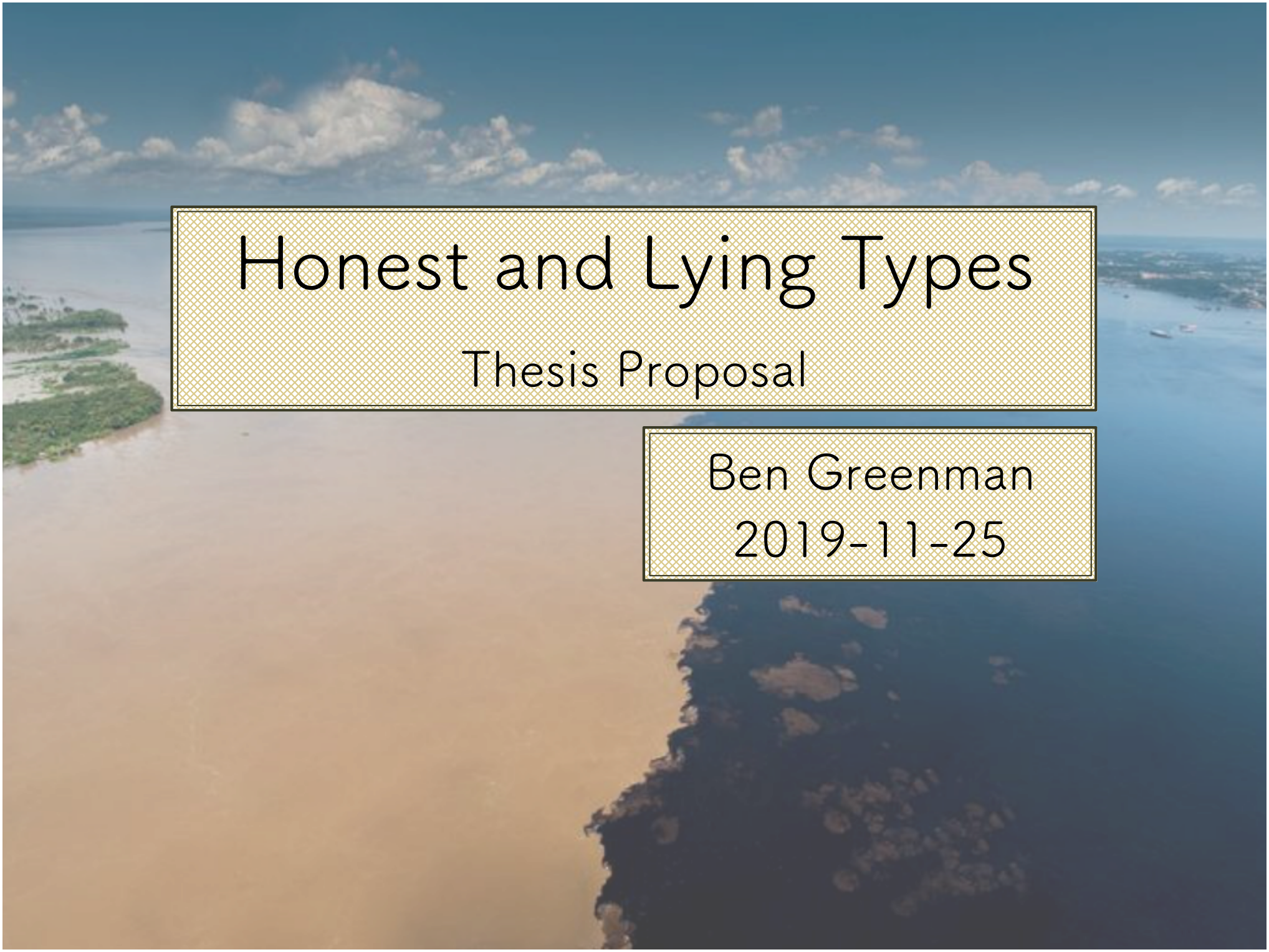

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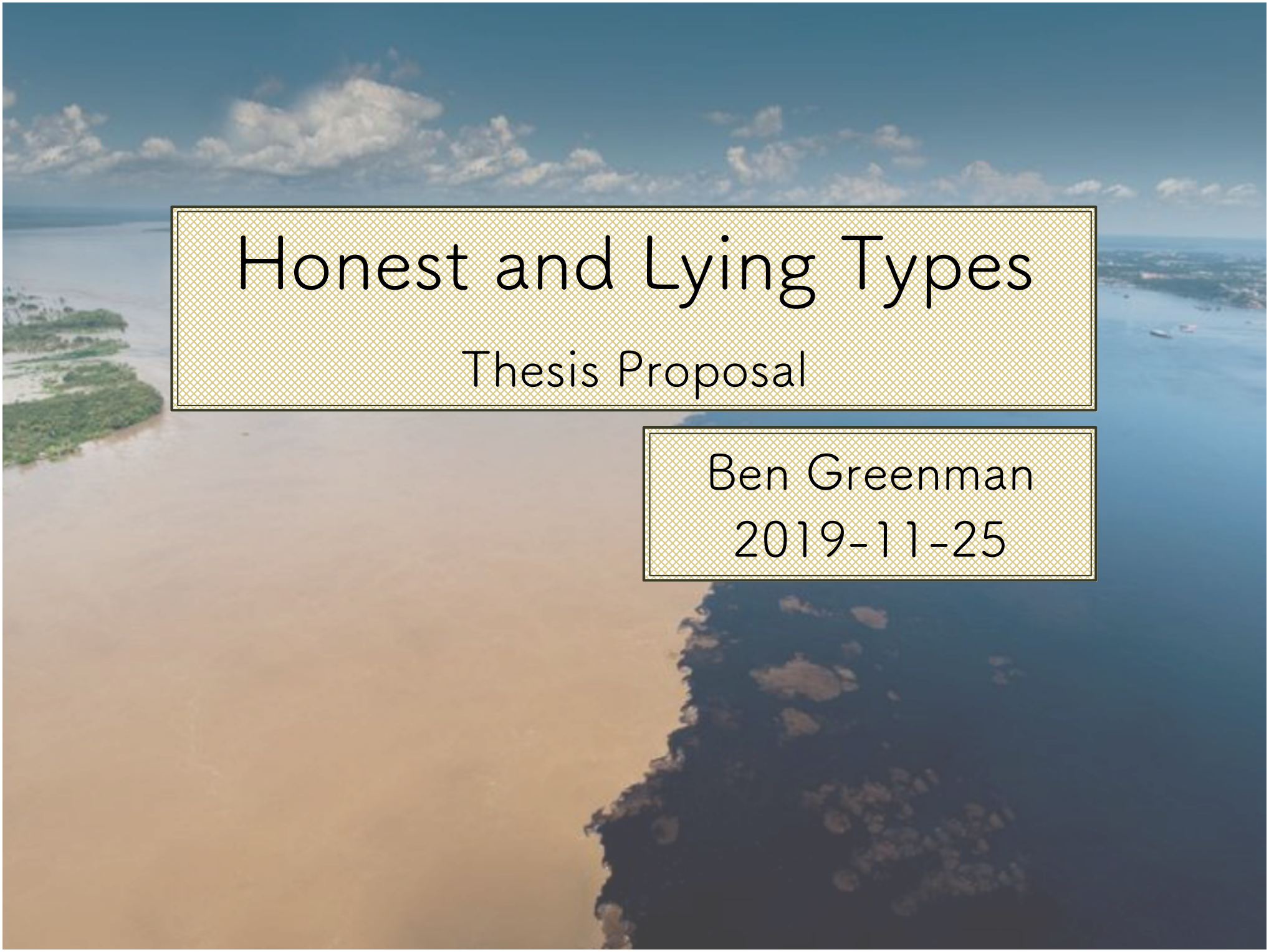

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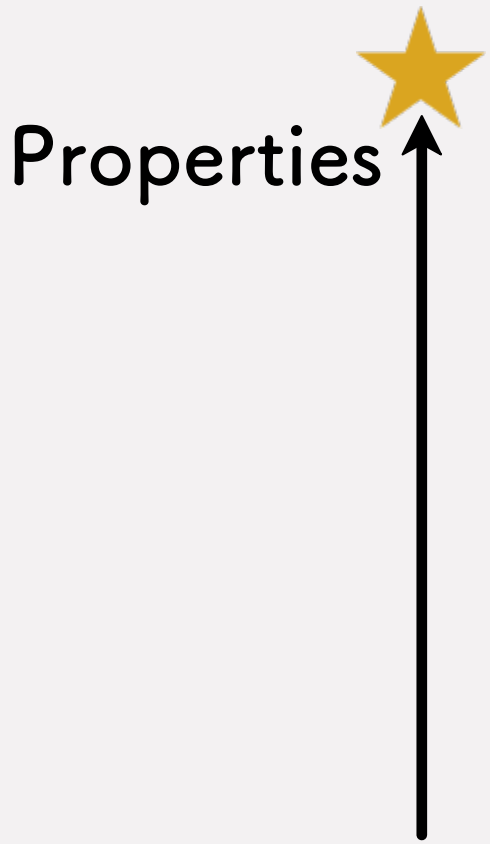

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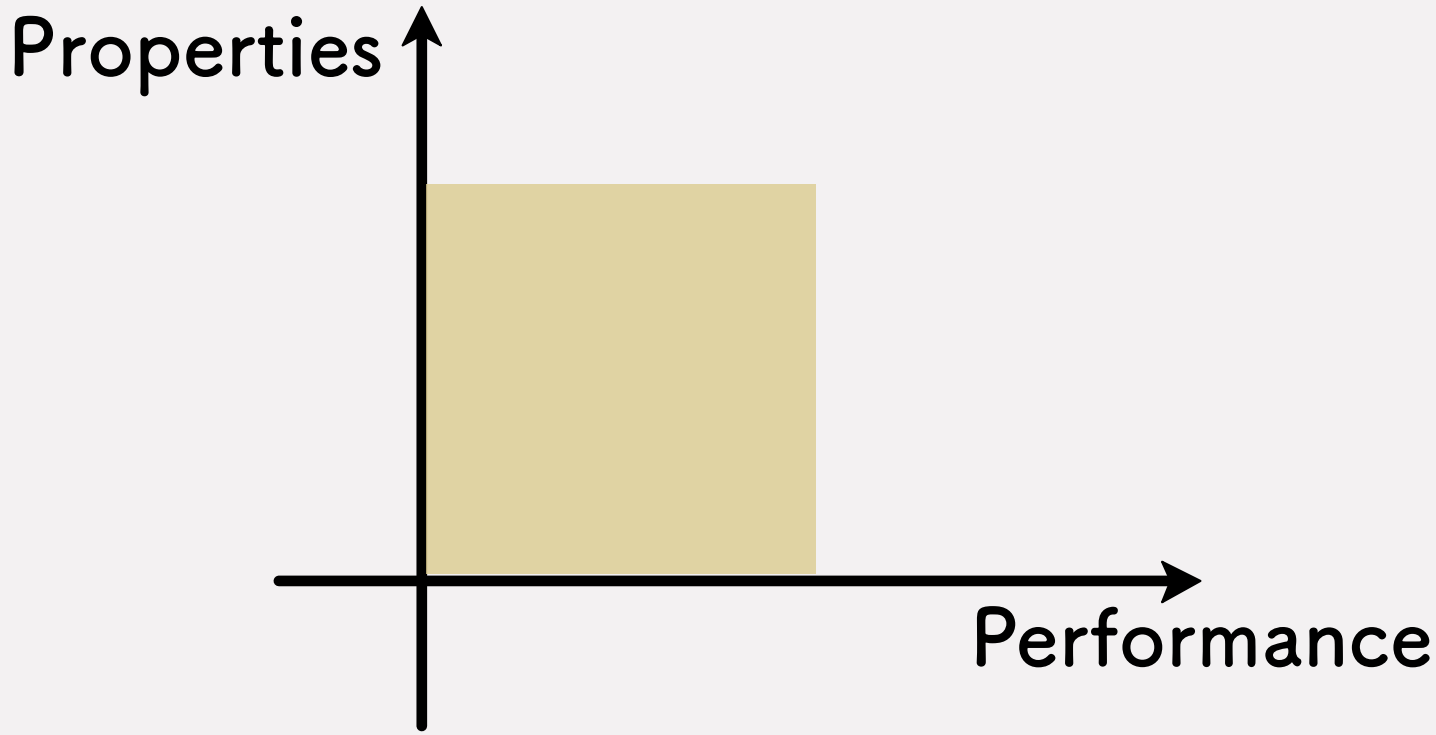

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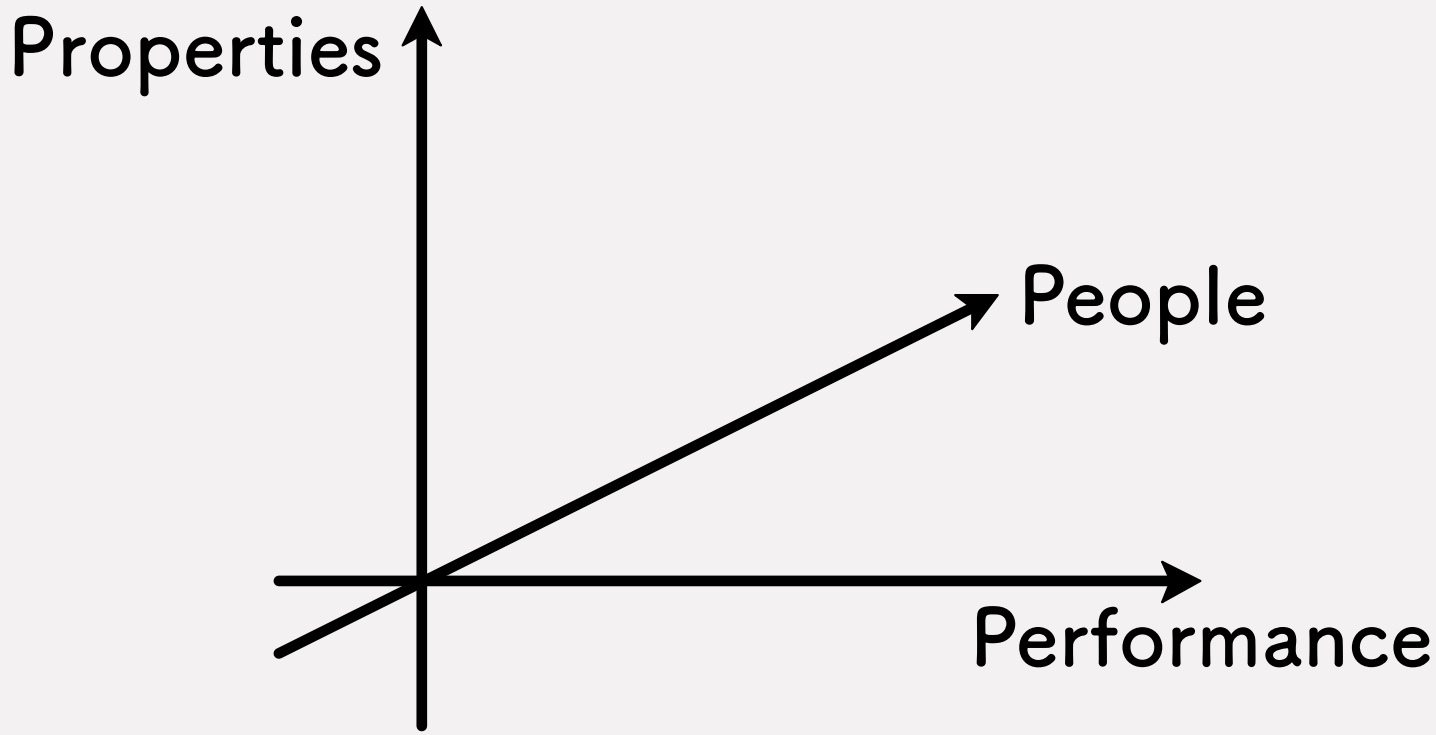

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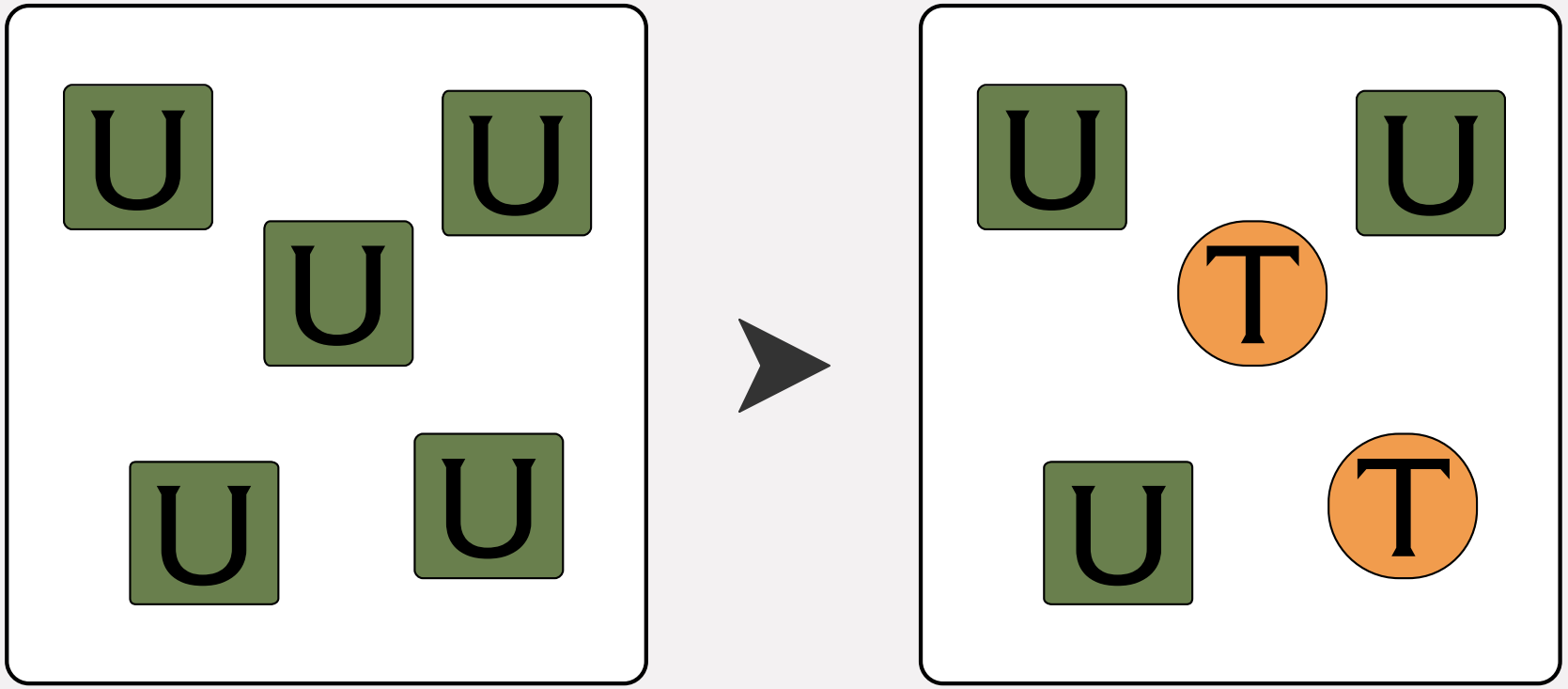

Untyped code

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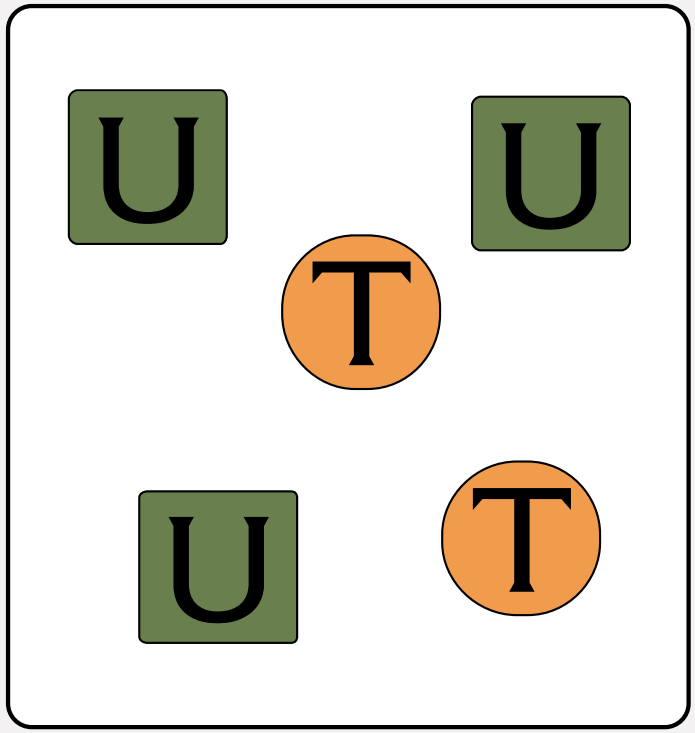
= untyped code

= simply-typed



Mixed-Typed code

Motivation

Because lots of untyped code exists.

Landscape of Models and Implementations

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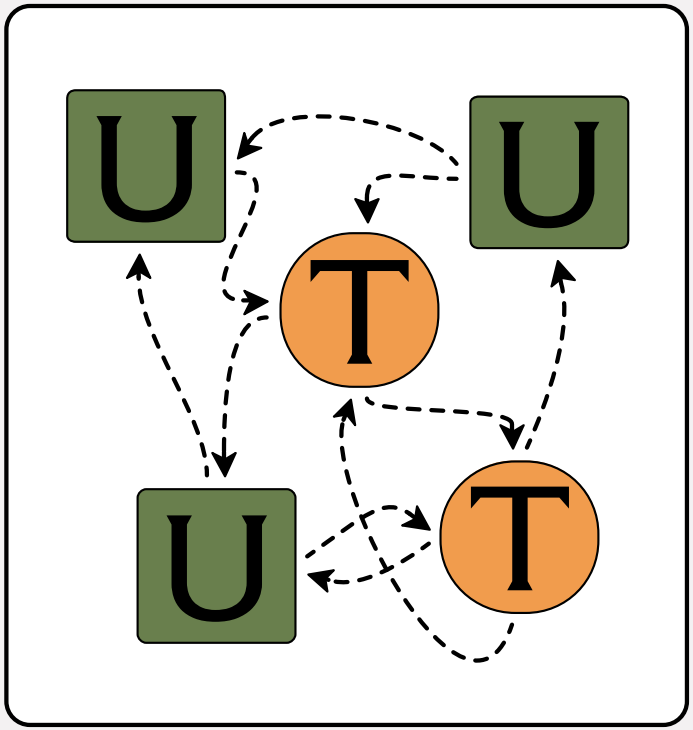

What do types mean when untyped values and typed values **interact**?

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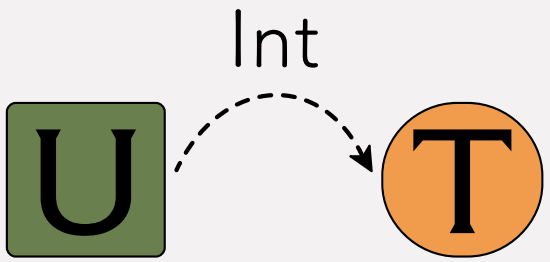

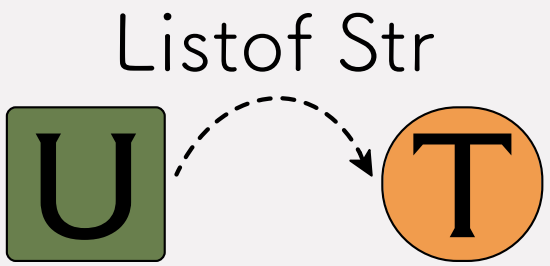

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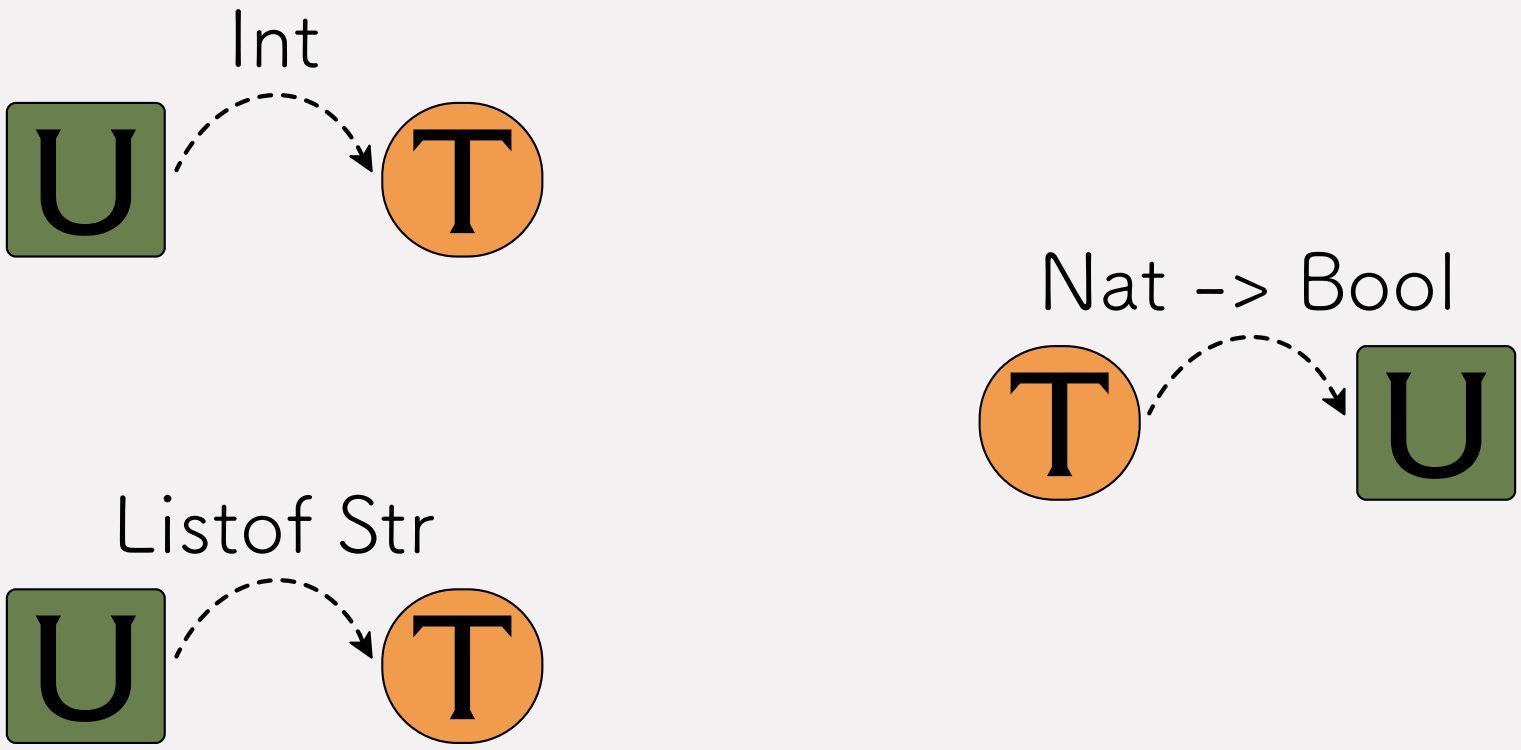

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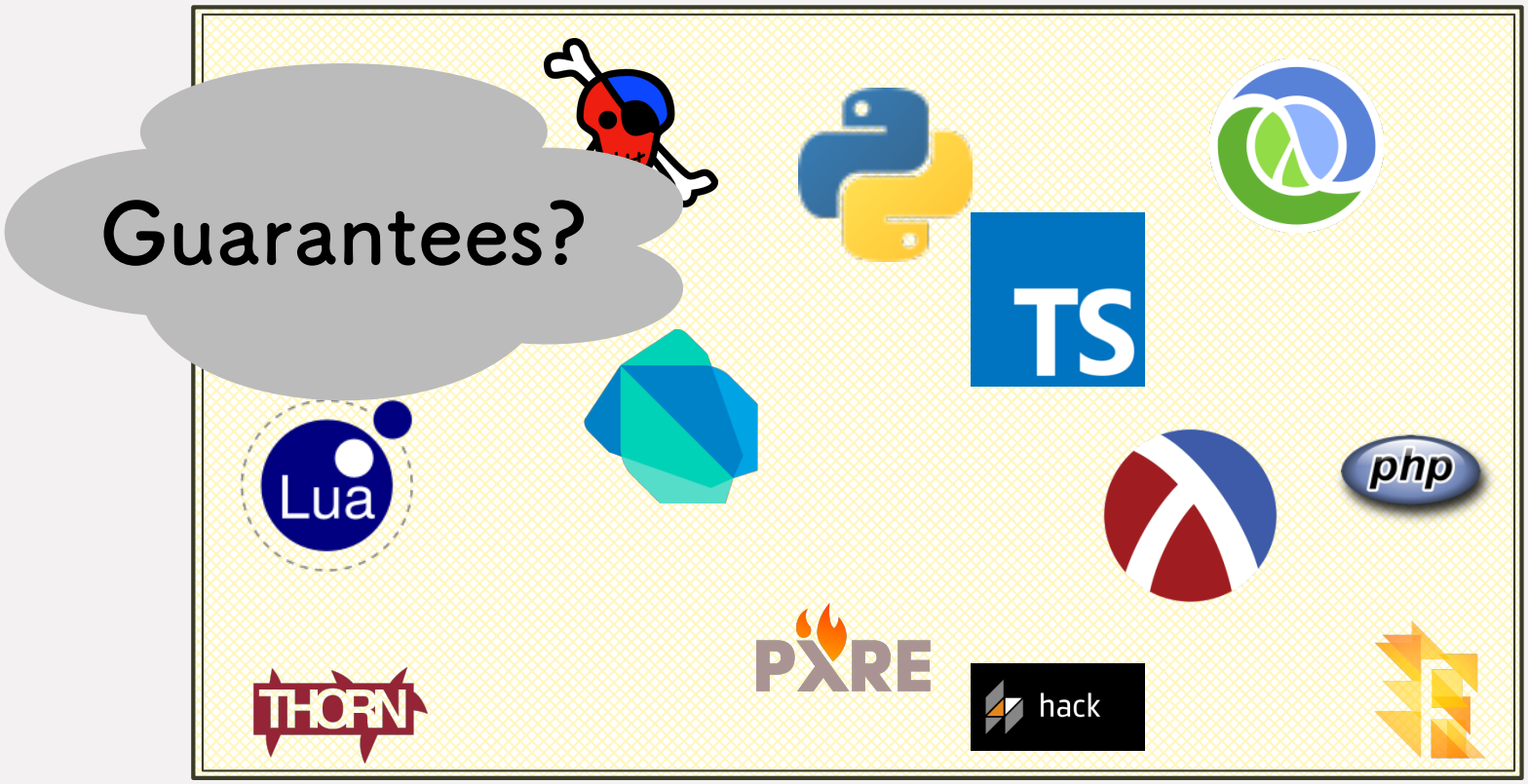

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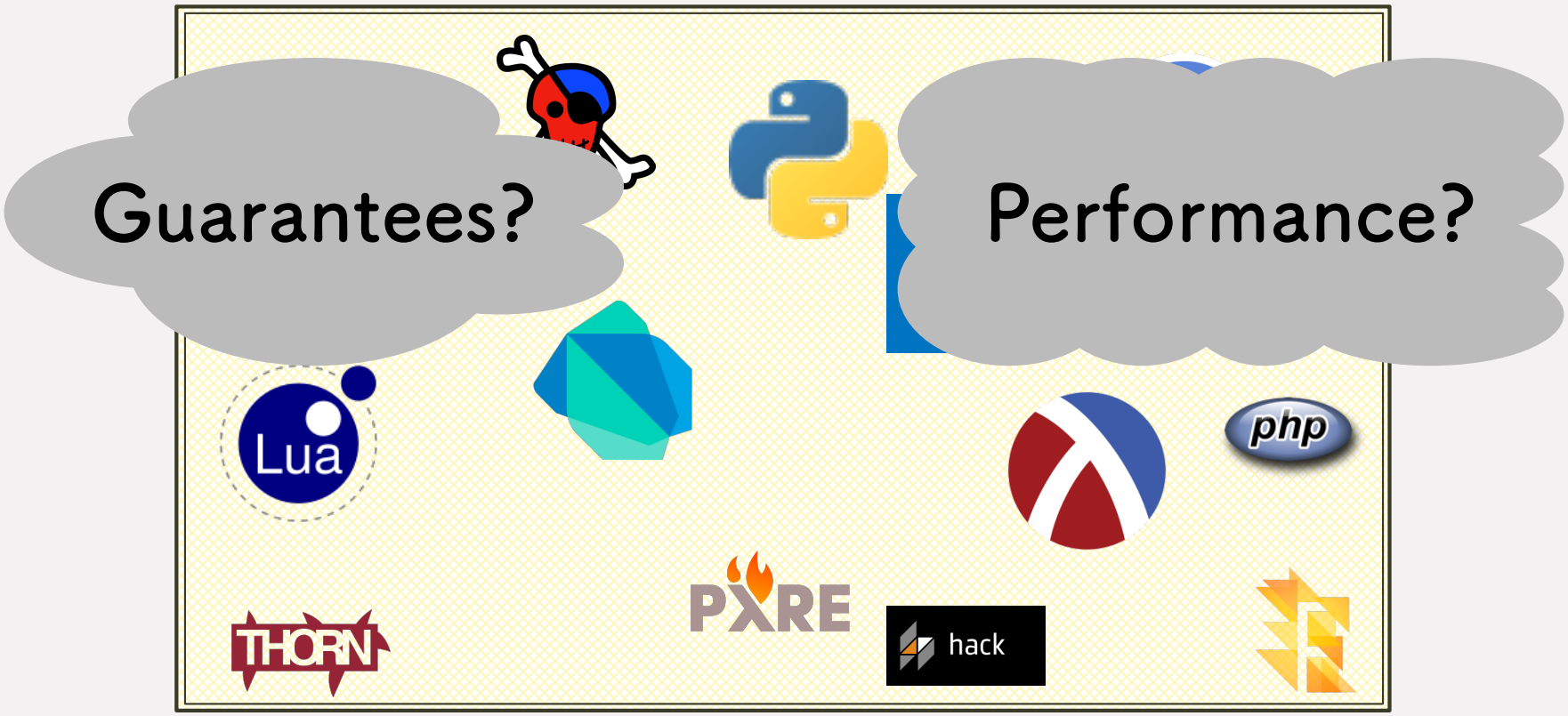

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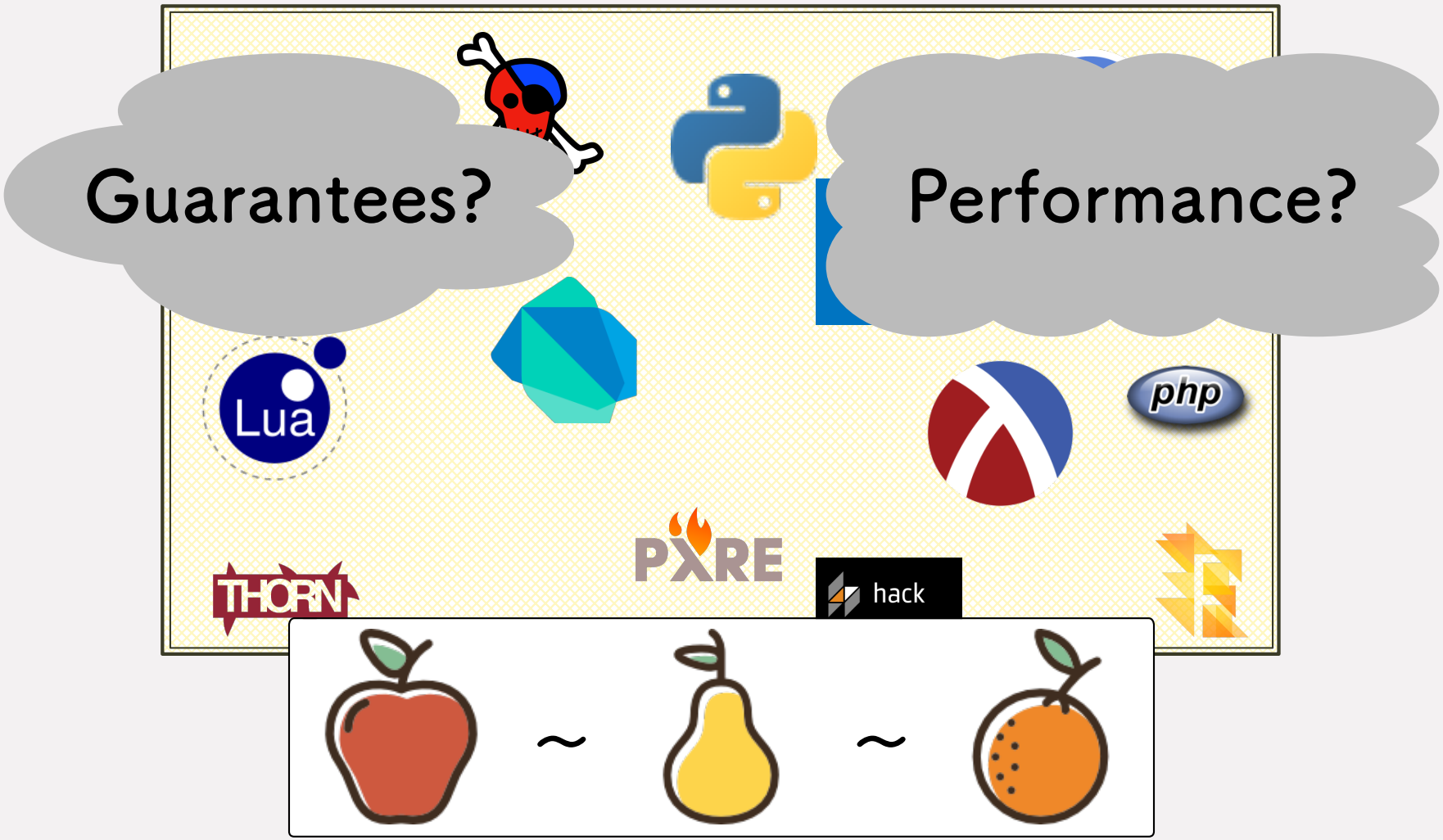

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My Research

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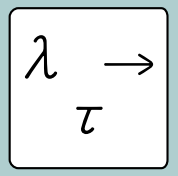
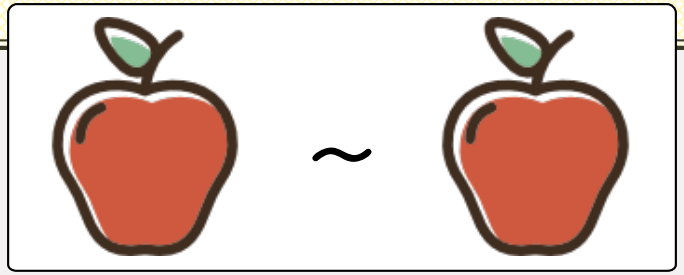


one syntax, many semantics for what flows across channels

Performance

one syntax, many type-compilers



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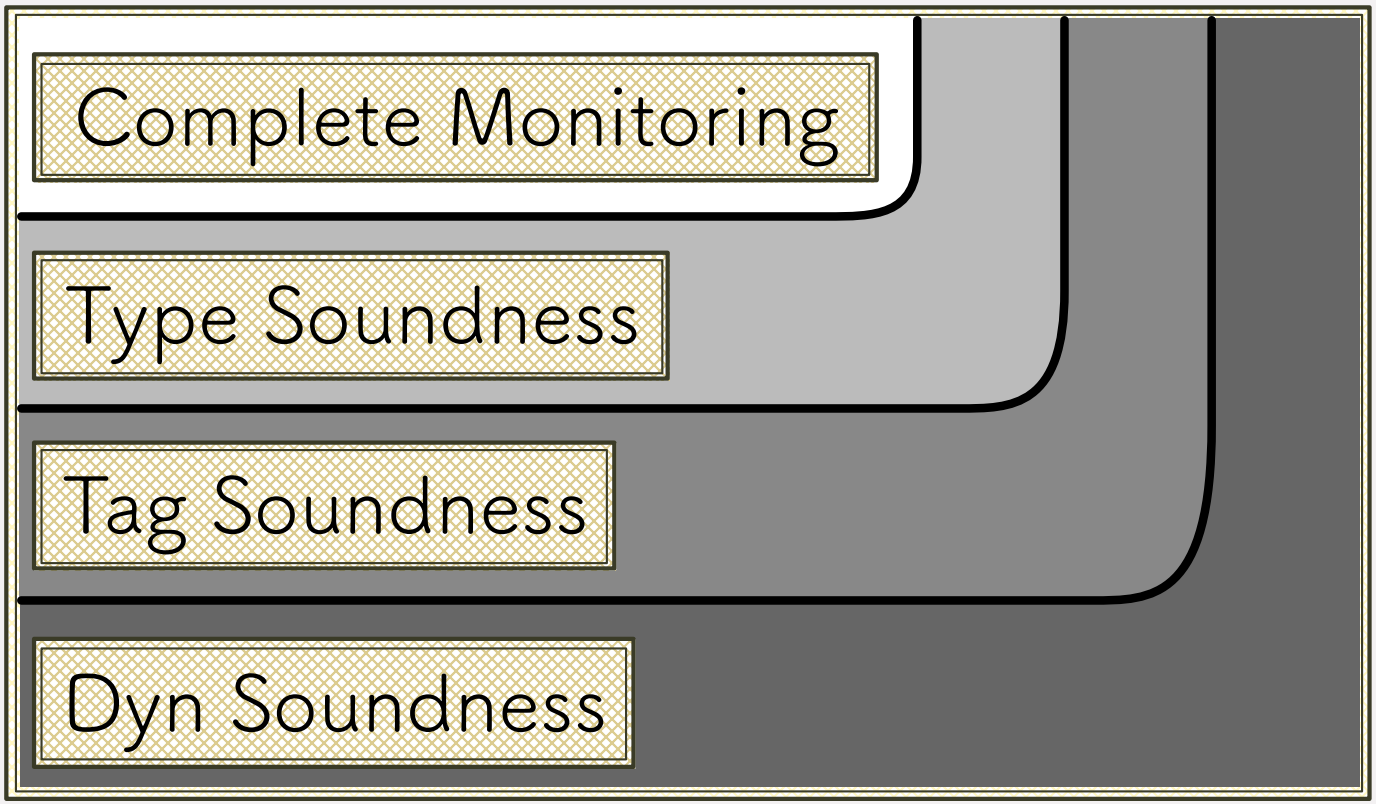

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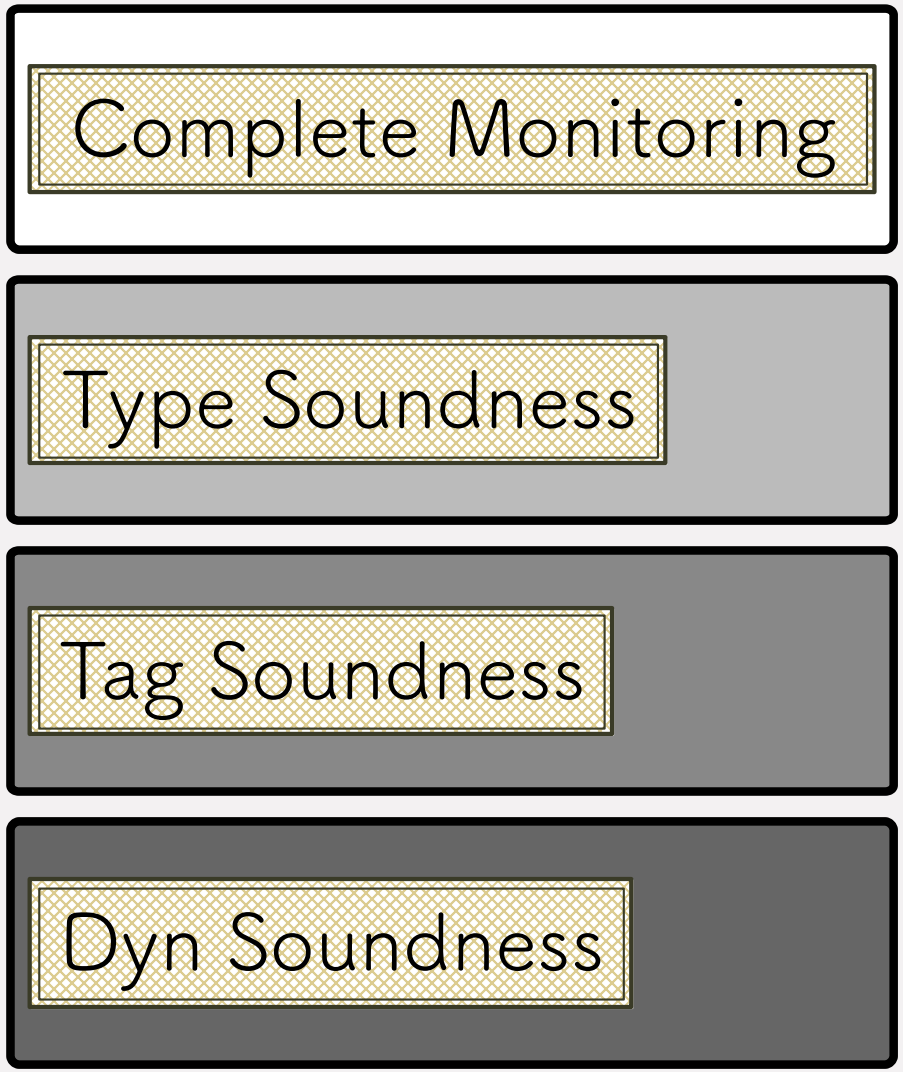

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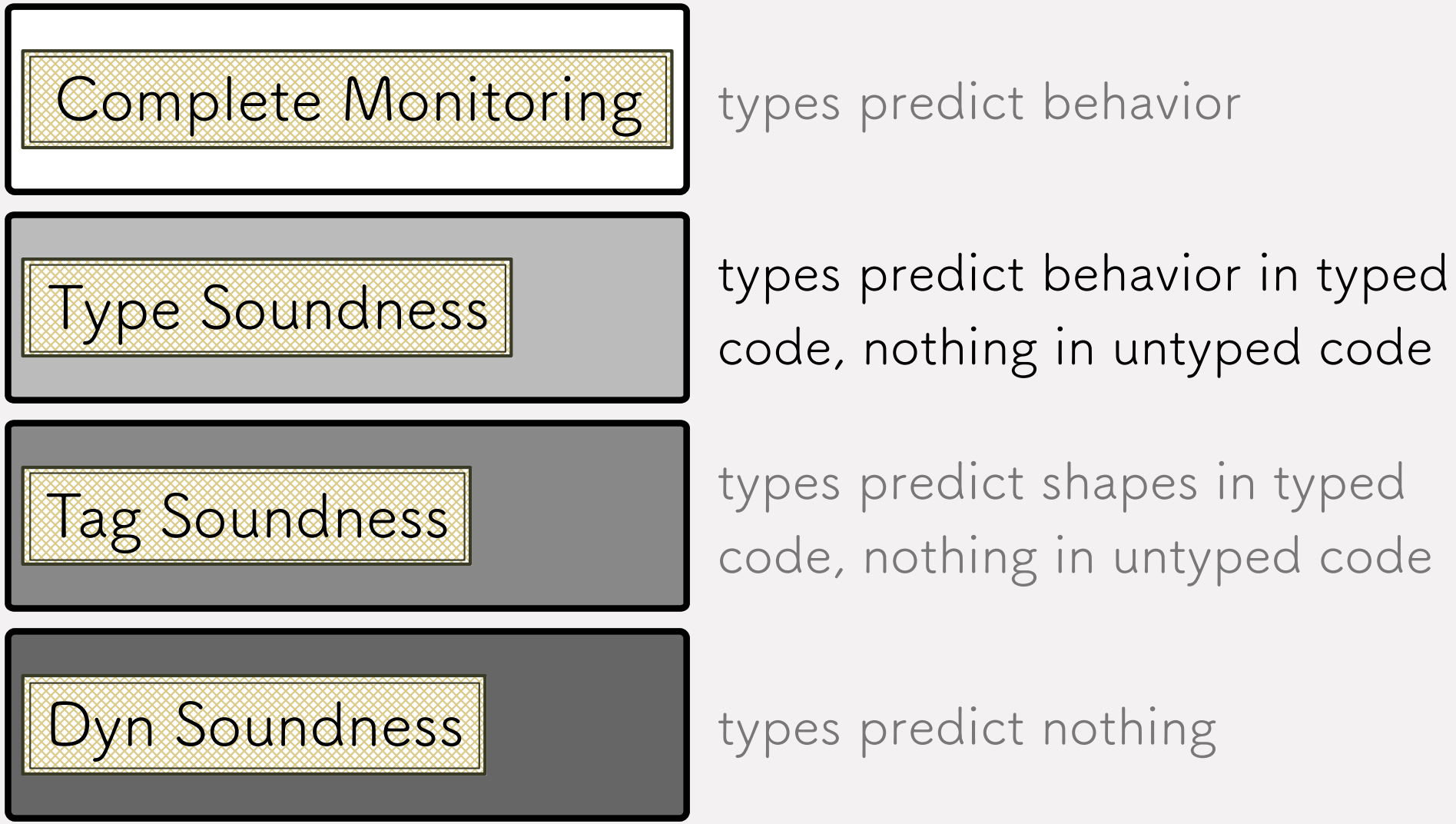
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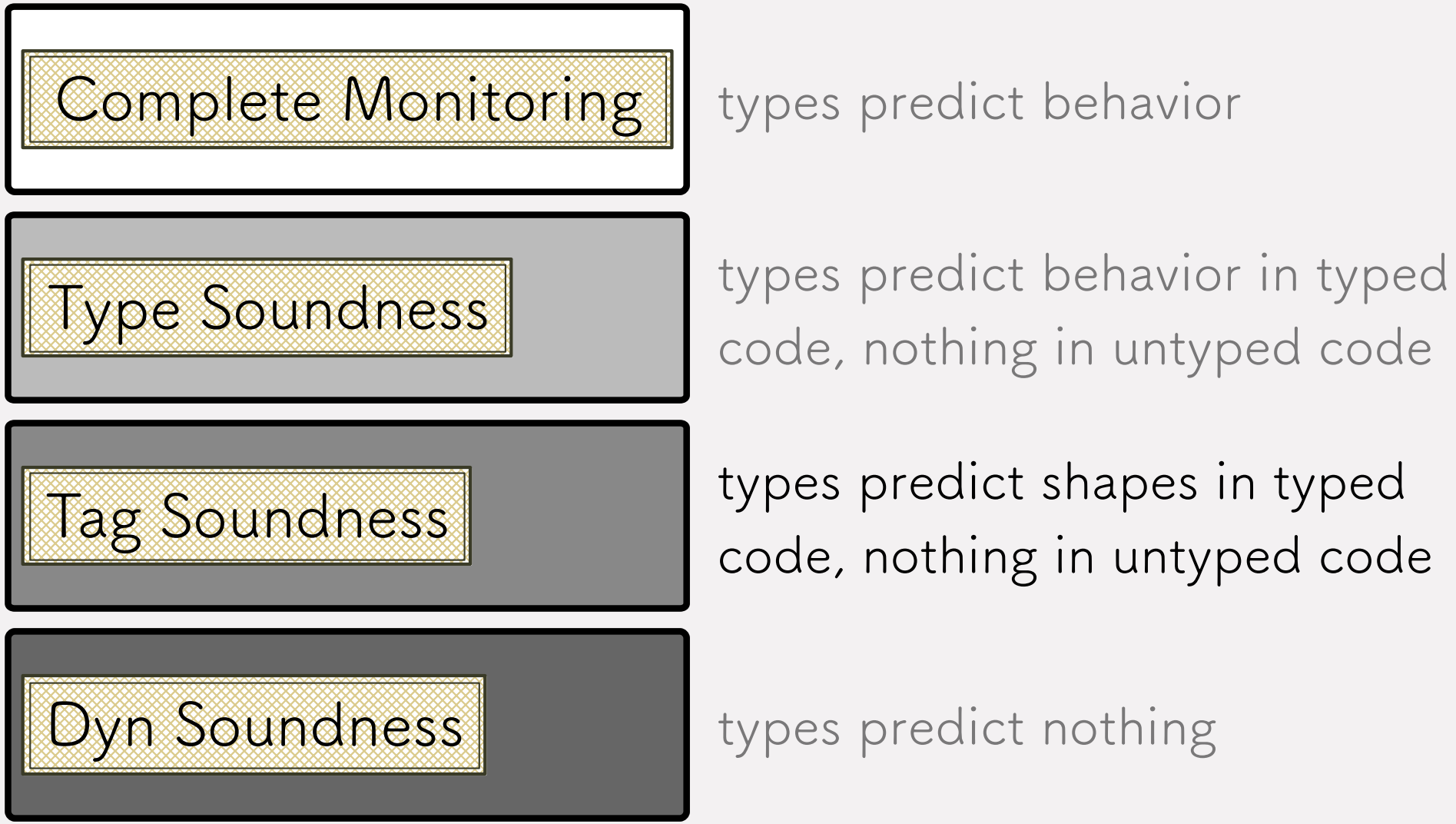
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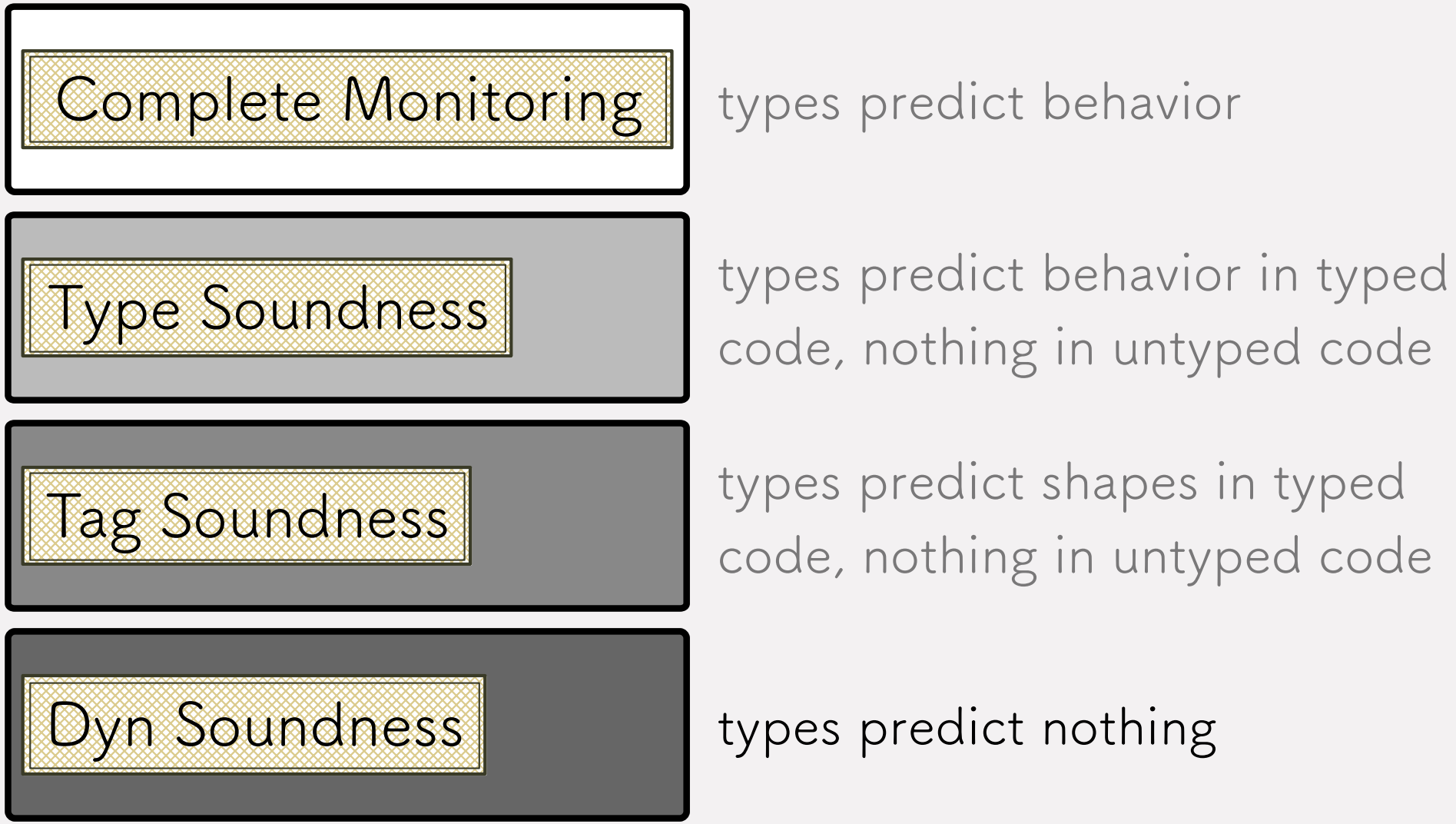
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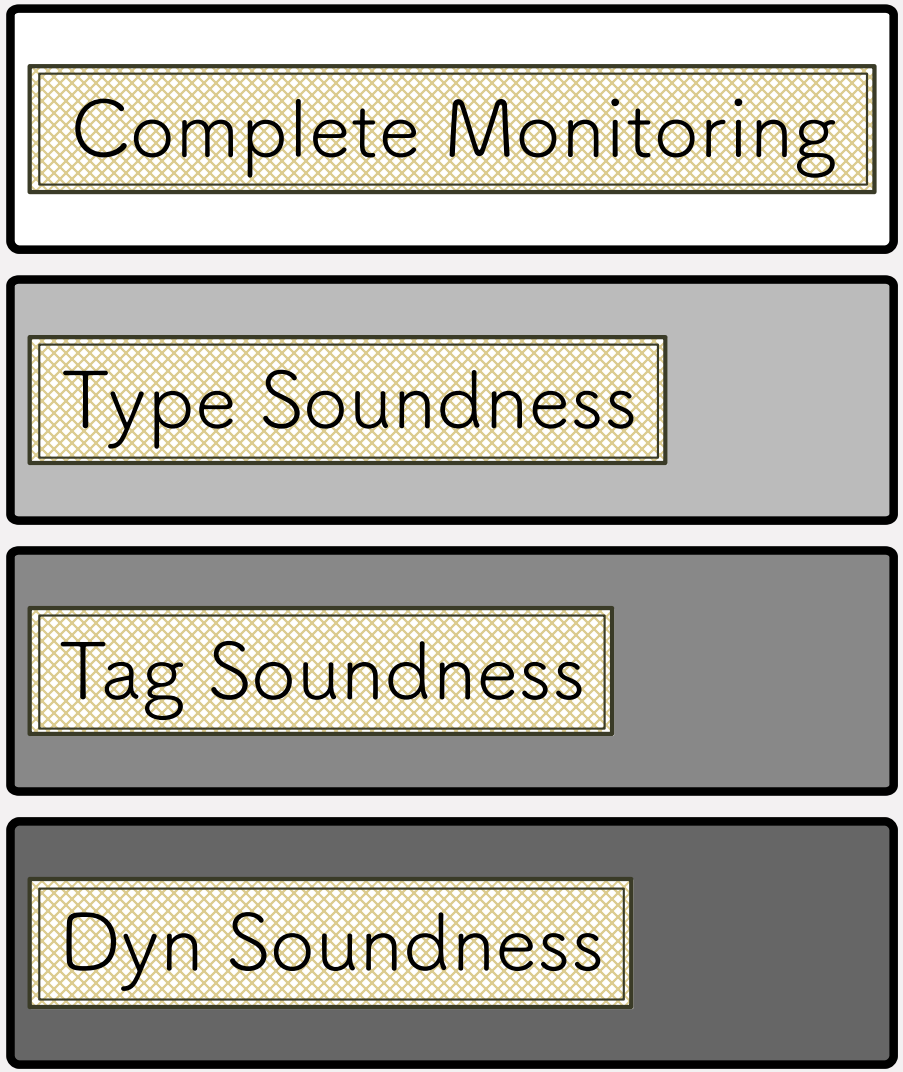

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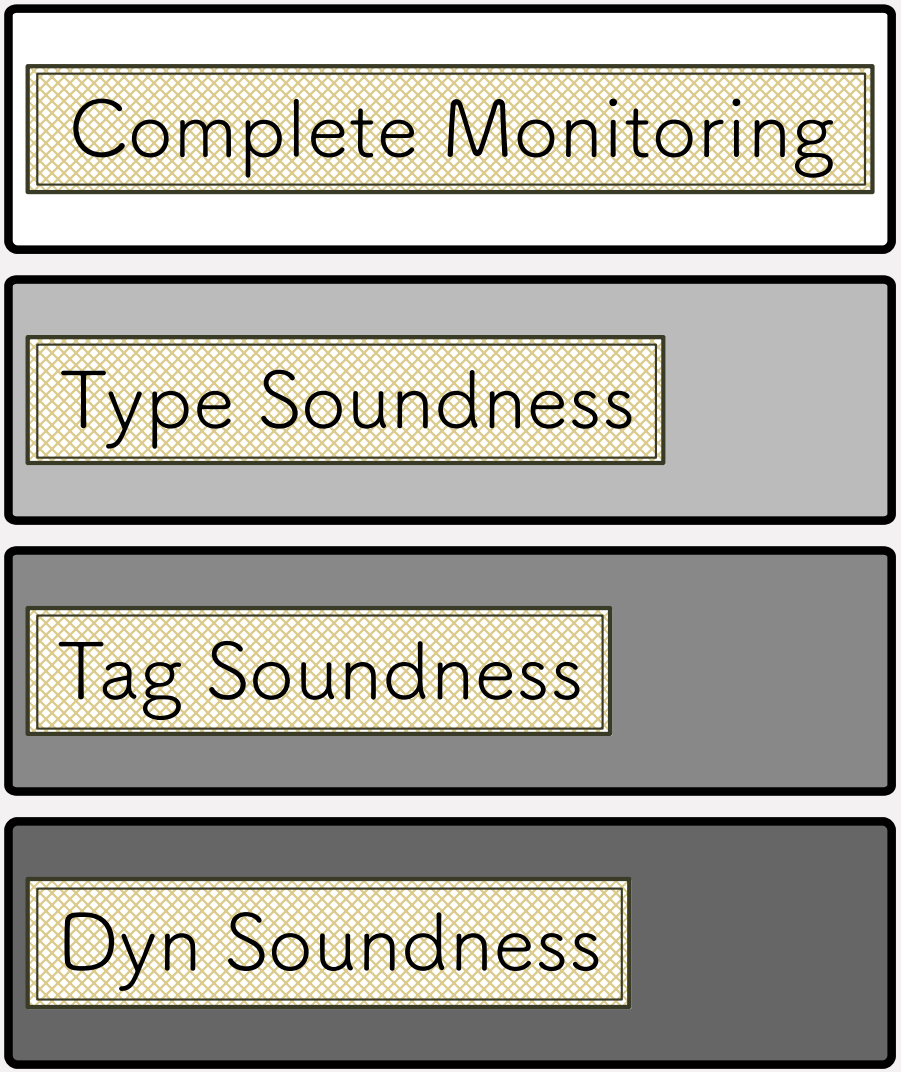
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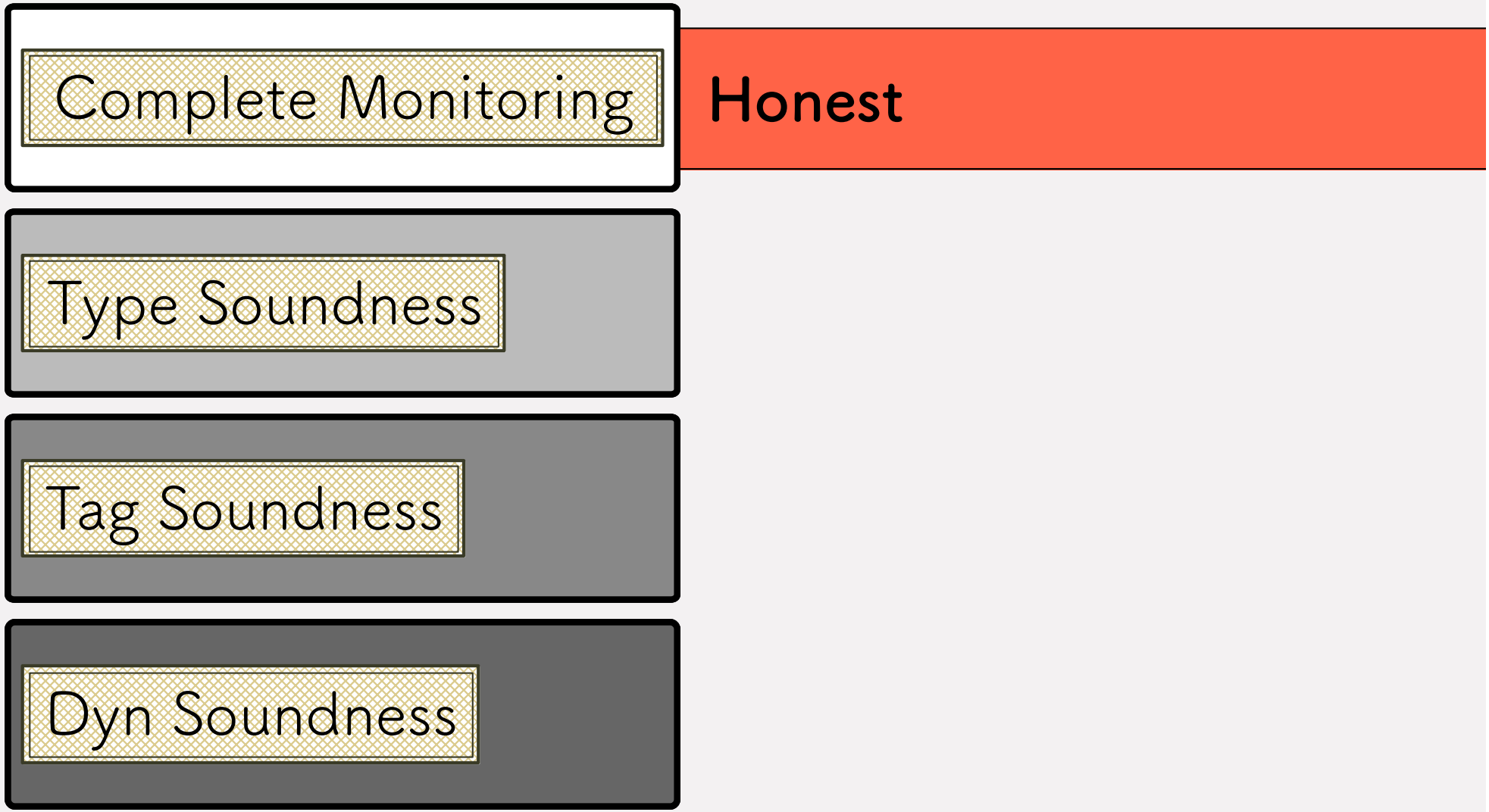
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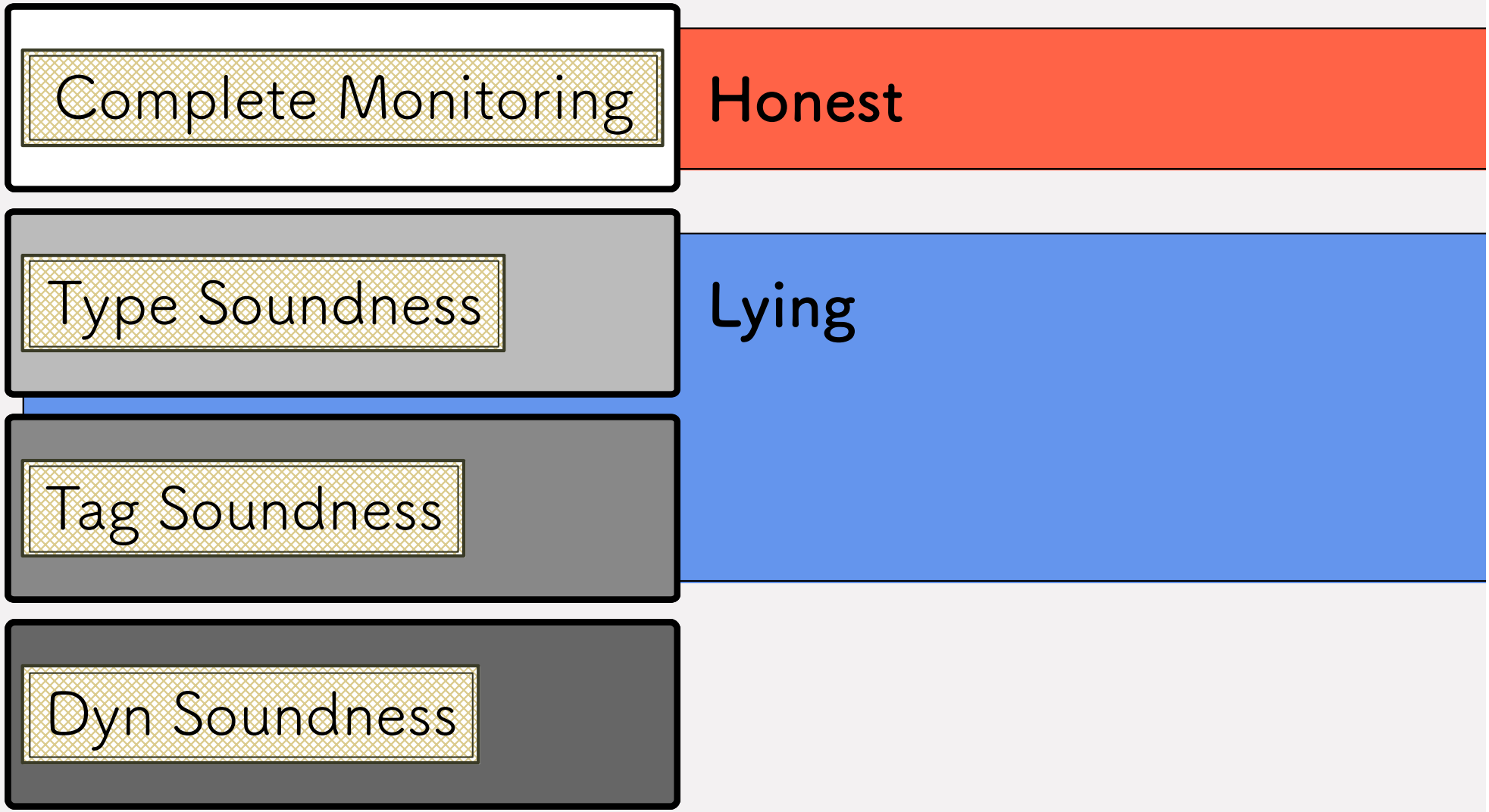
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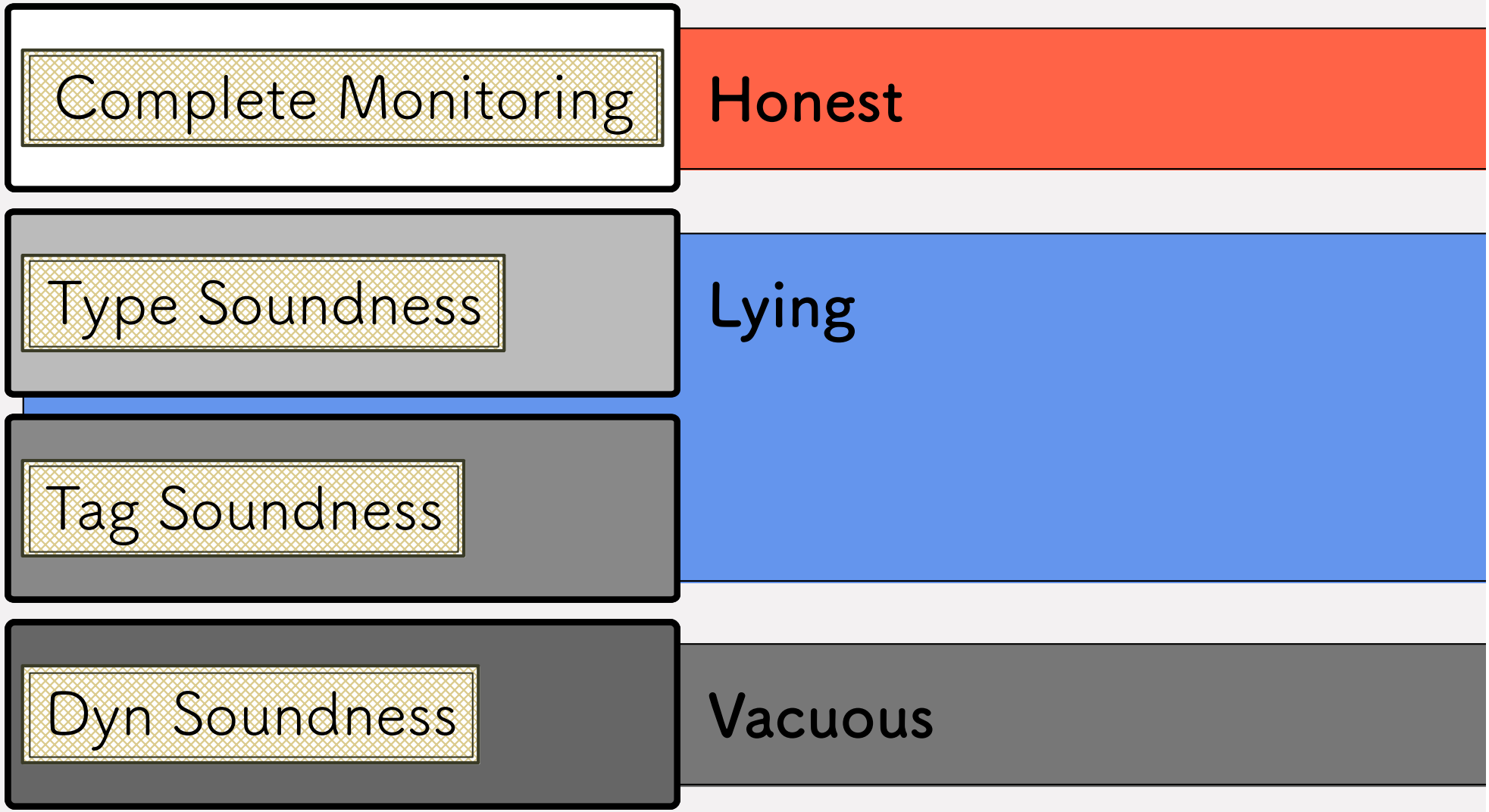
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U

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(define (count acc str)
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(t-fold-file path 0 count)
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API

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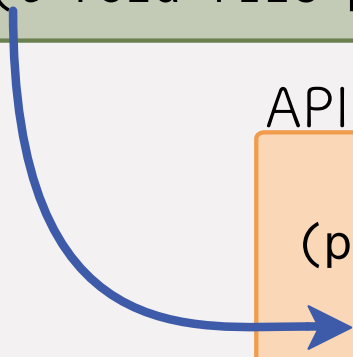

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  ... ; read `str` from `path`
  ... (f str acc) ...
  ...)
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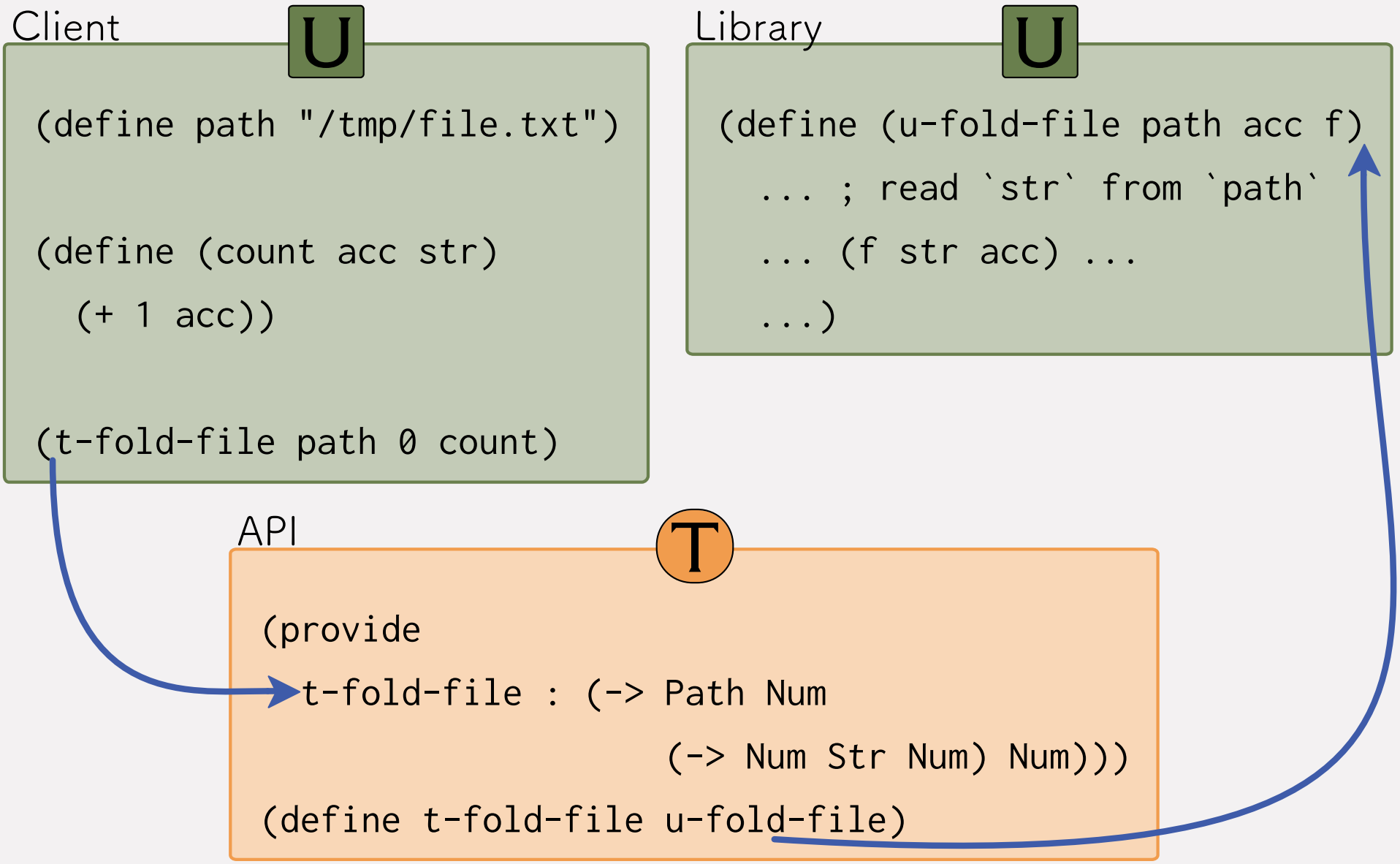

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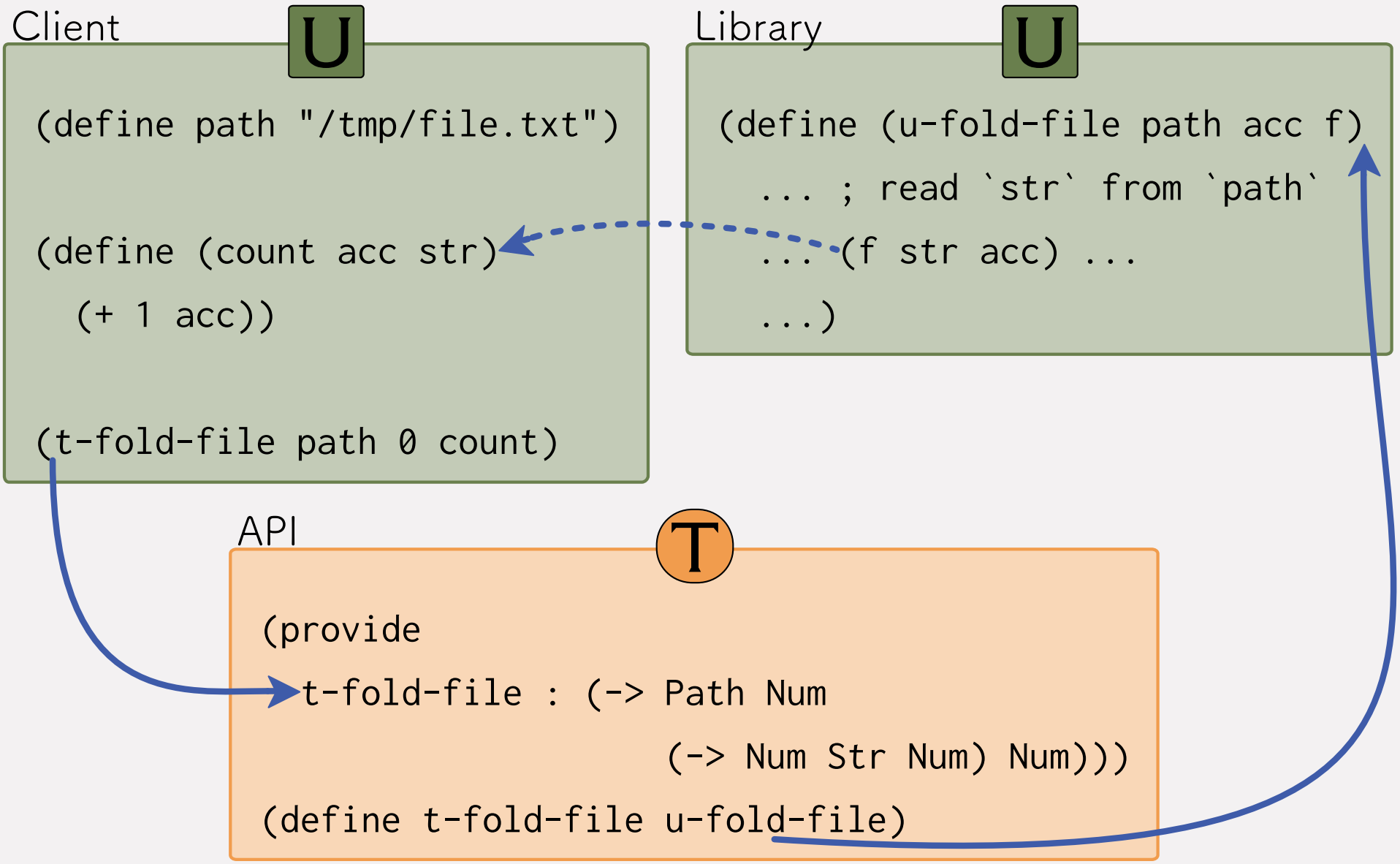

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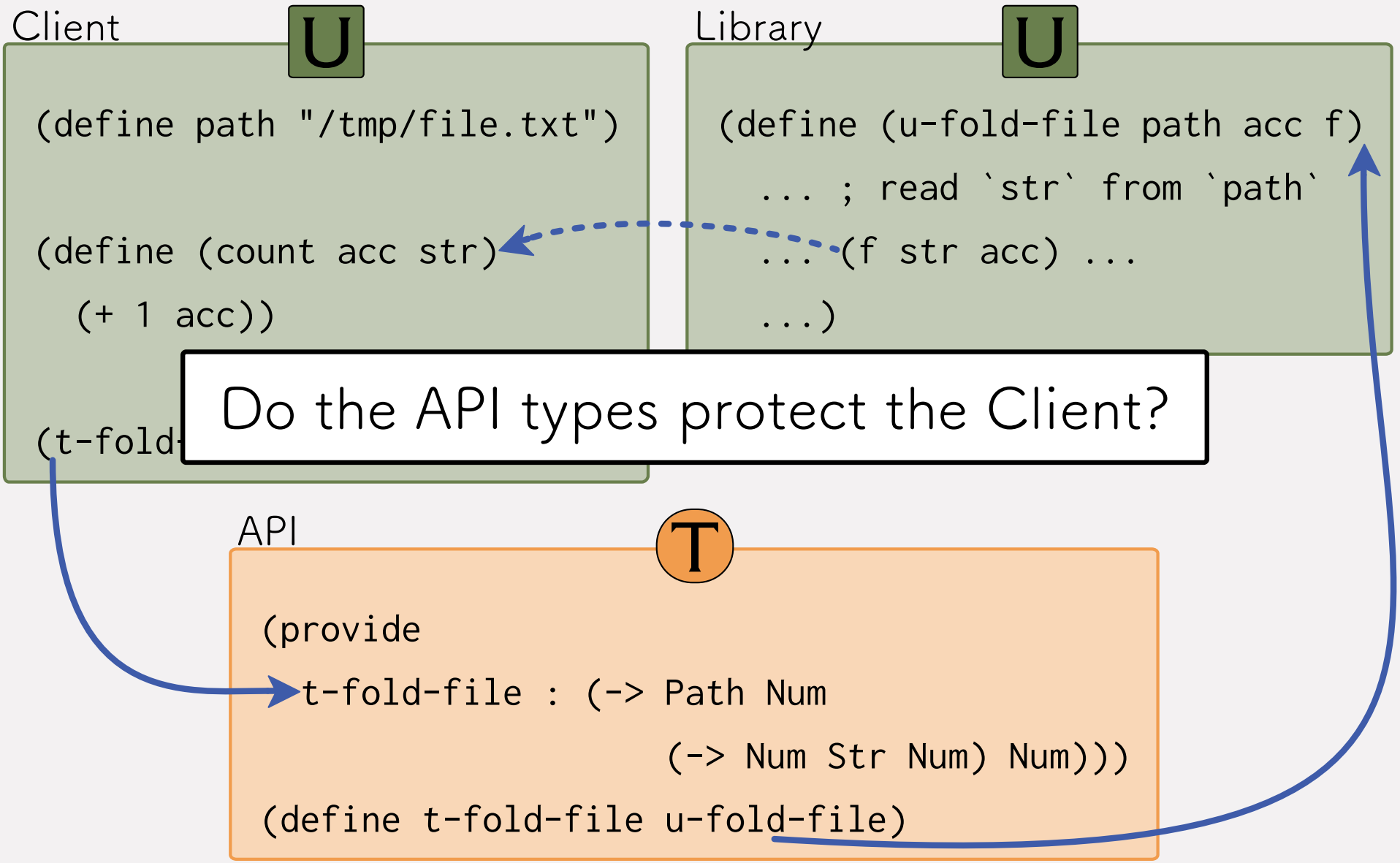

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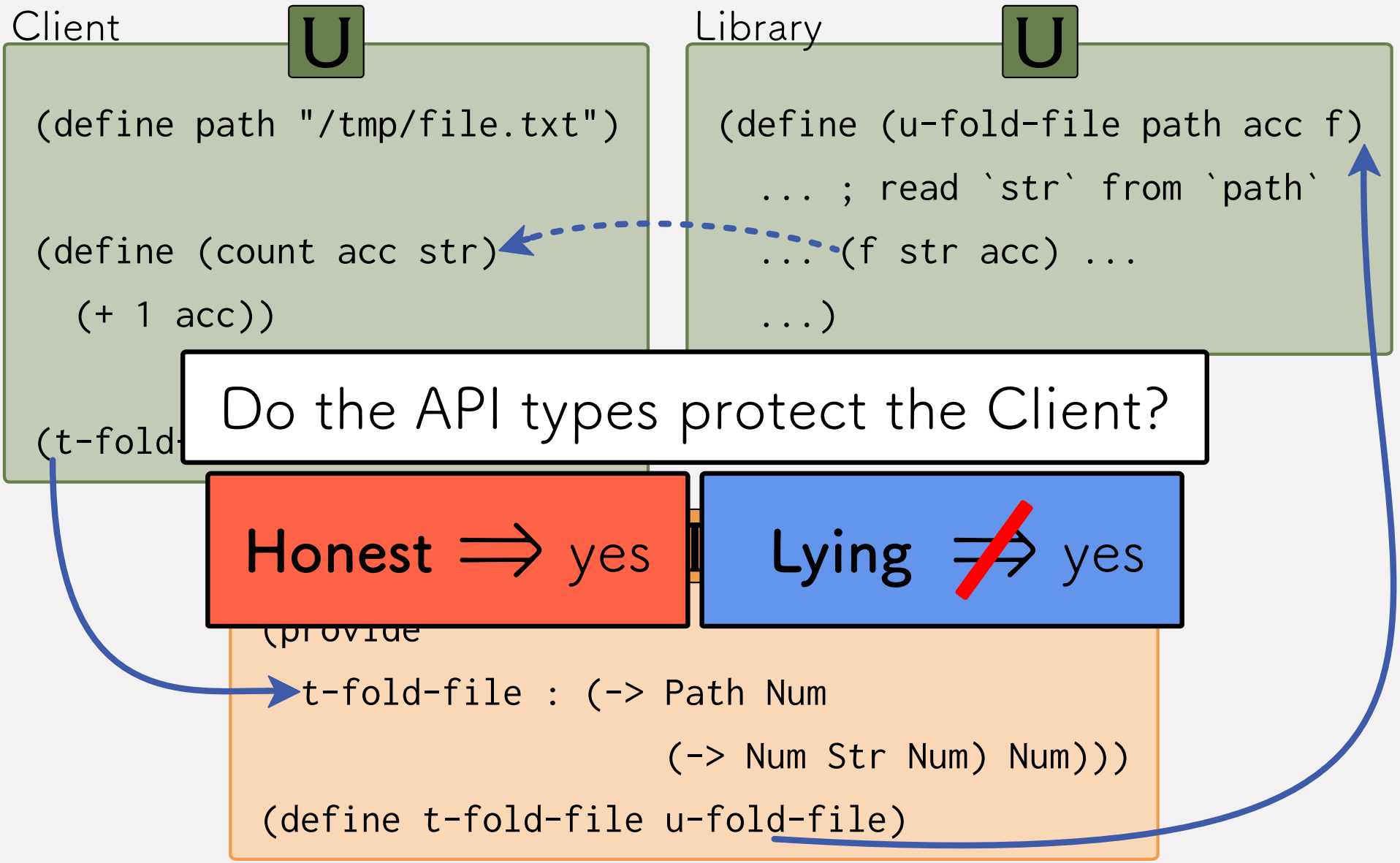

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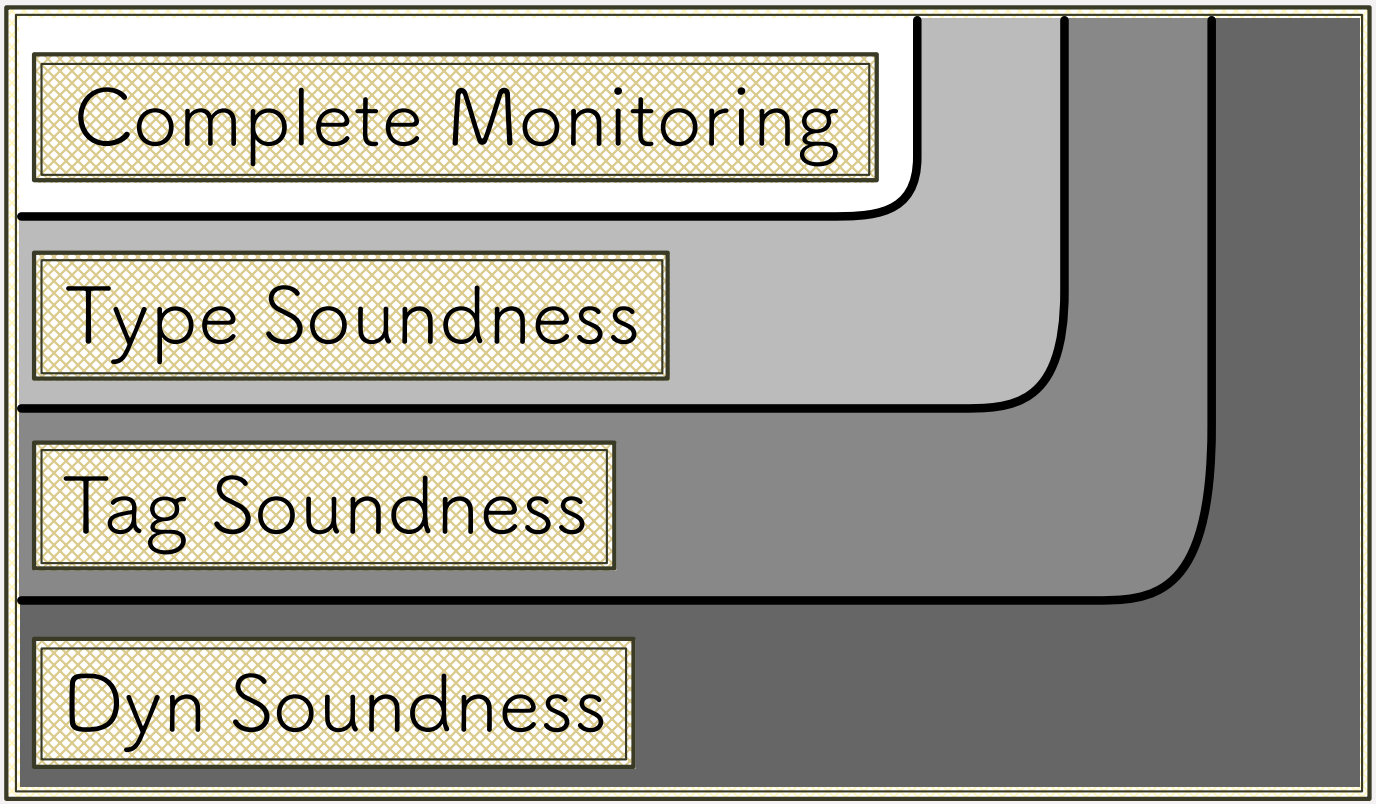

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Varied space, difficult to rank alternatives

Performance Comparison

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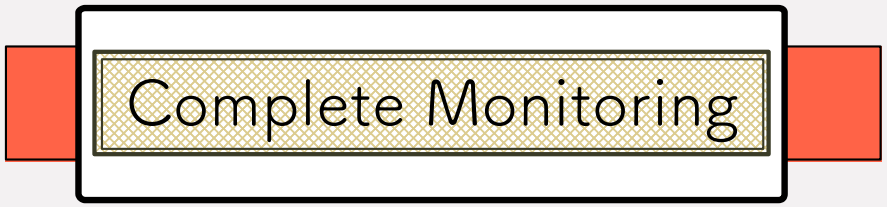

guard all boundaries with deep checks

```
(listof int?)
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rewrite typed code to tag-check inputs

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list?
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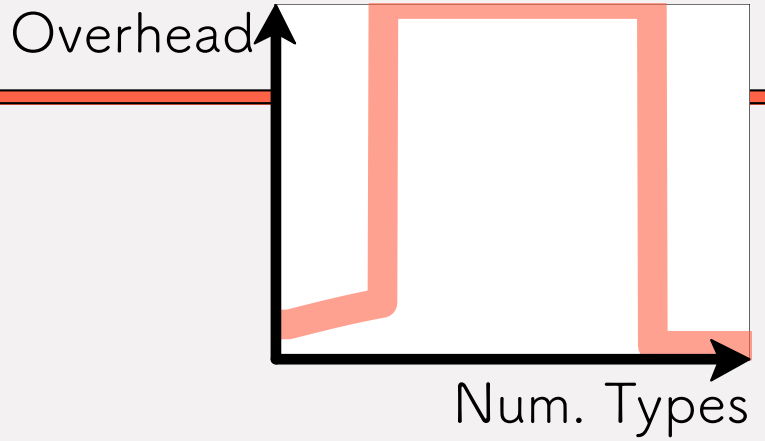
Performance Comparison

ICFP 2018

Natural

boundaries add "large" overhead



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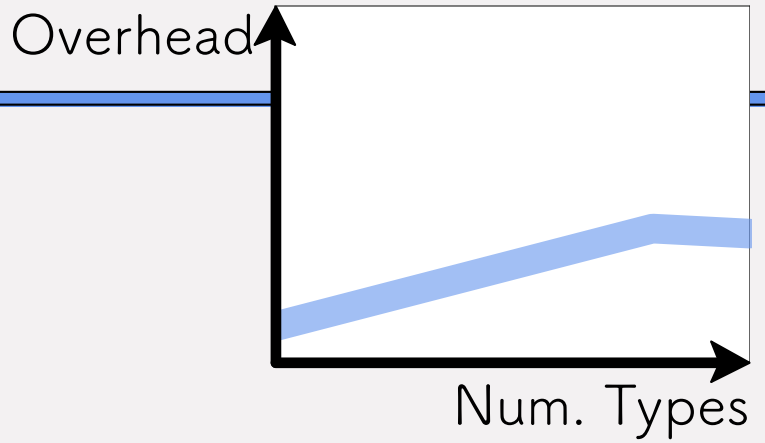

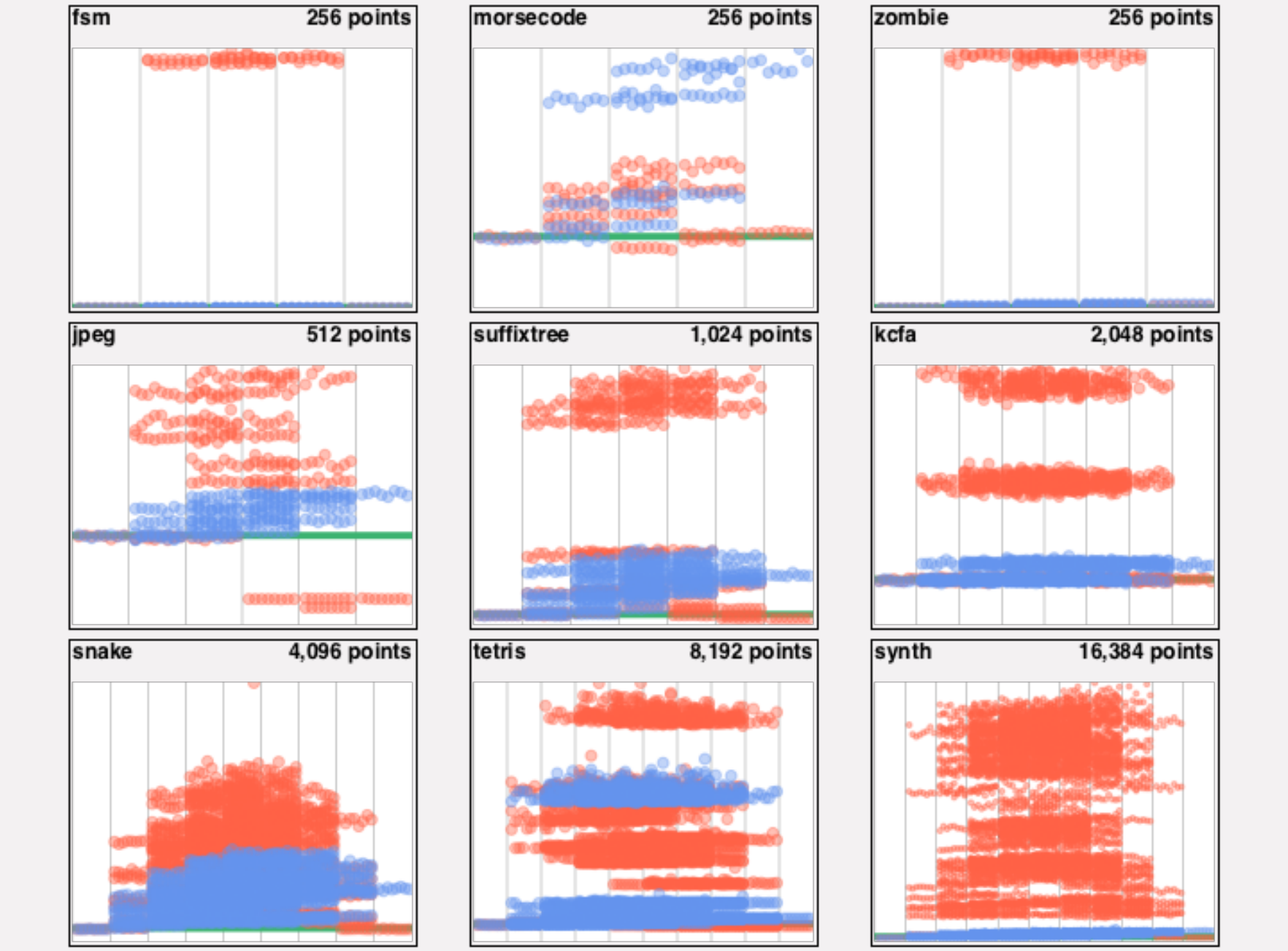
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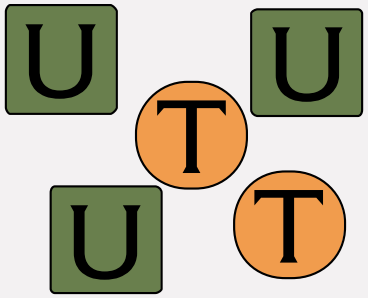
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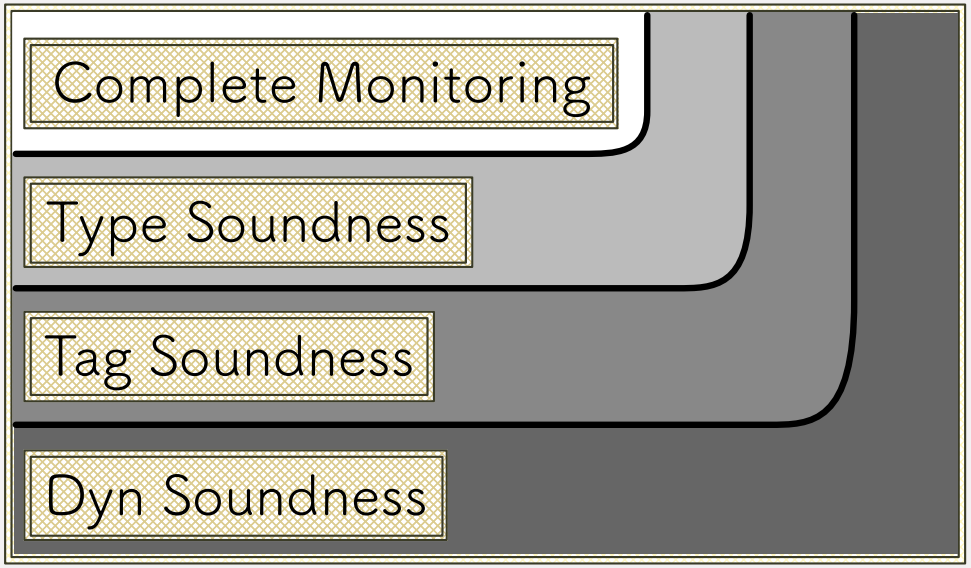
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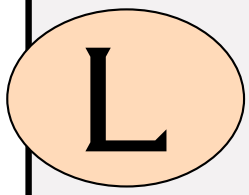

What to do?

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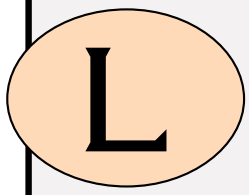

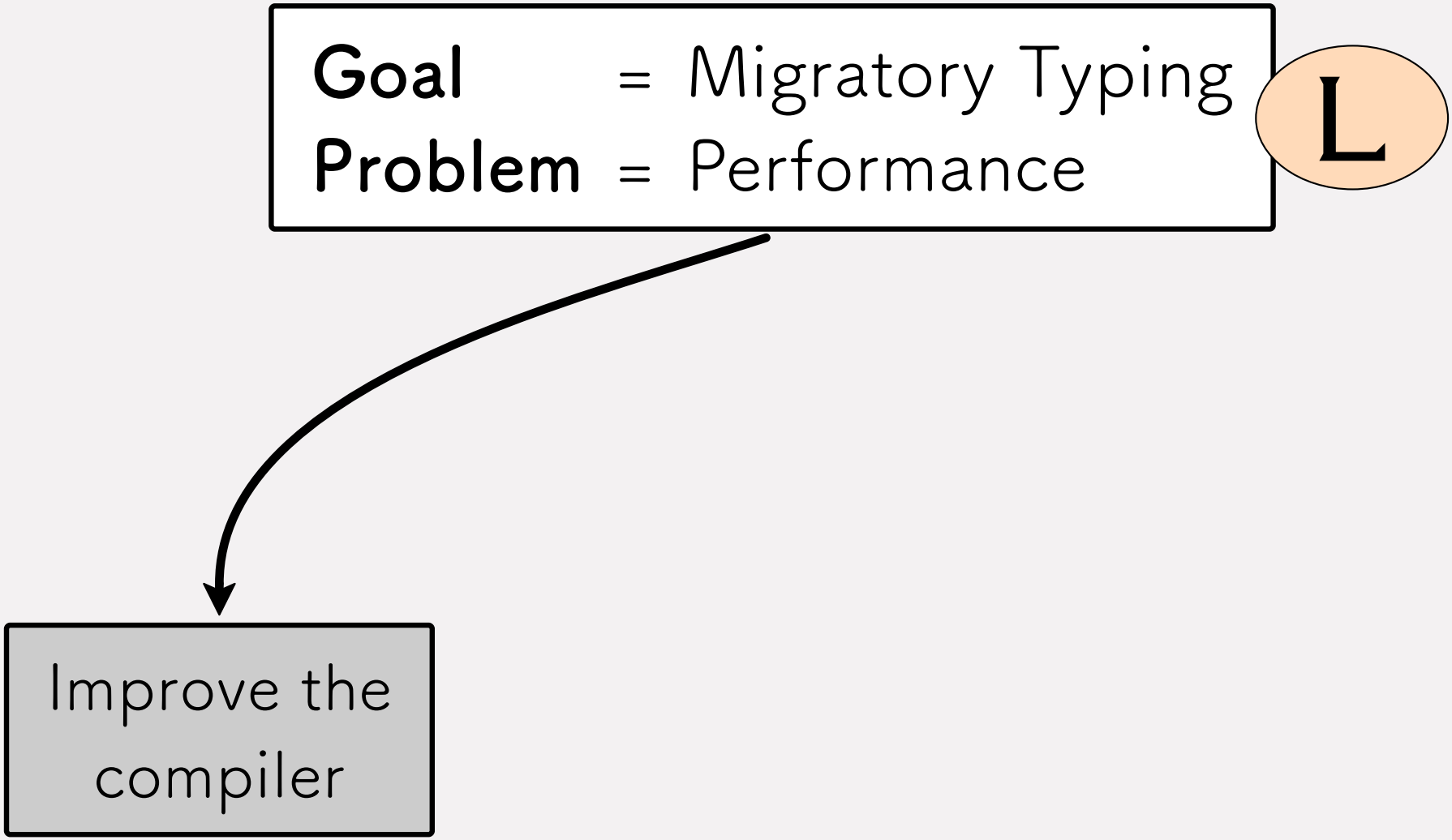
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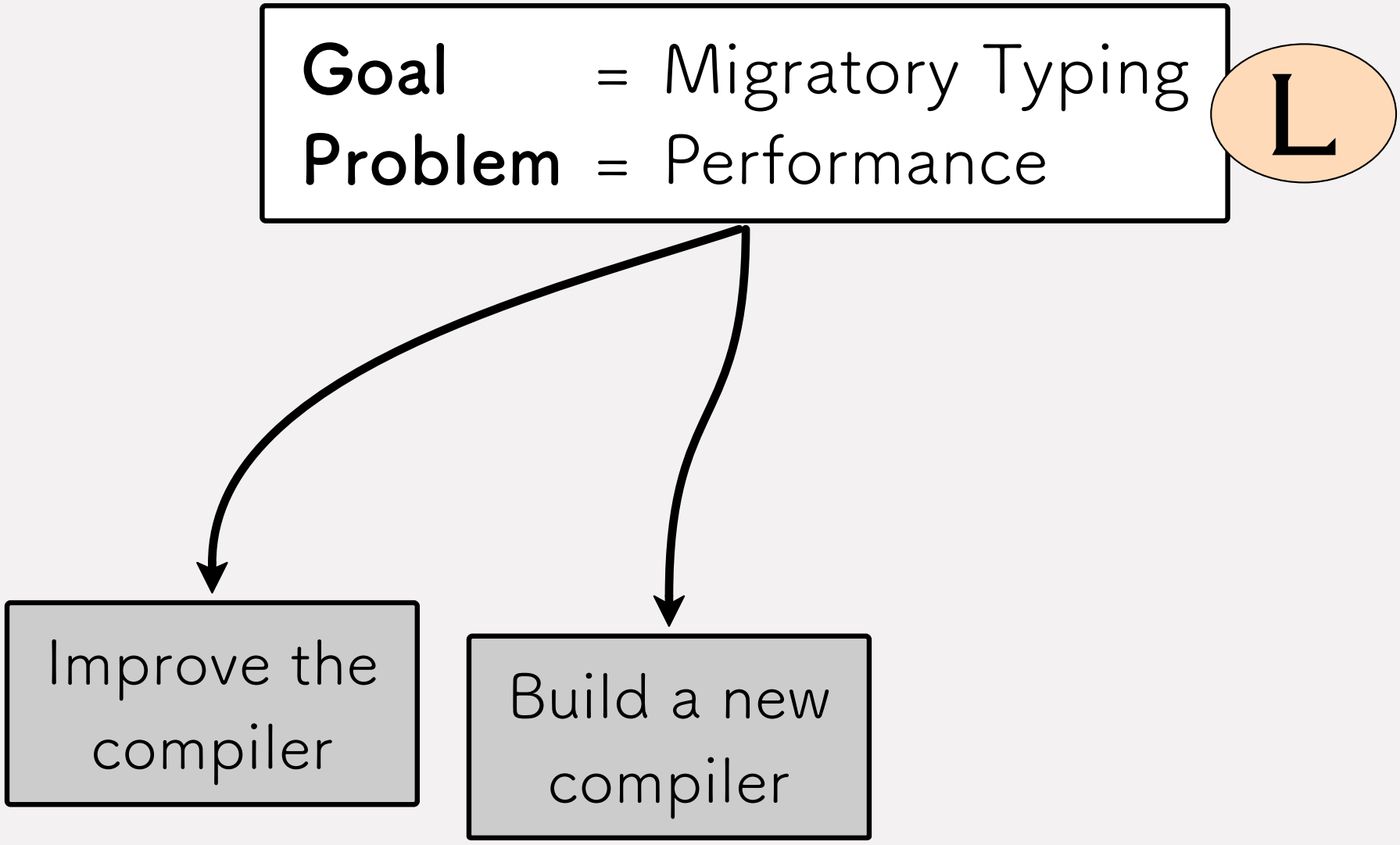
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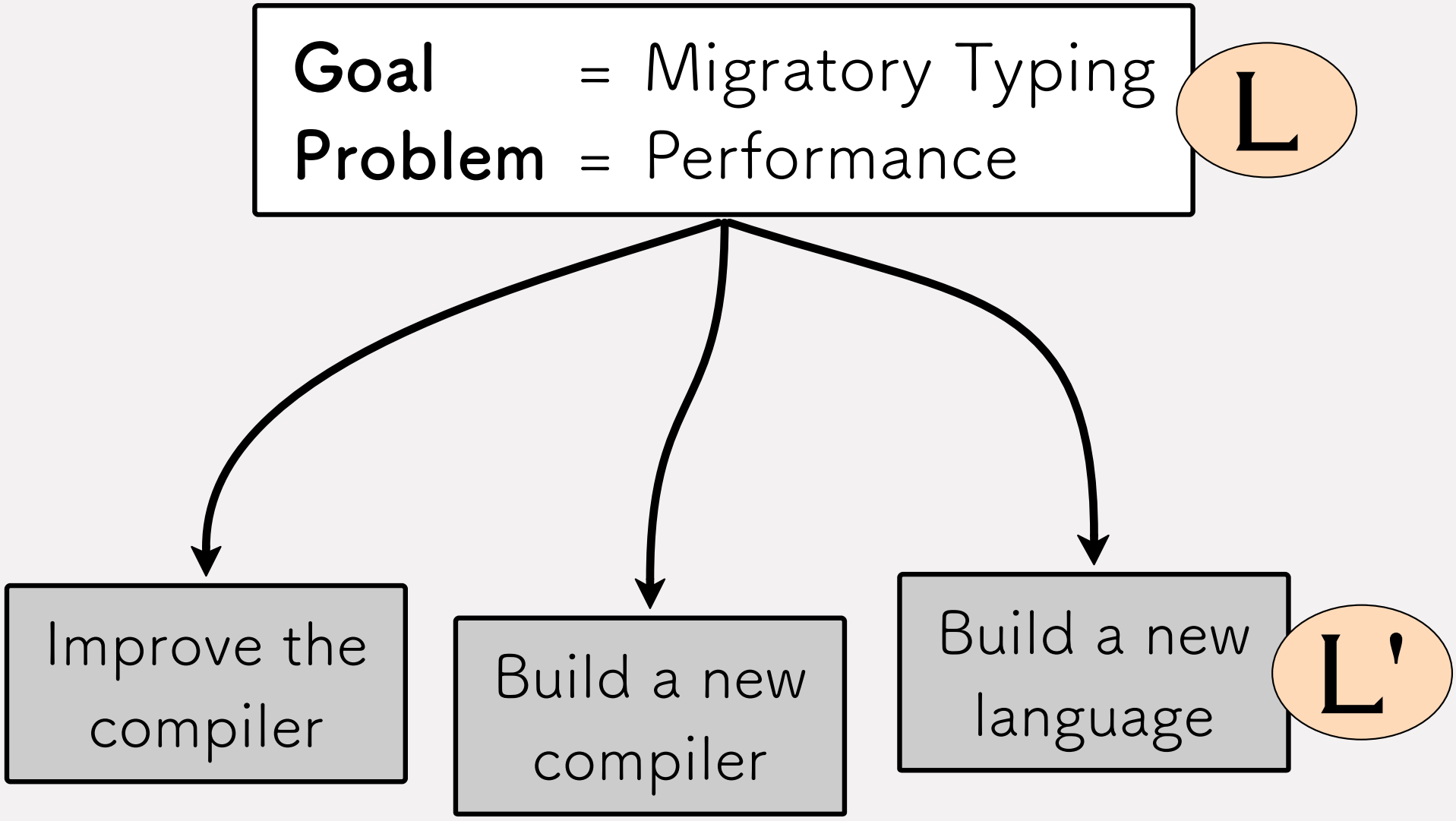
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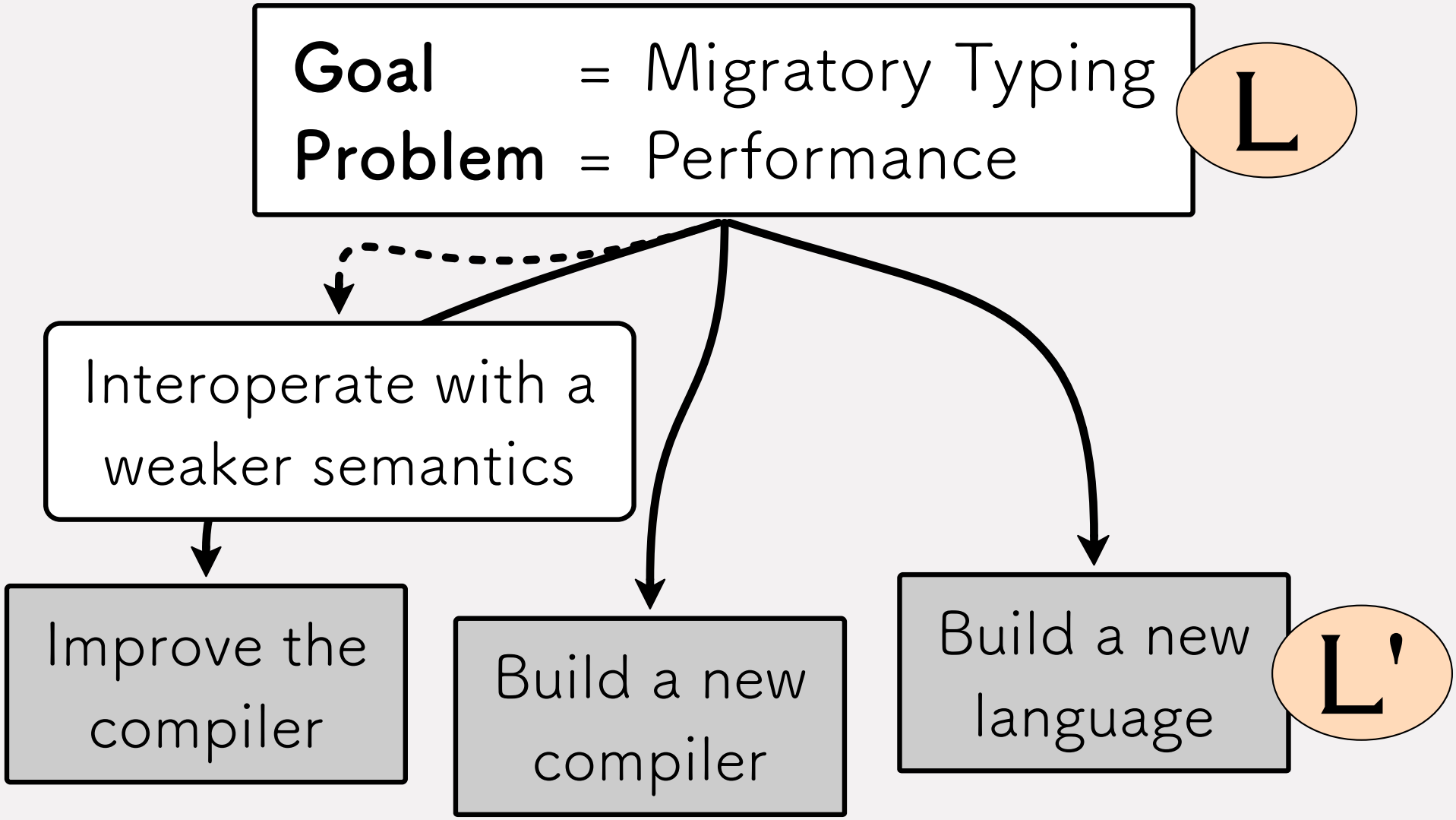
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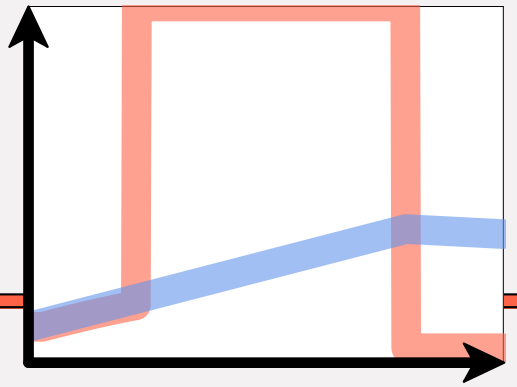
In particular,

Natural + **Transient**

Complementary Strengths



Natural

types predict full behavior, but need to avoid certain boundaries

Transient

types predict shapes, but add overhead to all typed code

Benefits (1/3): Migration

1. Begin with **Natural** types
2. Switch to **Transient** for performance
3. Revisit **Natural** for debugging
4. Return to **Natural** after typing all critical boundaries

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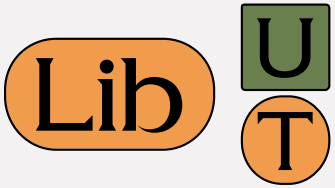

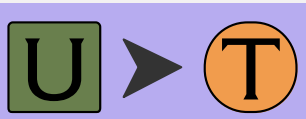

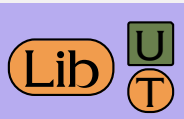

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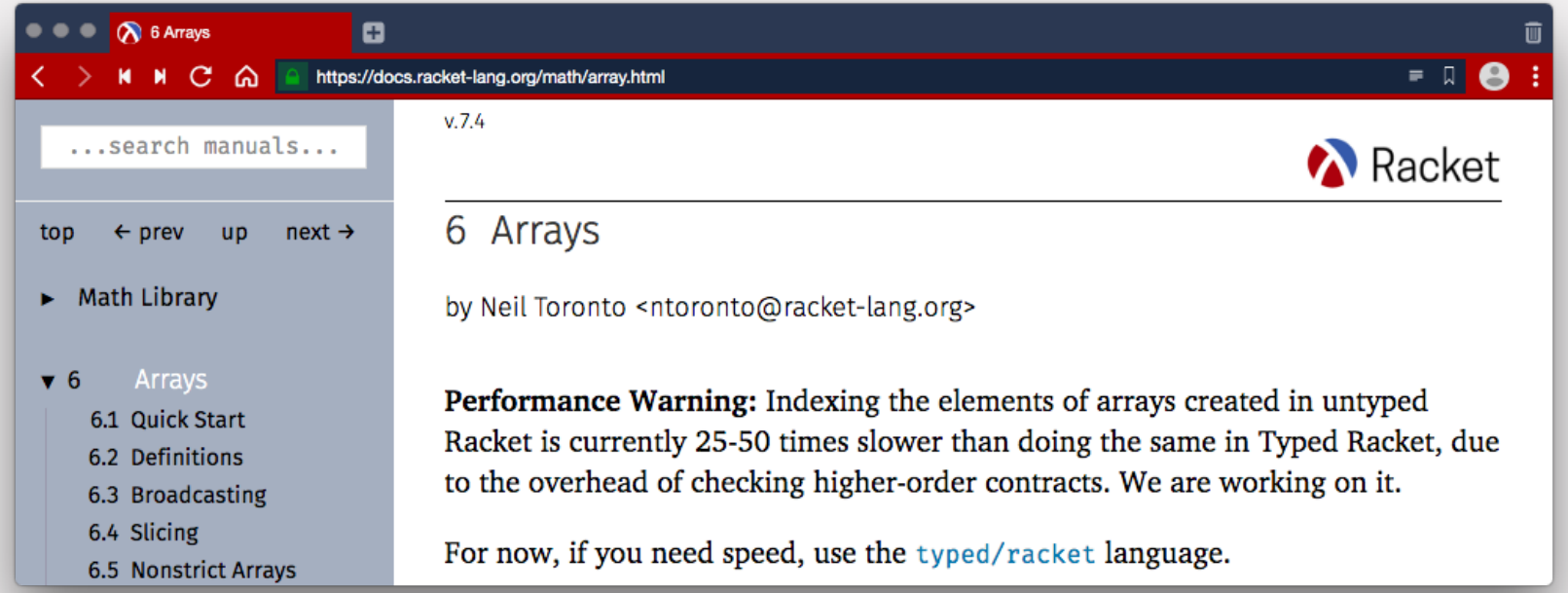

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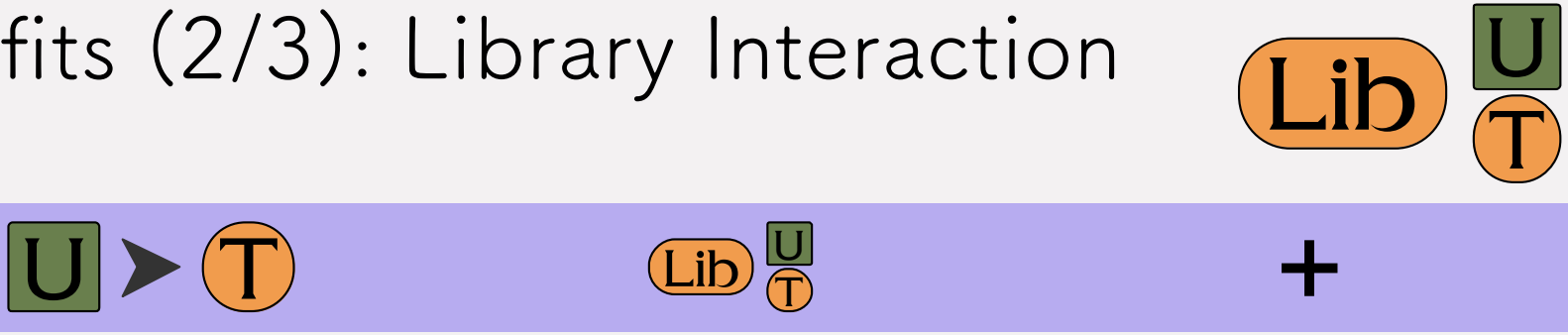

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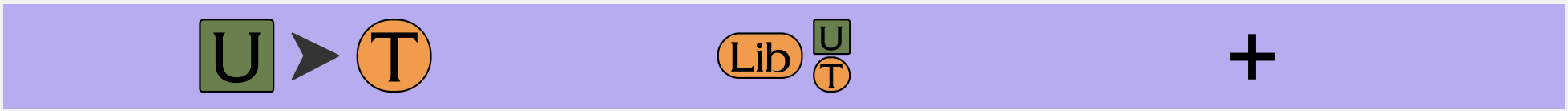

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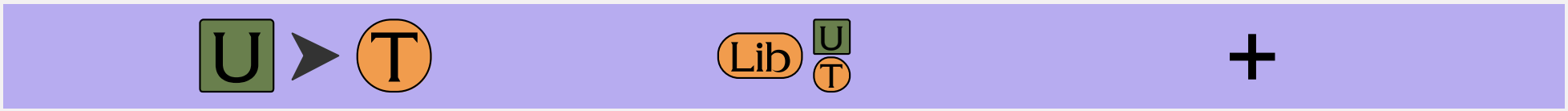

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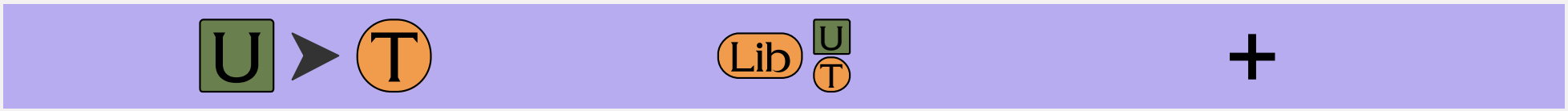

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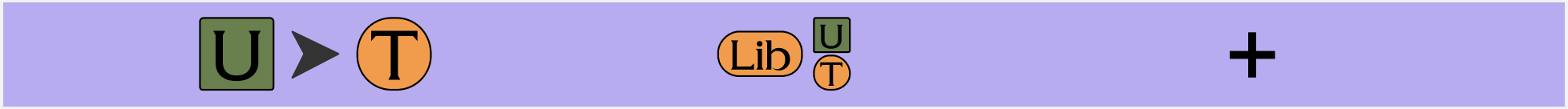

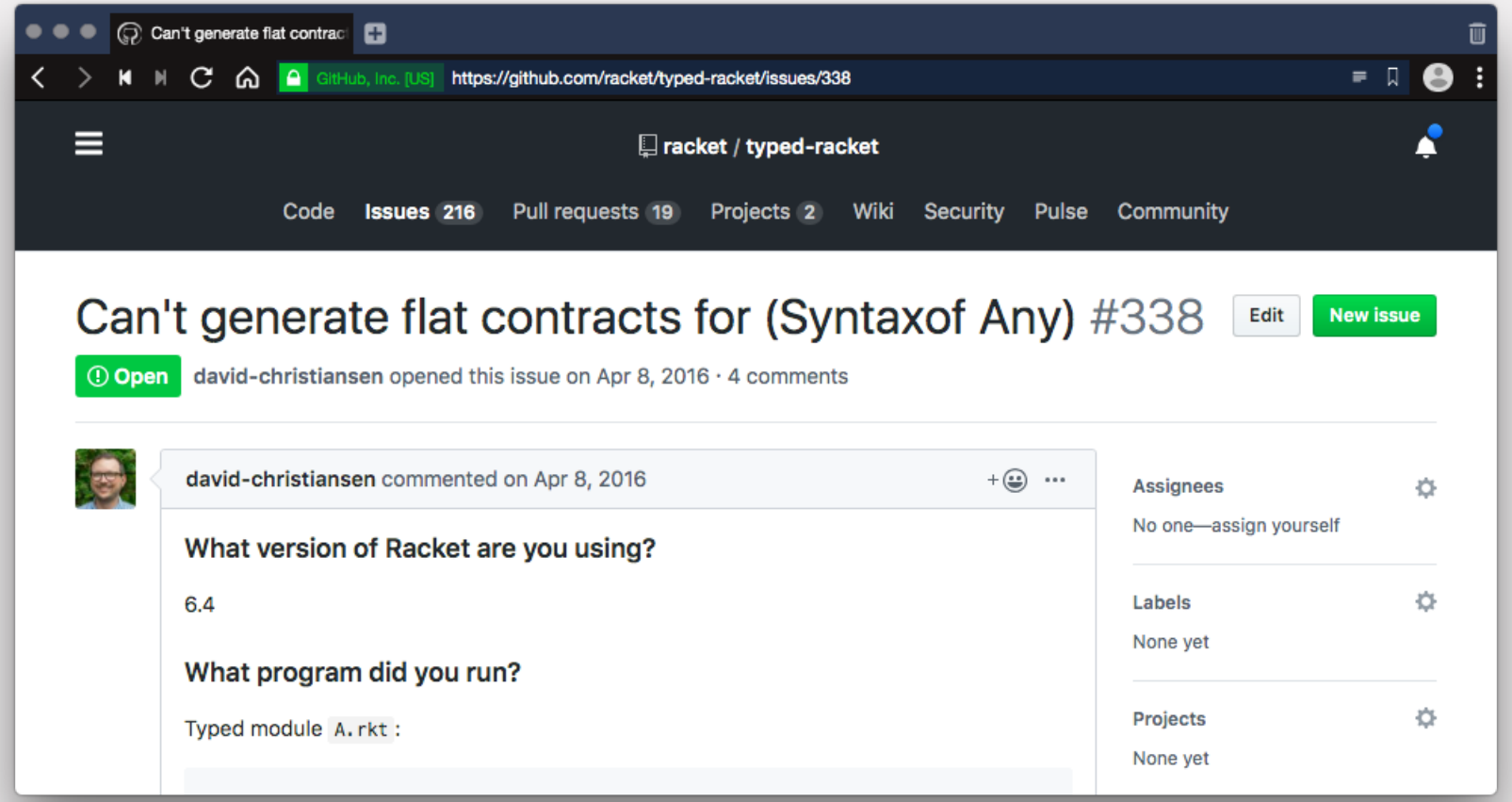

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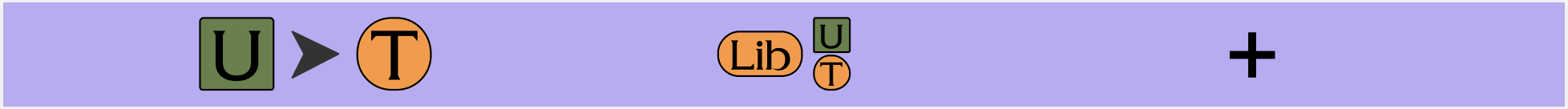

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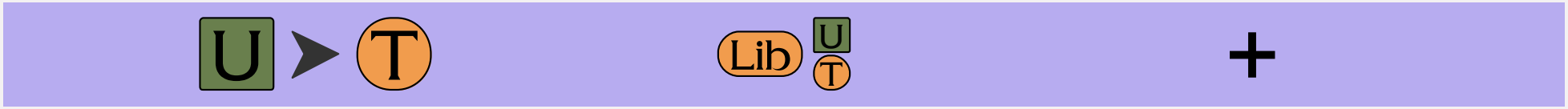

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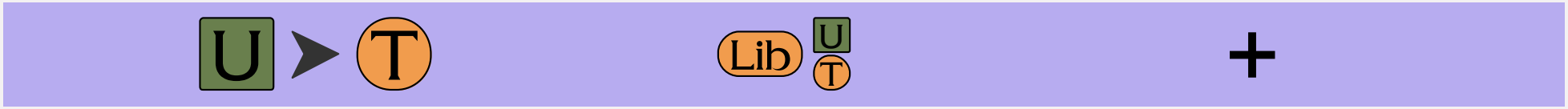

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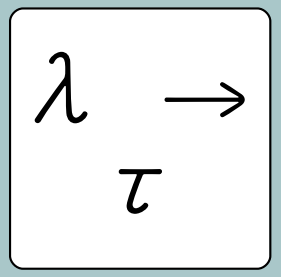

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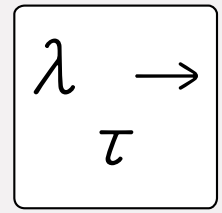

Model:

- develop a combined model
- formally prove basic properties
- reduce overlap in runtime checks

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Implementation:

- re-use the type checker
- support all Racket values
- avoid the contract library
- adapt the TR optimizer to lying types

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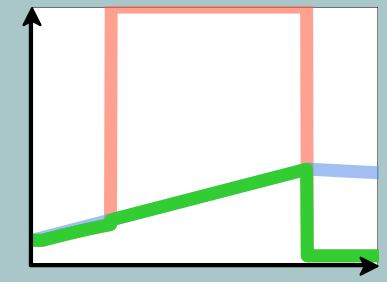

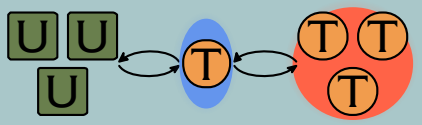

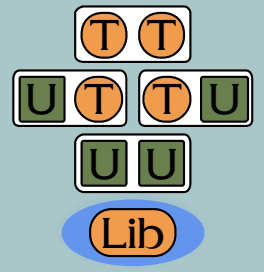

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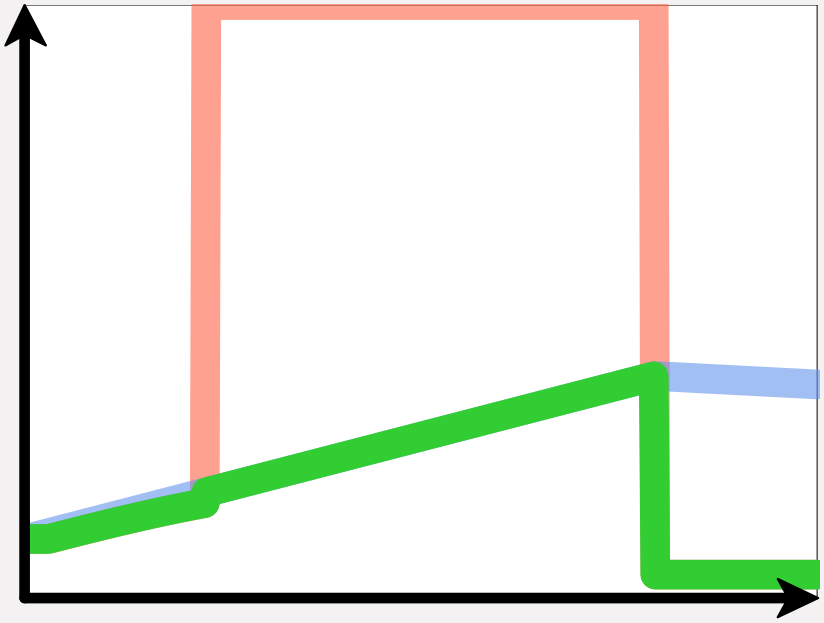

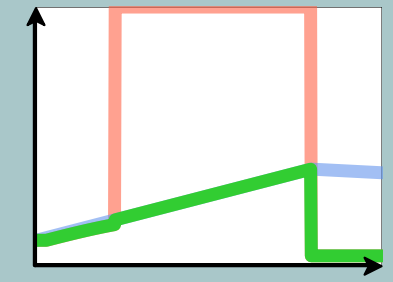

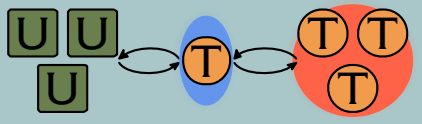

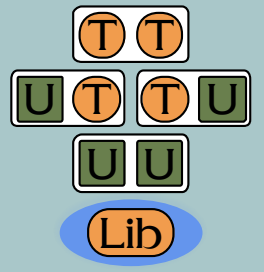

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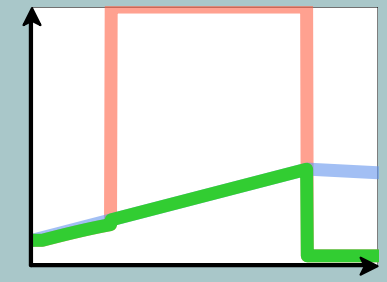

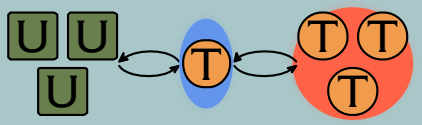

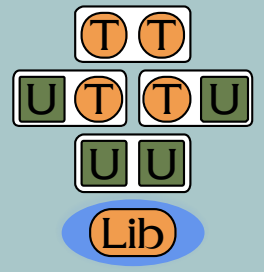

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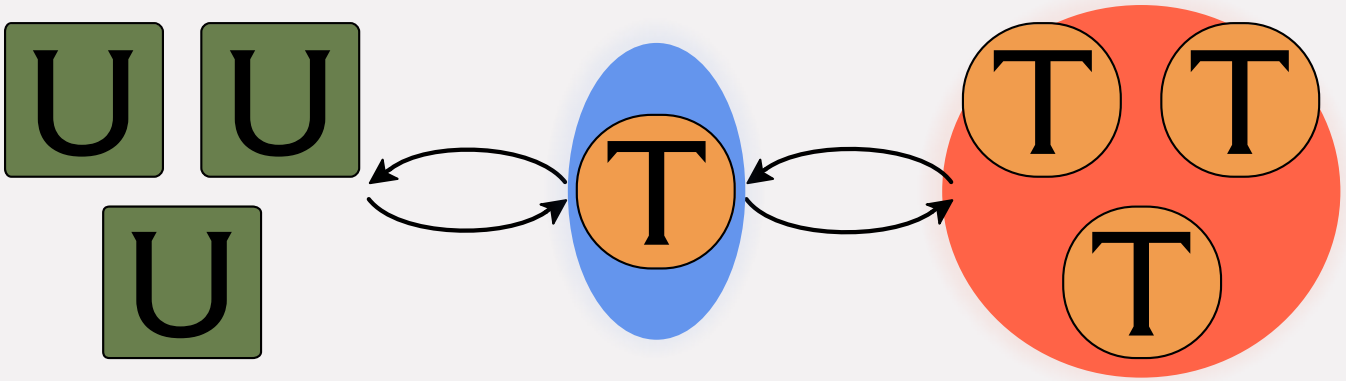

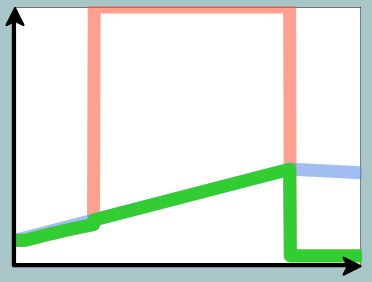

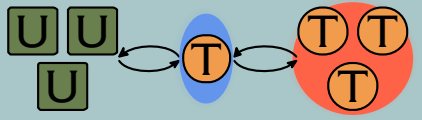

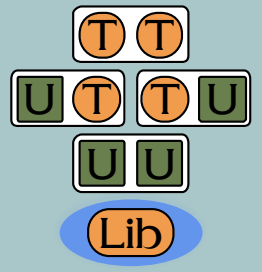

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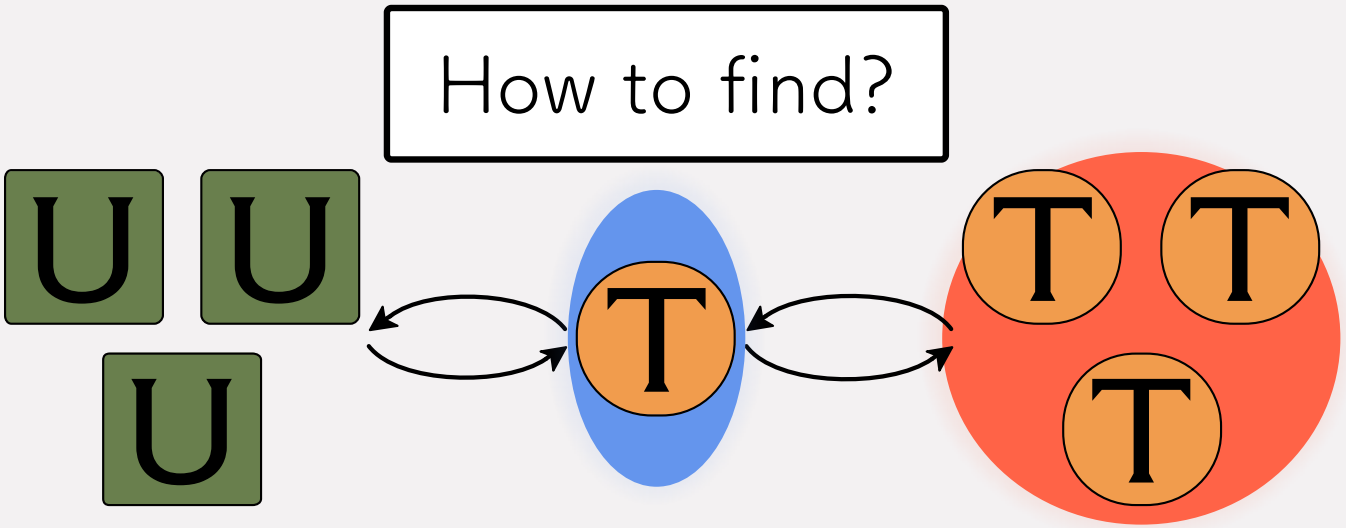

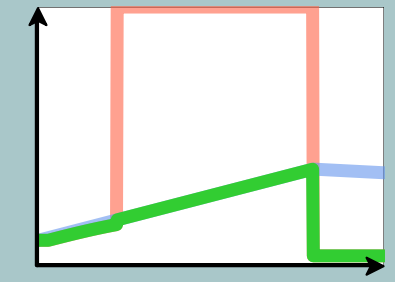

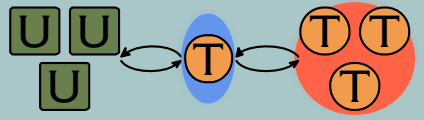

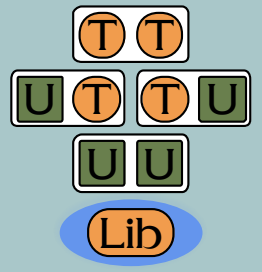

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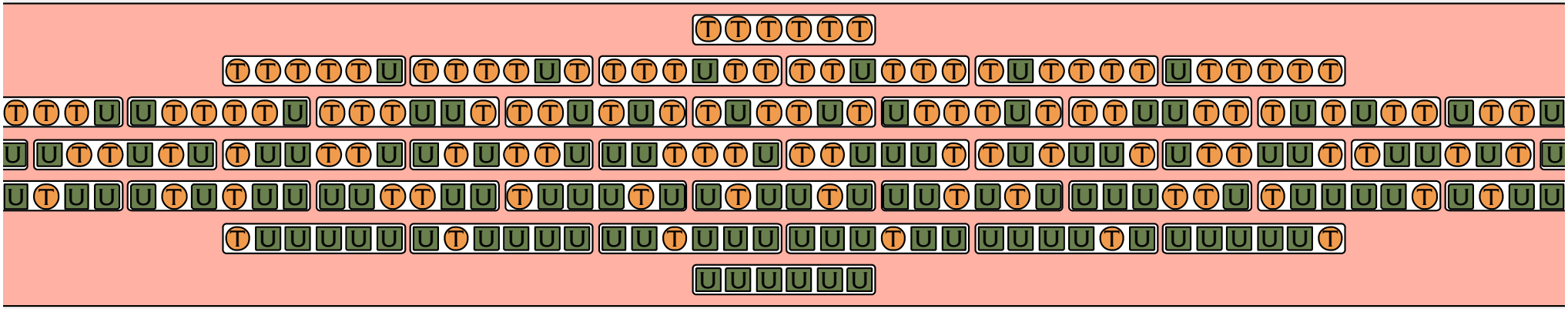

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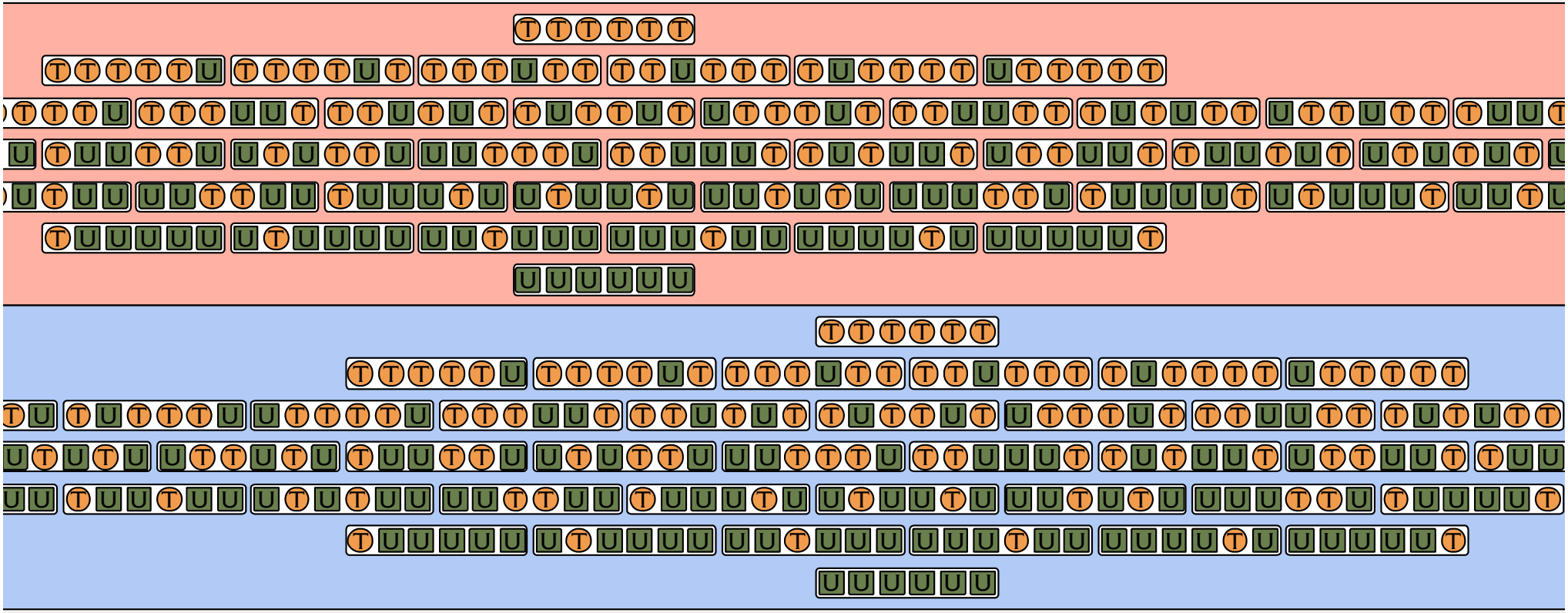

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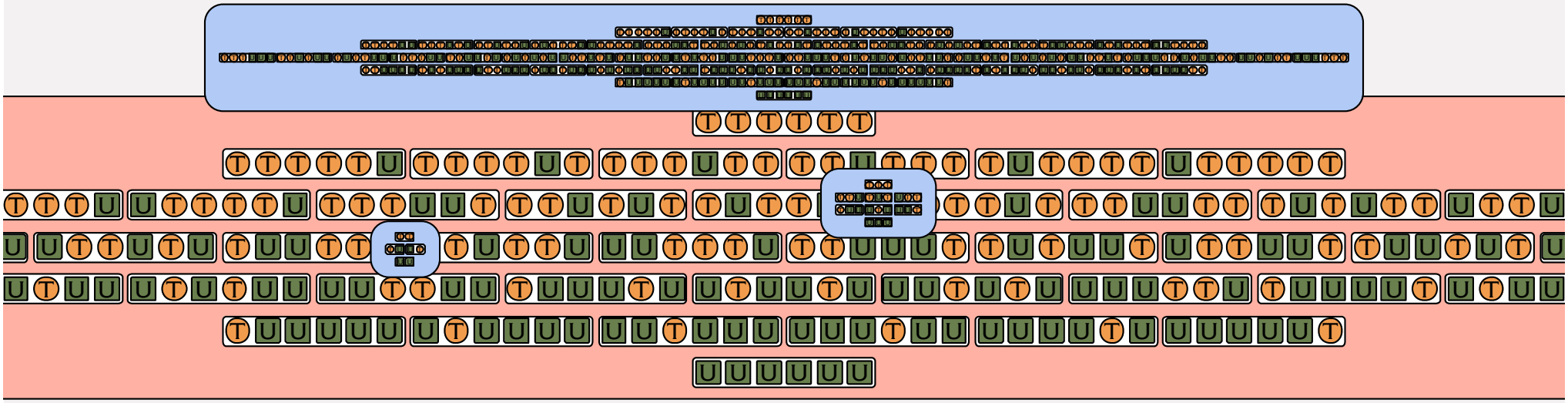

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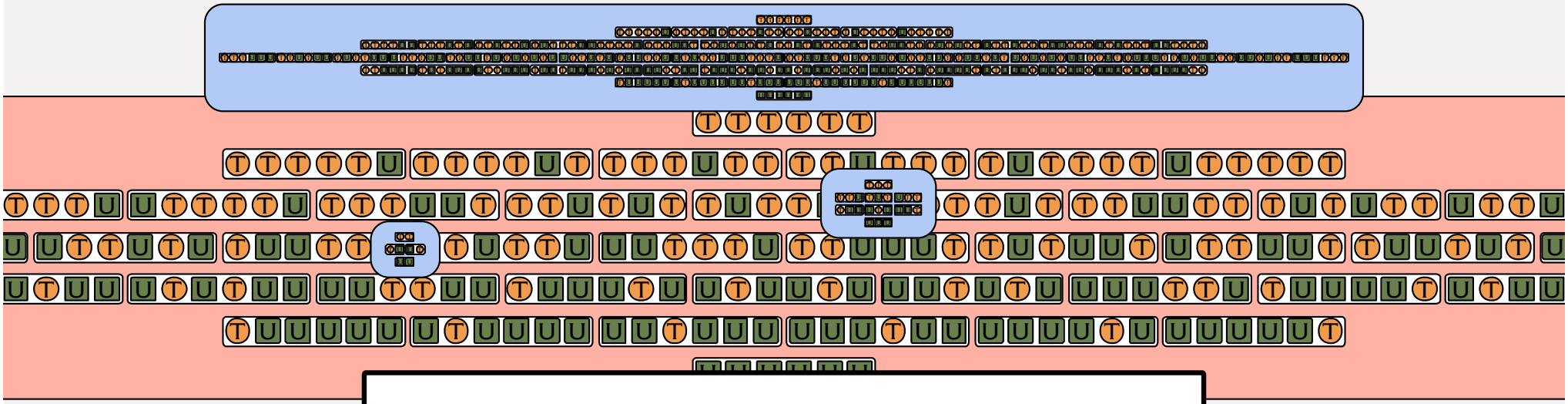

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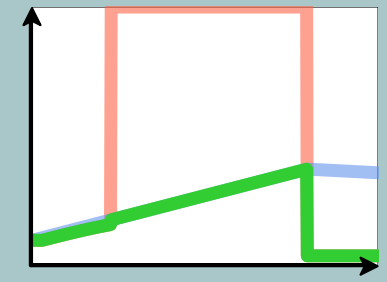

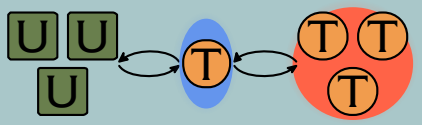

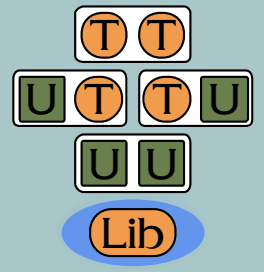

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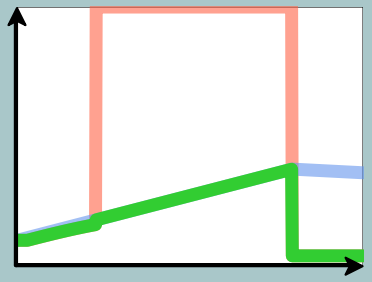

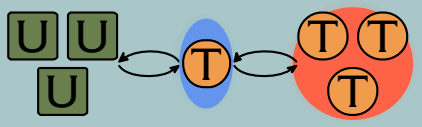

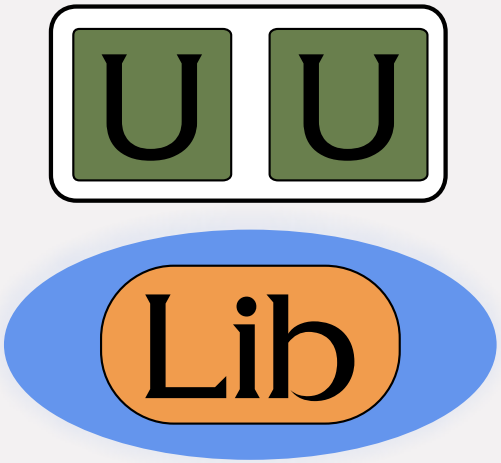

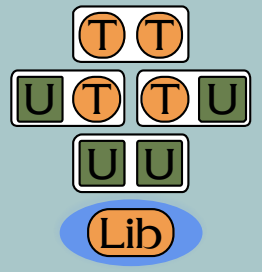

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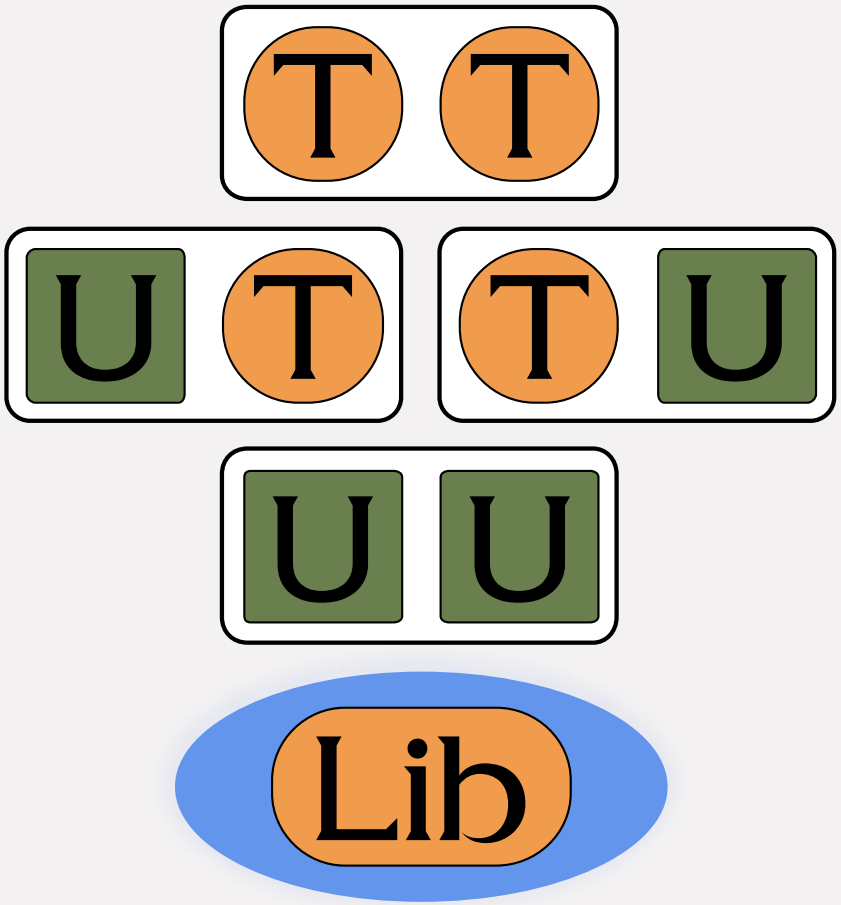

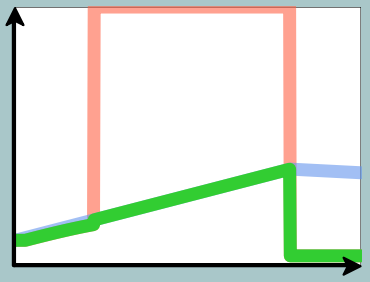

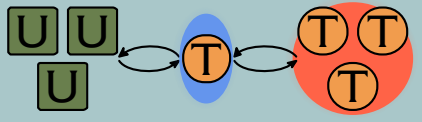

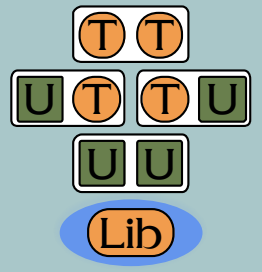

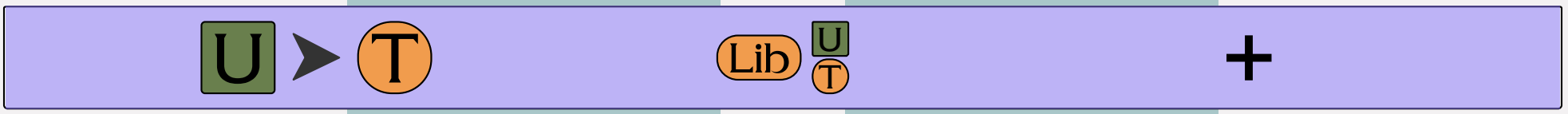
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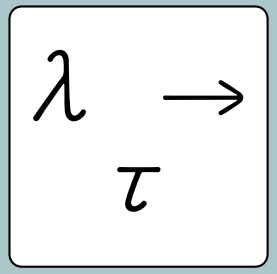
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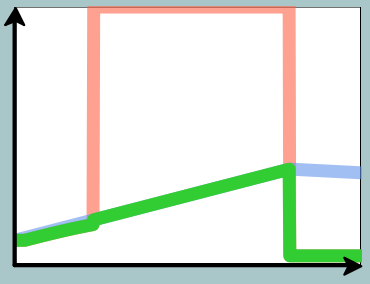

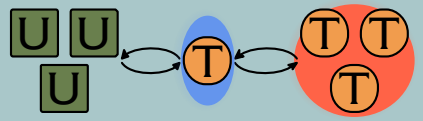
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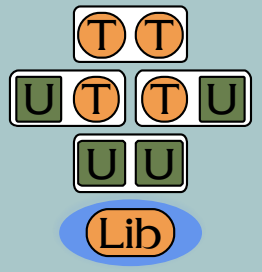
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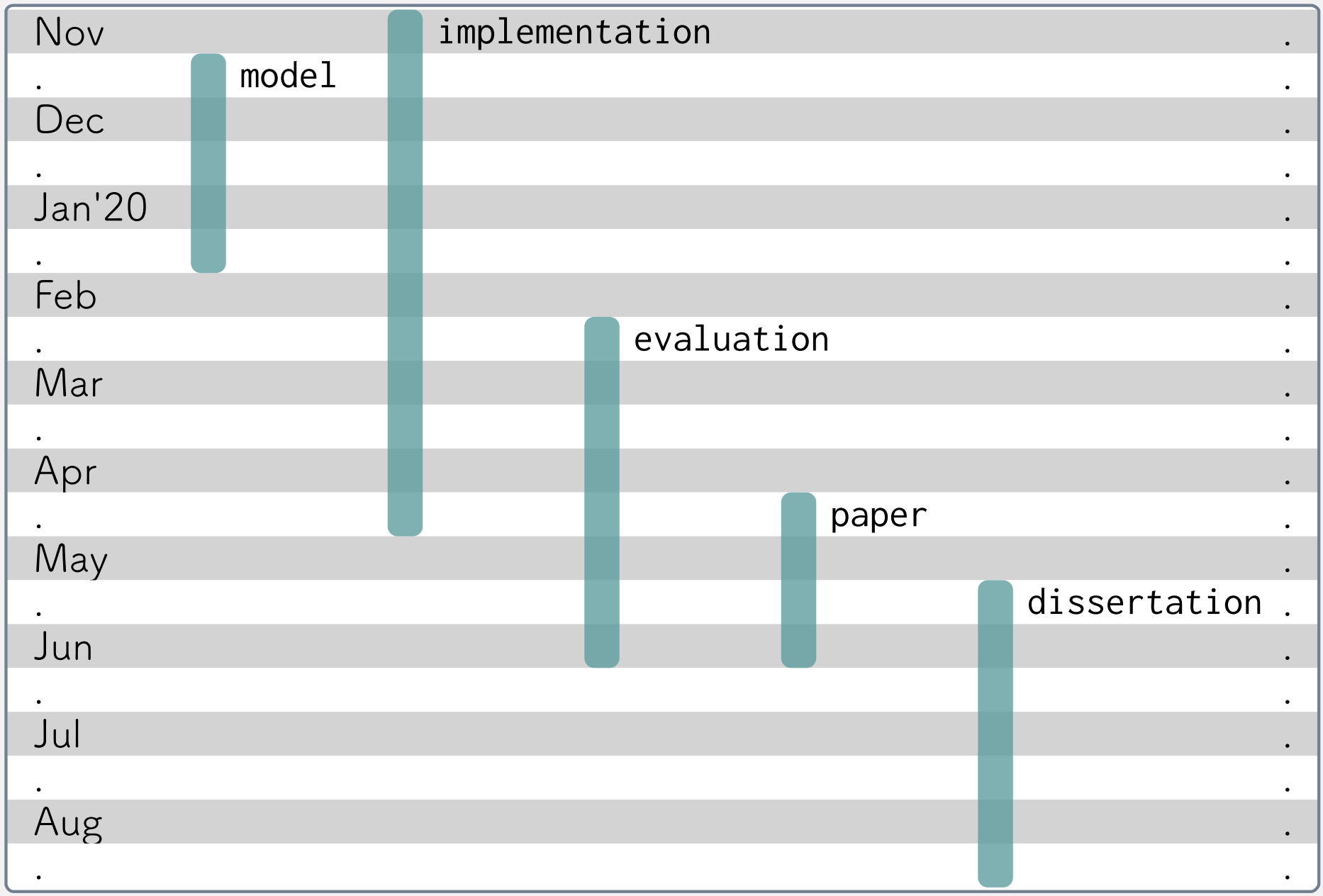
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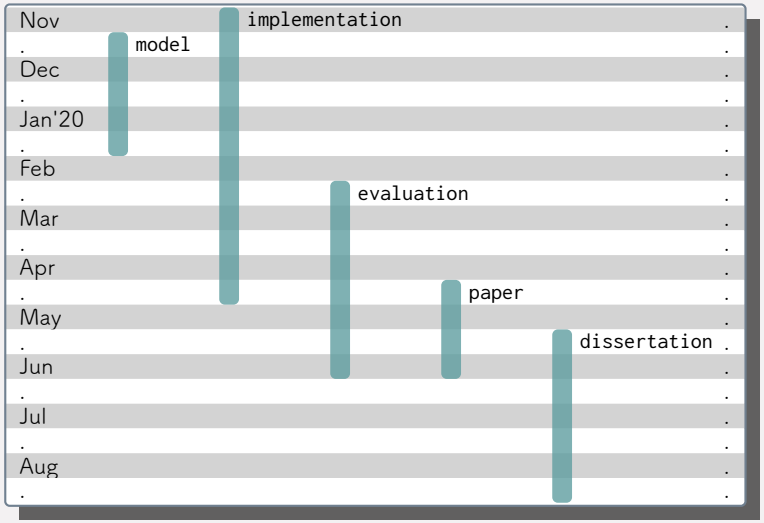
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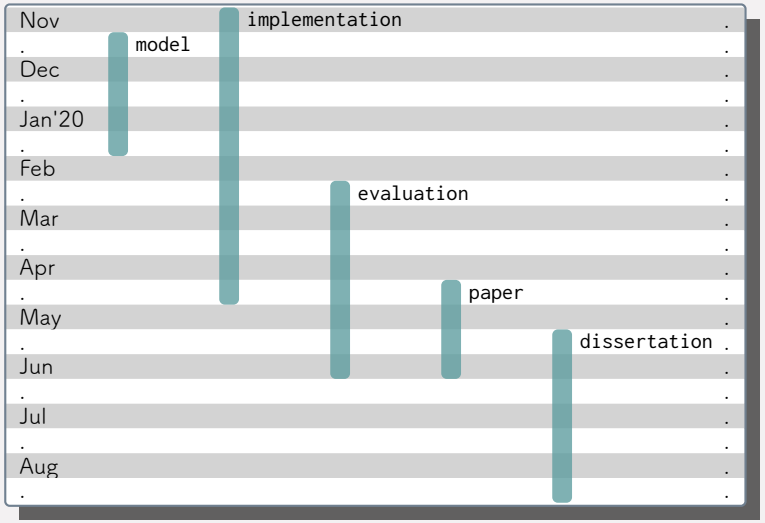


Timeline

```
#lang typed/racket/base #:locally-defensive

(provide make-timeline)

(require typed/racket/class typed/racket/draw typed/pict)

(require/typed ppict/2
  [#:opaque Coord refpoint-placer?]
  [coord (-> Real Real Symbol Coord)])

(require/typed "ppict-simple.rkt"
  [ppict (-> Pict (Listof (Pairof Coord Pict)) Pict)])

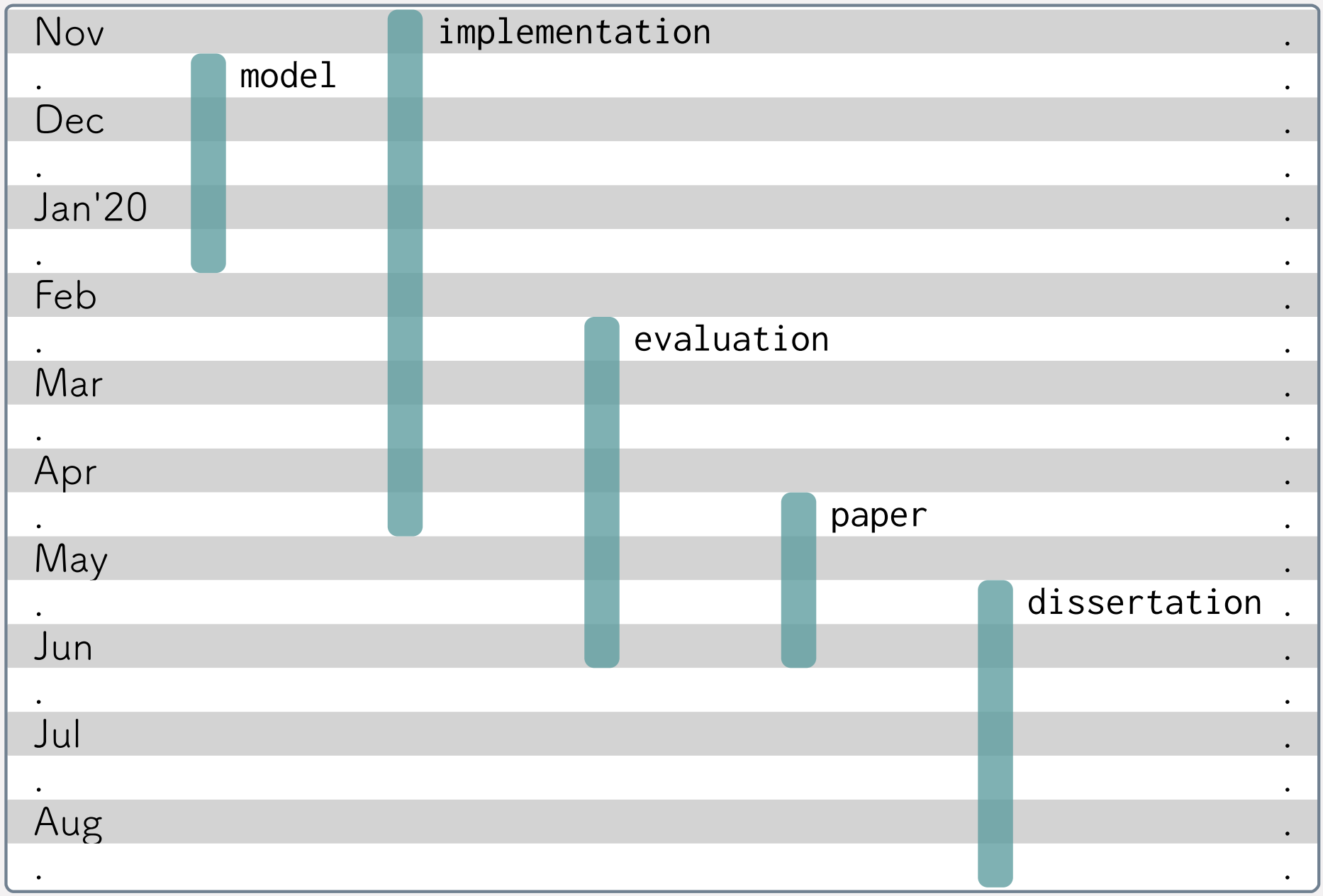
(require/typed pict-abbrevs
  [add-rounded-border
    (->* [Pict]
         [#:radius Real #:y-margin Real #:frame-width Real #:frame-color String]
         Pict)])

(define-type Pict pict)

(: make-timeline-bar (-> Real Real (U #f String) (-> String Pict) Pict))
(define (make-timeline-bar w h label tcodesize)
  (define color (if label "light gray" "white"))
  (define bar (filled-rounded-rectangle w h 1 #:color color #:draw-border? #f))
  (ppict
    bar
    (list (cons (coord 2/100 48/100 'lc) (tcodesize (or label ".")))
          (cons (coord 98/100 48/100 'rc) (tcodesize ".")))))

(: make-timeline-span : (-> Real String (-> String Pict) (Instance Color%) Pict))
(define (make-timeline-span h label ct timeline-span-color)
  (define span-radius 7)
  (define bar-pict (filled-rounded-rectangle 25 h span-radius #:color timeline-span-color #:draw-border? #f))
  (define label-pict (ct label))
  (ht-append 10 bar-pict label-pict))

(: make-timeline (-> Real Real (Instance Color%) (-> String Pict) (-> String Pict) Pict))
(define (make-timeline w h timeline-span-color ct tcodesize)
  (let* ((month*
          '("Nov" "Dec" "Jan'20" "Feb" "Mar" "Apr" "May" "Jun" "Jul" "Aug"))
         (bar-h
           (/ h (* 2 (length month*))))
         (make-span-h
           (lambda ((i : Real)) (* i bar-h)))
         (make-span-%
           (lambda ((i : Real)) (/ (make-span-h i) h)))
         (base
           (for/fold : Pict
                     ((acc : Pict (blank)))
                     ((m : String (in-list month*)))
             (vl-append 0 acc
                        (make-timeline-bar w bar-h m tcodesize)
                        (make-timeline-bar w bar-h #f tcodesize))))
         (timeline
           (ppict
             base
             (list
               (cons (coord 14/100 (make-span-%  1) 'lt) (make-timeline-span (make-span-h 5) "model" ct timeline-span-color))
               (cons (coord 29/100 0 'lt) (make-timeline-span (make-span-h 12) "implementation" ct timeline-span-color))
               (cons (coord 44/100 (make-span-%  7) 'lt) (make-timeline-span (make-span-h 8) "evaluation" ct timeline-span-color))
               (cons (coord 59/100 (make-span-% 11) 'lt) (make-timeline-span (make-span-h 4) "paper" ct timeline-span-color))
               (cons (coord 74/100 (make-span-% 13) 'lt) (make-timeline-span (make-span-h 7) "dissertation" ct timeline-span-color))))))
    (add-rounded-border
      #:radius 5 #:y-margin 6 #:frame-width 3 #:frame-color "slategray"
      timeline)))
```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The End

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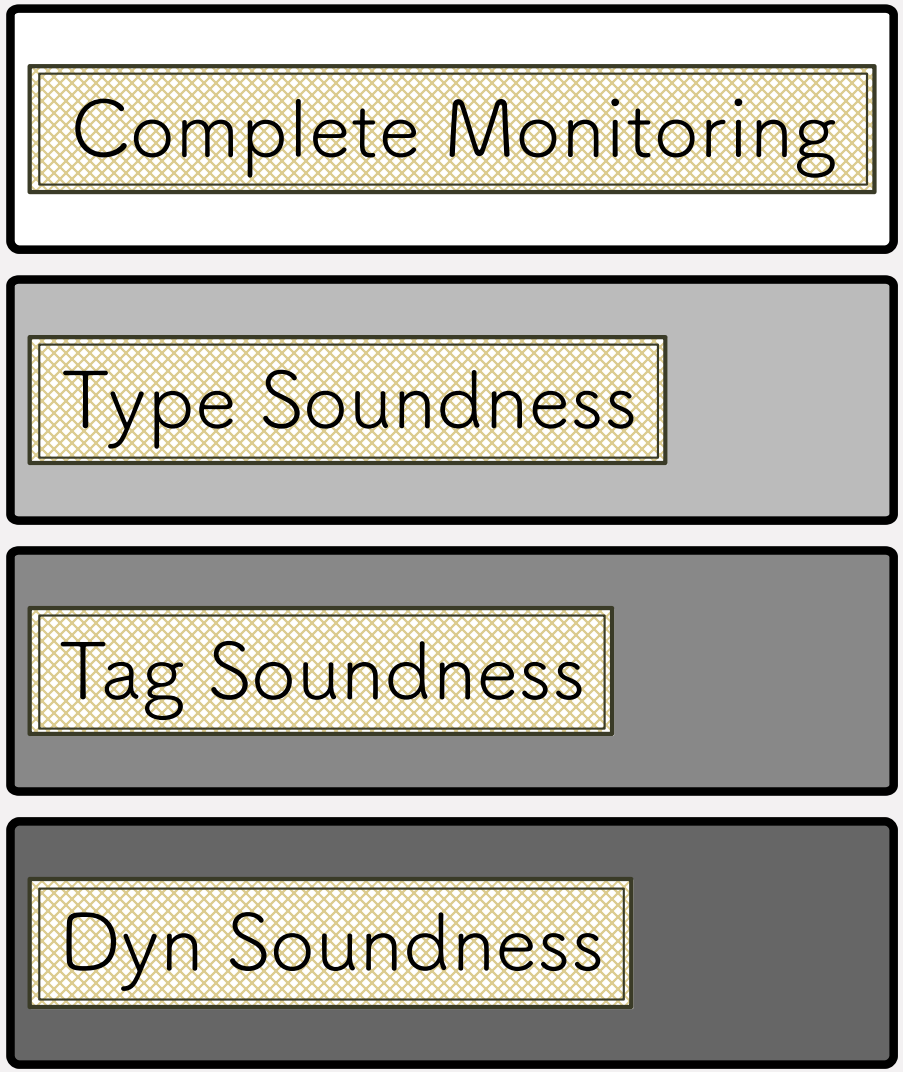
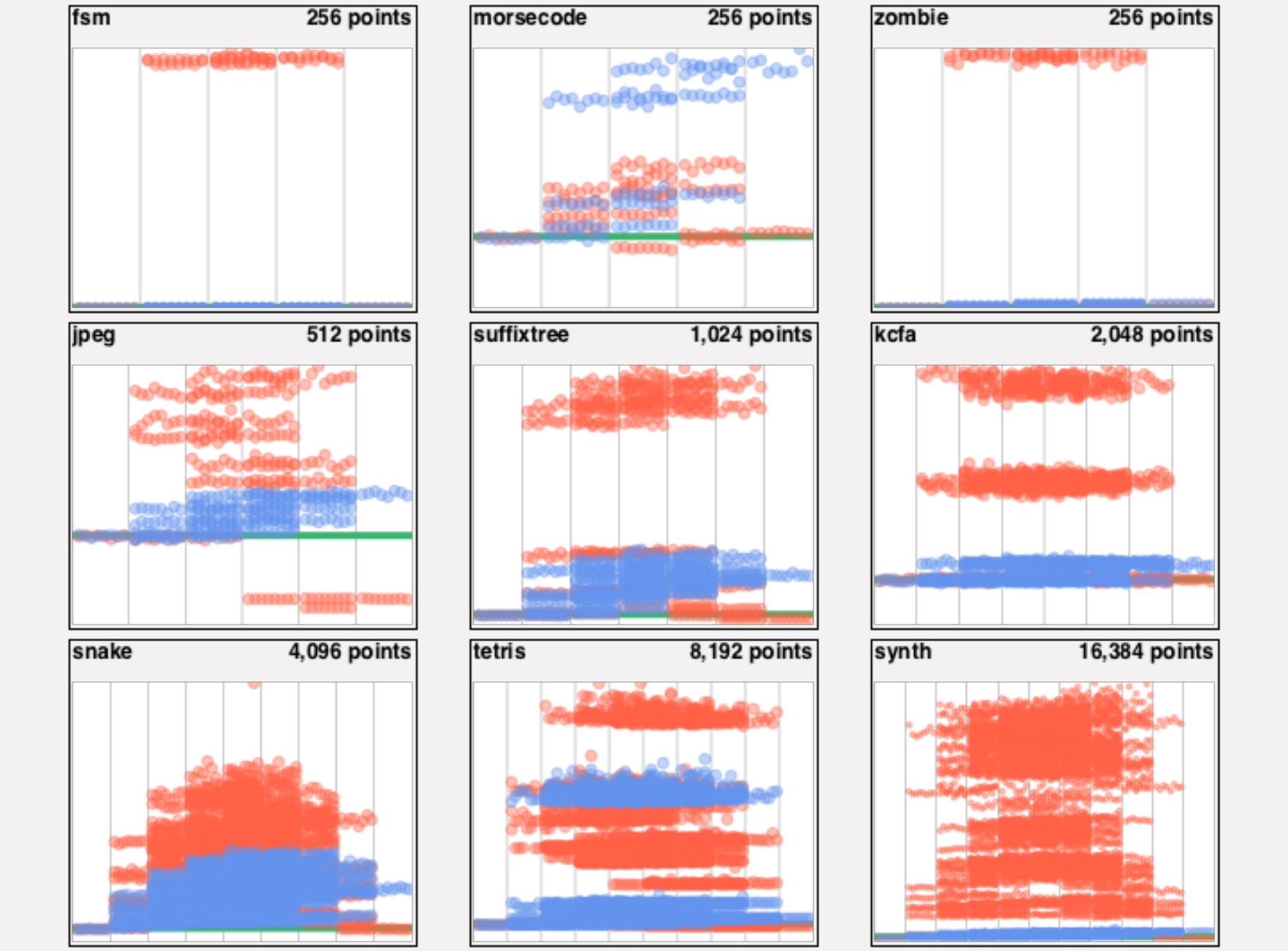


types predict behavior

types predict behavior in typed code, nothing in untyped code

types predict shapes in typed code, nothing in untyped code

types predict nothing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= Untyped Perf.
= Natural
= Transient

Expressiveness

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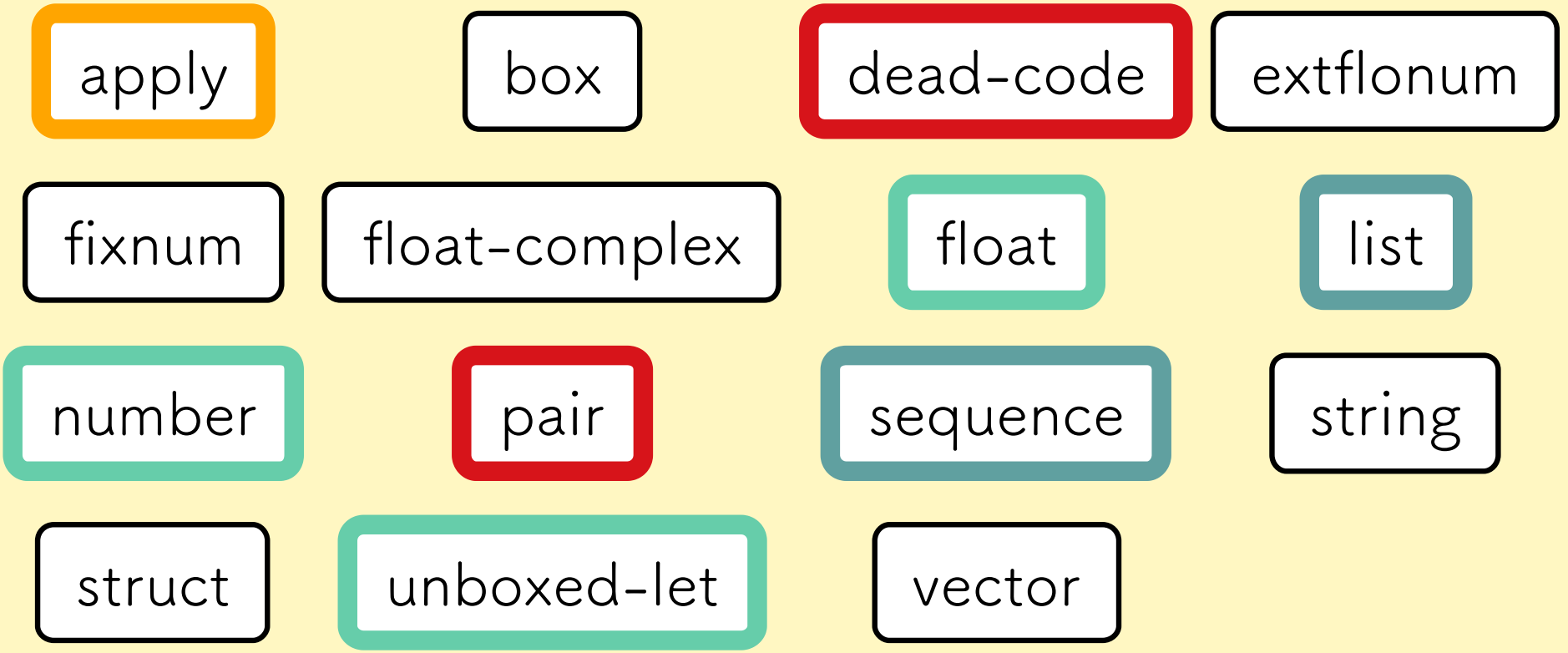
TR Optimizations



dead-code = unsafe for Transient

```
(: g (-> Str Str))
(define g
  (case-lambda
   [(x) x]
   [(x y) y]))
```

```
(define g
  (case-lambda
   [(x) x]
   [(x y) (void)]))
```

Problem: untyped code can call `(g 0 1)`

pair = unsound for Transient

```
(: x (Pairof (Pairof Nat Int) Str))
(cdar x)
```



```
(unsafe-cdr (unsafe-car x))
```

Problem: no guarantee `(car x)` is a pair

apply = safe but risky for Transient

```
(: h (-> Str Str))
(: xs (Listof Str))
(apply + (map h xs))
```

```
(+ (h (unsafe-car xs))
   (h (unsafe-car (unsafe-cdr xs))) ...)
```

Caution: `h` must check inputs

list sequence = force choice for ⌊T⌋

```
(: xs (List Str Str))
(list-ref xs 1)
```

```
(unsafe-list-ref xs 1)
```

Note: ⌊**List Str Str**⌋ needs more than a tag check

number = ⌊T⌋ is more than a tag check

Natural

Exact-Nonnegative-Integer

Nonpositive-Inexact-Real

ExtFlonum-Negative-Zero

unboxed-let = safe with escape analysis

```
(: f (-> Float-Complex Any))
(define (f n)
  ....)
```



```
(define (f n-real n-imag)
  ....)
```

float = false alarm

```
(flrandom)
```



```
(unsafe-flrandom
  (current-pseudo-random-generator))
```

Ok because the PRNG parameter checks inputs