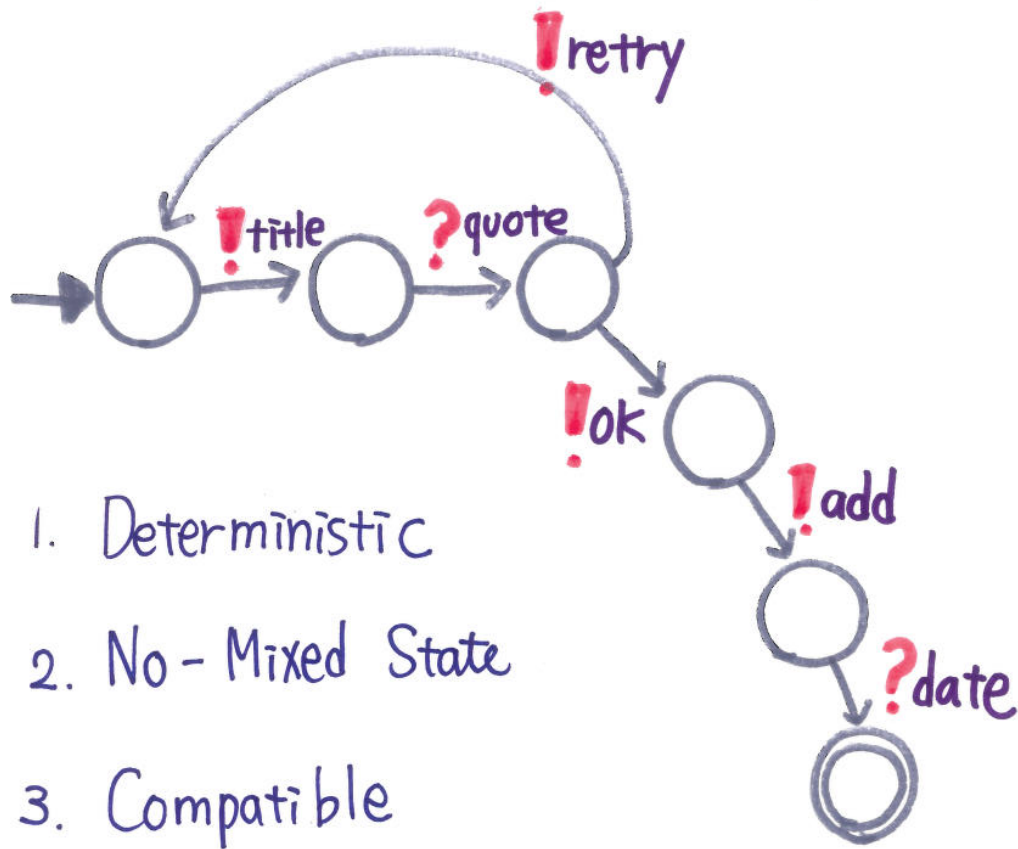
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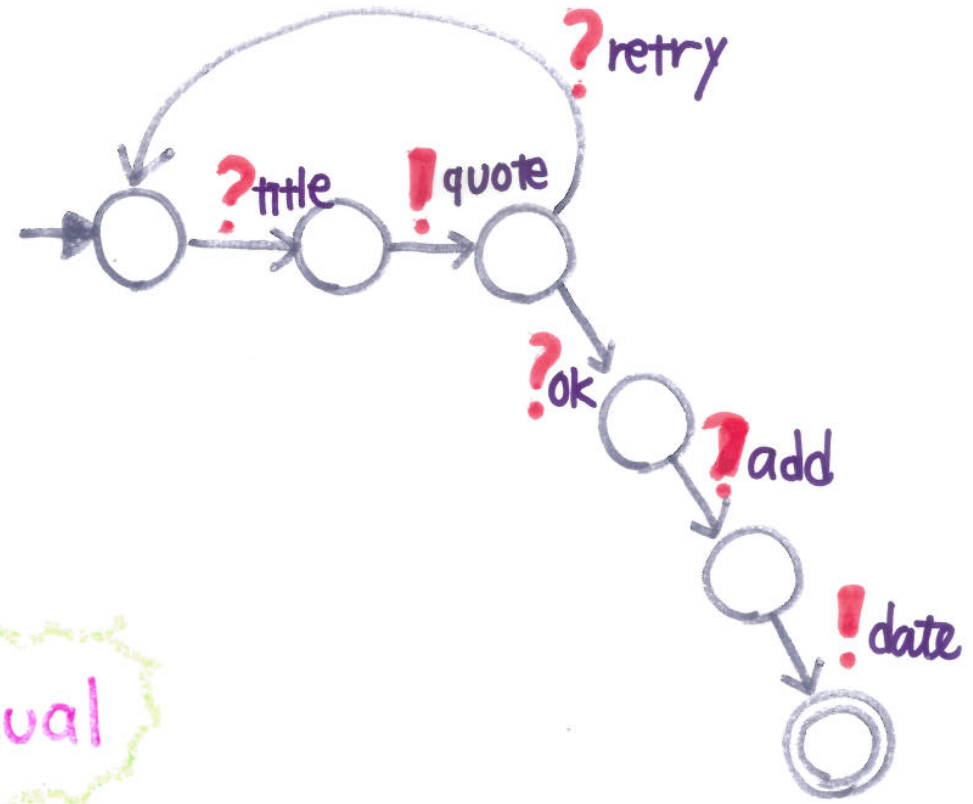
Communicating Automata [1980s]



dual



1. Deterministic
2. No - Mixed State
3. Compatible



dual

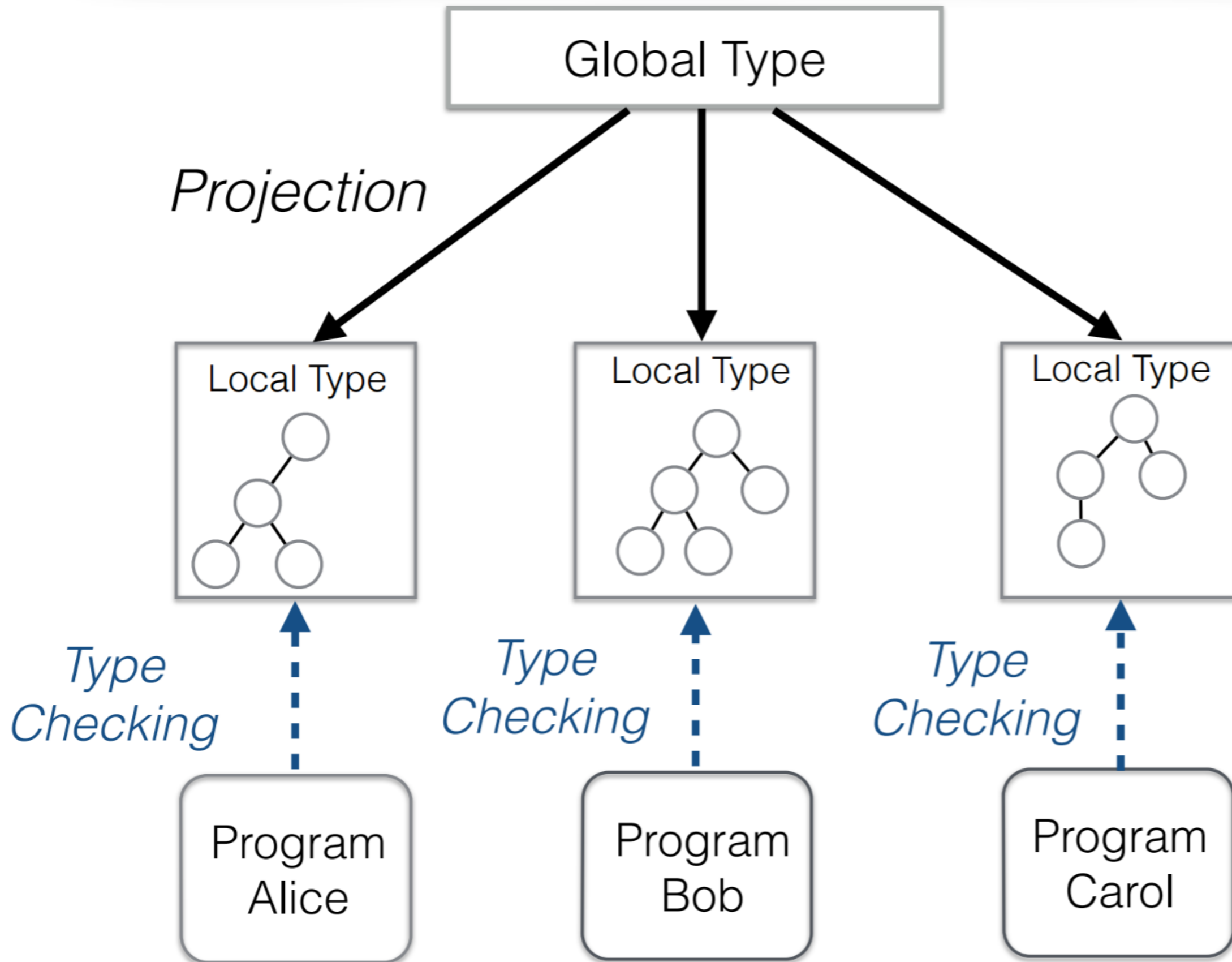
[Gouda et al 1986] Two compatible machines without mixed states which are deterministic satisfy deadlock-freedom.

Session Types

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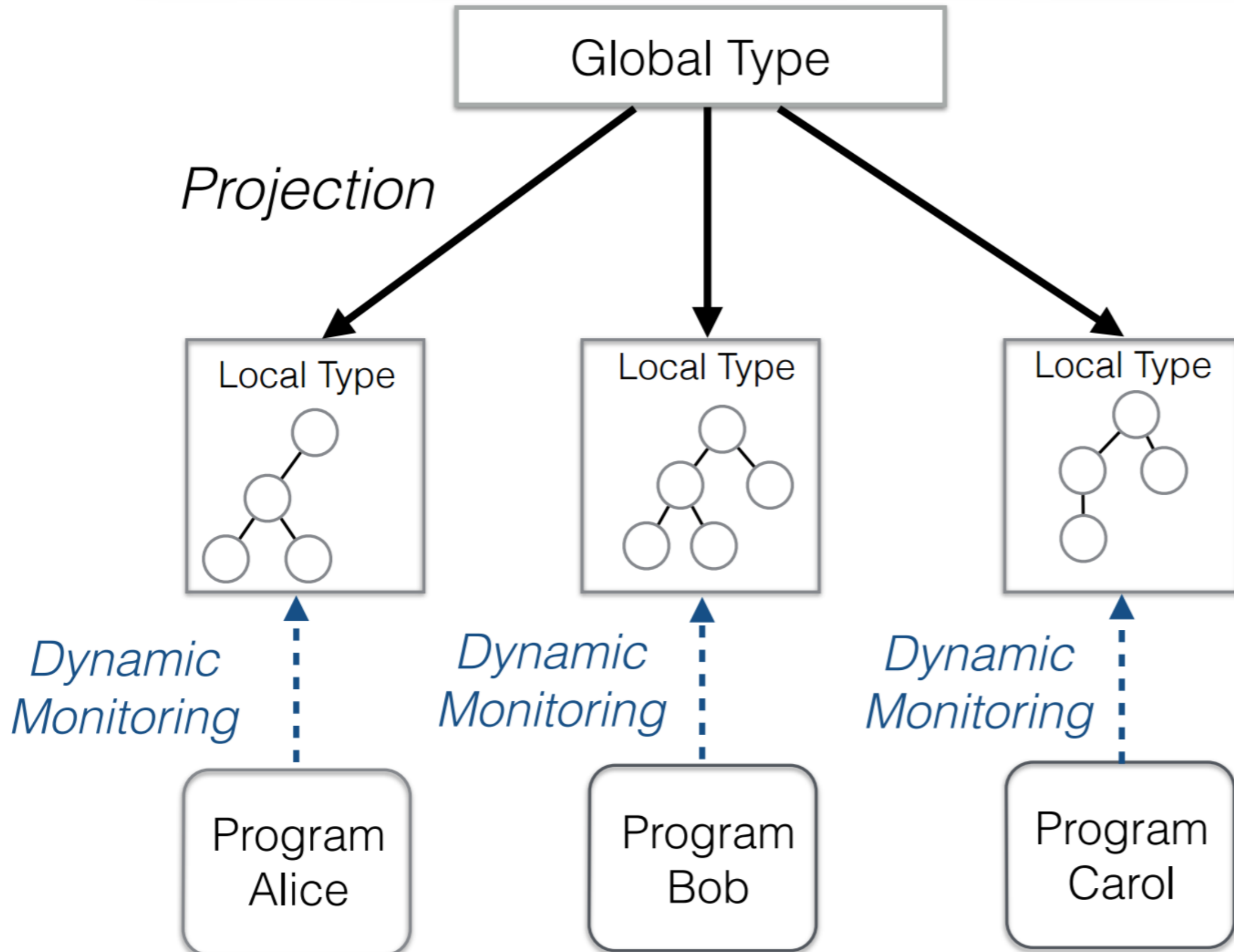
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[ECOOP'16, OOPSLA'15, POPL'16]

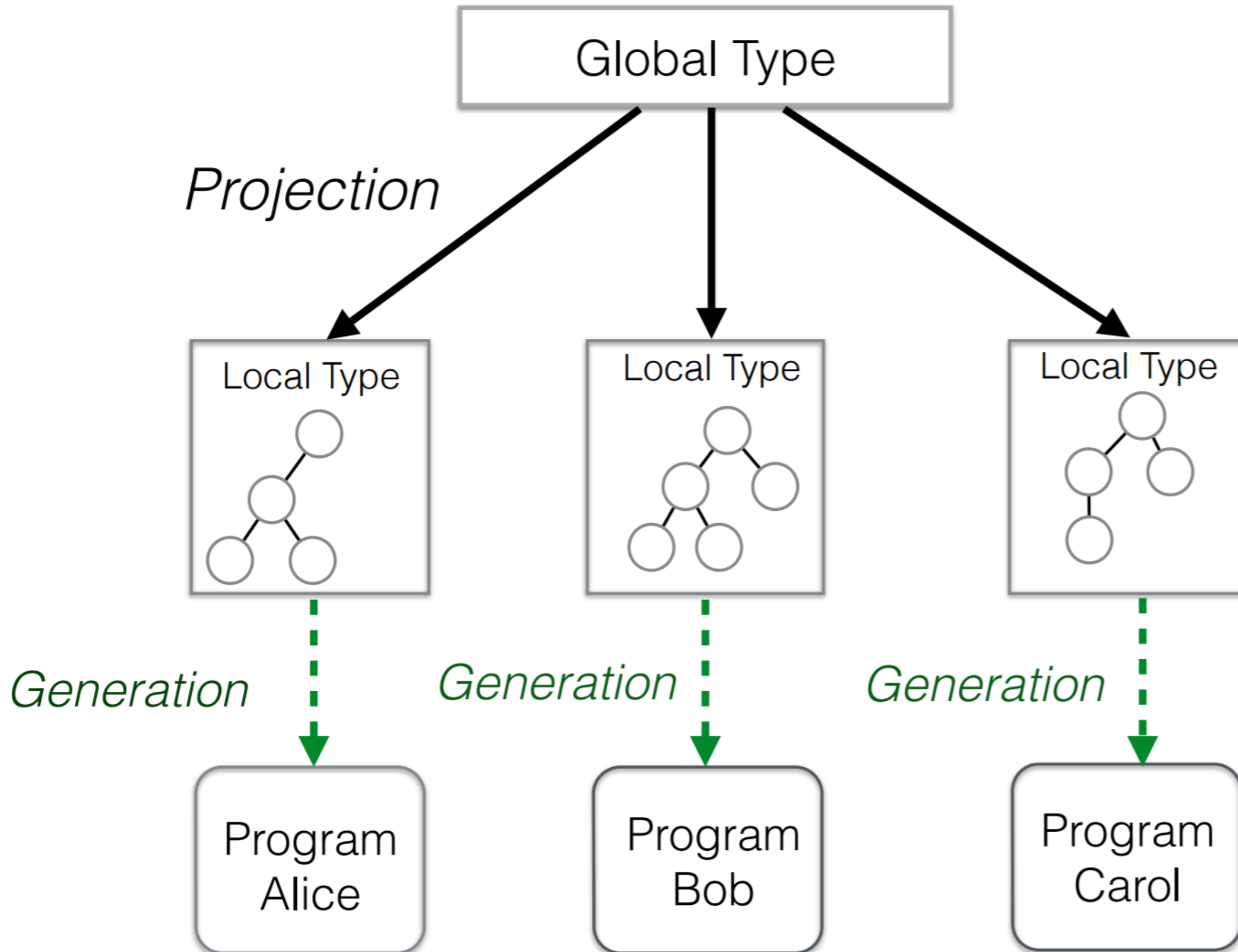


Dynamic Monitoring

[RV'13, COORDINATION'14, FMDS'15]

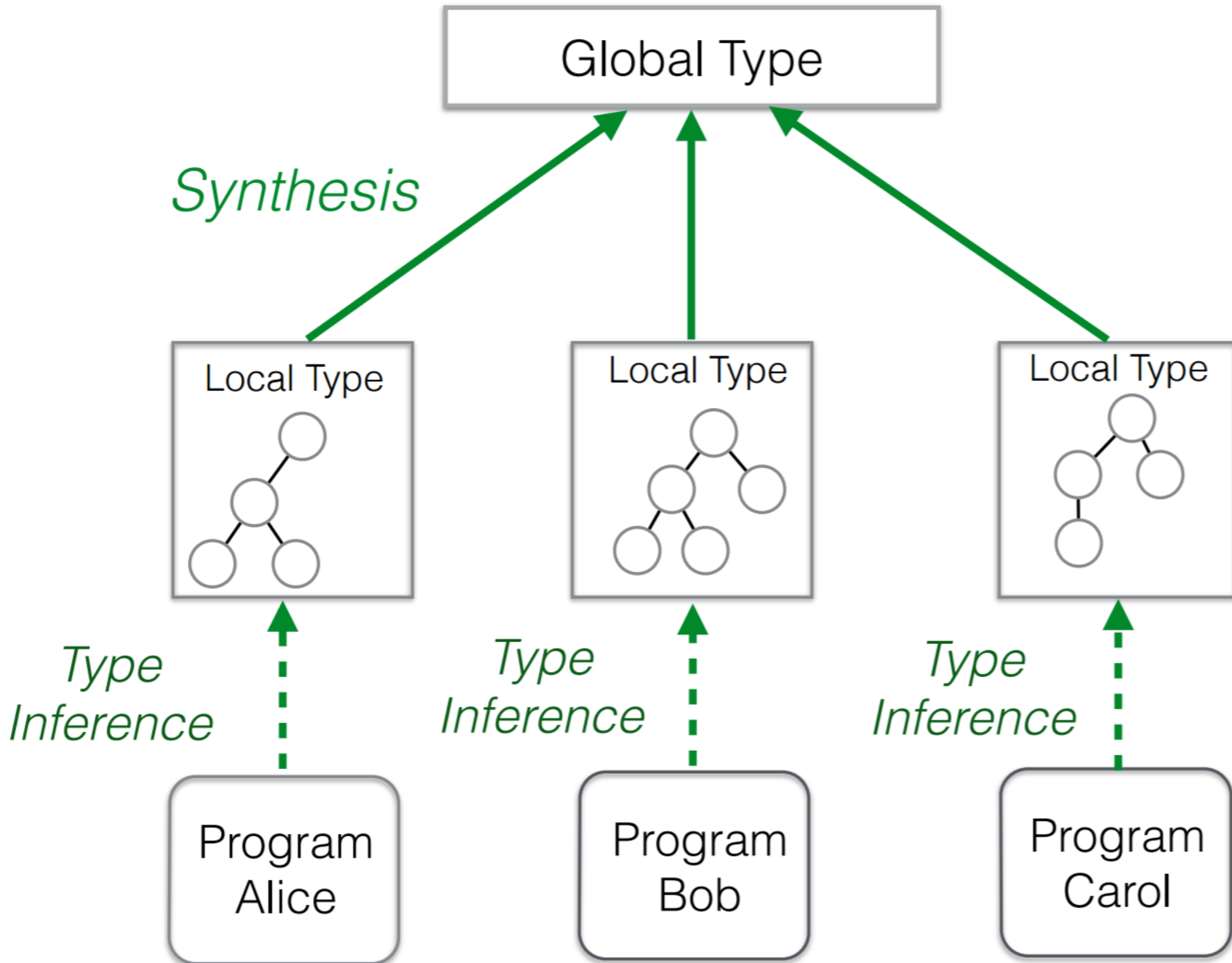


Code Generation [CC'15, FASE'16]



Synthesis

[ICALP'13, POPL'15, CONCUR'15, TACAS'16, CC'16]



- Applications
 - Deadlock Detection (Go)
 - Recovery strategies(Erlang)
 - Type-driven programming (Java, Scala, F#)
 - Static Verification (C, OCaml, Rust)
 - Runtime monitoring (Python)



Applications

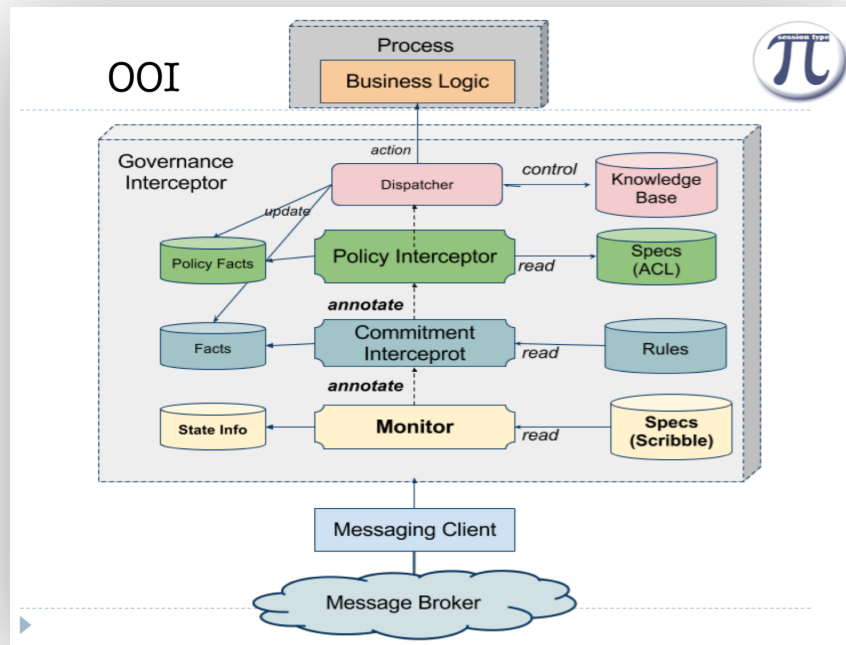


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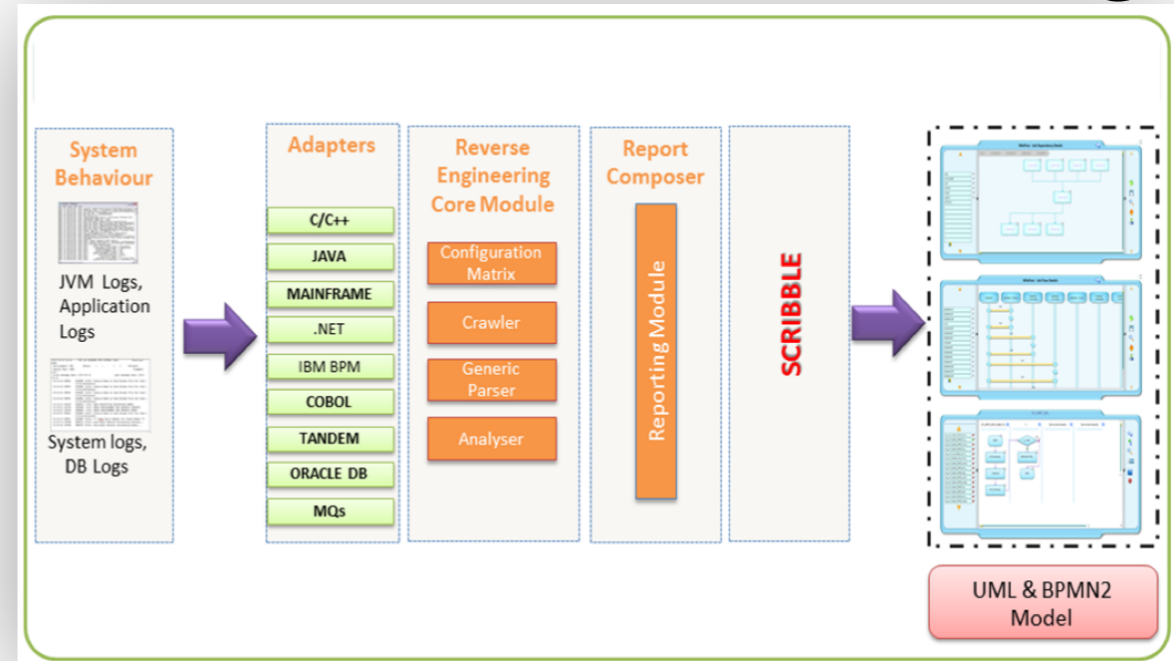


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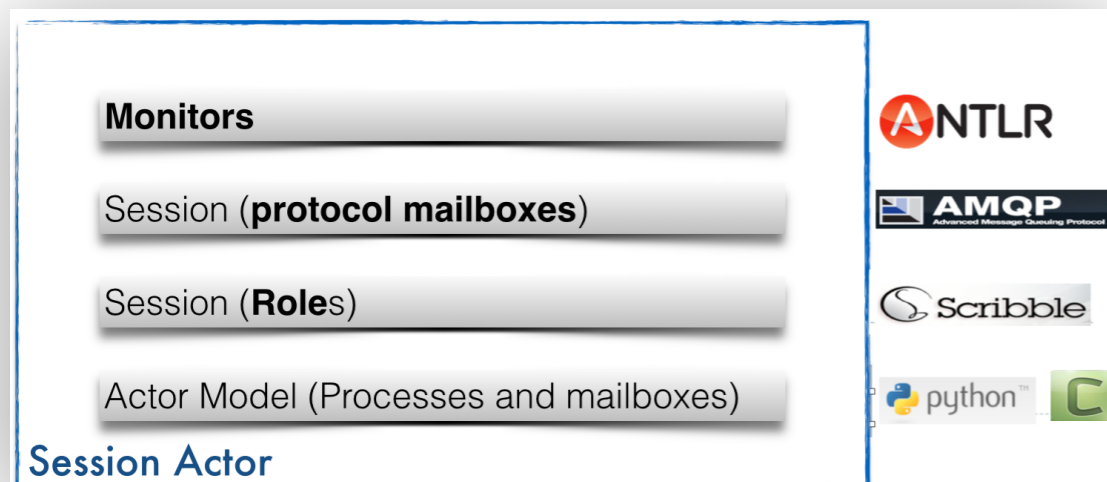
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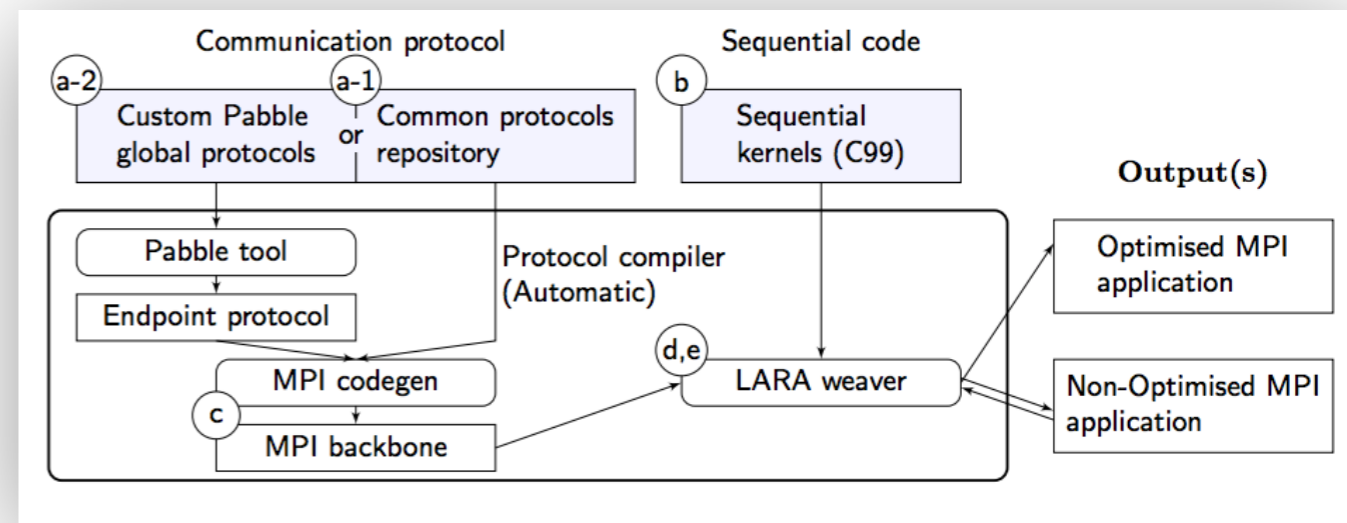
ZDLC: Process Modeling



Actor Verification



MPI code generations



Session Type based Tools

Java API Generation [FASE'16]



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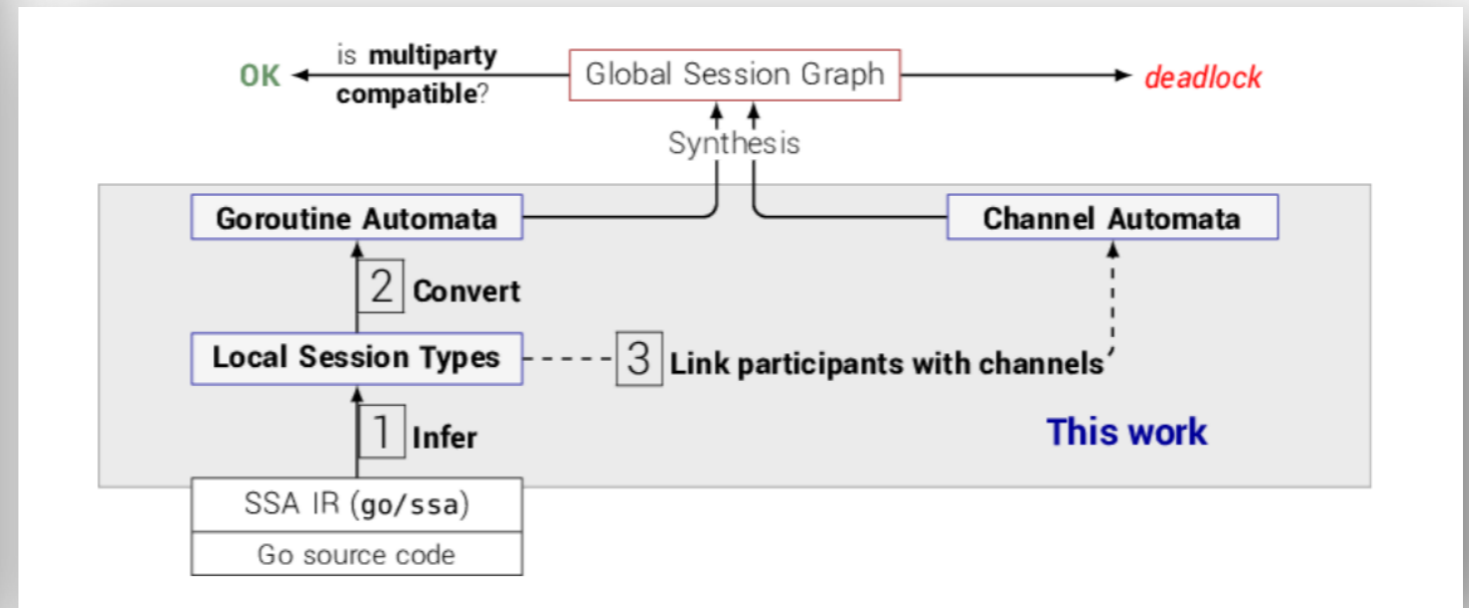
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.receive(Smtplib.S, Smtplib._250, new Buf
.S

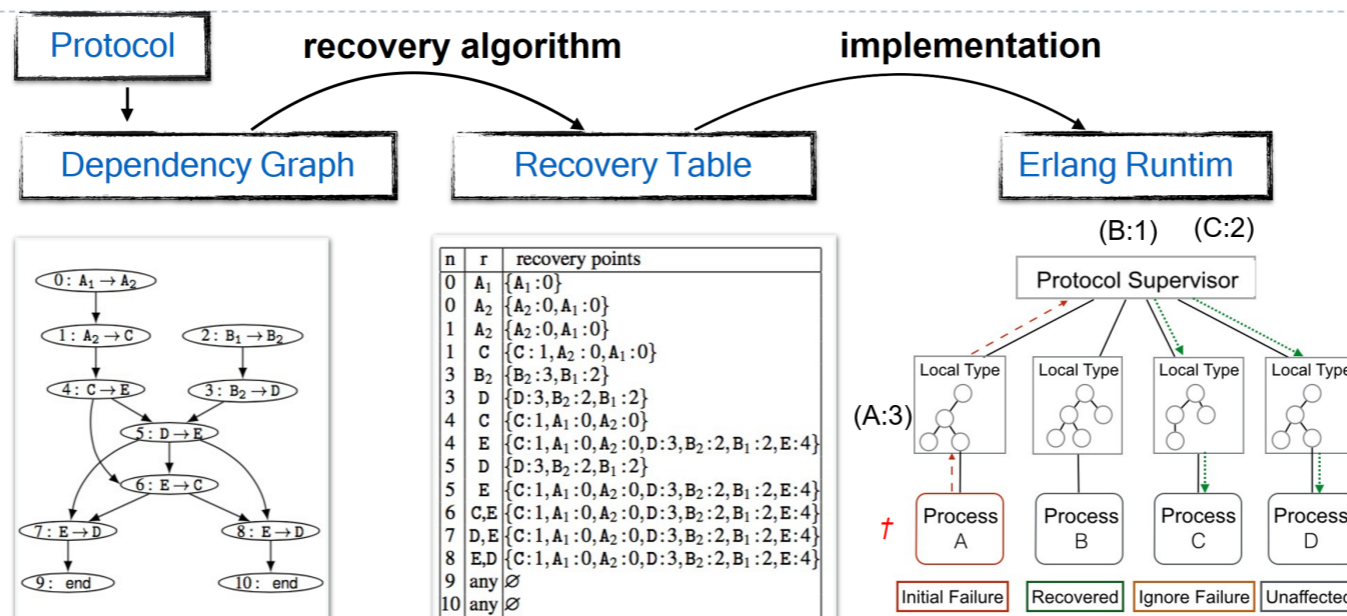
```

- send(S role, Mail m) : Smtplib_C_11 - Smtplib_C_10
- send(S role, Quit m) : EndSocket - Smtplib_C_10

Deadlock Detection for Go [CC'16, POPL'17, ICSE'18]



Safe Recovery for Erlang [CC'15]



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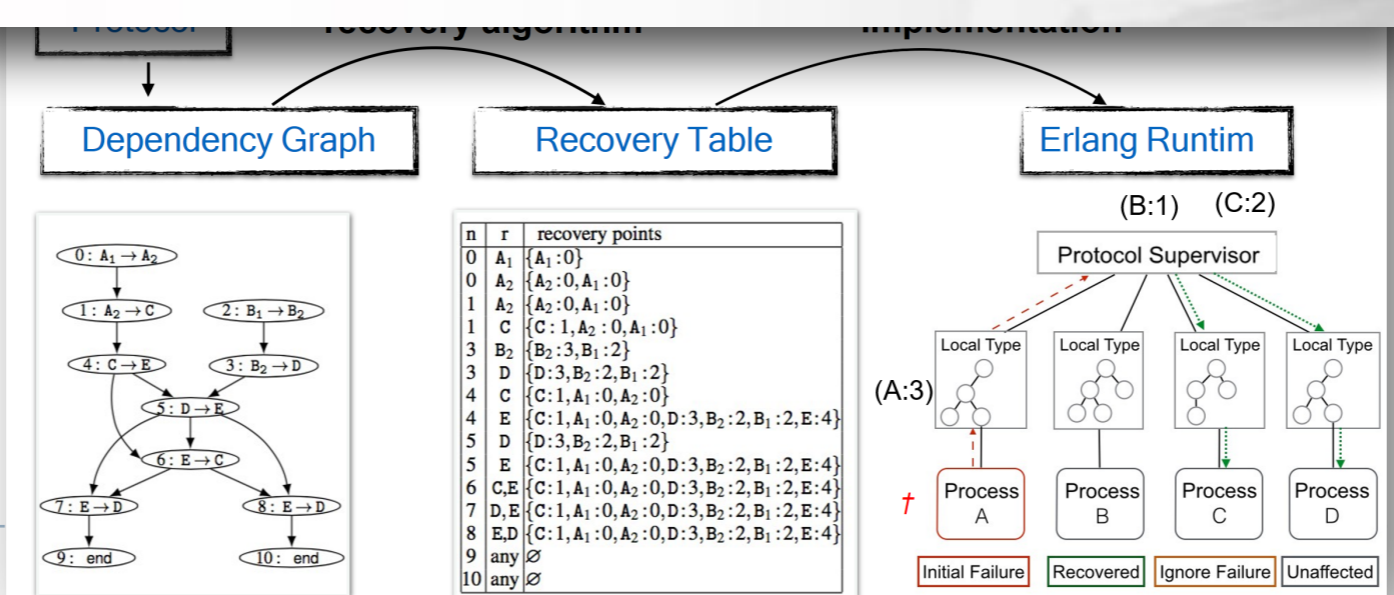
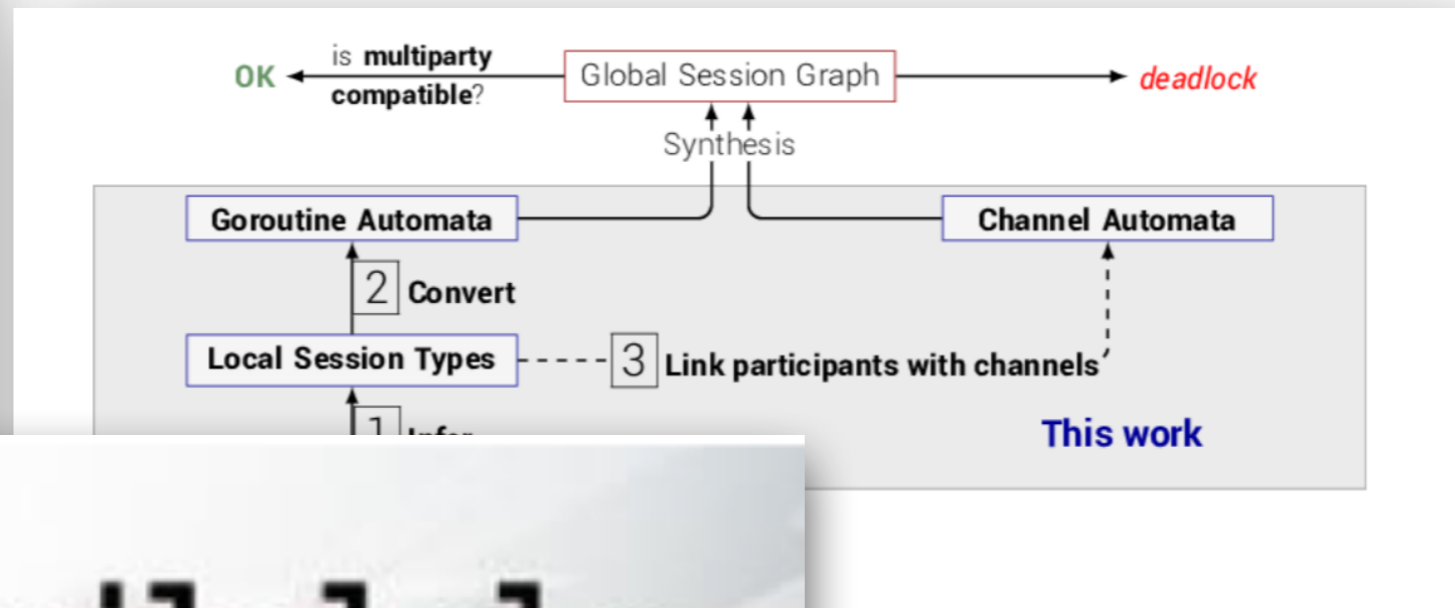
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Deadlock Detection for Go [CC'16, POPL'17]



Session Types





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Scribble

Protocol Language



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"Scribbling is necessary for architects, either physical or computing, since all great ideas of architectural construction come from that unconscious moment, when you do not realise what it is, when there is no concrete shape, only a whisper which is not a whisper, an image which is not an image, somehow it starts to urge you in your mind, in so small a voice but how persistent it is, at that point you start scribbling." Kohei Honda 2007.

What is Scribble?

Scribble is a language to describe application-level protocols among communicating systems. A protocol represents an agreement on how participating systems interact with each other. Without a protocol, it is hard to do a meaningful interaction: participants simply cannot communicate effectively, since they do not know when to expect the other parties to send their data, or whether the other party is ready to receive a datum it is sending. In fact it is not clear what kinds of data is to be used for each interaction. It is too costly to carry out communications based on guess works and with inevitable communication mismatch (synchronisation bugs). Simply, it is not feasible as an engineering practice.

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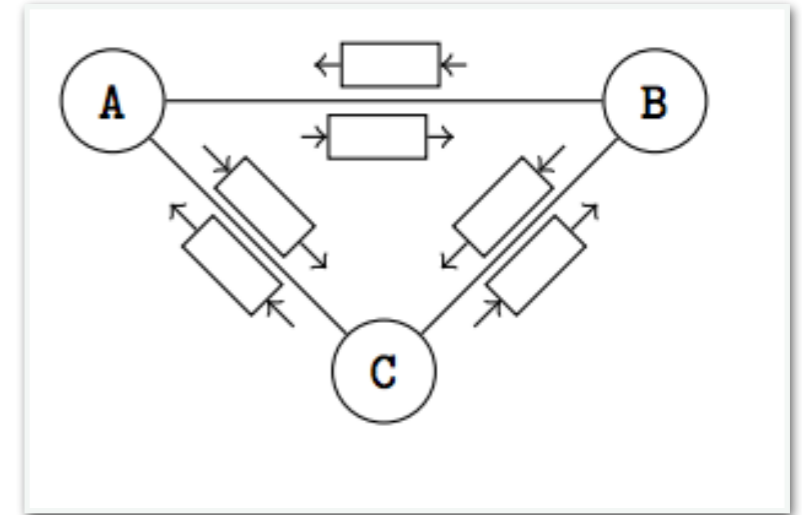
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Good/Bad MPST by example

- Communication model:
 - asynchronous, reliable, role-to-role ordering
 - MPST applies to transports that fit this model
 - TCP, HTTP, ..., AMQP, ...shared memory
- MPST protocols should be fully specified
 - no implicit messages needed to conduct a session



Next....

- Core Scribble constructs
 - What can go wrong ?
 - MPST safety and liveness errors (informally)
 - How are they ruled out (syntactically)
-



Properties (by example)

☑ Communication mismatch

```
send(A, Div, int) | recv(A, Add, int)
send(A, Div, int) | recv(A, Add, string)
send(B, Div, int) | recv(A, Div, int)
```

❌ Wrong **label**
❌ Wrong **payload**
❌ Wrong **role**

☑ Orphan messages

```
send(A) | send(A)
```

☑ Deadlock

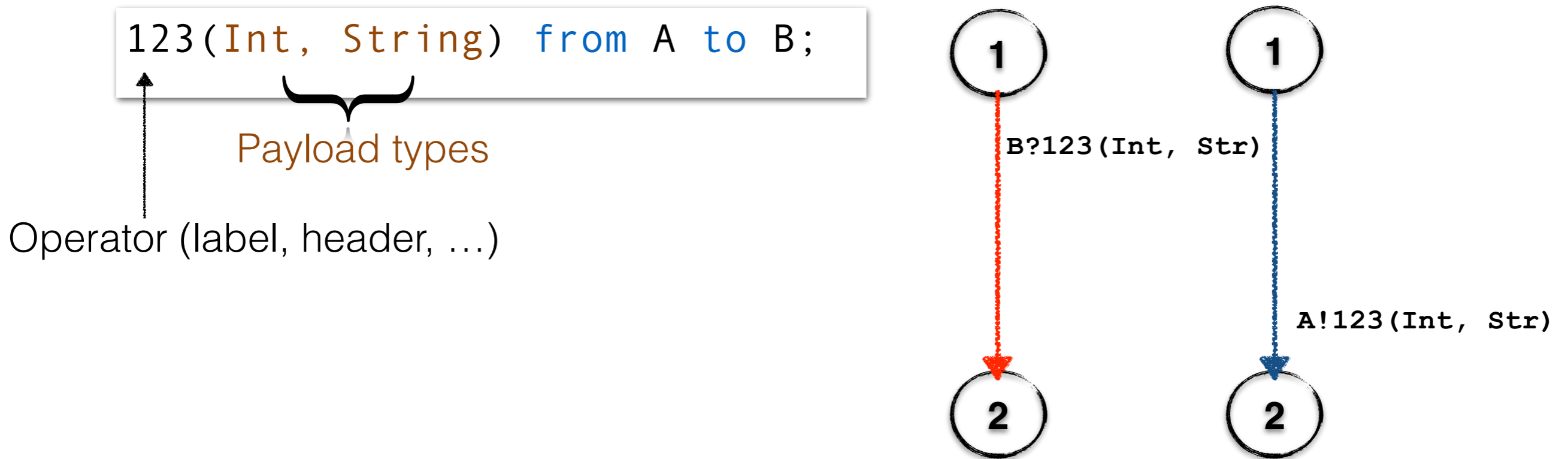
```
recv(A) | recv(B)
```

```
recv(C) | recv(C) | if (n=0) then send(A) else send(B)
```



Scribble constructs:

Role-to-role Message passing



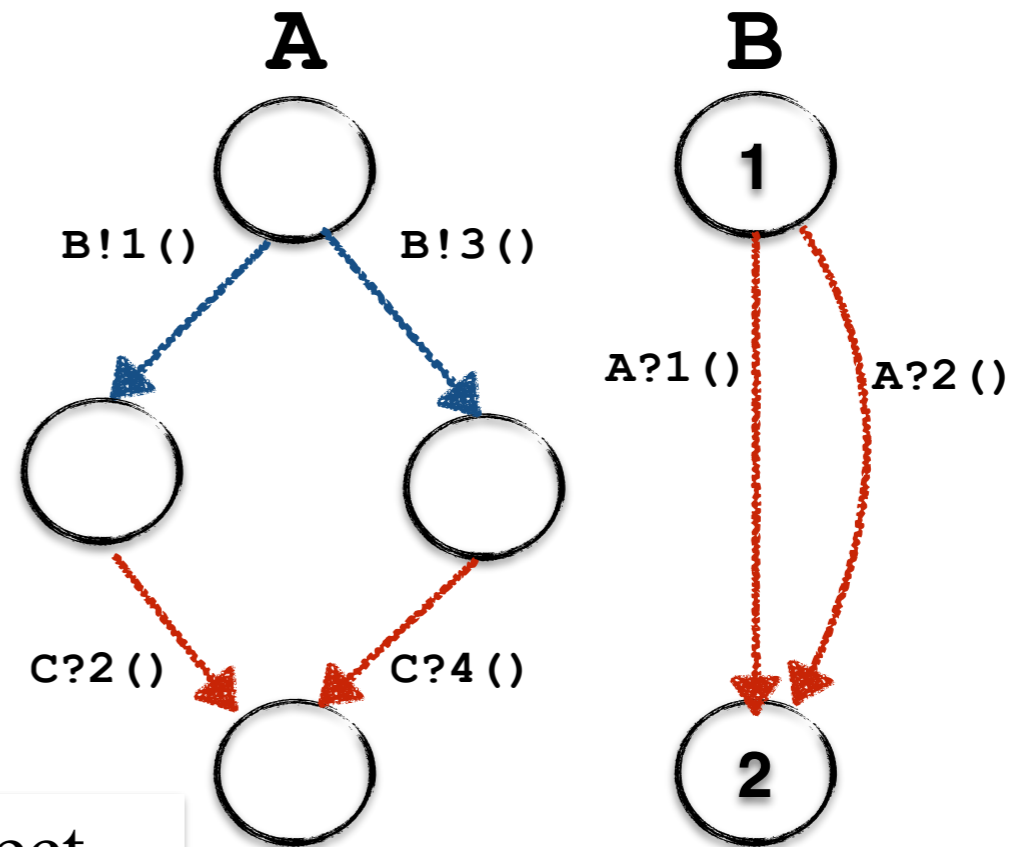
- Empty operator and/or payload is allowed

```
( ) from A to B;
```



Scribble constructs: “Located” choice

```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  2() from A to C;  
} or {  
  3() from A to B;  
  4() from A to C;  
}
```



- Internal choice by global choice subject
- External choice for all other roles

Condition

- Only enabled roles can send messages in choice paths
 - Start role enabled, other disabled
 - a role is enabled by receiving a message from an enabled role

Scribble constructs:

“Located” choice

```
choice at A {  
  buyer1(int) from A to B; // Total to pay  
  (int) from B to A; // B will pay that much  
  buyer1(int) from A to C; // C pays the remainder  
} or {  
  buyer1(x:int, y:int) from A to C; // Total to pay  
  (Int) from C to A; // C pays that much  
  buyer2(x:int, y:int) from A to B; // B pays the remainder  
}  
}
```

- More flexible than directed choice

$p \rightarrow q : \{l_i : G_i\}_{i \in I}$ Branching

- Branching via different payloads not allowed

```
choice at A {1() from A to B;} or {1(int) from A to B;} 
```




Exercise:

“Located” choice

Condition

- Only enabled roles can send messages in choice paths
 - Start role enabled, other disabled
 - a role is enabled by receiving a message from an enabled role

```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  1() from B to C;  
  1() from C to A;  
} or {  
  2() from B to A;  Role B not enabled  
  choice at B {  
    2() from B to C;  
  } or {  
    3() from B to C;  
  }  
  4() from C to A;  
}
```

What actually goes wrong ?

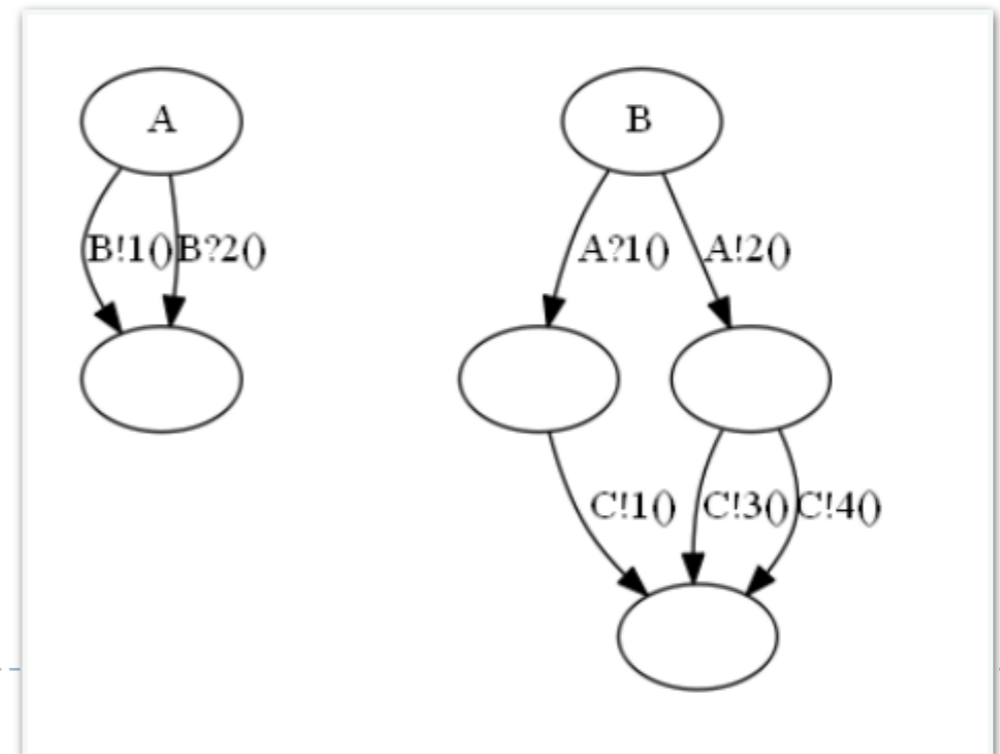
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 - reception error, orphan message, deadlock

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  1() from B to C;  
  1() from C to A;  
} or {  
  2() from B to A; ❌ Role B not enabled  
choice at B {  
  2() from B to C;  
} or {  
  3() from B to C;  
}  
  4() from C to A;  
}
```



Is this protocol OK? 1/4

```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  3() from B to C; ❌  
  4() from C to A;  
} or {  
  2() from A to B;  
  3() from A to C; ❌  
  5() from A to C;  
}
```

Errors explained ?

- Ambitious choice for C
 - Should C send a 4 or 5 to A?
 - potential reception errors (4, 5) if interpreted non-deterministically
- *Non-deterministic choice at C* inconsistent with the choice by A
 - Not mergeable in syntactic projections
 - has to merge continuations (undefined for distinct outputs)

Is this protocol OK? 1/4

```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  3() from B to C;  
  4() from C to A;  
} or {  
  2() from A to B;  
  3() from A to C;  
  5() from A to C;  
}
```

How to fix t?



Is this protocol OK? 1/4

```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  3a() from B to C;  
  4() from C to A;  
} or {  
  2() from A to B;  
  3b() from A to C;  
  5() from A to C;  
}
```

Distinguish label 3!



Is this protocol OK? 2/4



```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  3() from B to C;  
  do Merge(A, C);  
} or {  
  2() from A to B;  
  3() from B to C;  
  do Merge(A, C);  
}
```

```
global protocol Merge(role A, role C){  
  choice at A {  
    5() from A to C;  
  } or {  
    5() from A to C;  
  }  
}}
```

- Duplicate cases inherently mergeable, e.g [POPL'11]




Is this protocol OK? 3/4

```
choice at A {  
  1a() from A to B;  
  2() from A to C;  
  3() from B to C; ❌  
  4() from C to A;  
} or {  
  1b() from A to B;  
  3() from B to C; ❌  
  4() from C to A;  
}
```

Errors explained ?

- “Race condition” on choice on C due to asynchrony
 - What should C do after receiving a 3?
 - Potential orphan message (2) if interpreted as multi-queue FIFO
- Inconsistent external choice subject
 - (trivially non-mergeable in standard MPST)
 - A role must be enabled by the same role in choice paths

Is this protocol OK? 4/4

```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  2() from A to C;   
} or {  
  3() from B to B;  
}
```

Errors explained?

- Unrealisable choice at C
 - No implicit message can be assumed, e.g end of session
 - How can C determine if a message is coming?
 - Potential deadlock (C waiting for A), or potential orphan (2), depending on the interpretation
- Empty action option to terminal state
 - can't merge end type with anything else



Quiz: Mergeability

```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  2() from C to B;  
} or {  
  3() from A to D;  
  4() from D to B;  
}
```



```
choice at A {  
  1() from A to B;  
  2() from C to D;  
} or {  
  3() from A to B;  
  4() from C to D;  
}
```



```
choice at A {  
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  2() from C to D;  
} or {  
  3() from A to B;  
  2() from C to D;  
}
```



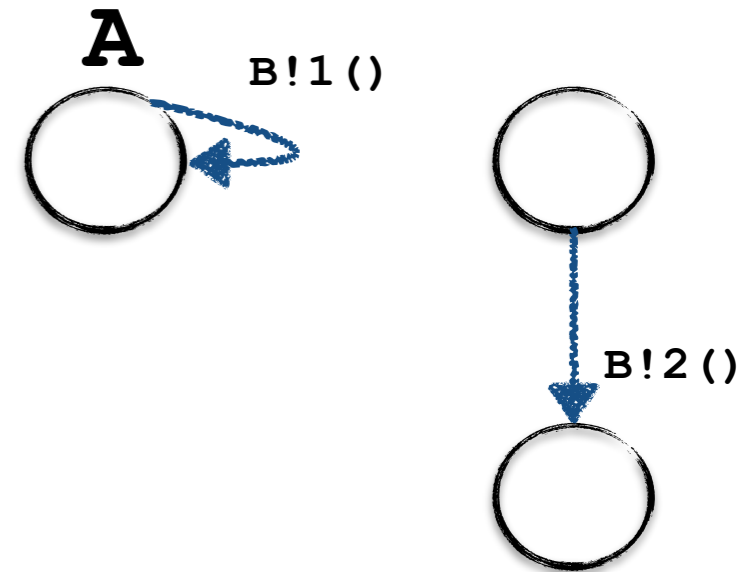
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}
```



Scribble construct: **Recursion**

- Tail recursion with recursive scopes

```
rec X {  
  1() from A to B;  
  continue X;  
}  
2() from A to B; ❌ Dead code
```



Condition

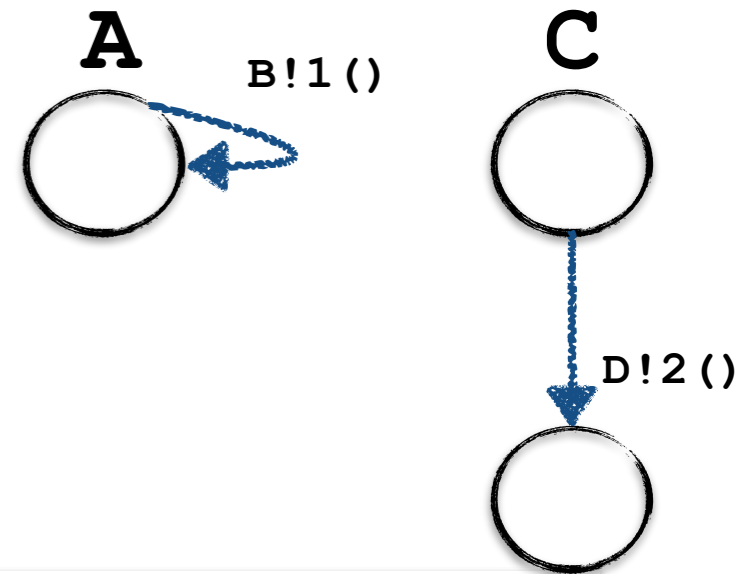
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- Regular interaction structure at endpoints (CFSM)

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```
rec X {  
  1() from A to B;  
  continue X;  
}  
2() from C to D; ✅
```



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    3() from A to B;  
  }  
} 4() from A to B; ❌  
} 5() from A to B;
```

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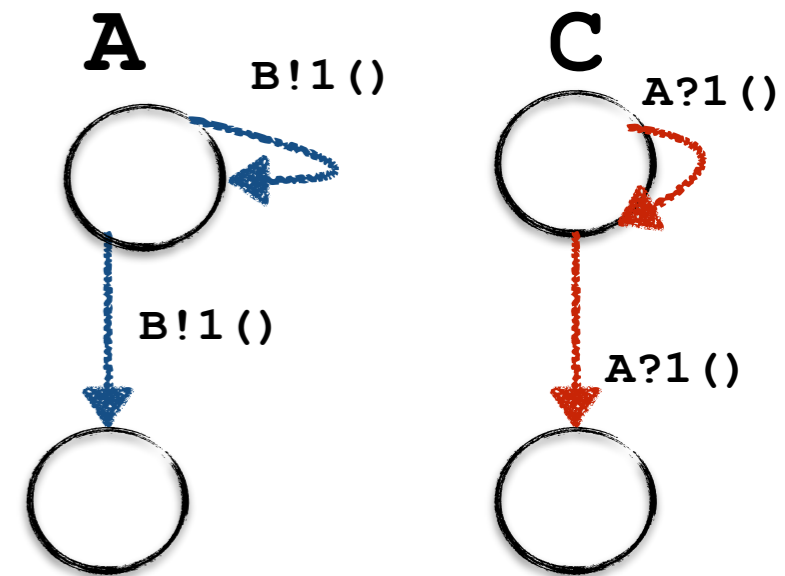
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    3() from C to B;  
  } or {  
    4() from A to C;  
    5() from C to B;  
  }  
  continue X;  
}
```

Why does Scribble not allow this protocol?




Is this protocol OK? 3/4

```
rec X {  
  choice at A {  
    1() from A to B;  
    continue X;  
  } or {  
    1() from A to B;  
  }  
}
```



Potential **deadlocks** or **orphans**


Is this protocol ok? 4/4

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  }  
}
```

- Safety errors?
 - hint: Consider the FSM at A?



Is this protocol ok? 4/4

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    1() from B to C;  
    continue X;  
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    2() from A to B;  
    2() from B to C;   
  }  
}
```

- Safety errors?
 - hint: Consider the FSM at A?
 - How about now?
- Liveness errors?
 - Role progress
 - Message liveness

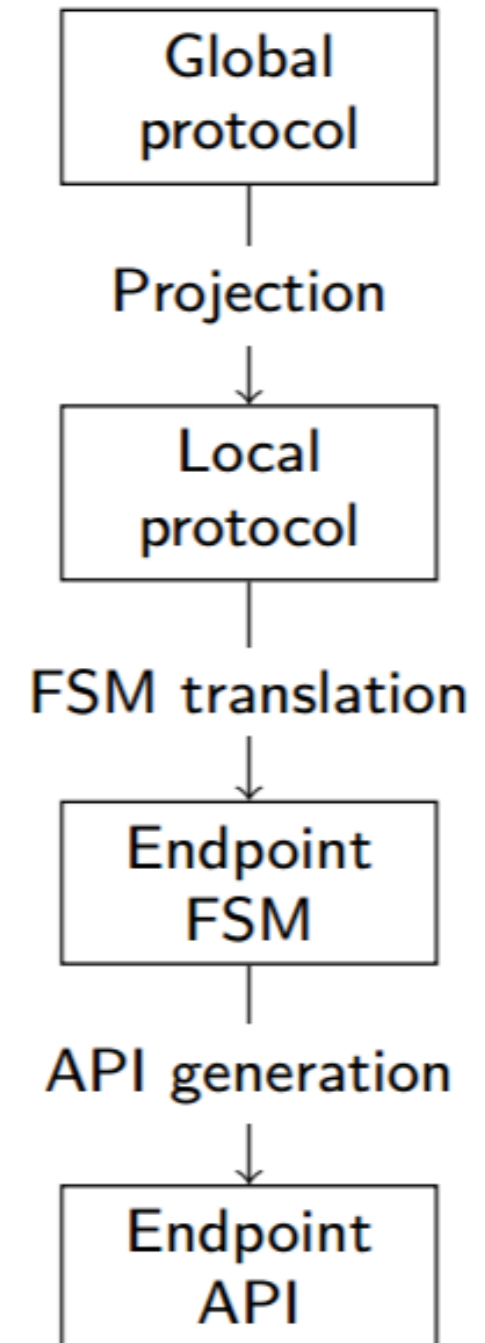




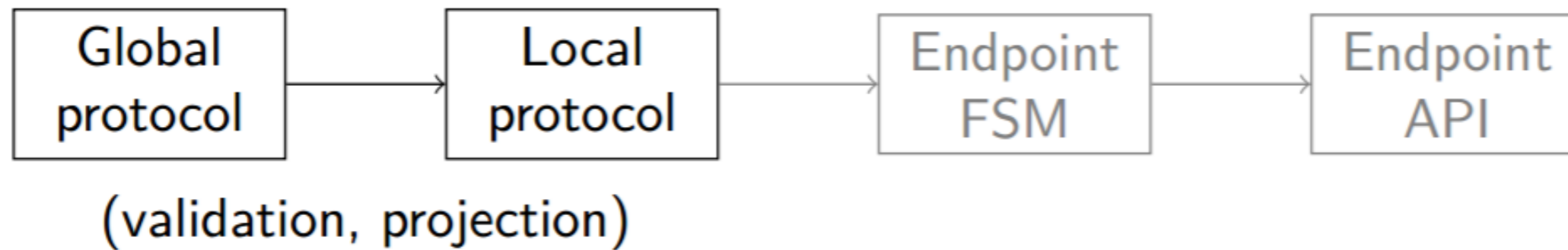
Program Verification

Scribble Endpoint API generation toolchain

- ▶ Protocol spec. as Scribble protocol (asynchronous MPST)
 - ▶ Global protocol validation
(safely distributable asynchronous protocol)
 - ▶ Syntactic projection to local protocols
(static session typing if supported)
 - ▶ Endpoint FSM (EFSM) translation
(dynamic session typing by monitors)
 - ▶ Protocol states as state-specific channel *types*
 - ▶ Call chaining API to link successor states
- ▶ Java APIs for implementing the endpoints



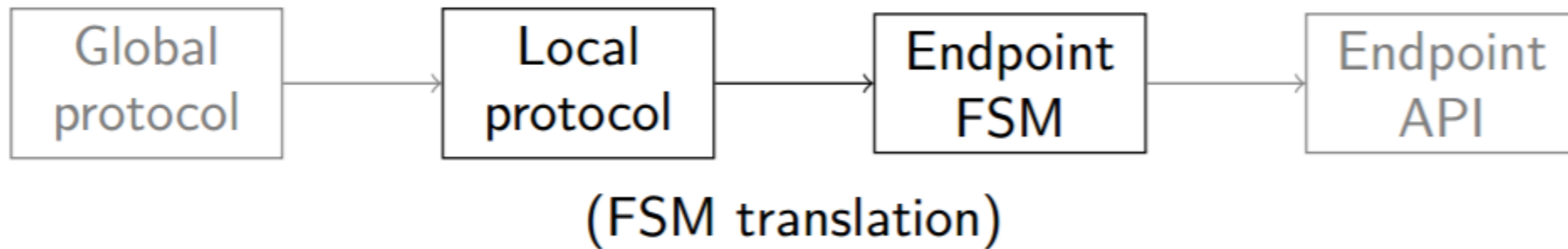
Example: Adder



```
global protocol Adder(role C, role S) {
  choice at C {
    Add(Integer, Integer) from C to S;
    Res(Integer) from S to C;
    do Adder(C, S);
  } or {
    Bye() from C to S;
    Bye() from S to C;
  }
}
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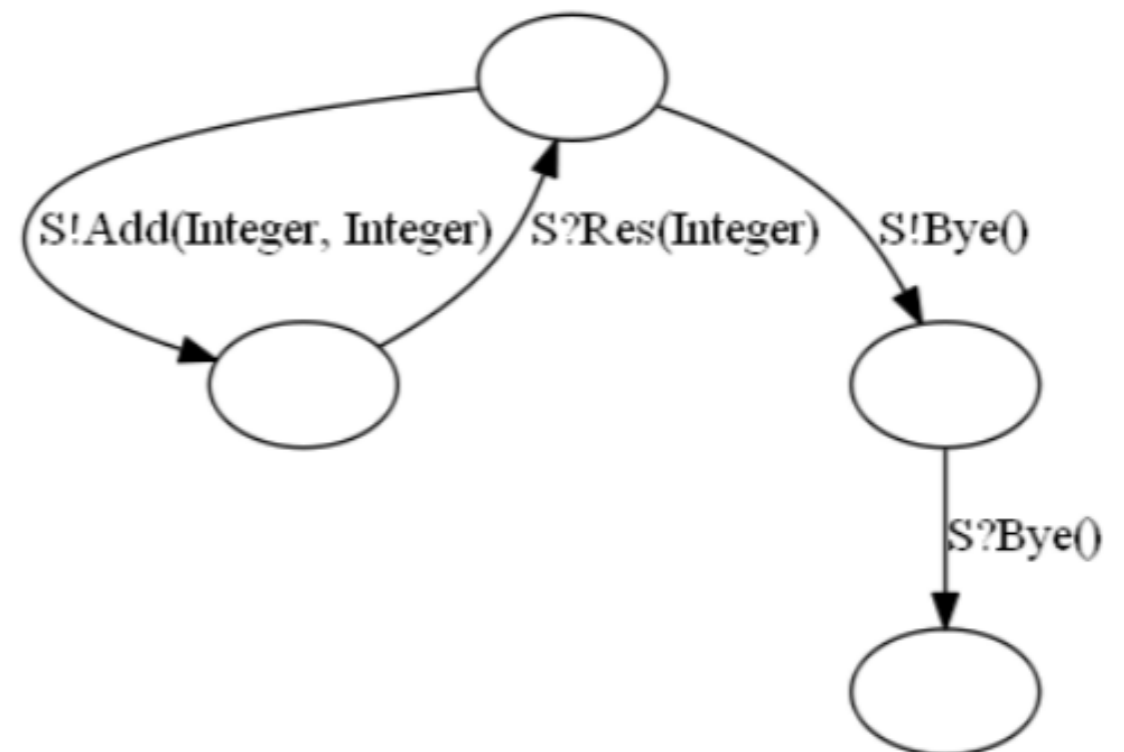


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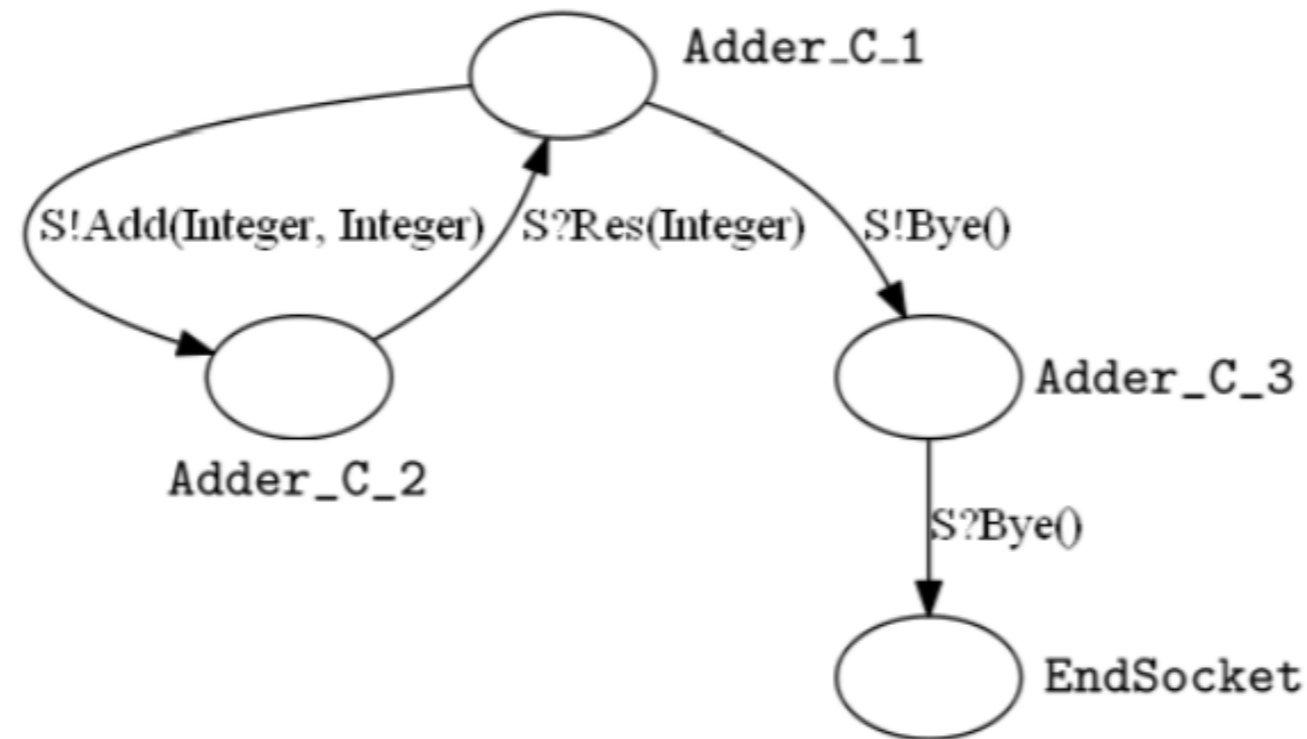


► Projected Endpoint FSM (EFSM) for C

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Adder: State Channel API for C



- ▶ Adder_C_1

- ▶ Output state channel: (overloaded) send methods

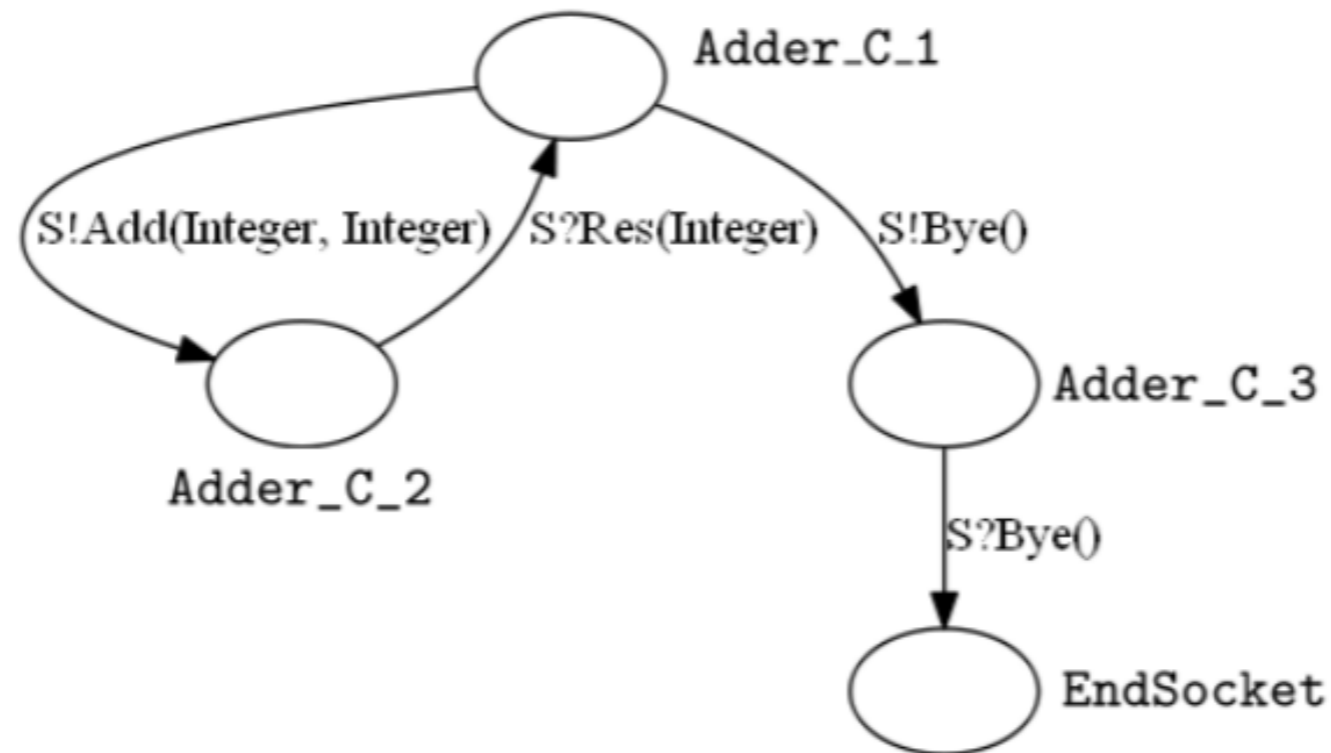
Adder_C_2 **send**(*S* role, *Add* op, Integer arg0, Integer arg1) **throws** ...

Adder_C_3 **send**(*S* role, *Bye* op) **throws** ...

- ▶ Parameter types: message recipient, operator and payload
 - ▶ Return type: successor state



Adder: endpoint implementation for C



```
Adder_C_1 c1 = new Adder_C_1(...);
```

```
c1.
```

- send(S role, Bye op) : Adder_C_3 - Adder_C_1
- send(S role, Add op, Integer arg0, Integer arg1) : Adder_C_2 - Adder_C_1



A demo is worth a thousand slides



MPST beyond verification



Let it Recover: Multiparty Protocol-Induced Recovery

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