

# Verifying Compilers using Multi-Language Semantics

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# Semantics-preserving compilation

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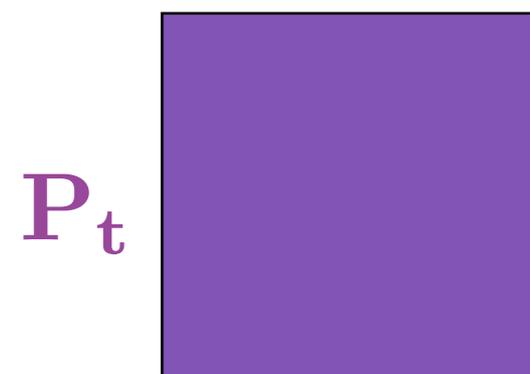
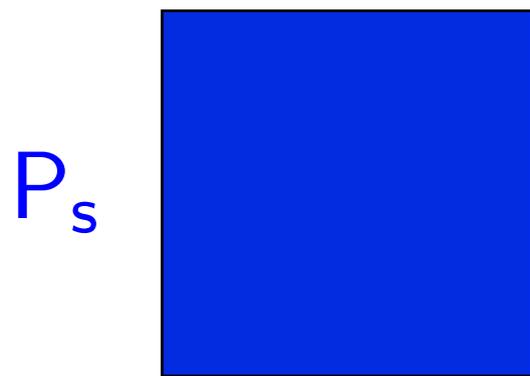


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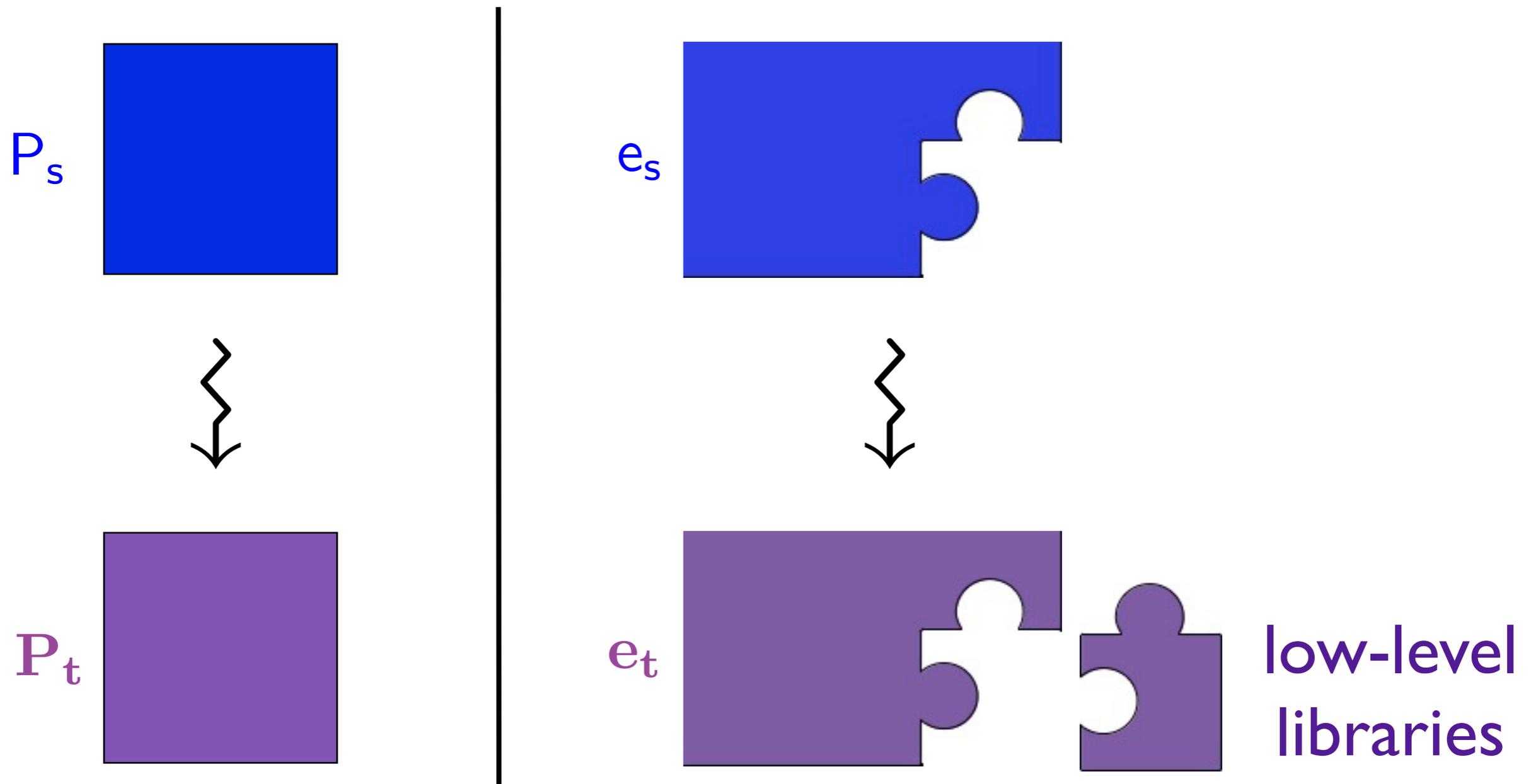
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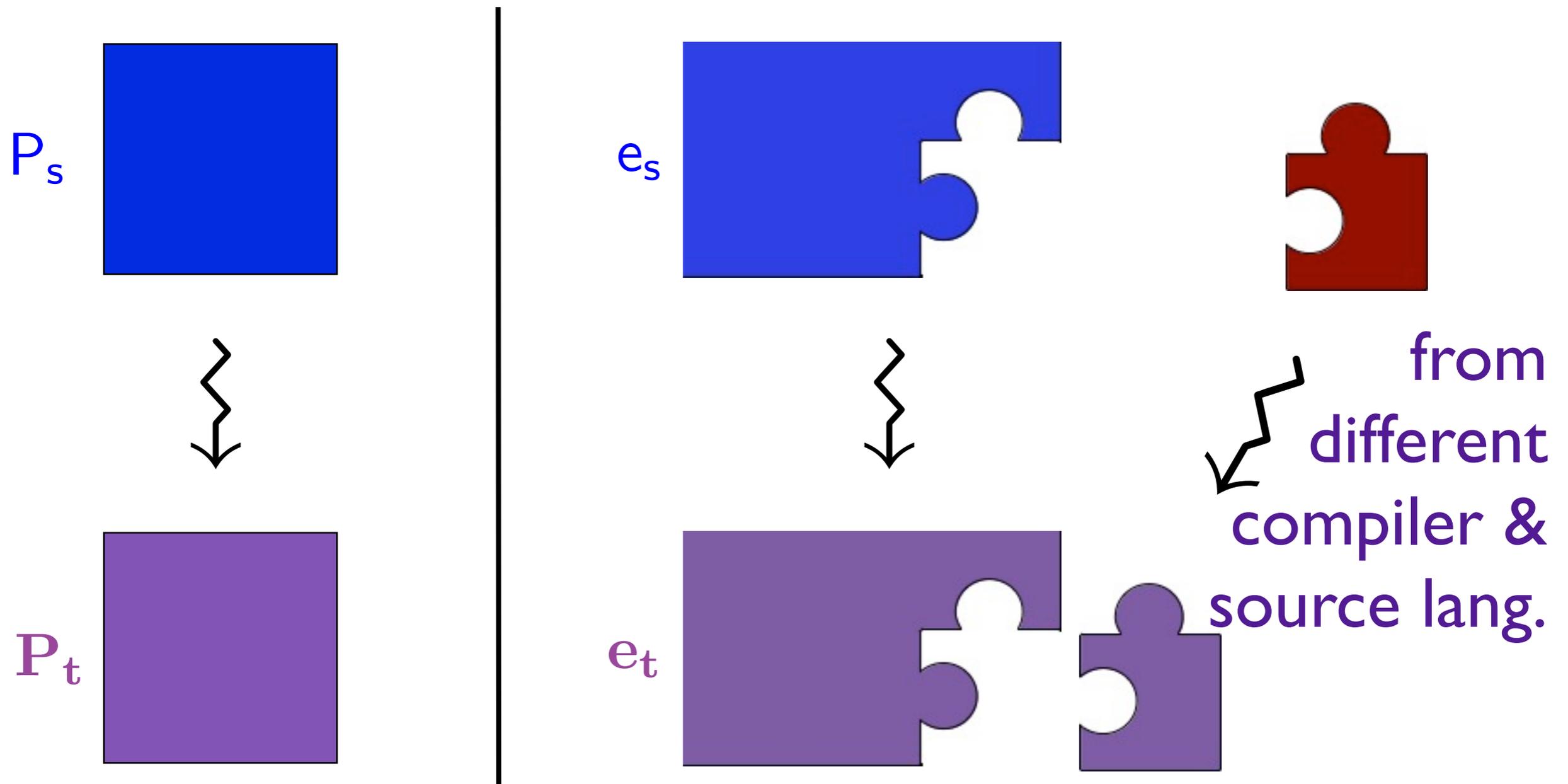
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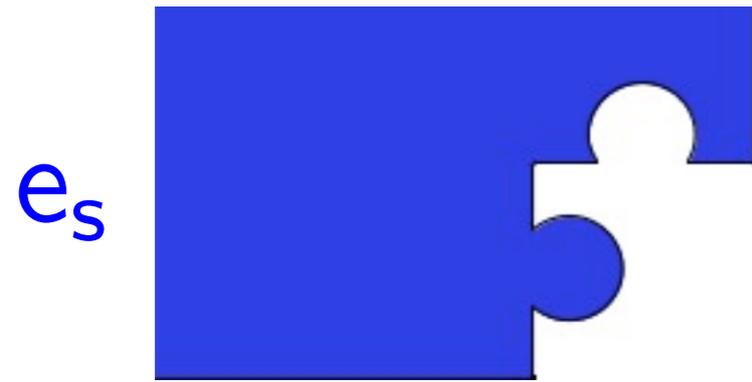
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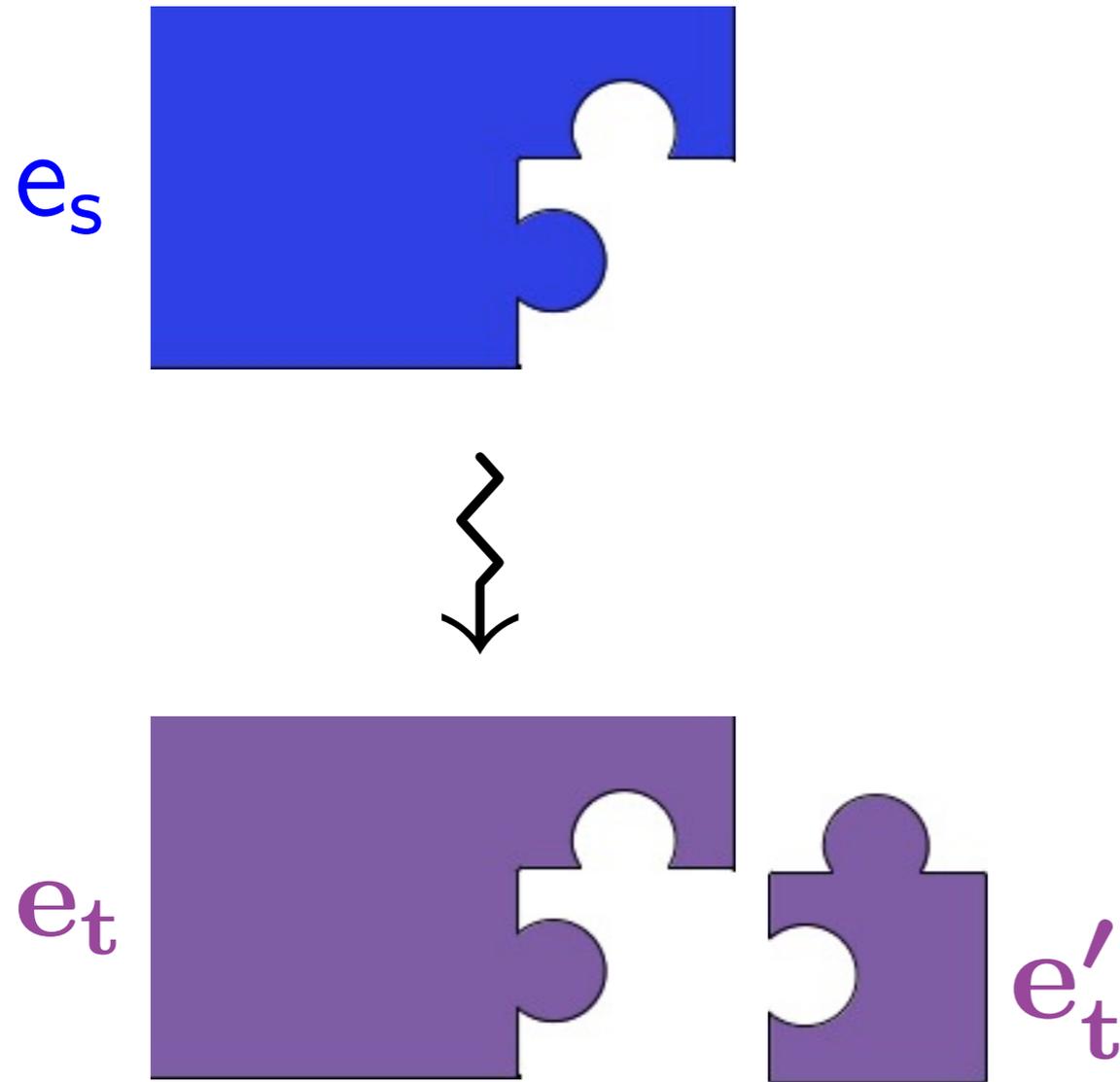
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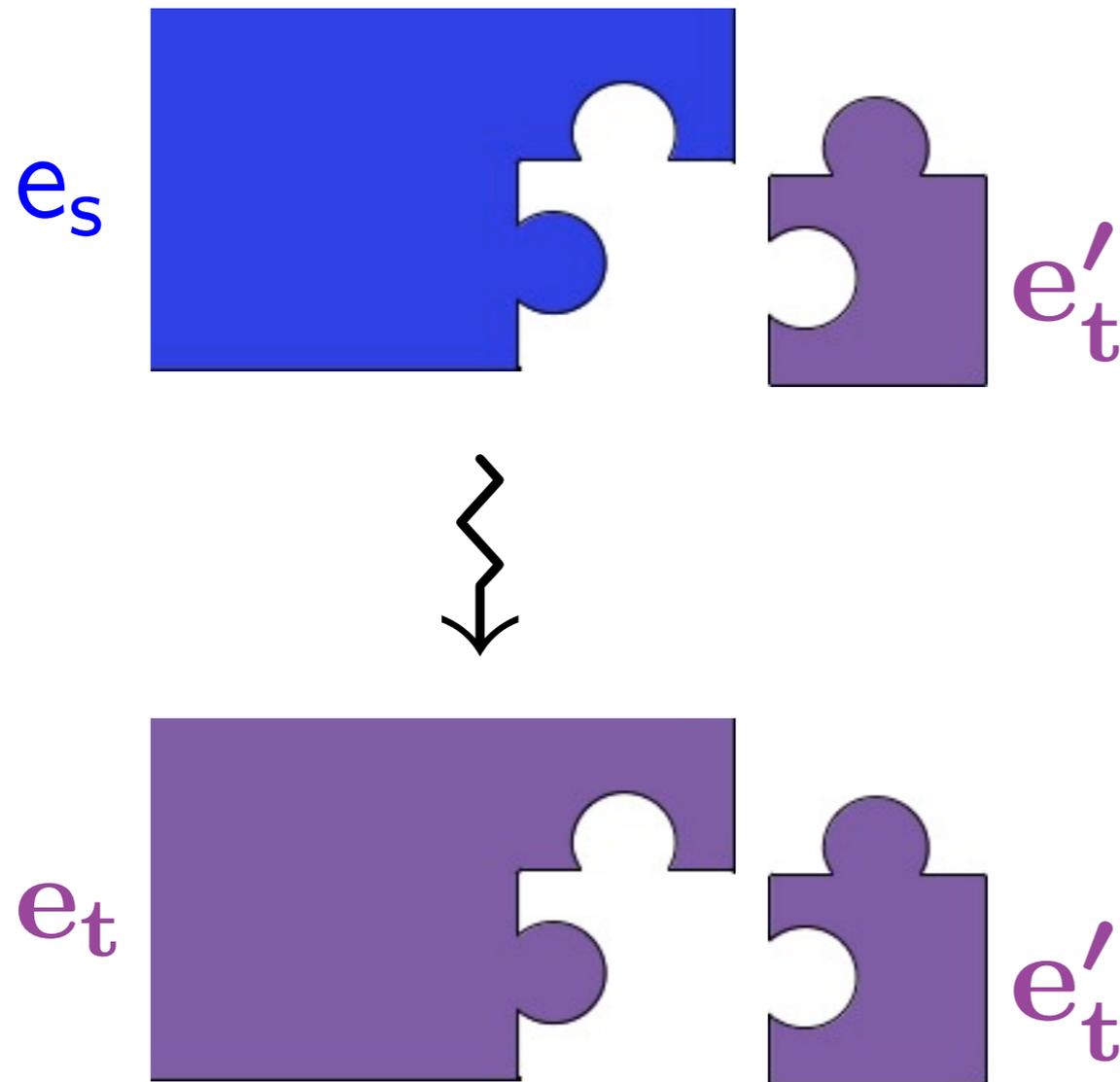
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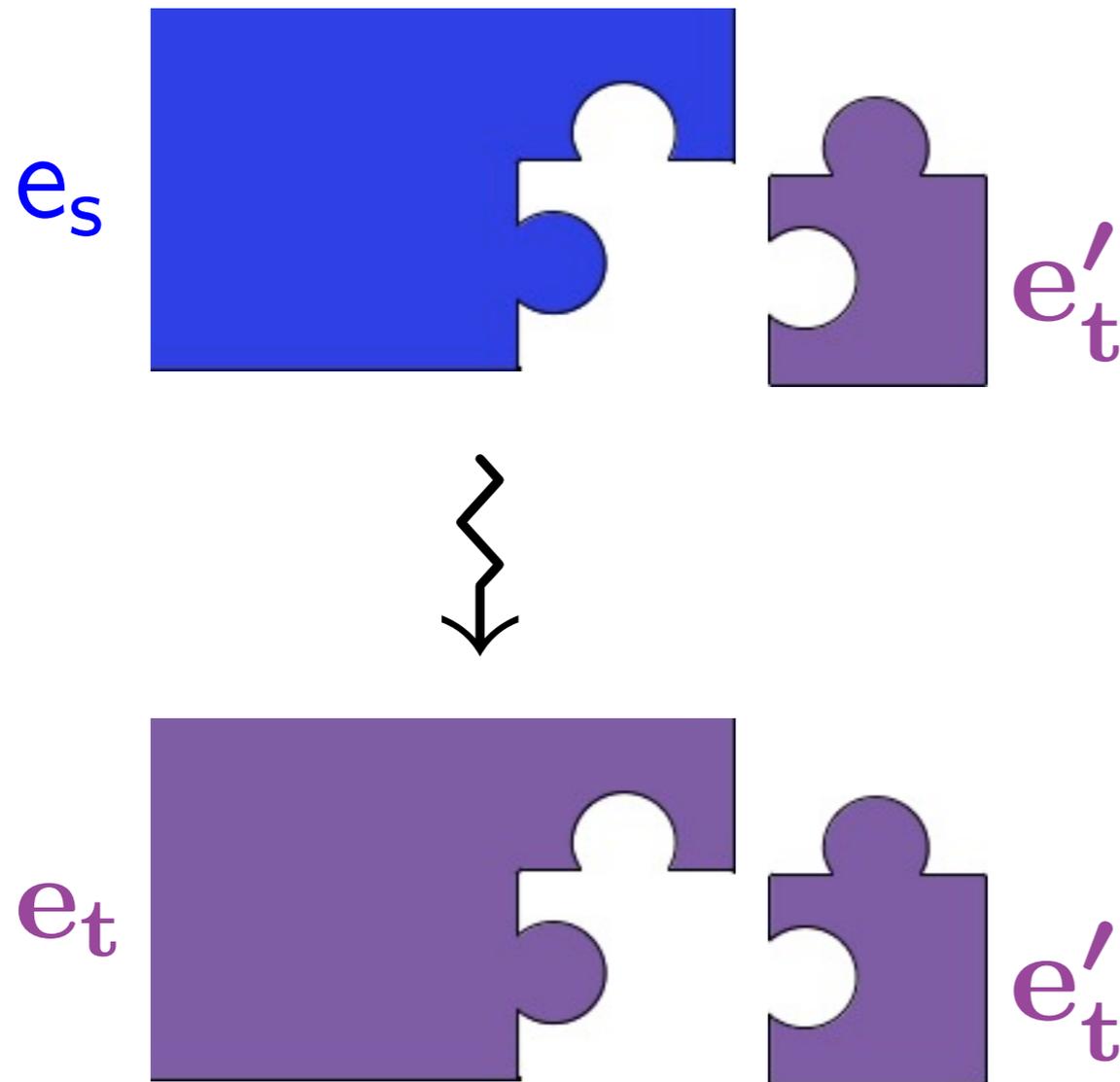
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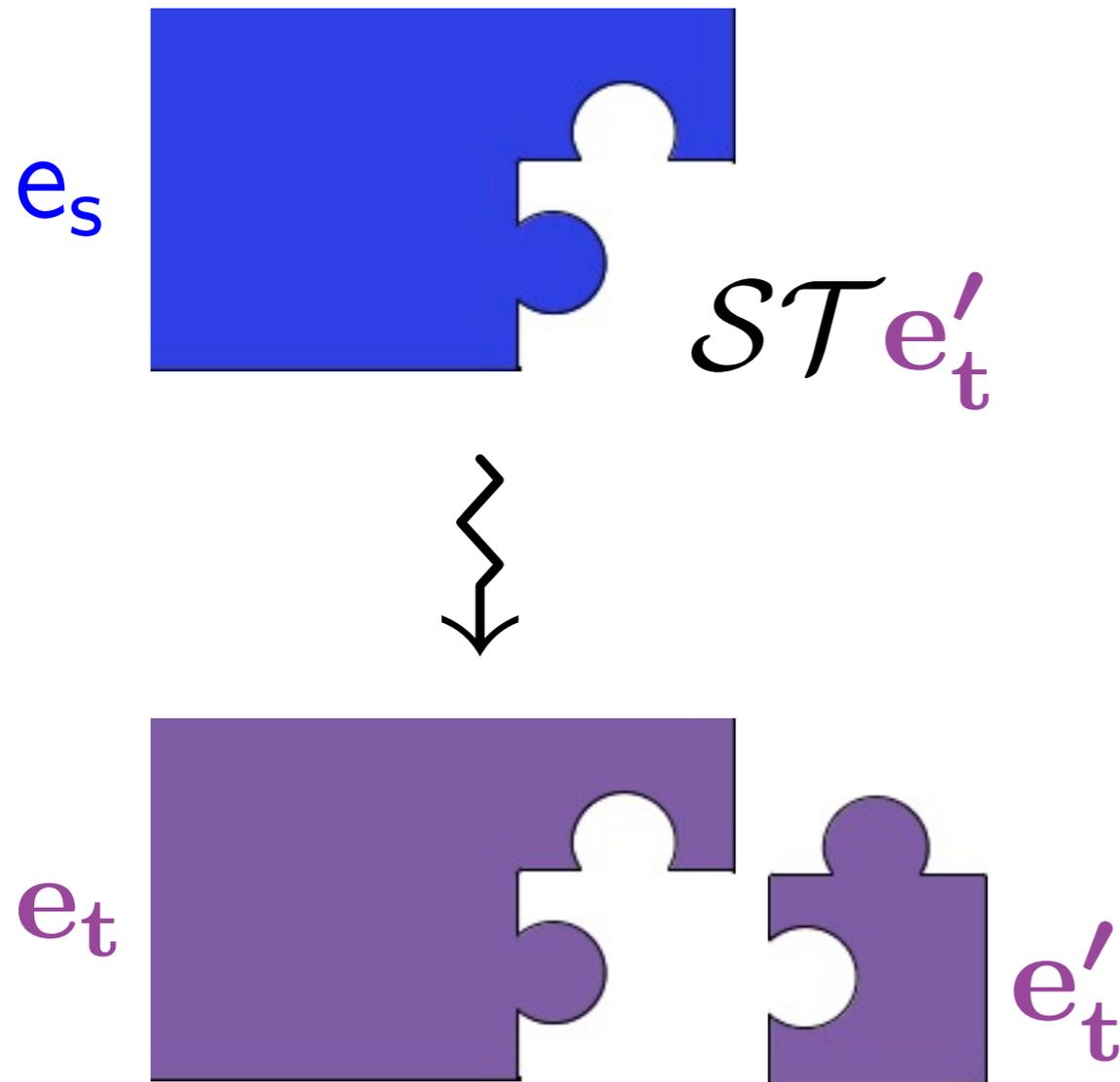


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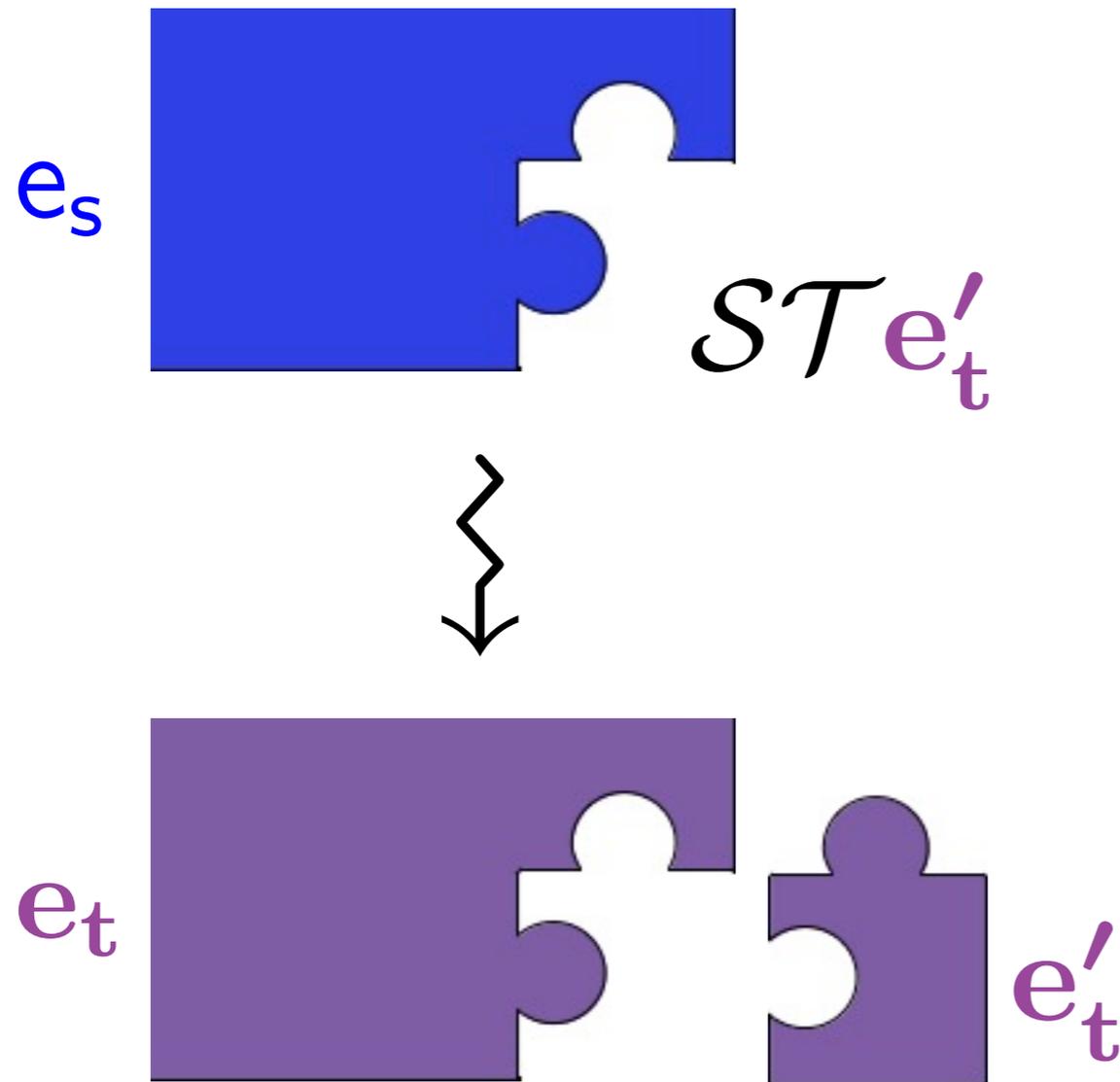


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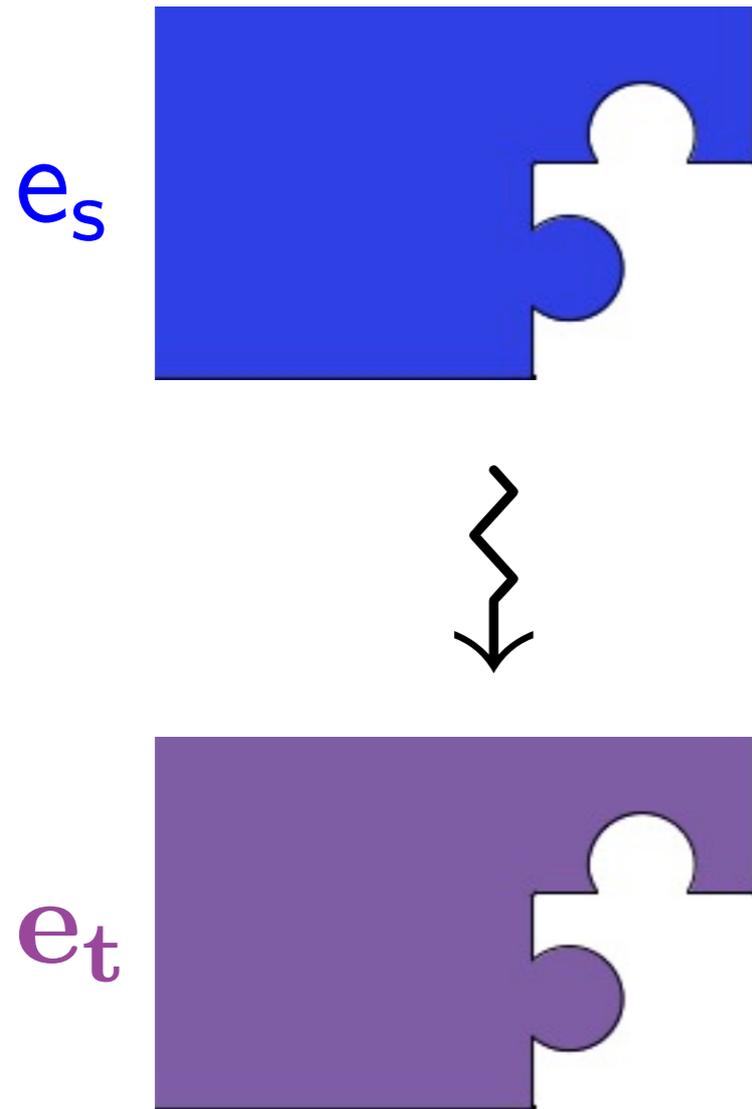
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$$\mathcal{TS}(e_s (ST e'_t)) \approx^{ctx} e_t e'_t$$

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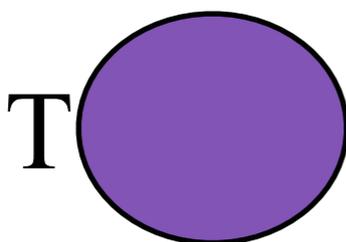
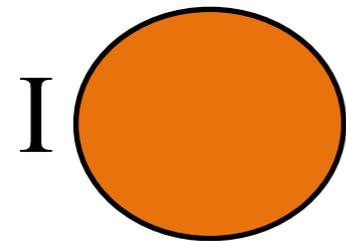
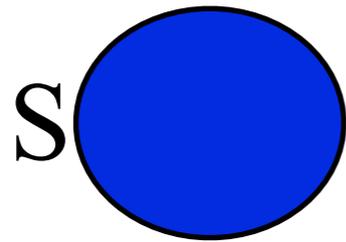
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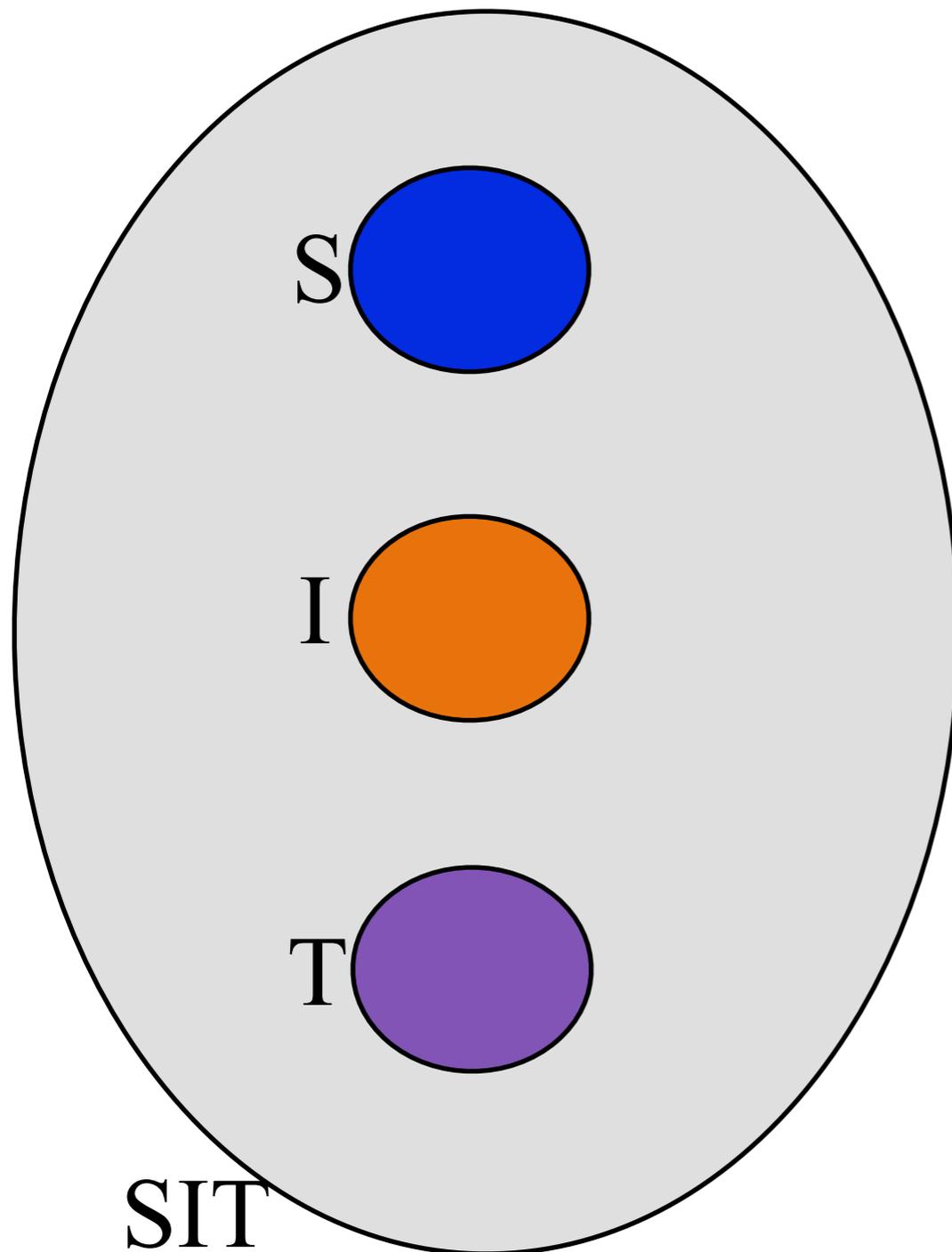
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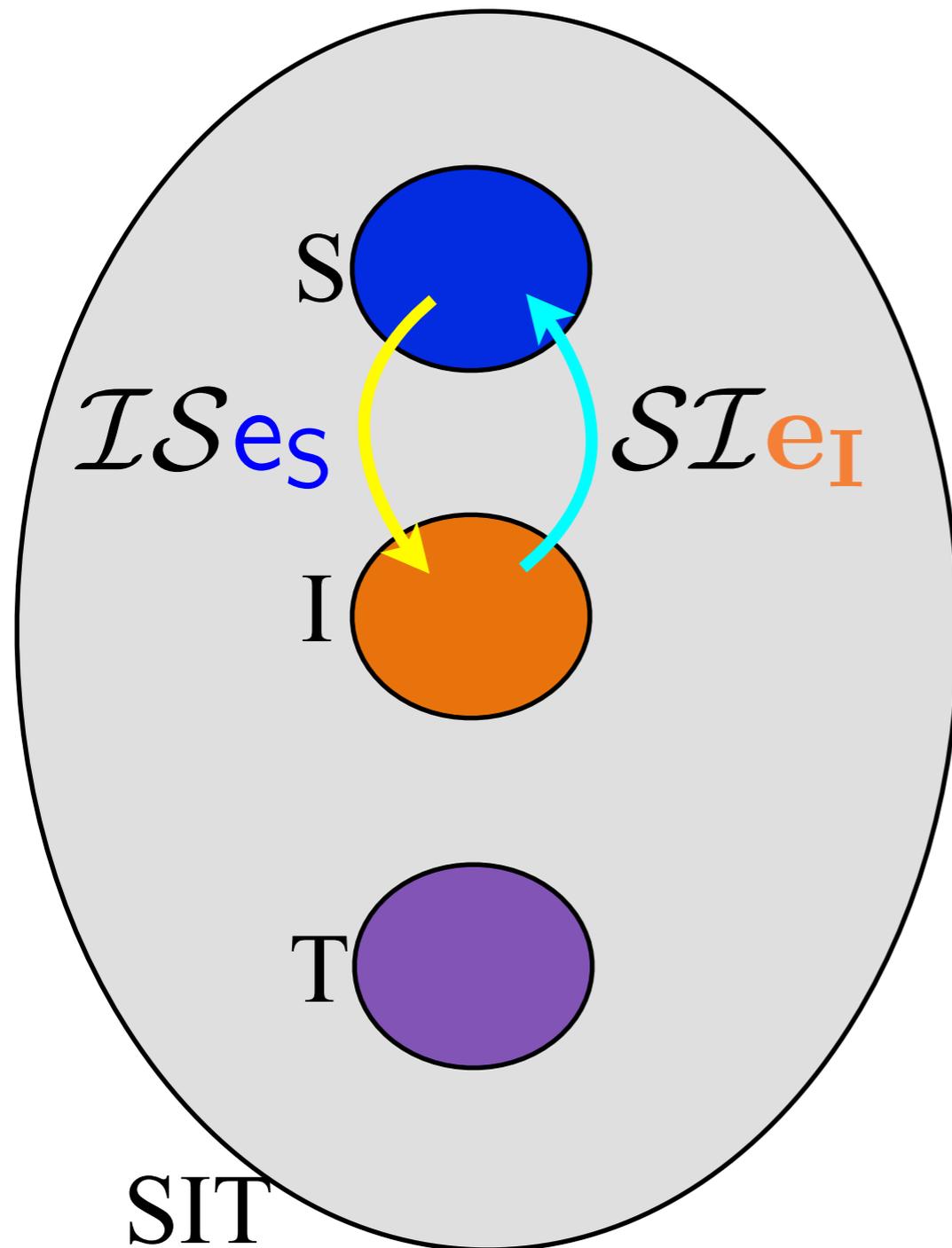
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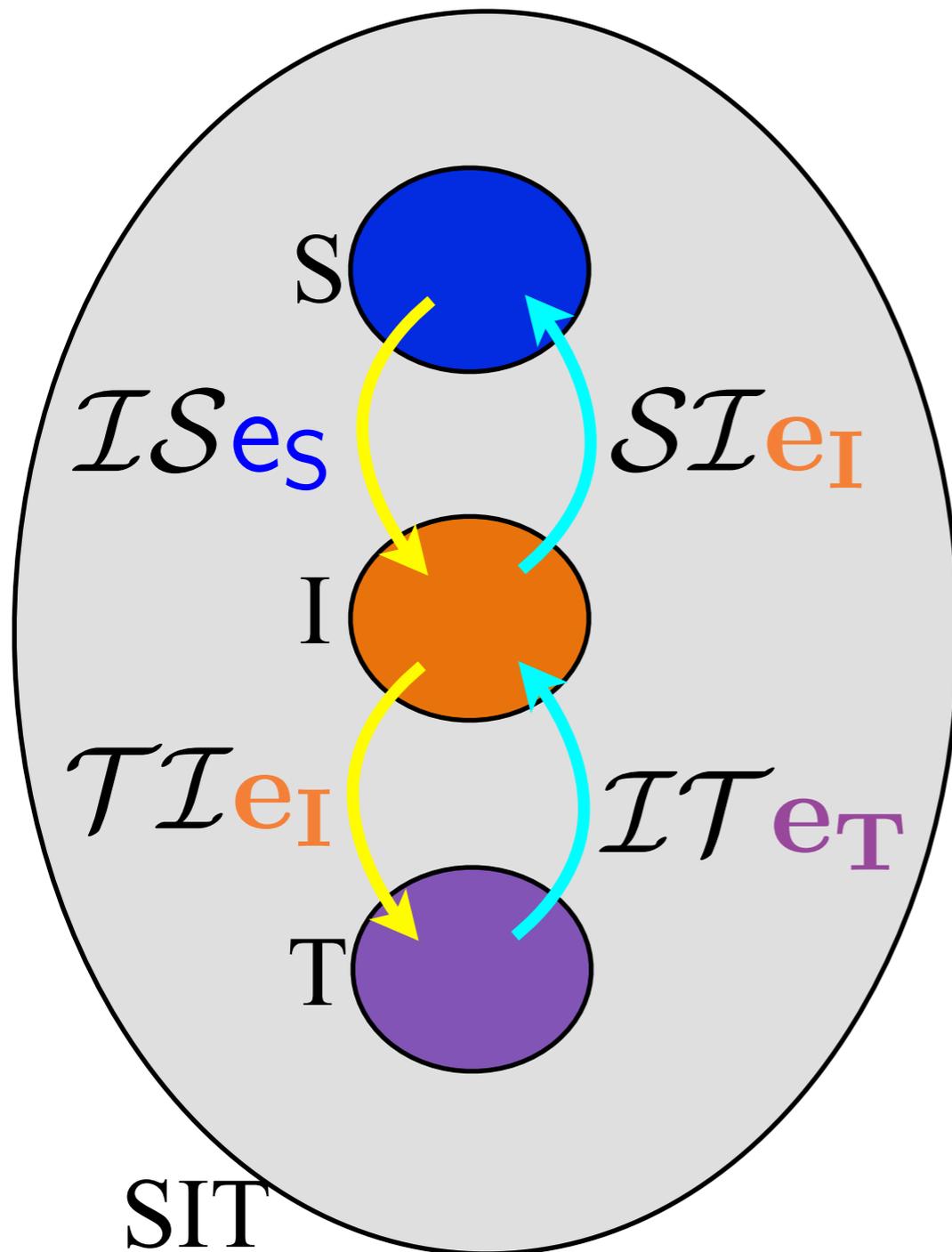
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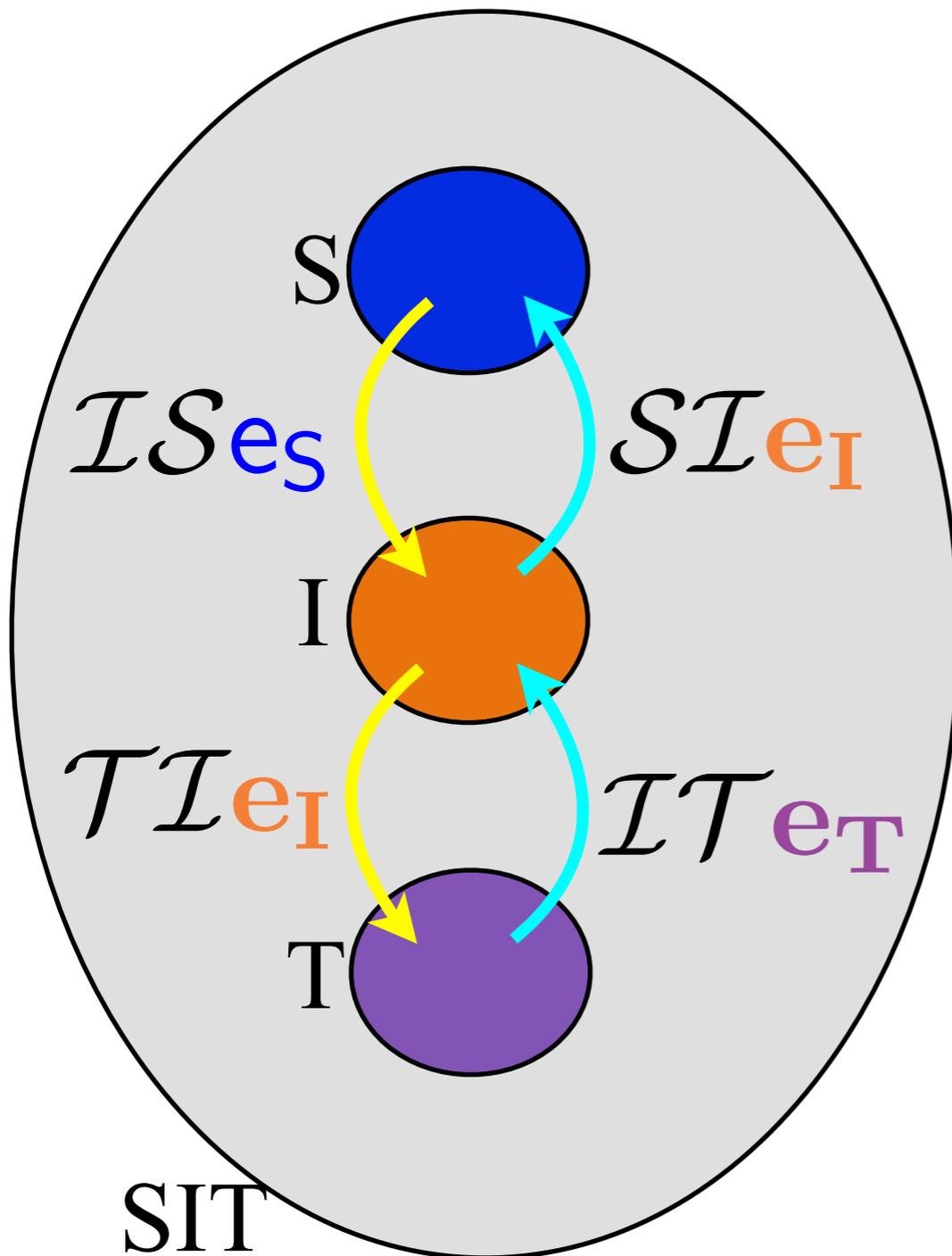


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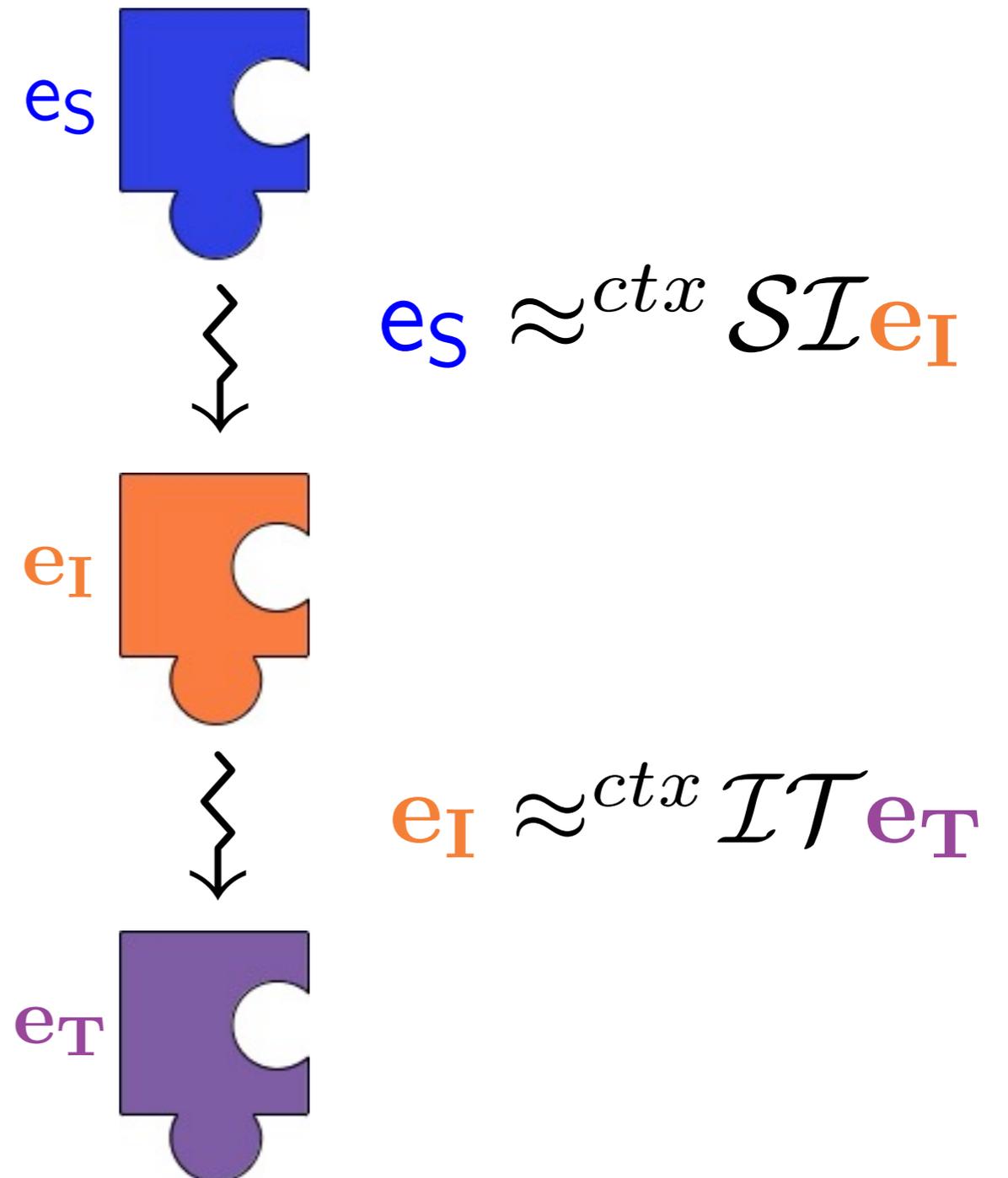
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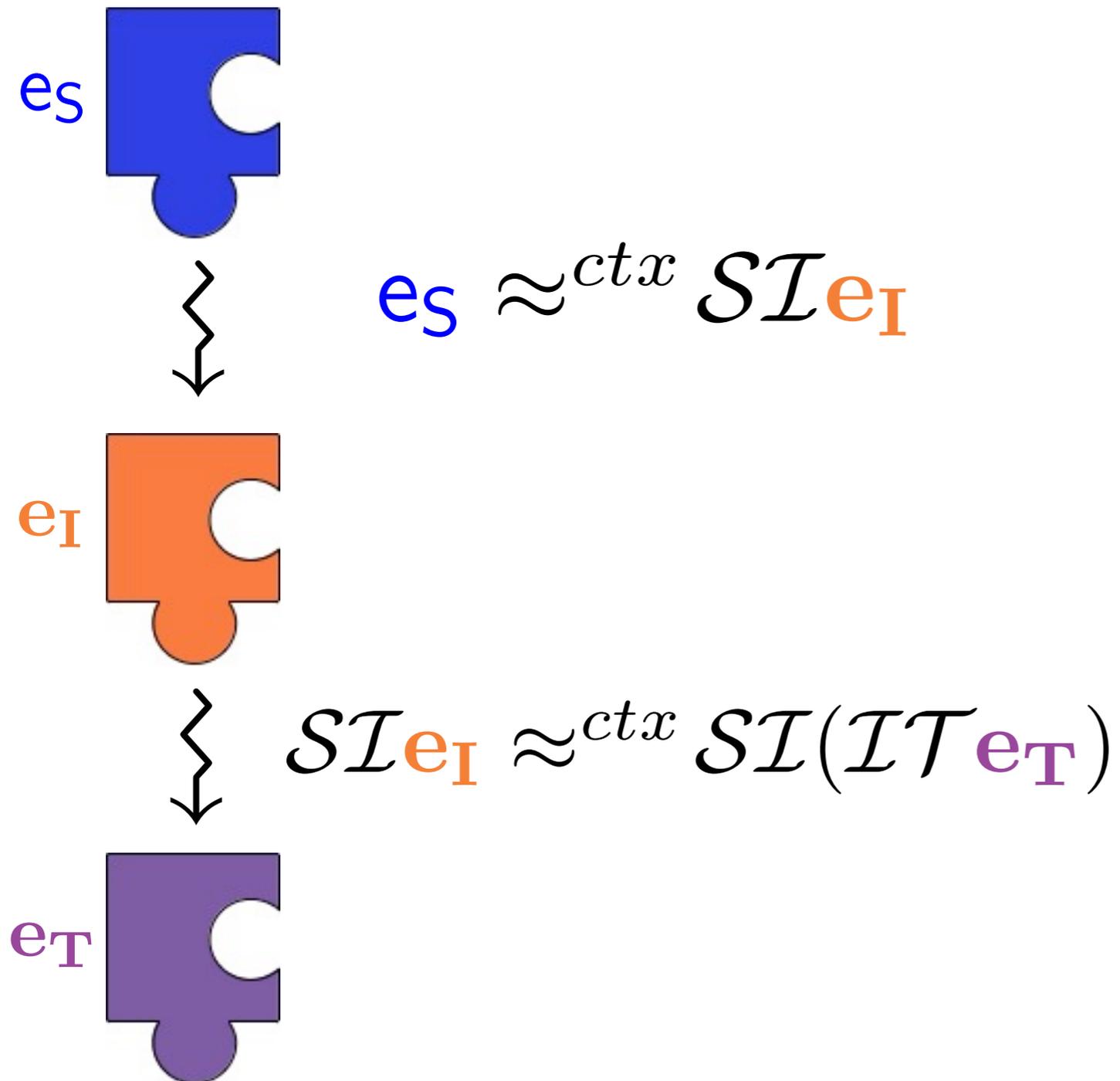
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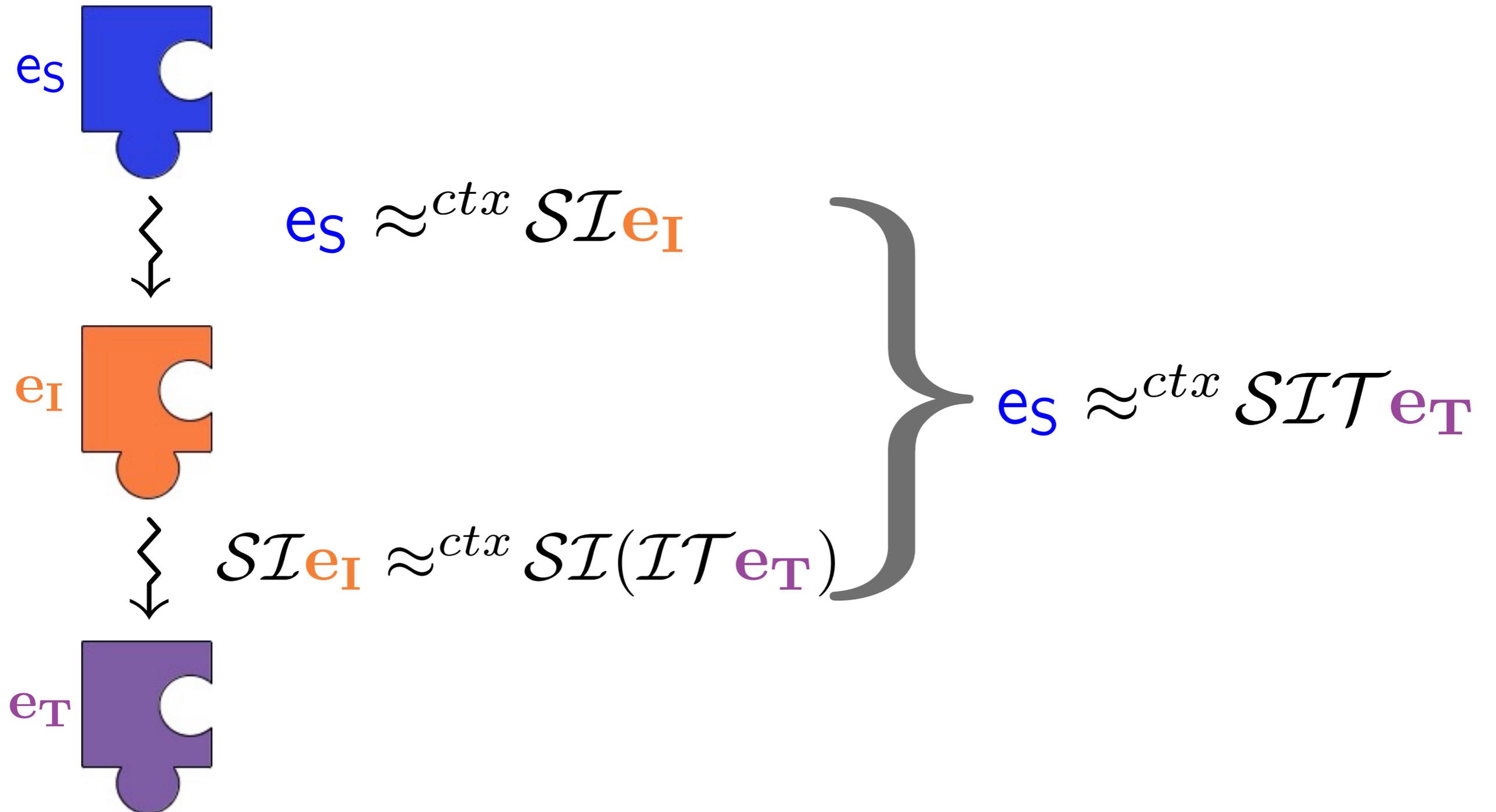
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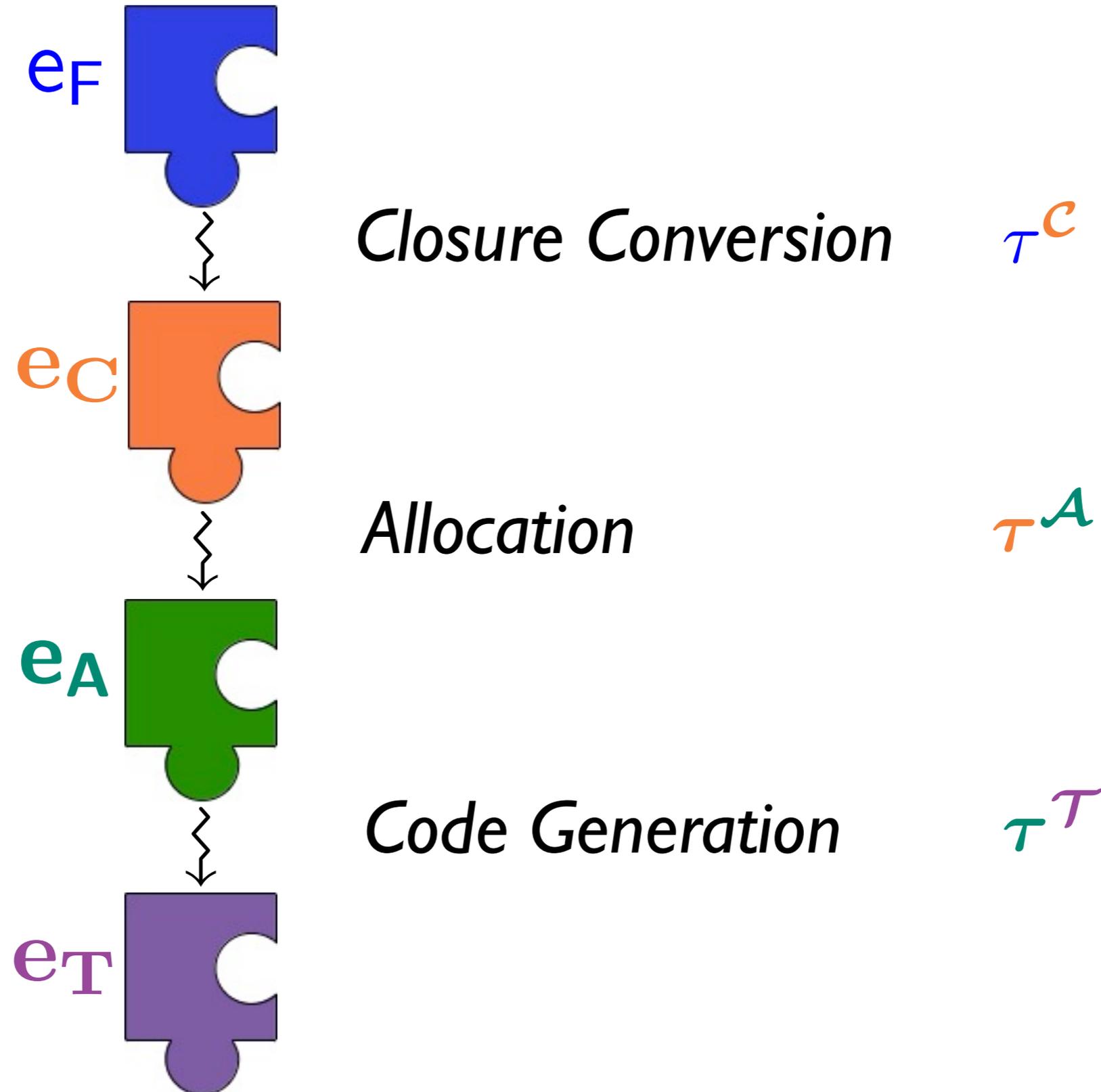
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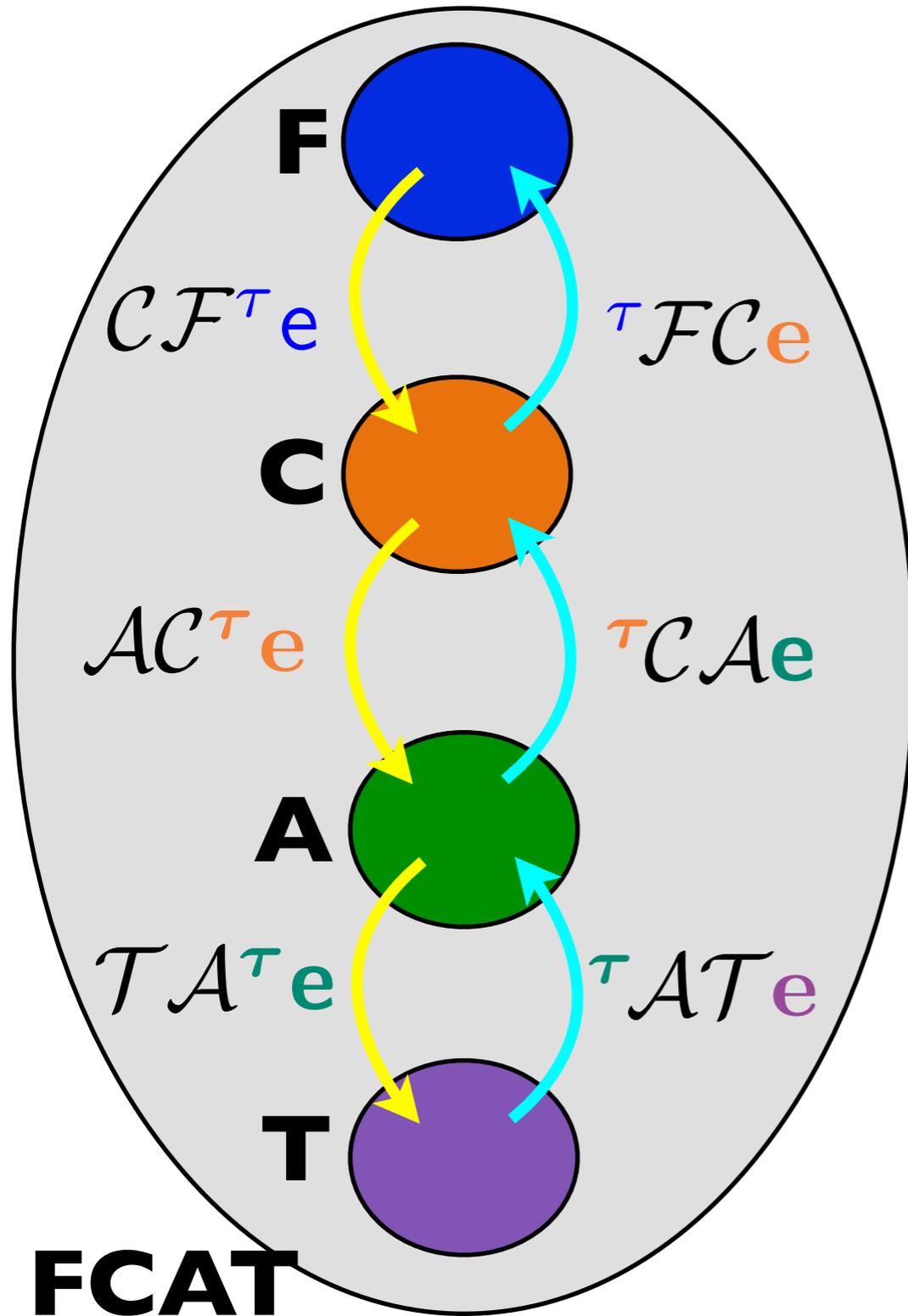
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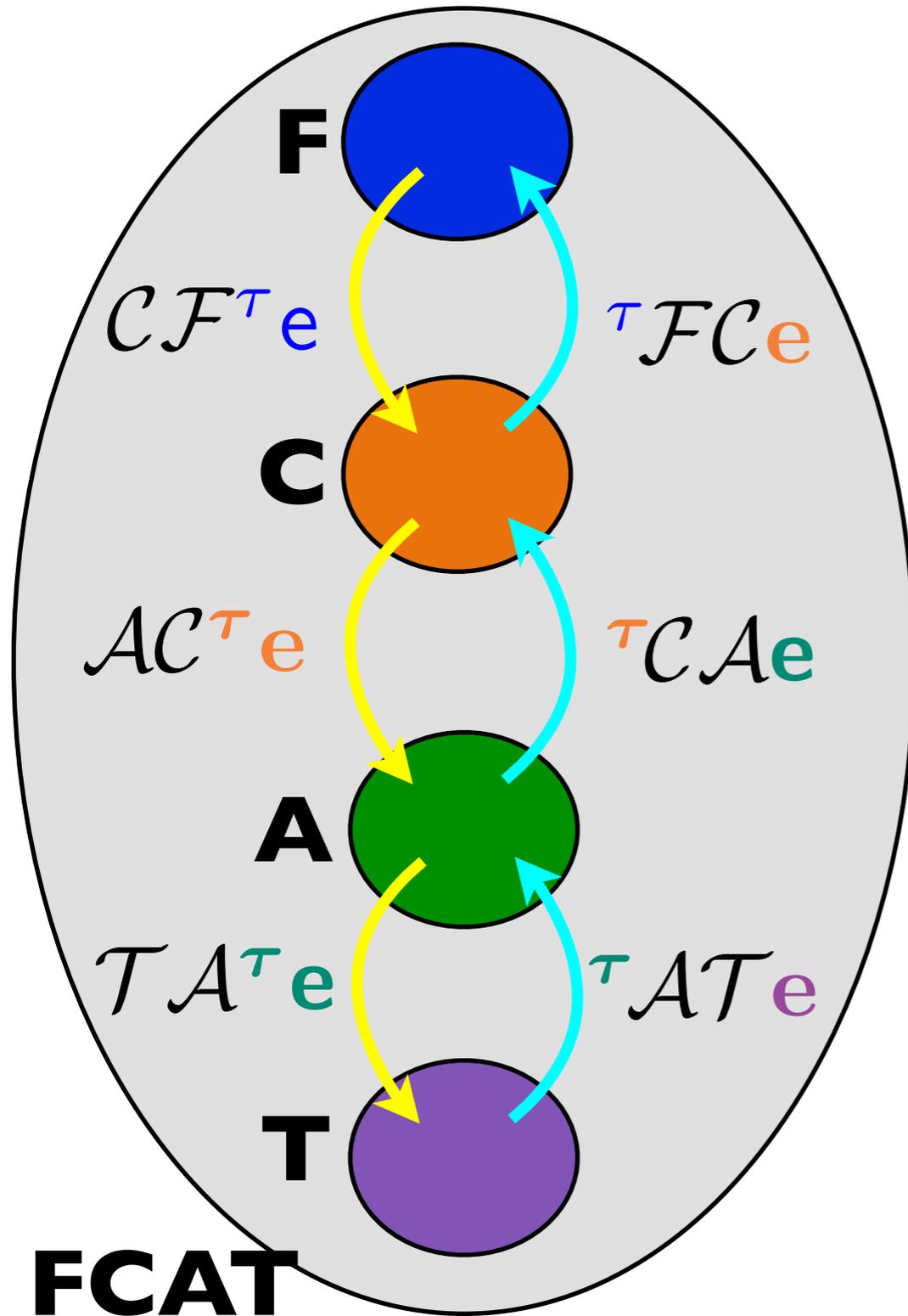


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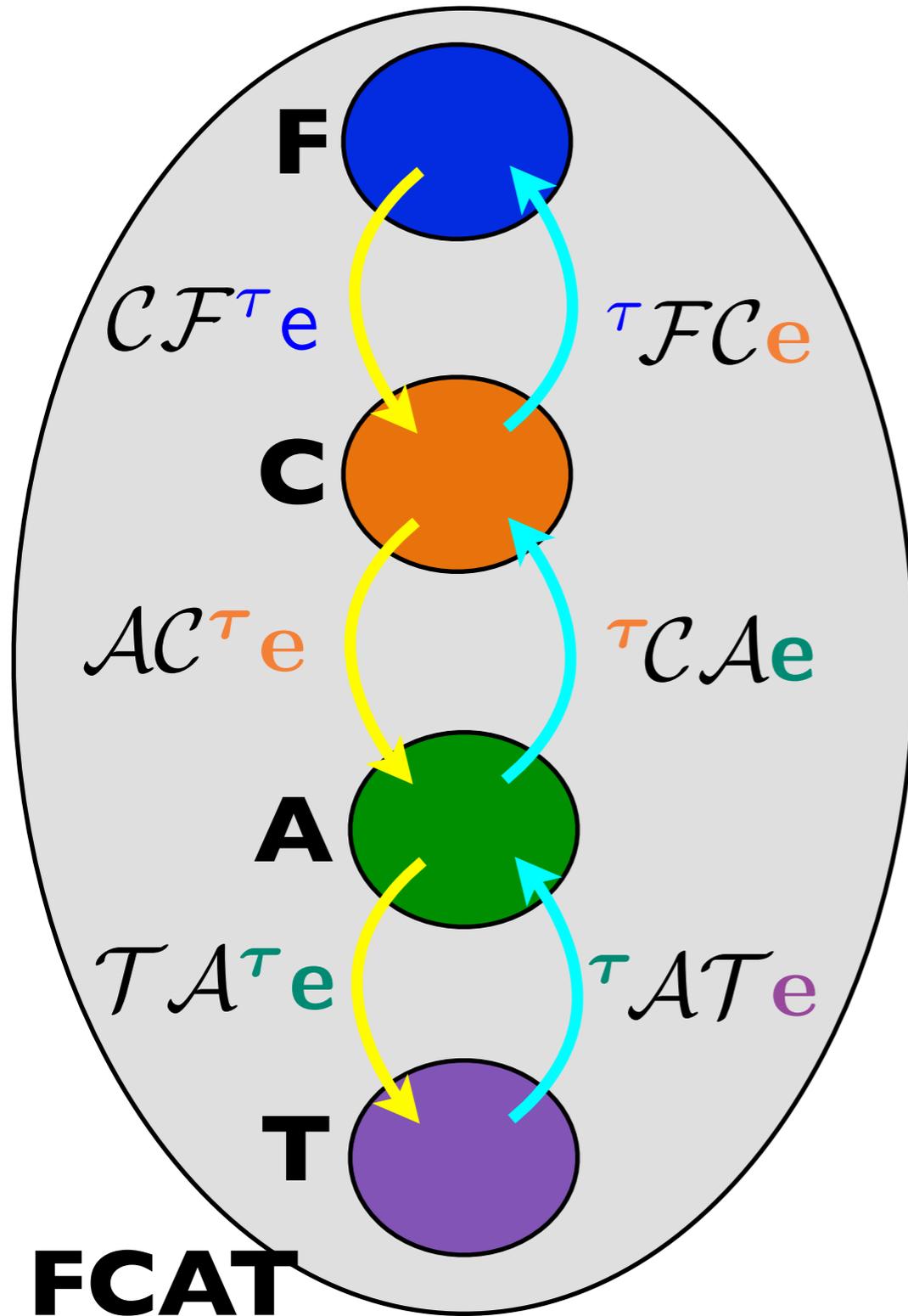
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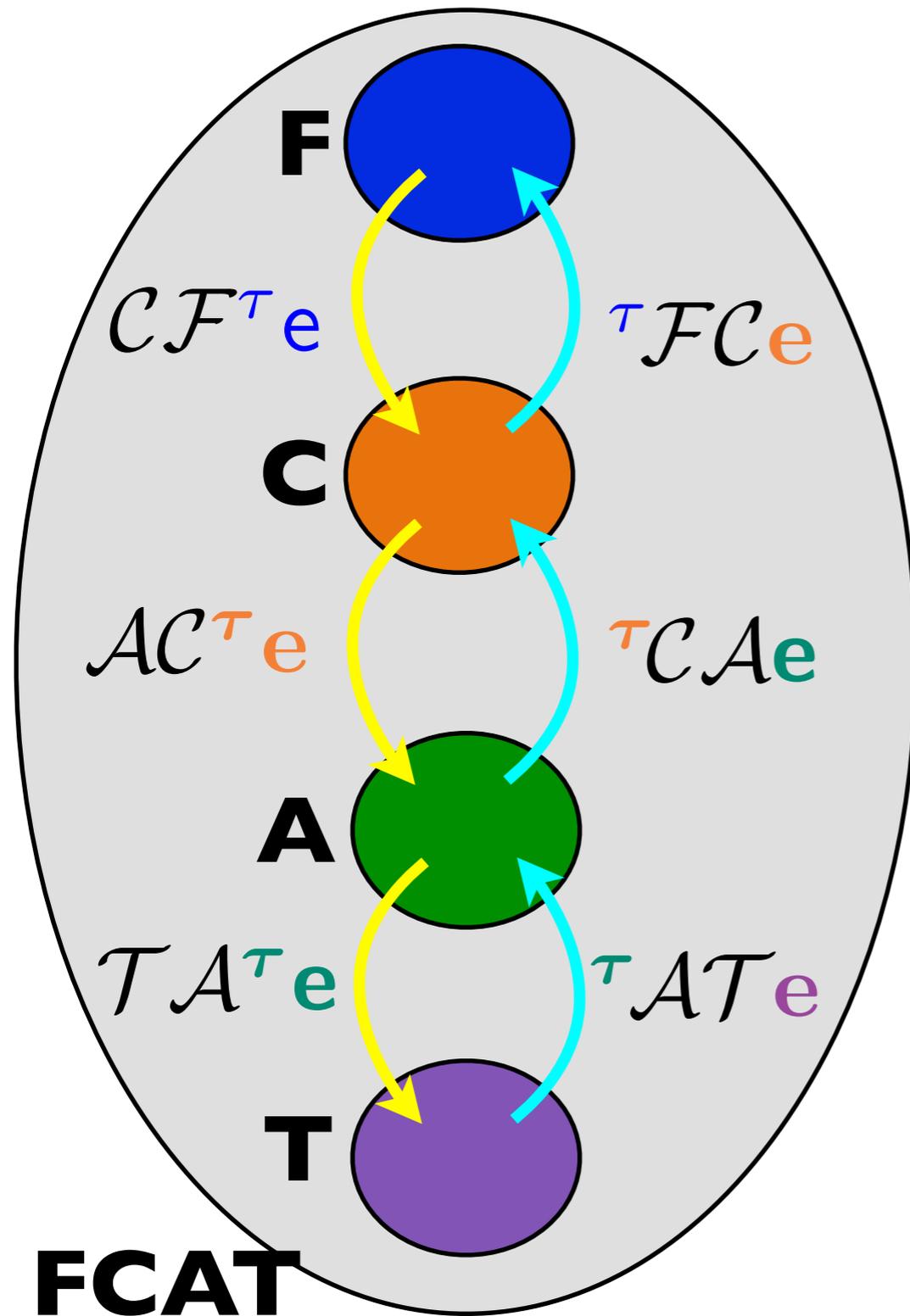
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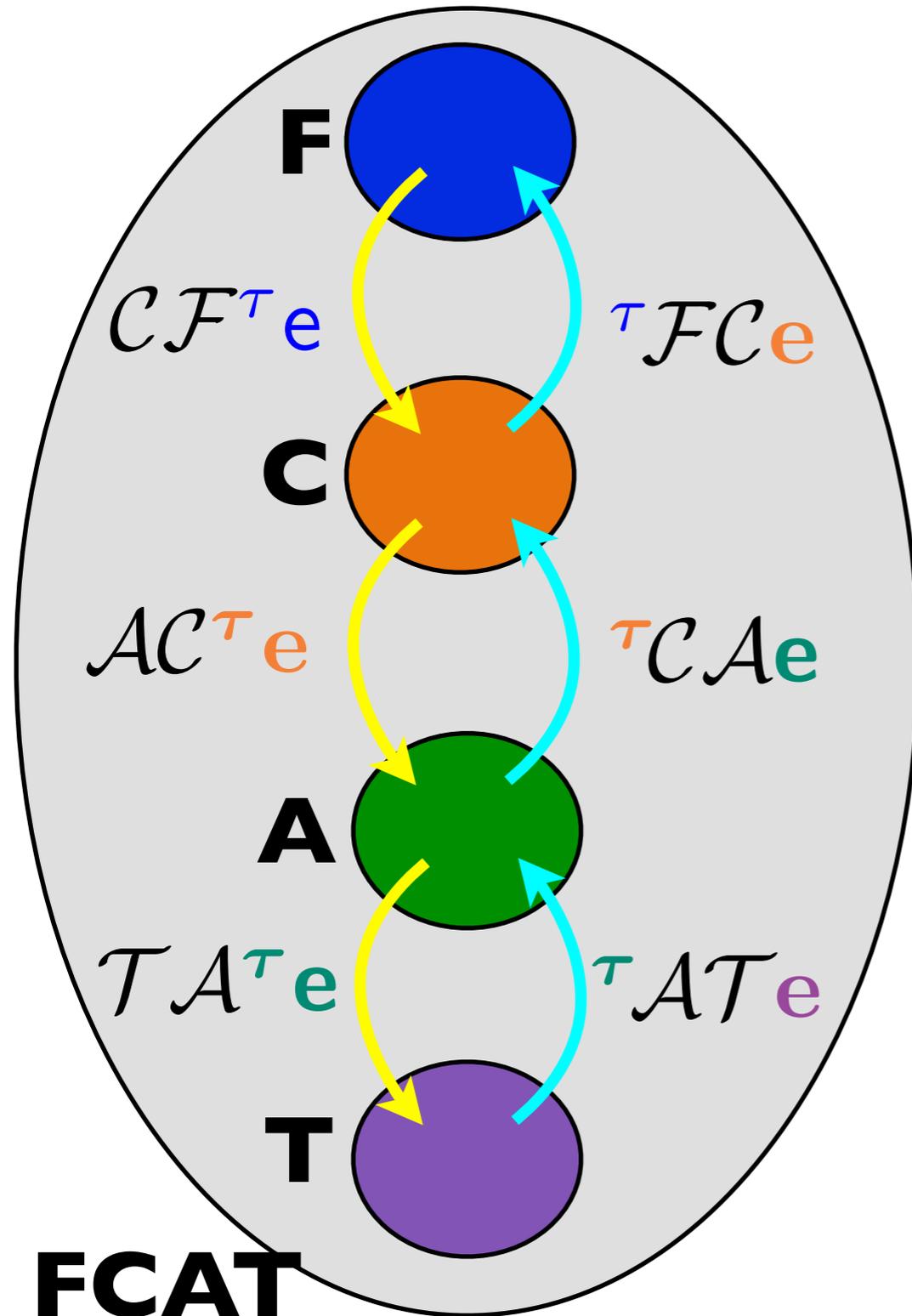


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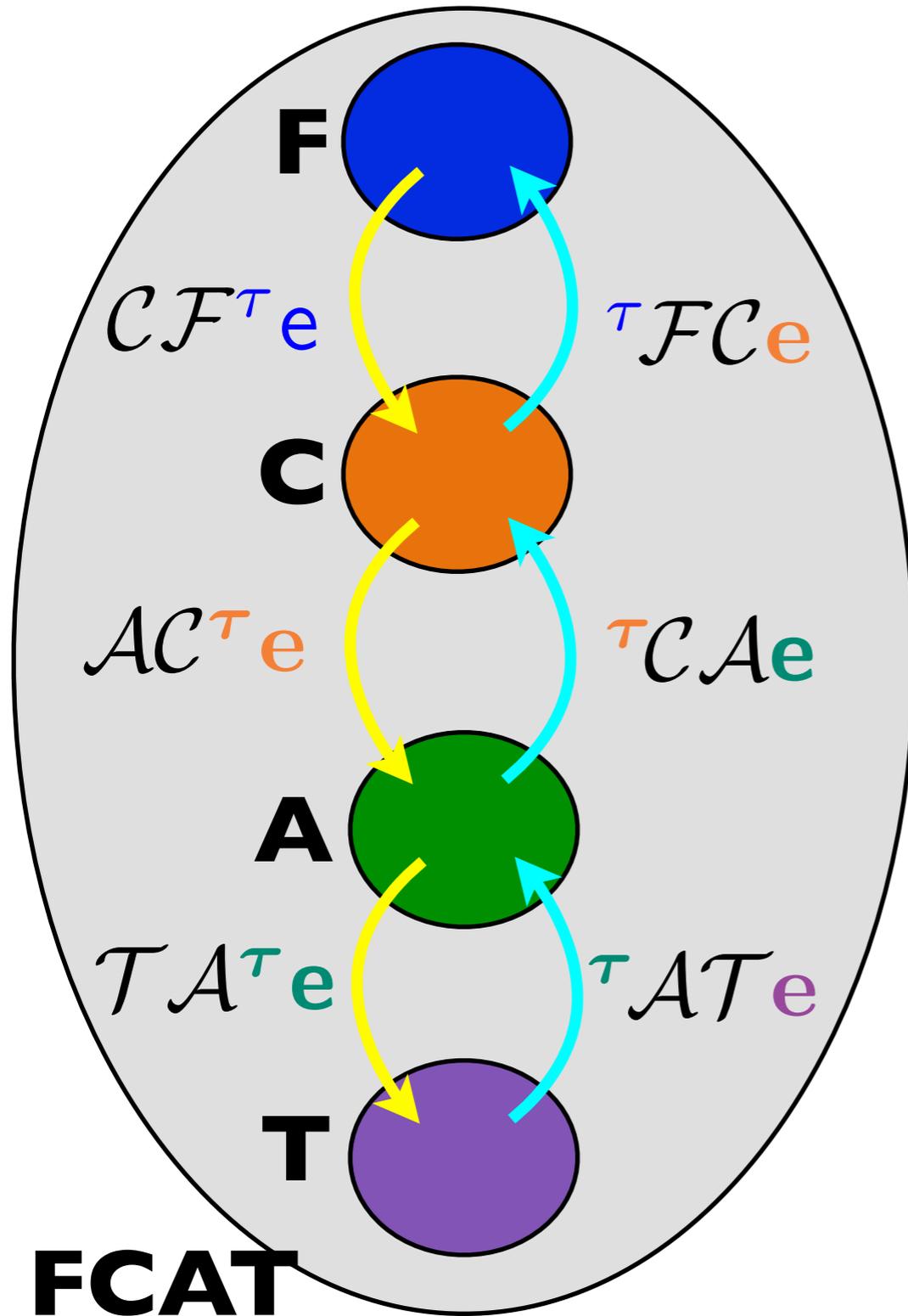
Add new type  $L\langle\tau\rangle$  & new value form  $L\langle\tau\rangle\mathcal{FC}_v$

Add new type  $\lceil\alpha\rceil$  & define  $\lceil\alpha\rceil[\tau/\alpha] = \tau\langle c\rangle$

Requires novel admissibility relations in logical relation.

(draft paper: [www.ccs.neu.edu/home/amal/voc.pdf](http://www.ccs.neu.edu/home/amal/voc.pdf))

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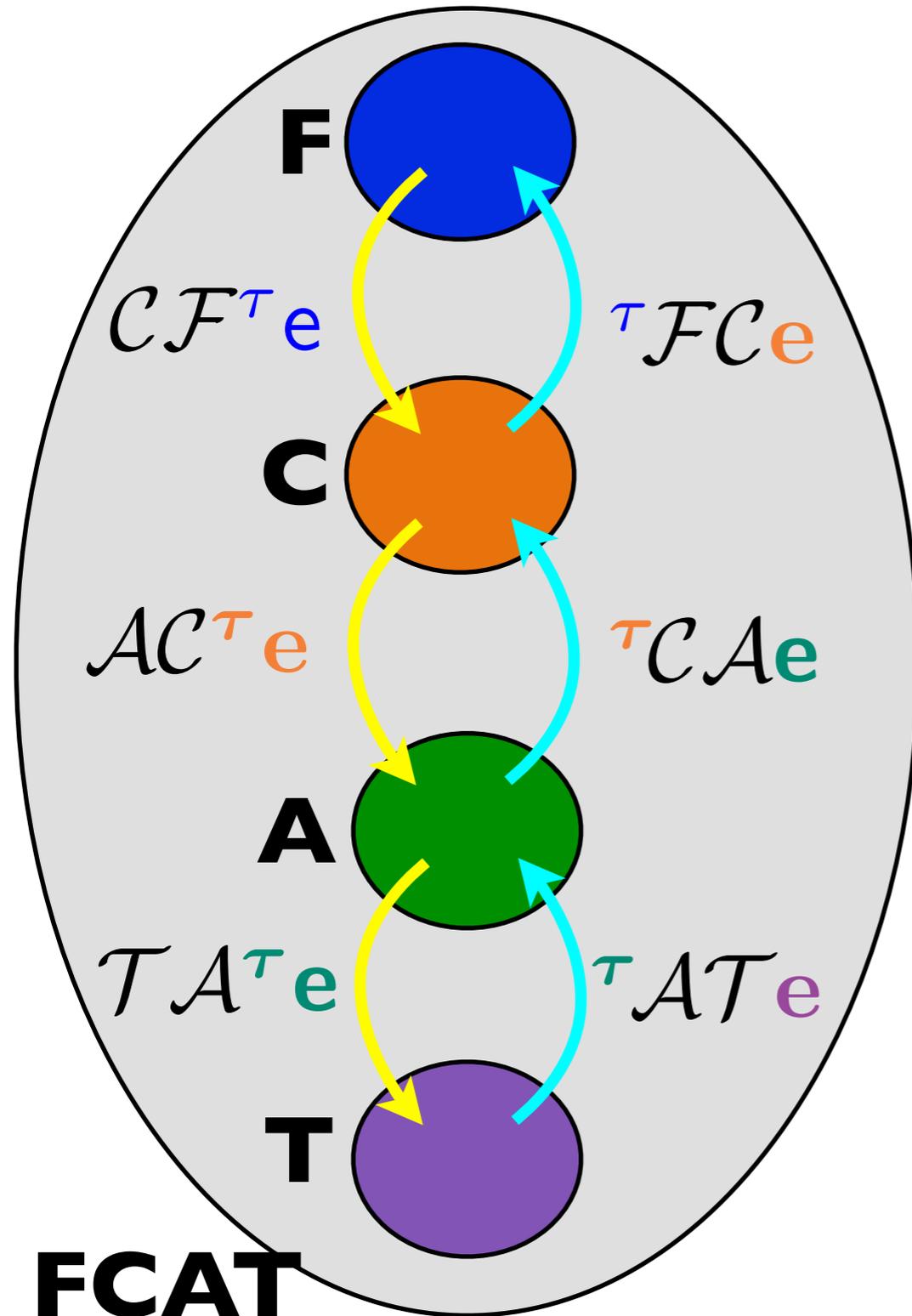


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$\psi ::= \forall[\bar{\alpha}].(\bar{\tau}) \rightarrow \tau \mid \langle \tau, \dots, \tau \rangle$

$e ::= (t, \mathbf{H}) \mid t$

$t ::= x \mid () \mid n \mid t \text{ p } t \mid \text{if0 } t \ t \ t \mid \ell \mid t [] \bar{t} \mid t[\tau]$   
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$v ::= () \mid n \mid \text{pack } \langle \tau, v \rangle \text{ as } \exists\alpha.\tau \mid \text{fold}_{\mu\alpha.\tau} v \mid \ell \mid v[\tau]$

$\mathbf{H} ::= \cdot \mid \mathbf{H}, \ell \mapsto h$

$h ::= \lambda[\bar{\alpha}] (\bar{x} : \bar{\tau}).t \mid \langle v, \dots, v \rangle$

$\langle \mathbf{H} \mid e \rangle \longmapsto \langle \mathbf{H}' \mid e' \rangle$  Reduction Relation (selected cases)

$\langle \mathbf{H} \mid (t, \mathbf{H}') \rangle \longmapsto \langle (\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{H}') \mid t \rangle \quad \text{dom}(\mathbf{H}) \cap \text{dom}(\mathbf{H}') = \emptyset$

$\langle \mathbf{H} \mid \mathbf{E}[\ell [\bar{\tau}'] \bar{v}] \rangle \longmapsto \langle \mathbf{H} \mid \mathbf{E}[t[\bar{\tau}'/\bar{\alpha}][\bar{v}/\bar{x}]] \rangle \quad \mathbf{H}(\ell) = \lambda[\bar{\alpha}] (\bar{x} : \bar{\tau}).t$

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$\psi$	$::= \forall[\Delta].\{\chi; \sigma\}^q \mid \langle \tau, \dots, \tau \rangle$	<i>Heap value type</i>
$\chi$	$::= \cdot \mid \chi, r : \tau$	<i>Register file type</i>
$\sigma$	$::= \zeta \mid \bullet \mid \tau :: \sigma$	<i>Stack type</i>
$q$	$::= \epsilon \mid r \mid i \mid \text{end}[\tau; \sigma]$	<i>Return marker</i>
$\Delta$	$::= \cdot \mid \Delta, \alpha \mid \Delta, \zeta \mid \Delta, \epsilon$	<i>Type variable environment</i>
$\omega$	$::= \tau \mid \sigma \mid q$	<i>Instantiation of type variable</i>
$r$	$::= r1 \mid r2 \mid \dots \mid r7 \mid ra$	<i>Register</i>
$h$	$::= \text{code}[\Delta]\{\chi; \sigma\}^q.I \mid \langle w, \dots, w \rangle$	<i>Heap value</i>
$w$	$::= () \mid n \mid \ell \mid \text{pack } \langle \tau, w \rangle \text{ as } \exists\alpha.\tau$ $\mid \text{fold}_{\mu\alpha.\tau} w \mid w[\omega]$	<i>Word value</i>
$u$	$::= w \mid r \mid \text{pack } \langle \tau, u \rangle \text{ as } \exists\alpha.\tau$ $\mid \text{fold}_{\mu\alpha.\tau} u \mid u[\omega]$	<i>Small value</i>
$I$	$::= \iota; I \mid \text{jmp } u \mid \text{ret } q, r$	<i>Instruction sequence</i>

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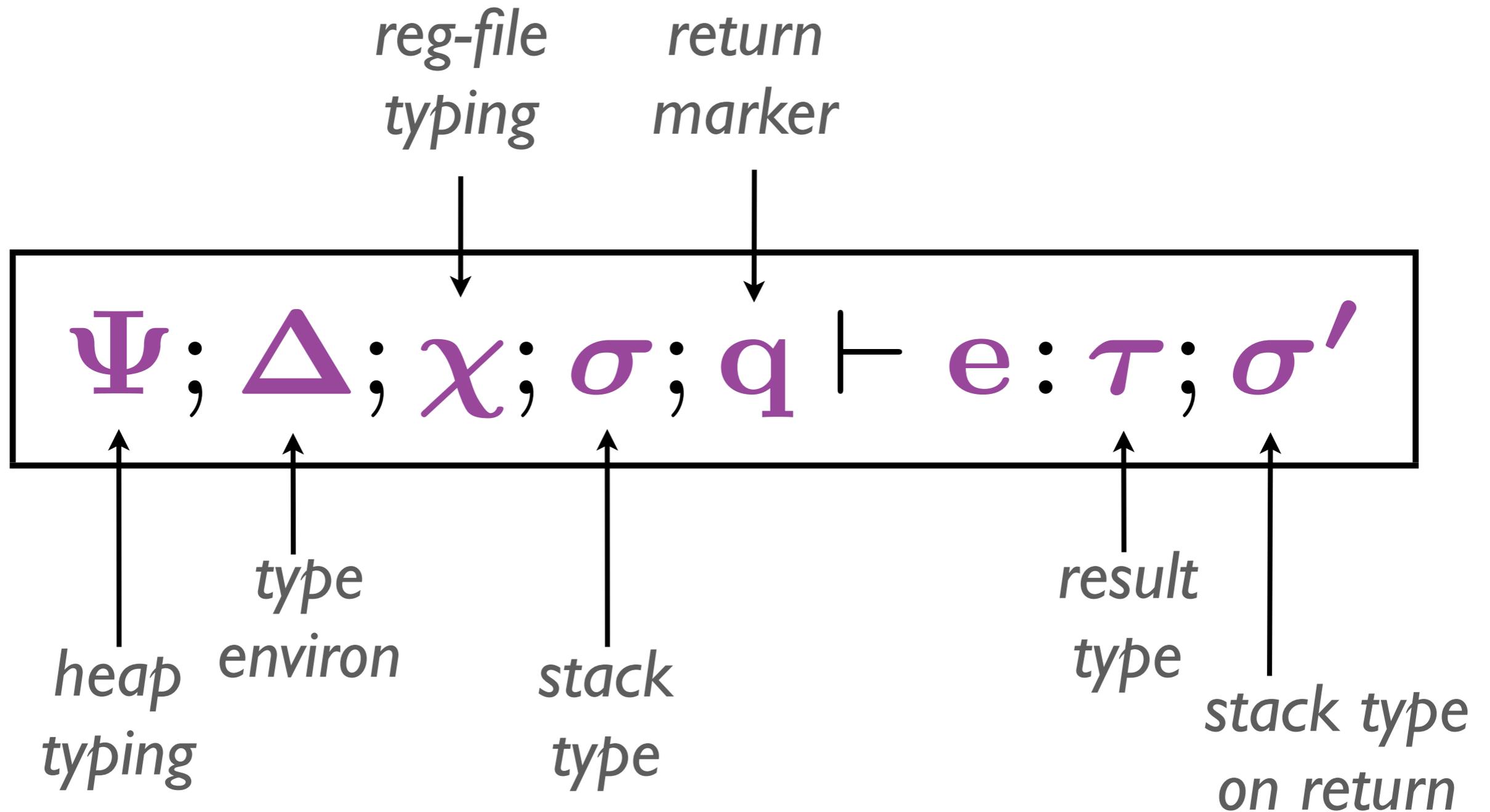
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$\iota$	$::=$	$\text{aop } r_d, r_s, u \mid \text{bnz } r, u \mid \text{mv } r_d, u$	<i>Instruction</i>
		$\mid \text{ralloc } r_d, n \mid \text{balloc } r_d, n \mid \text{ld } r_d, r_s[i] \mid \text{st } r_d[i], r_s$	
		$\mid \text{unpack } \langle \alpha, r_d \rangle u \mid \text{unfold } r_d, u \mid \text{salloc } n \mid \text{sfree } n$	
		$\mid \text{sld } r_d, i \mid \text{sst } i, r_s$	
$\text{aop}$	$::=$	$\text{add} \mid \text{sub} \mid \text{mult}$	<i>Arithmetic operation</i>
$e$	$::=$	$(I, H) \mid I$	<i>Component</i>
$v$	$::=$	$\text{ret } q, r$	<i>Term value</i>
$E$	$::=$	$(E_I, \cdot)$	<i>Evaluation context</i>
$E_I$	$::=$	$[\cdot]$	<i>Instruction evaluation context</i>
$H$	$::=$	$\cdot \mid H, \ell \mapsto h$	<i>Heap or Heap fragment</i>
$R$	$::=$	$\cdot \mid R, r \mapsto w$	<i>Register file</i>
$S$	$::=$	$\text{nil} \mid w :: S$	<i>Stack</i>
$M$	$::=$	$(H, R, S : \sigma)$	<i>Memory</i>

$$\langle M \mid e \rangle \mapsto \langle M' \mid e' \rangle$$

# Typing TAL Components

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# Well-typed Components in $\mathbf{T}$

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$$\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; \mathbf{q} \vdash e : \tau; \sigma'$$

$$\frac{\Psi \vdash \mathbf{H} : \Psi_e \quad \text{boxheap}(\Psi_e) \quad \text{ret-type}(\mathbf{q}, \chi, \sigma) = \tau; \sigma' \quad (\Psi, \Psi_e); \Delta; \chi; \sigma; \mathbf{q} \vdash \mathbf{I}}{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; \mathbf{q} \vdash (\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{H}) : \tau; \sigma'}$$

# Well-typed Instruction Sequence

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$\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; q \vdash I$  where  $q \neq \epsilon$

$$\frac{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; q \vdash \iota \Rightarrow \Delta'; \chi'; \sigma'; q' \quad \Psi; \Delta'; \chi'; \sigma'; q' \vdash I}{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; q \vdash \iota; I}$$

$$\frac{\chi(r) = \text{box } \forall []. \{r' : \tau; \sigma\}^{q'} \quad \chi(r') = \tau}{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; r \vdash \text{ret } r, r'}$$

$$\frac{\chi(r) = \tau}{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; \text{end}[\tau; \sigma] \vdash \text{ret } \text{end}[\tau; \sigma], r}$$

# Jmp

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To next code block within component:

$$\frac{\Psi; \Delta; \chi \vdash u: \text{box } \forall[]. \{\chi'; \sigma\}^q \quad \Delta \vdash \chi \leq \chi'}{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; q \vdash \text{jmp } u}$$

Call subroutine:

- must protect current return addr, by storing it in tail part of stack that is parametrically hidden from subroutine

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Psi; \Delta; \chi \vdash u: \text{box } \forall[\zeta, \epsilon]. \{\hat{\chi}; \hat{\sigma}\}^{\hat{q}} \quad \text{ret-addr-type}(\hat{q}, \hat{\chi}, \hat{\sigma}) = \forall[]. \{r: \tau; \hat{\sigma}'\}^{\epsilon} \\ \Delta \vdash \sigma_0 \quad \Delta \vdash \forall[]. \{\hat{\chi}[\sigma_0/\zeta][i+k-j/\epsilon]; \hat{\sigma}[\sigma_0/\zeta][i+k-j/\epsilon]\}^{\hat{q}} \quad \Delta \vdash \chi \leq \hat{\chi}[\sigma_0/\zeta][i+k-j/\epsilon] \\ \sigma = \tau_0 :: \dots :: \tau_j :: \sigma_0 \quad \hat{\sigma} = \tau_0 :: \dots :: \tau_j :: \zeta \quad j < i \quad \hat{\sigma}' = \tau'_0 :: \dots :: \tau'_k :: \zeta \end{array}}{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; i \vdash \text{jmp } u[\sigma_0, i+k-j]}$$

# Instruction Typing

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Instructions must not clobber return address:

$$\frac{\Psi; \Delta; \chi \vdash u : \tau \quad q \neq r_d}{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; q \vdash \text{mv } r_d, u \Rightarrow \Delta; \chi[r_d : \tau]; \sigma; q}$$

Can move return address elsewhere:

$$\frac{\Psi; \Delta; \chi \vdash u : \tau}{\Psi; \Delta; \chi; \sigma; r_s \vdash \text{mv } r_d, r_s \Rightarrow \Delta; \chi[r_d : \tau]; \sigma; r_d}$$

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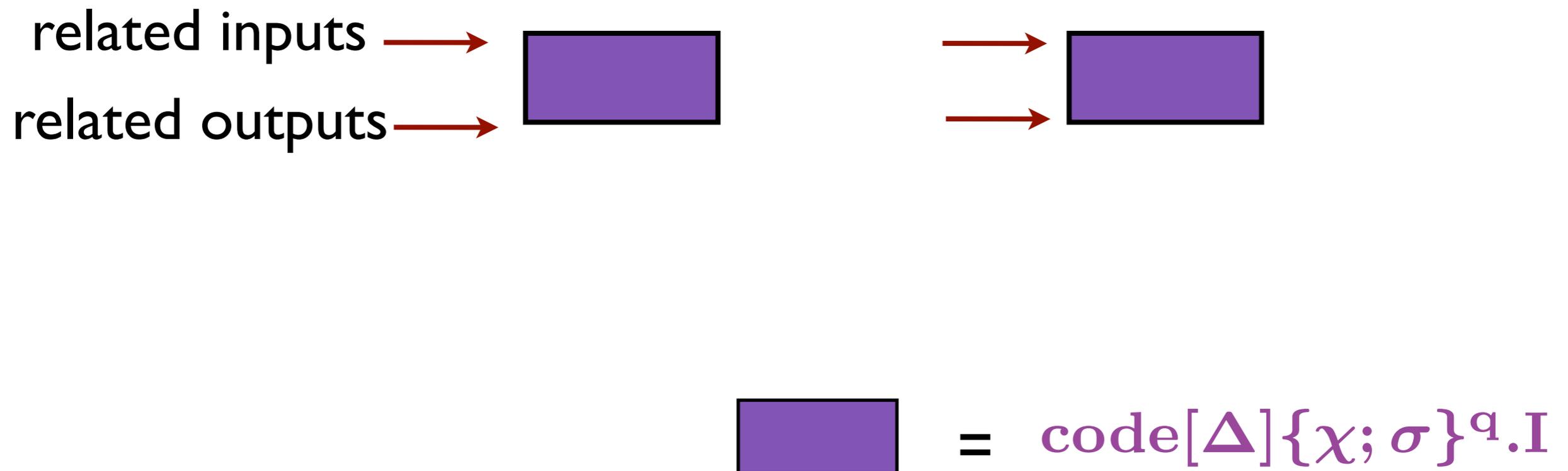
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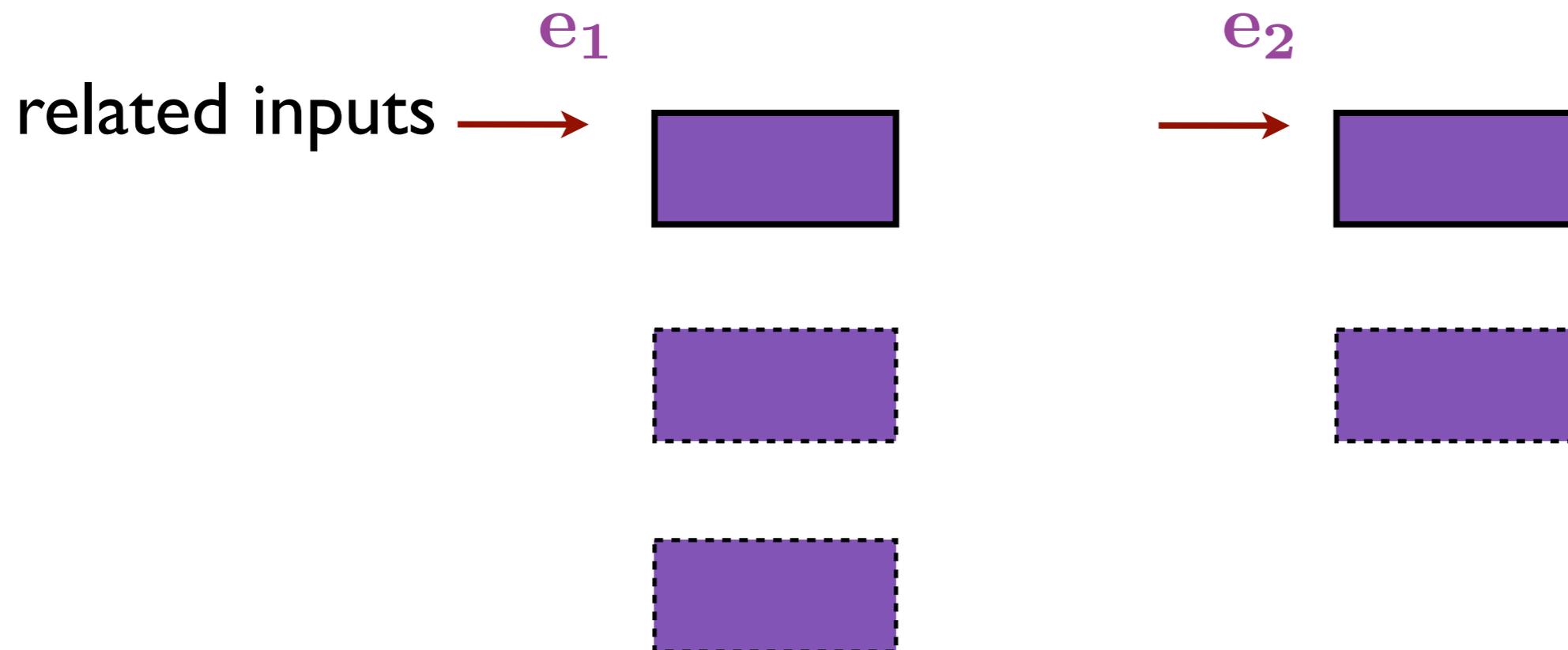
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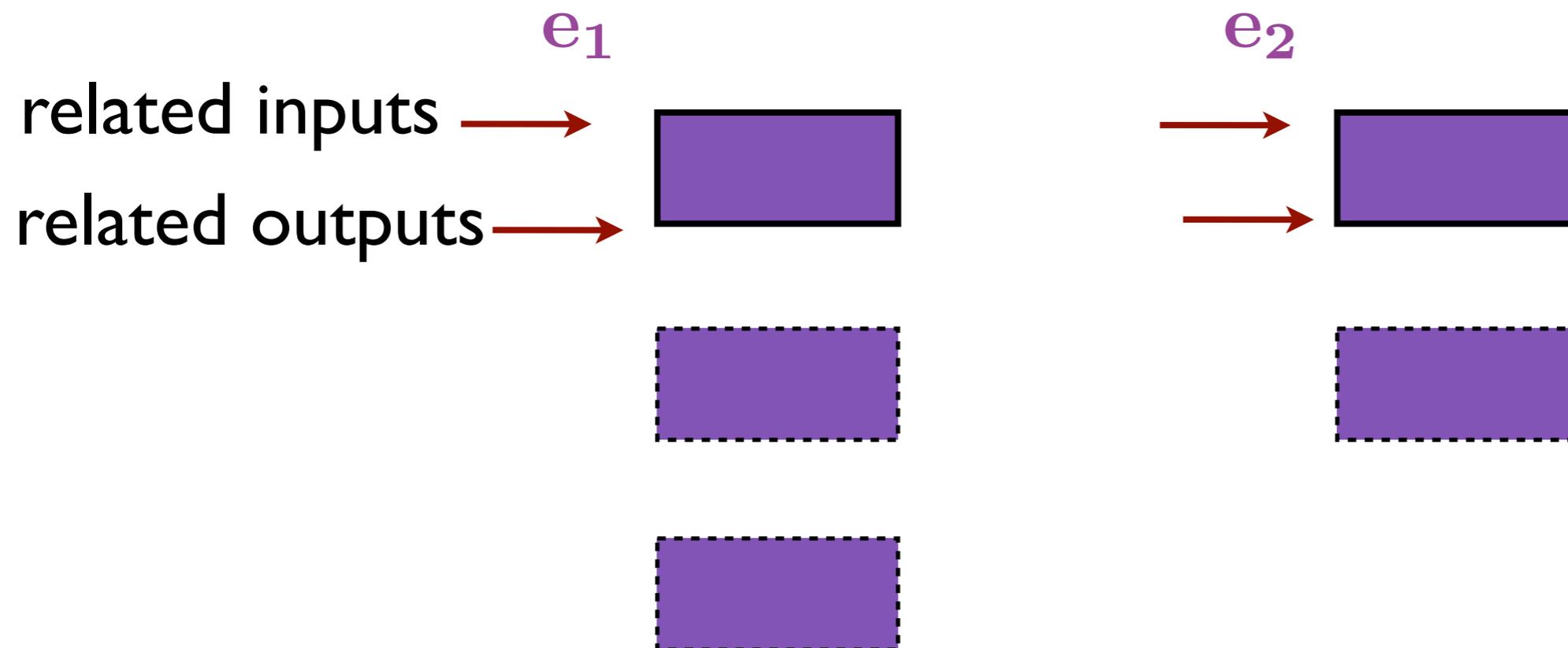
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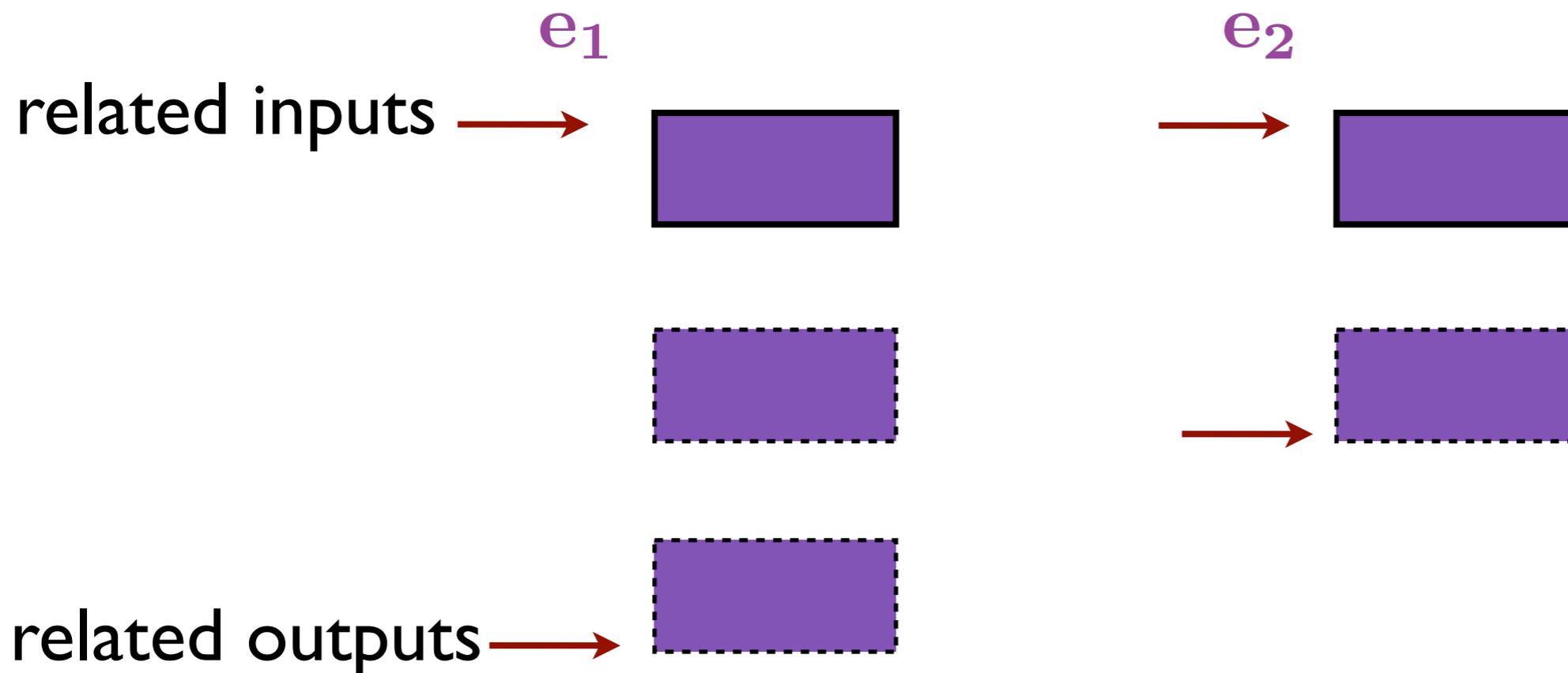
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# Code Generation: **A** to **T**

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Type translation

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# Code Generation: **A** to **T**

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$\tau^{\mathcal{T}}$  Type translation

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$\Psi; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : \tau \rightsquigarrow e$

$$\Psi^{\mathcal{T}}; \Delta^{\mathcal{T}}; \cdot; \cdot; \Gamma^{\mathcal{T}} :: \bullet; \text{end}[\tau^{\mathcal{T}}; \Gamma^{\mathcal{T}} :: \bullet] \vdash e : \tau^{\mathcal{T}}; \Gamma^{\mathcal{T}} :: \bullet$$

# Interoperability: **A** and **T**

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$$\frac{\Psi; \Delta; \Gamma; \cdot; \sigma; \text{end}[\tau \langle \mathcal{T} \rangle; \sigma'] \vdash e : \tau \langle \mathcal{T} \rangle; \sigma'}{\Psi; \Delta; \Gamma; \chi; \sigma; \text{out} \vdash \tau \mathcal{A} \mathcal{T} e : \tau; \sigma'}$$

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# Interoperability: **A** and **T**

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# Interoperability: **A** and **T**

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$\iota ::= \dots \mid \text{import } r_d, \sigma \mathcal{T} \mathcal{A}^\tau e$

$$\mathbf{TA}^\tau(\mathbf{v}, M) = (\mathbf{w}, M')$$

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$$\langle M \mid E[\text{import } r_d, \sigma' \mathcal{T} \mathcal{A}^\tau \mathbf{v}; \mathbf{I}] \rangle \longmapsto \langle M' \mid E[\text{mv } r_d, \mathbf{w}; \mathbf{I}] \rangle$$

$$\frac{\sigma = \tau_0 :: \dots :: \tau_j :: \sigma_0 \quad \sigma' = \tau'_0 :: \dots :: \tau'_k :: \sigma_0 \quad \Psi; \Delta, \zeta; \Gamma; \chi; (\tau_0 :: \dots :: \tau_j :: \zeta); \text{out} \vdash e : \tau; (\tau'_0 :: \dots :: \tau'_k :: \zeta) \quad \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{i} > \mathbf{j} \text{ or } \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{j}}{\Psi; \Delta; \Gamma; \chi; \sigma; \mathbf{q} \vdash \text{import } r_d, \sigma^0 \mathcal{T} \mathcal{A}^\tau e \Rightarrow \Delta; (r_d : \tau^\tau); \sigma'; \text{inc}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{j})}$$

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# Other Issues

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## Contexts of **FCAT**

- plugging **T** context with a component is subtle

$$\mathbf{C} ::= (\mathbf{C}_I, \mathbf{H}) \mid (\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{C}_H)$$

$$\mathbf{C}_I ::= [\cdot] \mid \iota; \mathbf{C}_I \mid \text{import } r_d, \sigma \mathcal{T} \mathcal{A}^\tau \mathbf{C}; \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_H ::= \mathbf{C}_H, \ell \mapsto h \mid \mathbf{H}, \ell \mapsto \text{code}[\Delta]\{\chi; \sigma\}^q. \mathbf{C}_I$$

Logical Relation for **FCAT** ... nontrivial!

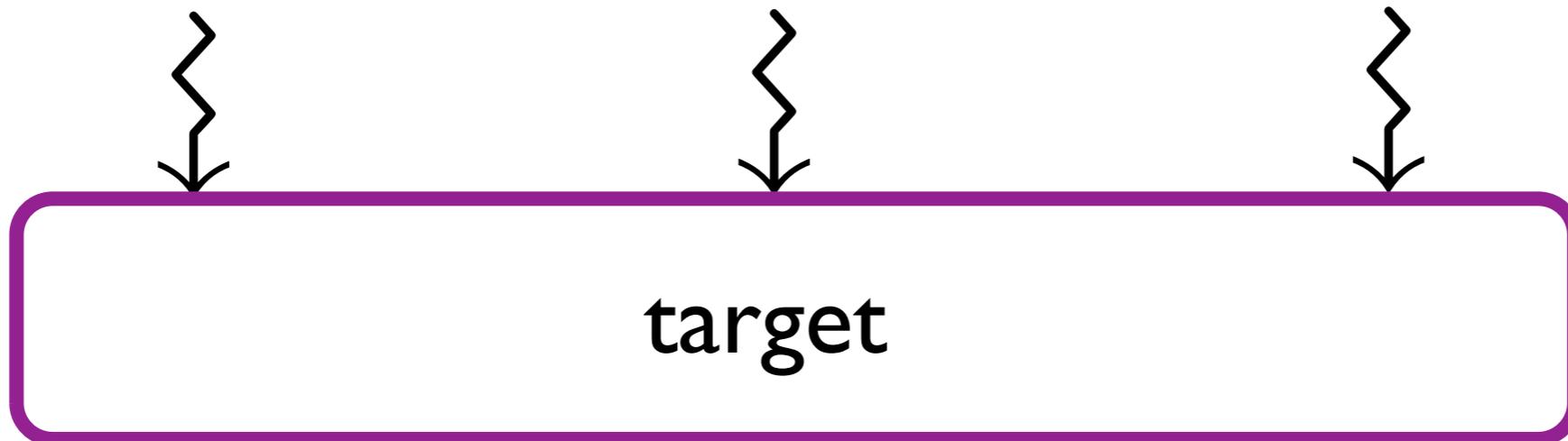
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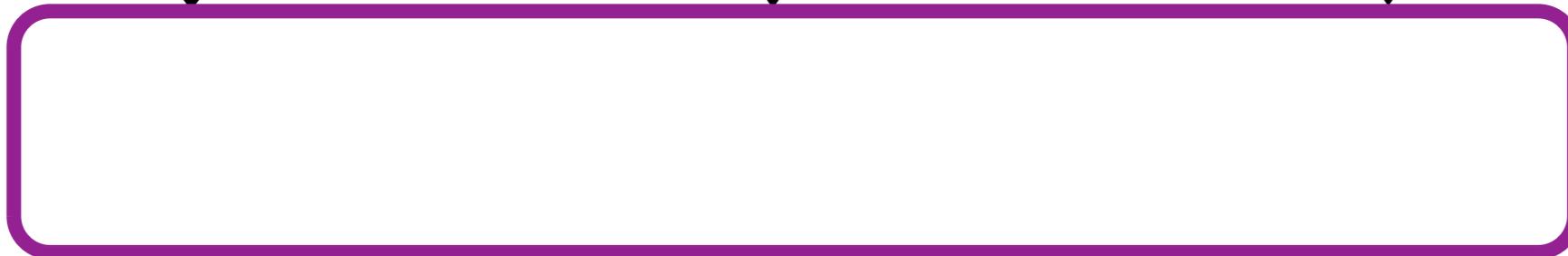
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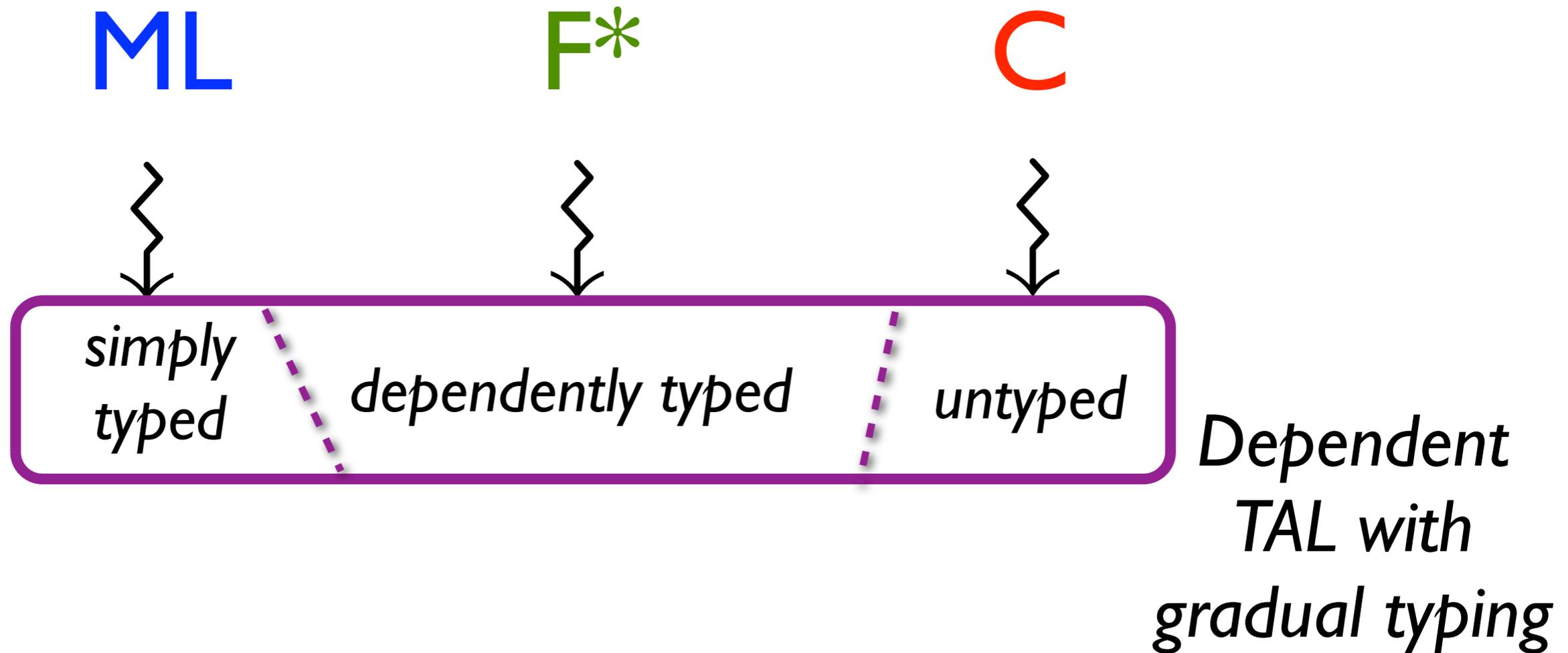
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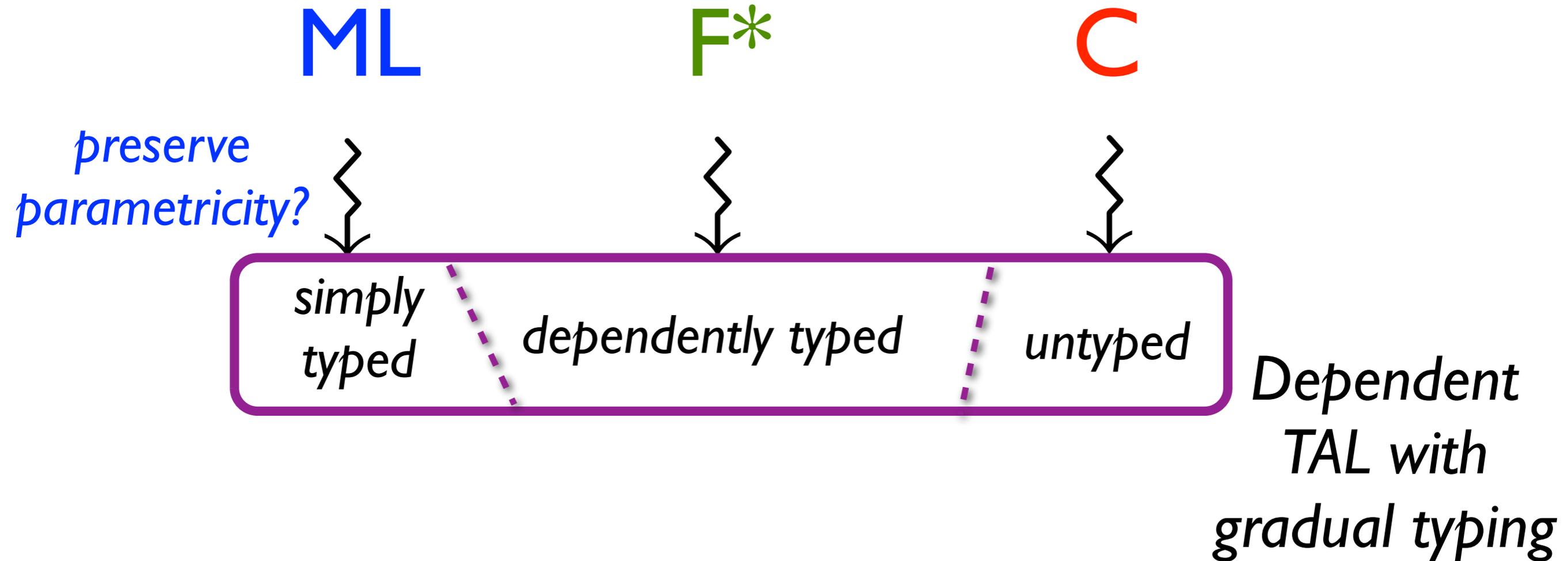
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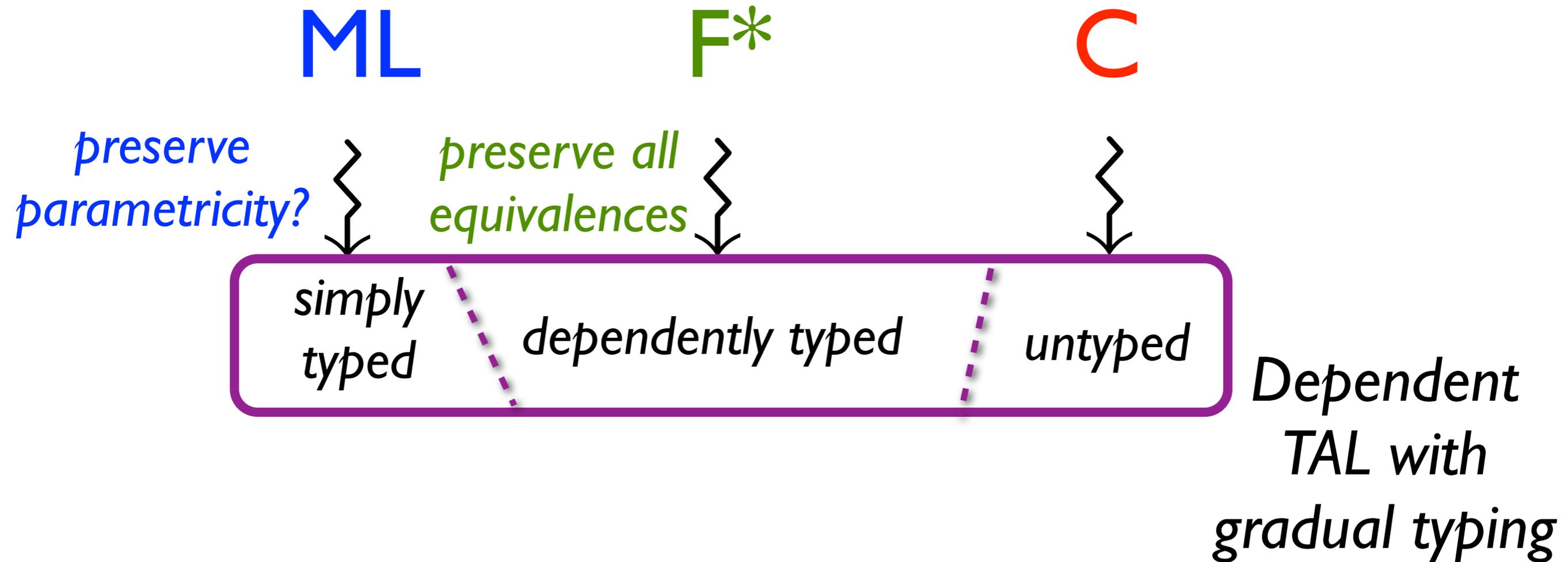
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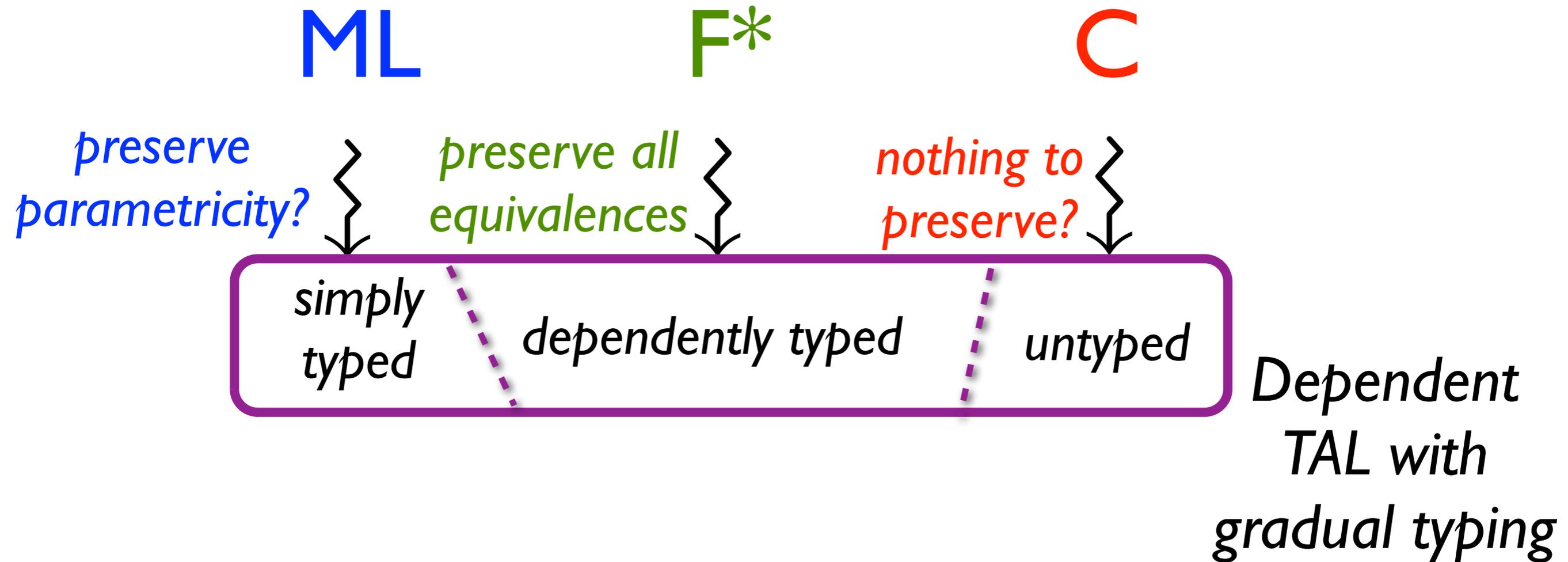
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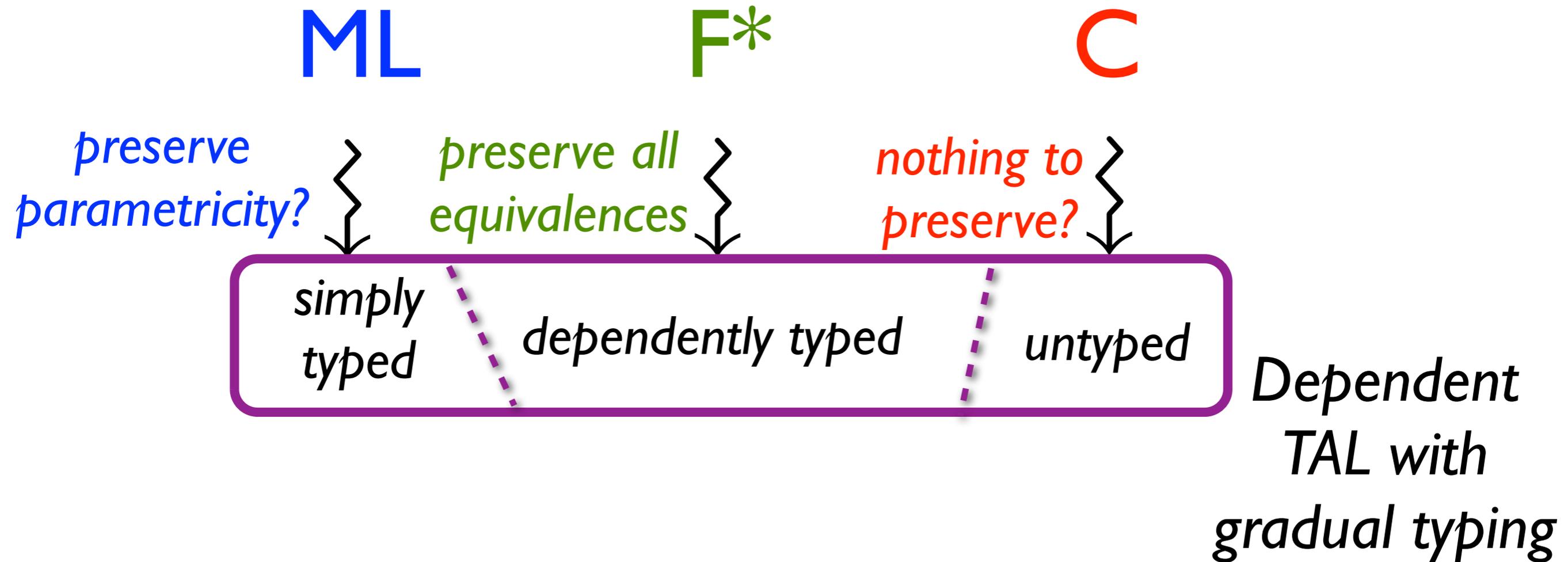
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It's about principled language interoperability!

# Conclusions

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Correct compilation of components, not just whole programs

- it's a language interoperability problem!

Multi-language approach:

- works for multi-pass compilers
- supports linking with target code of arbitrary provenance
- an opportunity to study principled interoperability
- interoperability semantics provides a specification of when source and target are related
- but have to get all the languages to fit together!

# Questions?

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