Type-safe Web Programming Using Routed Multiparty Session Types in TypeScript

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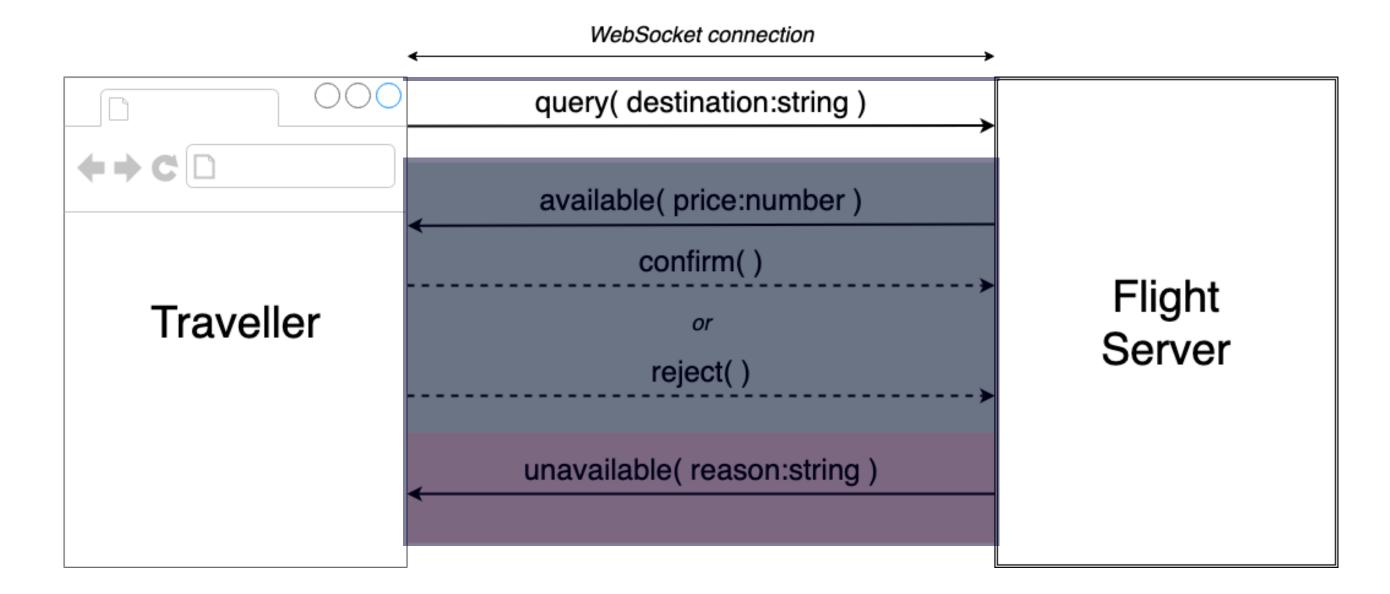
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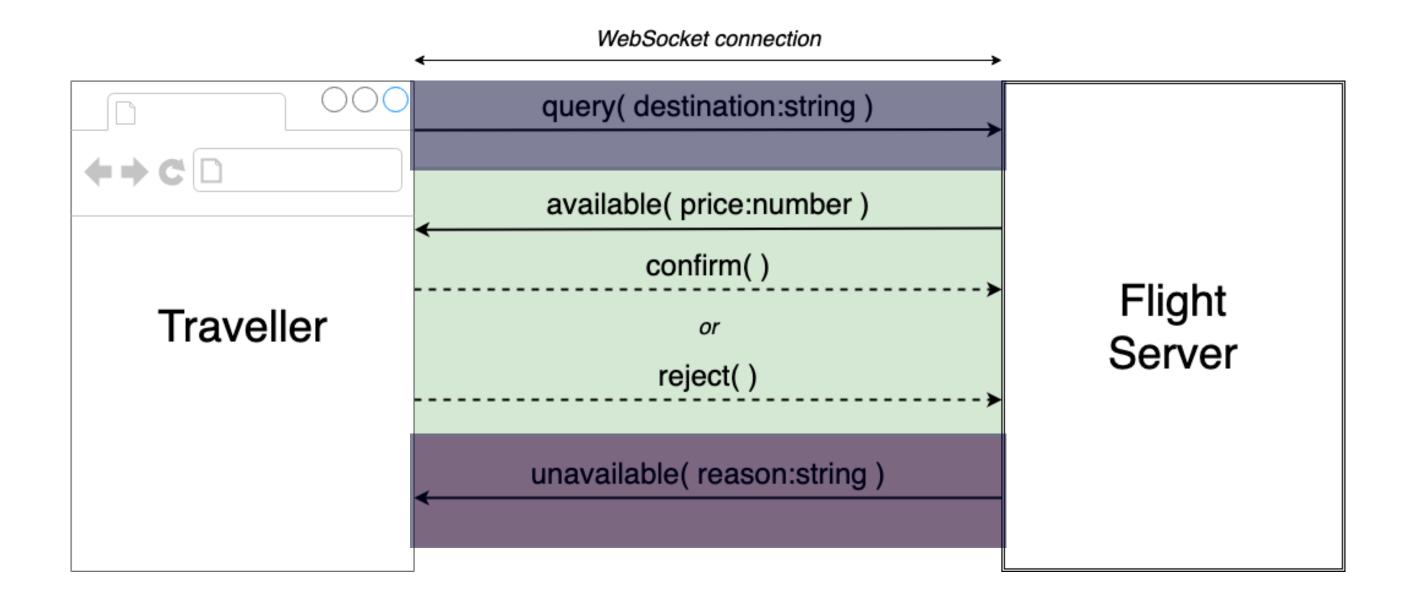
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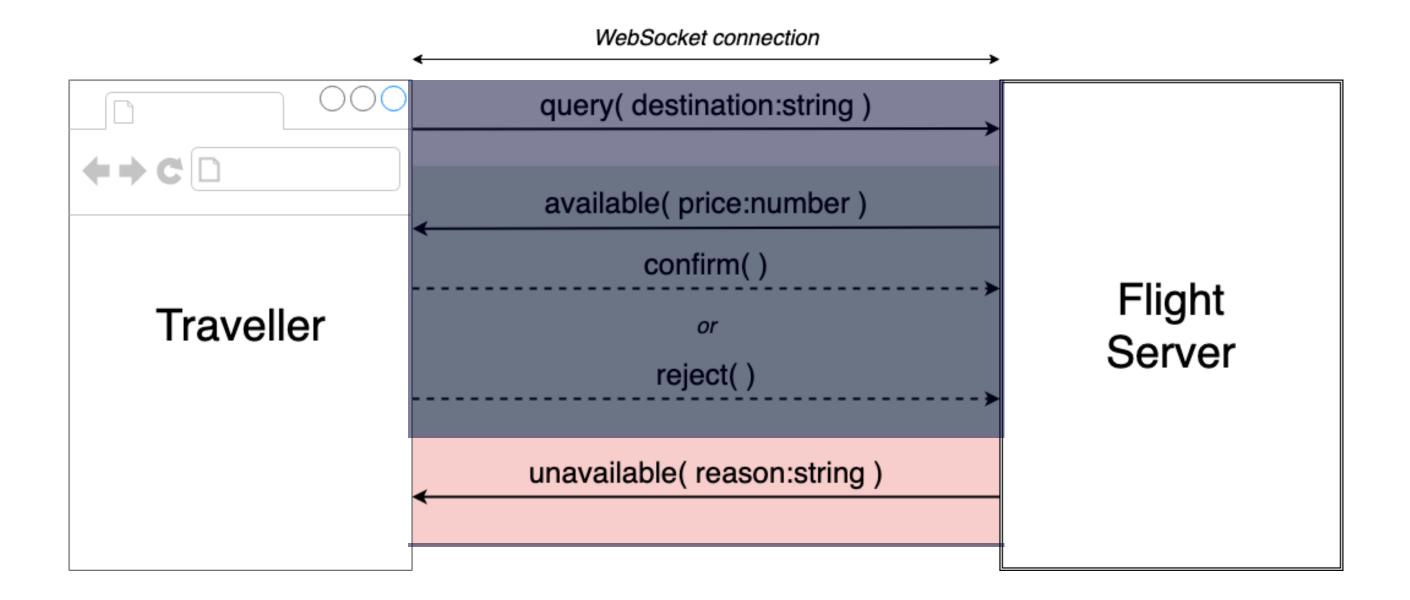
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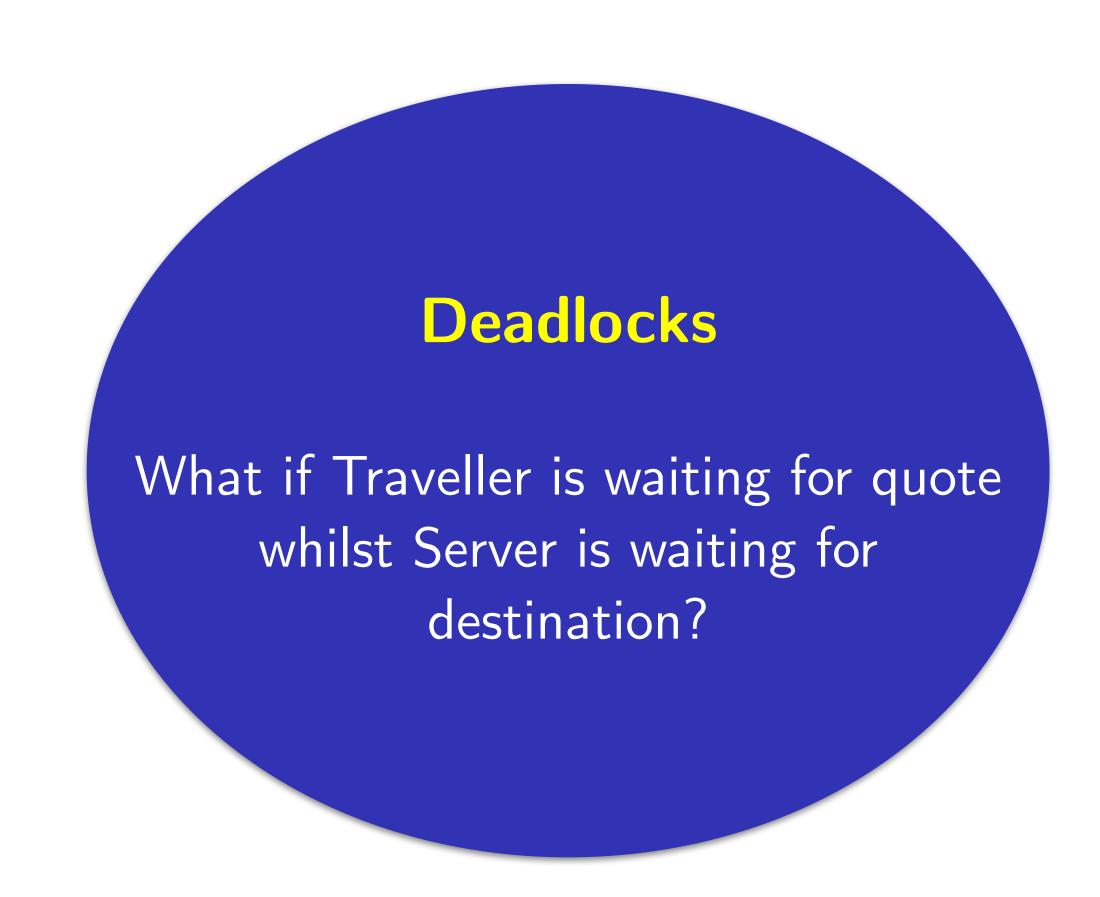
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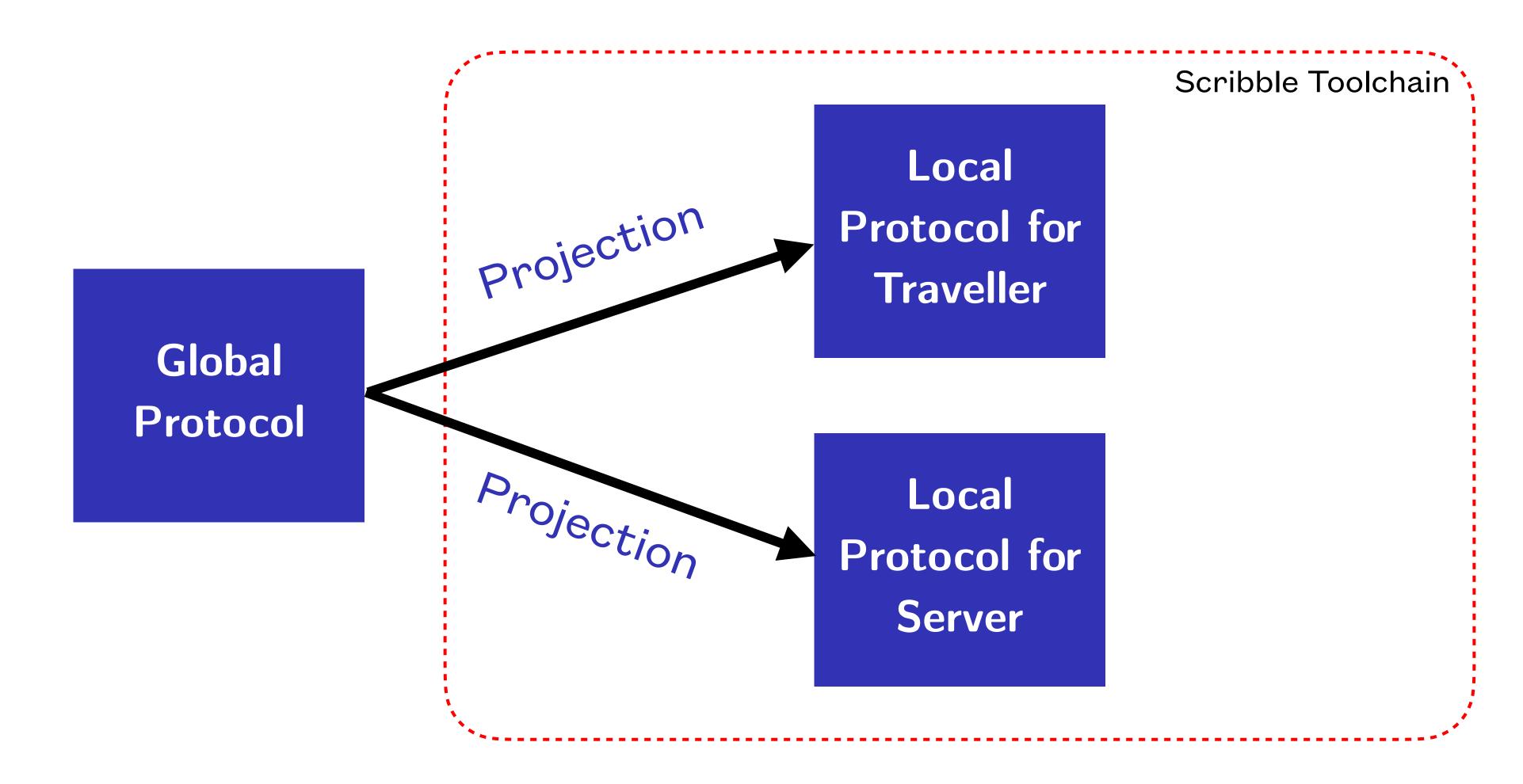
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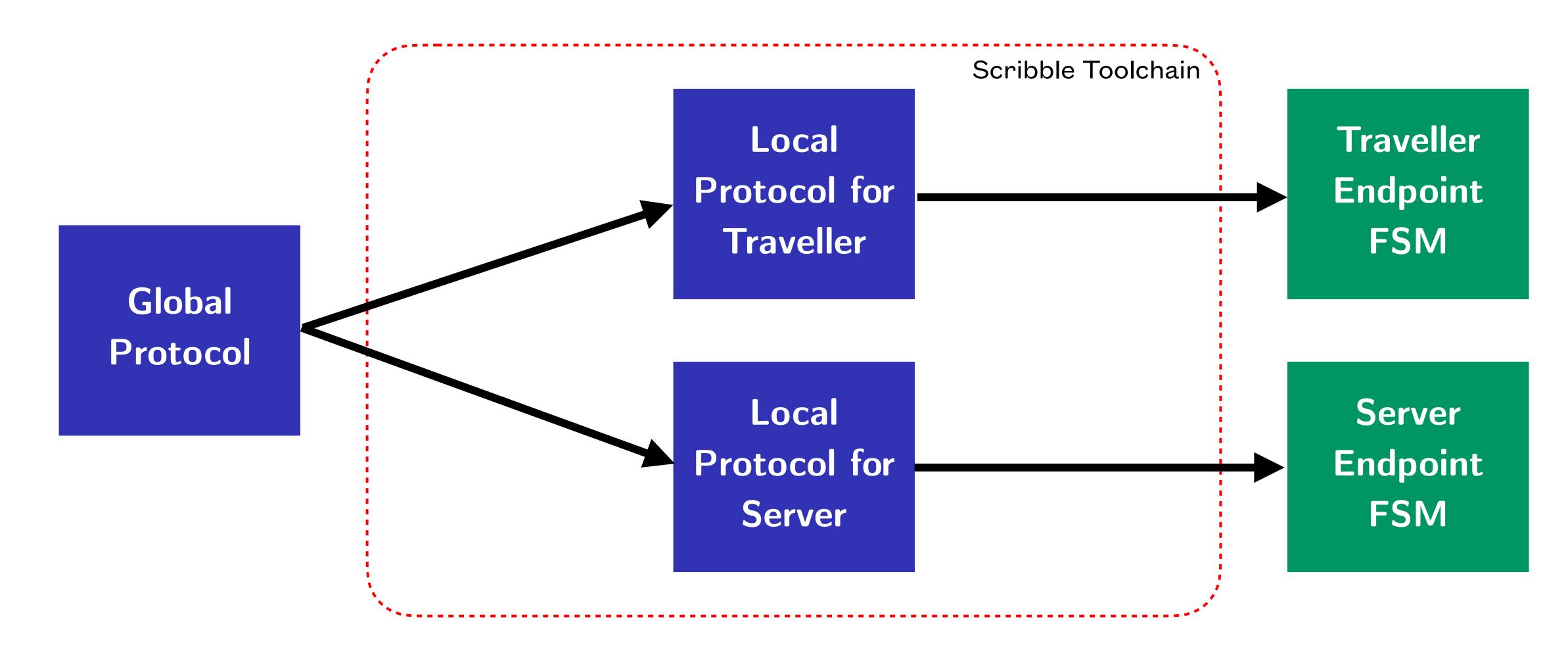
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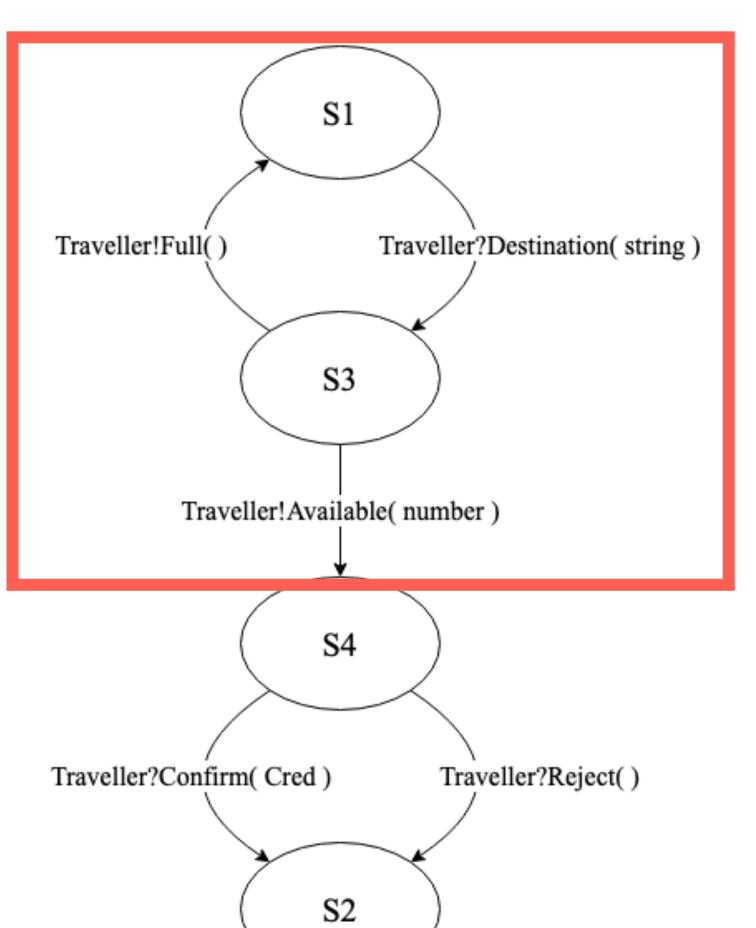


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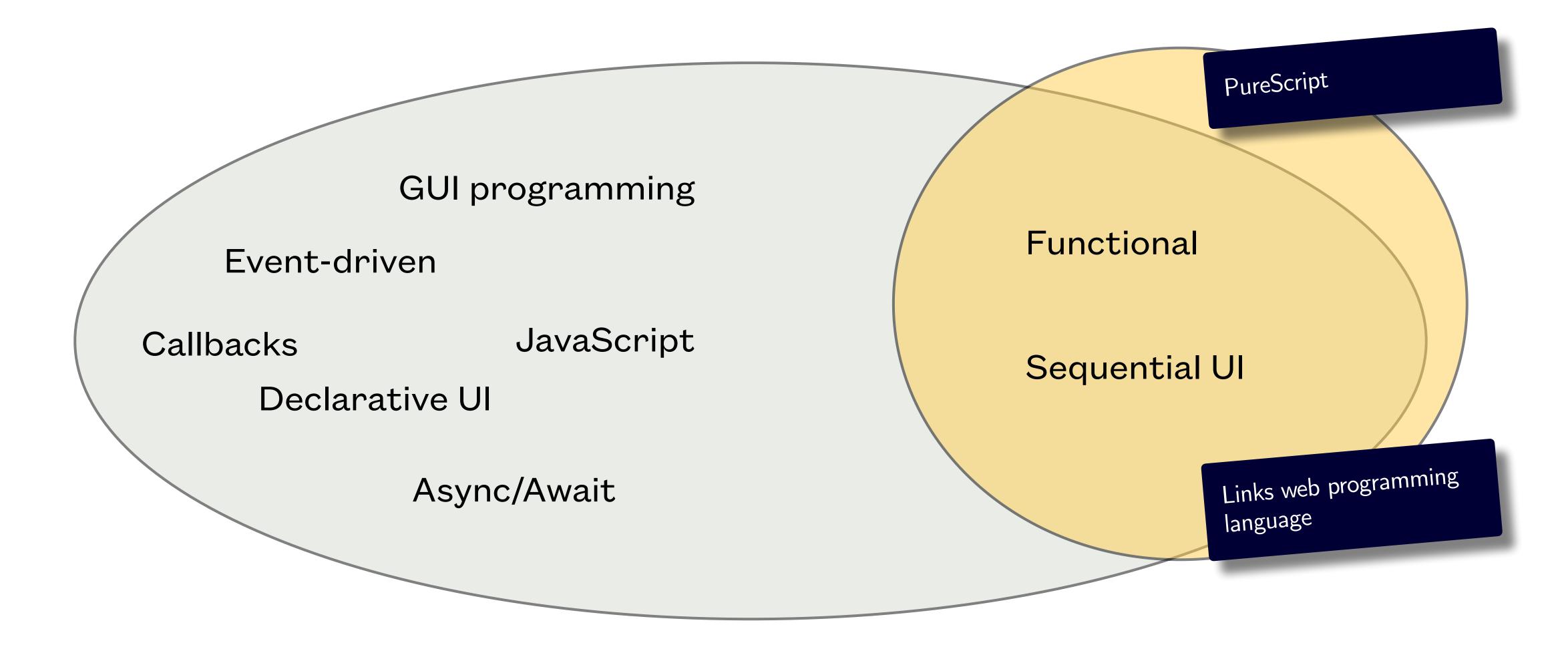
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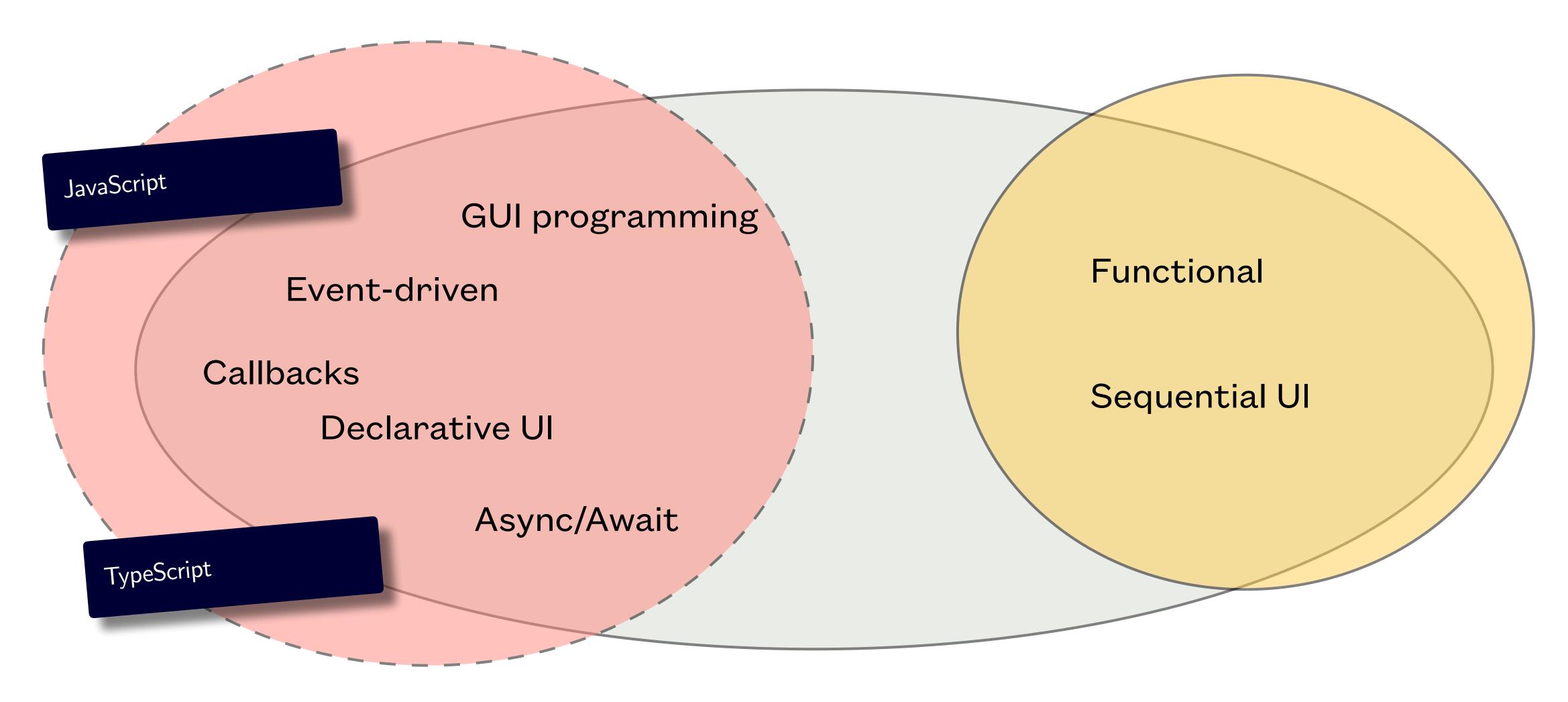
Server Endpoint FSM

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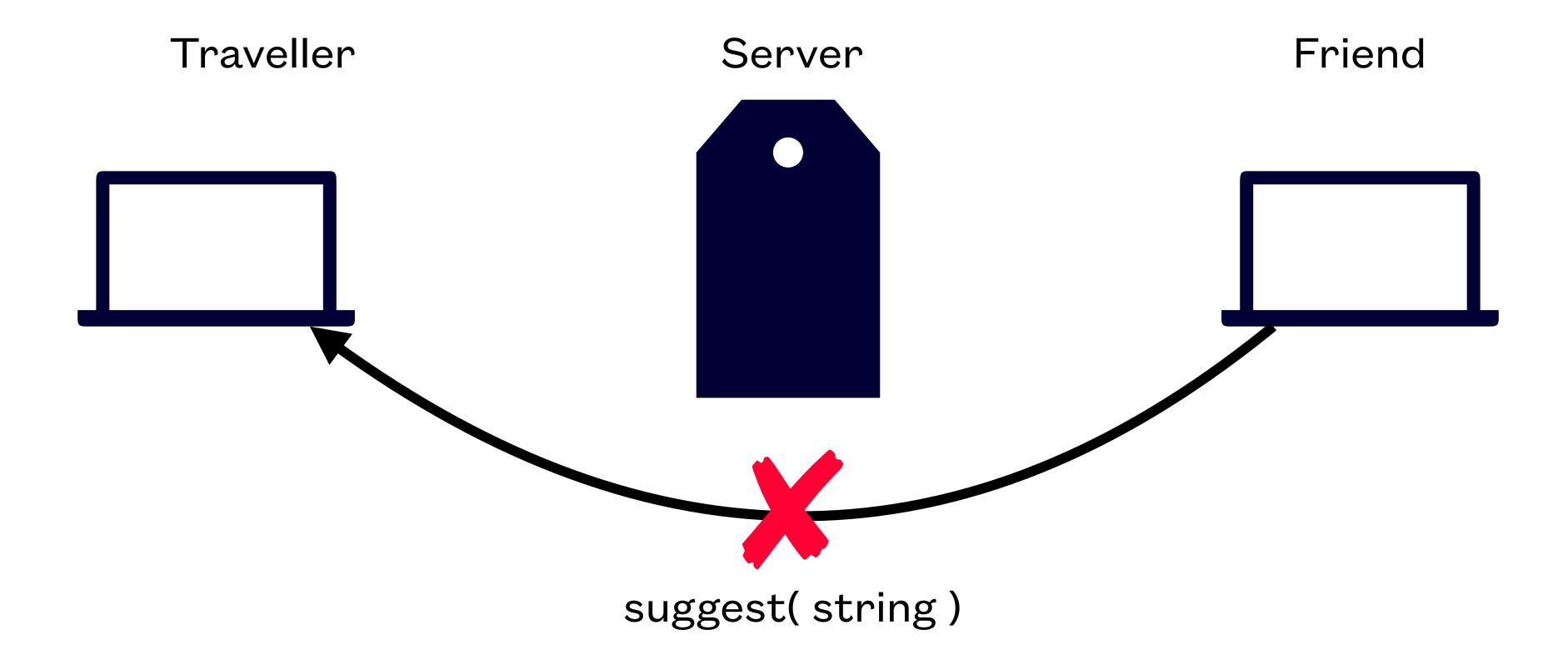
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SessionTS

A Session Type API Code Generation Toolchain for Modern Web Programming

Initial Work

- Accepted to the 12th International Workshop on <u>Programming Language Approaches to Concurrency-</u>
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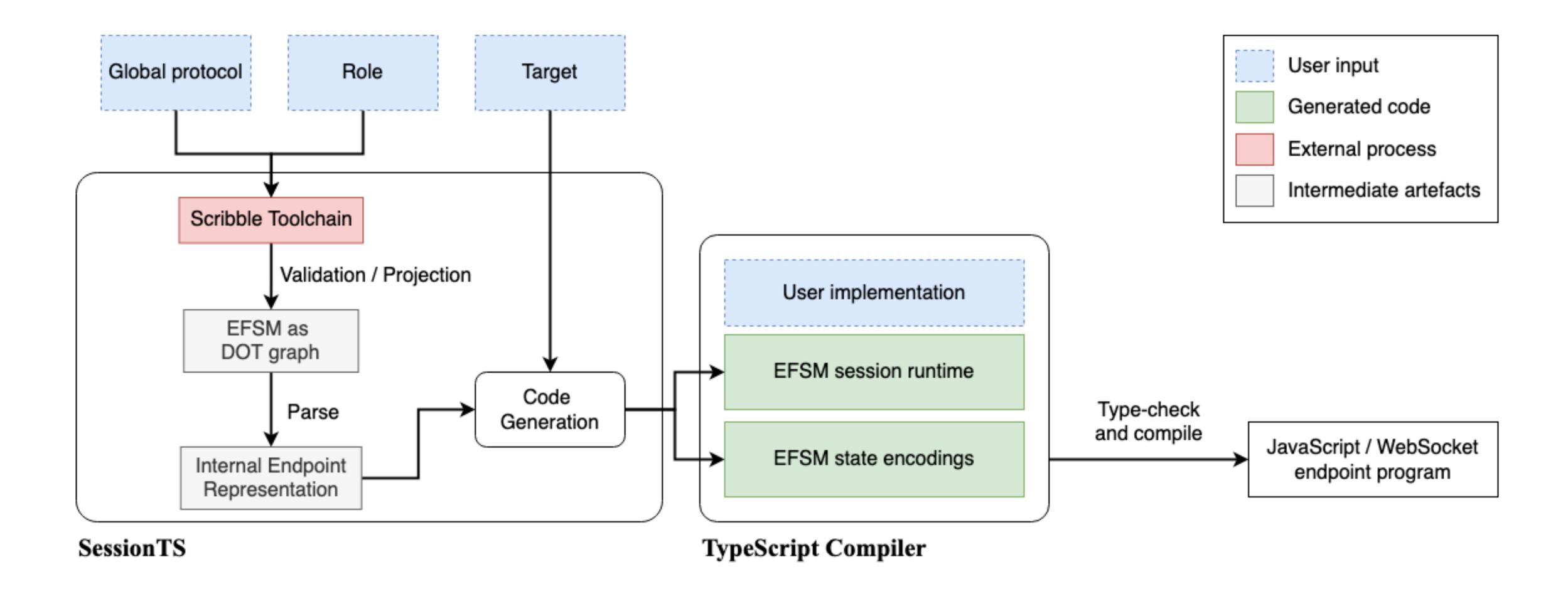
Generating Interactive WebSocket Applications in TypeScript

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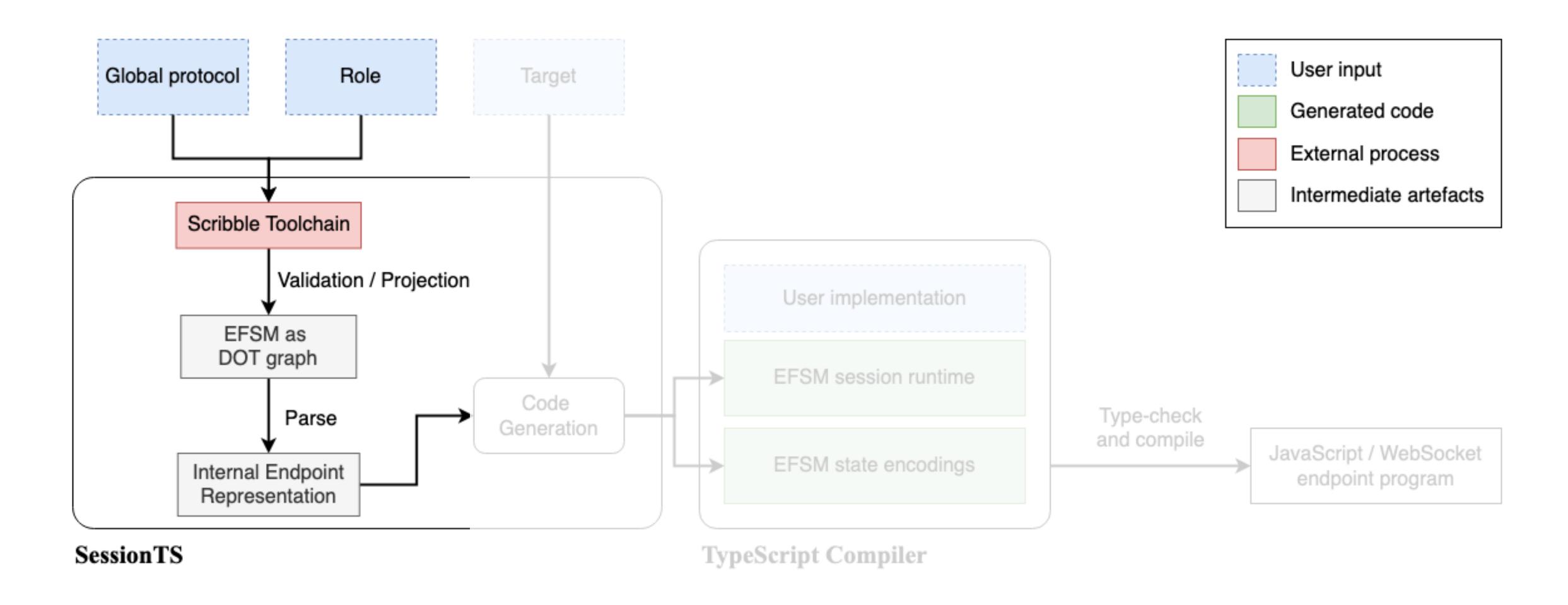
Advancements in mobile device computing power have made interactive web applications possible, allowing the web browser to render contents dynamically and support low-latency communication with the server. This comes at a cost to the developer, who now needs to reason more about correctness of communication patterns in their application as web applications support more complex communication patterns.

Multiparty session types (MPST) provide a framework for verifying conformance of implementations to their prescribed communication protocol. Existing proposals for applying the MPST framework in application developments either neglect the event-driven nature of web applications, or lack compatibility with industry tools and practices, which discourages mainstream adoption by web developers.

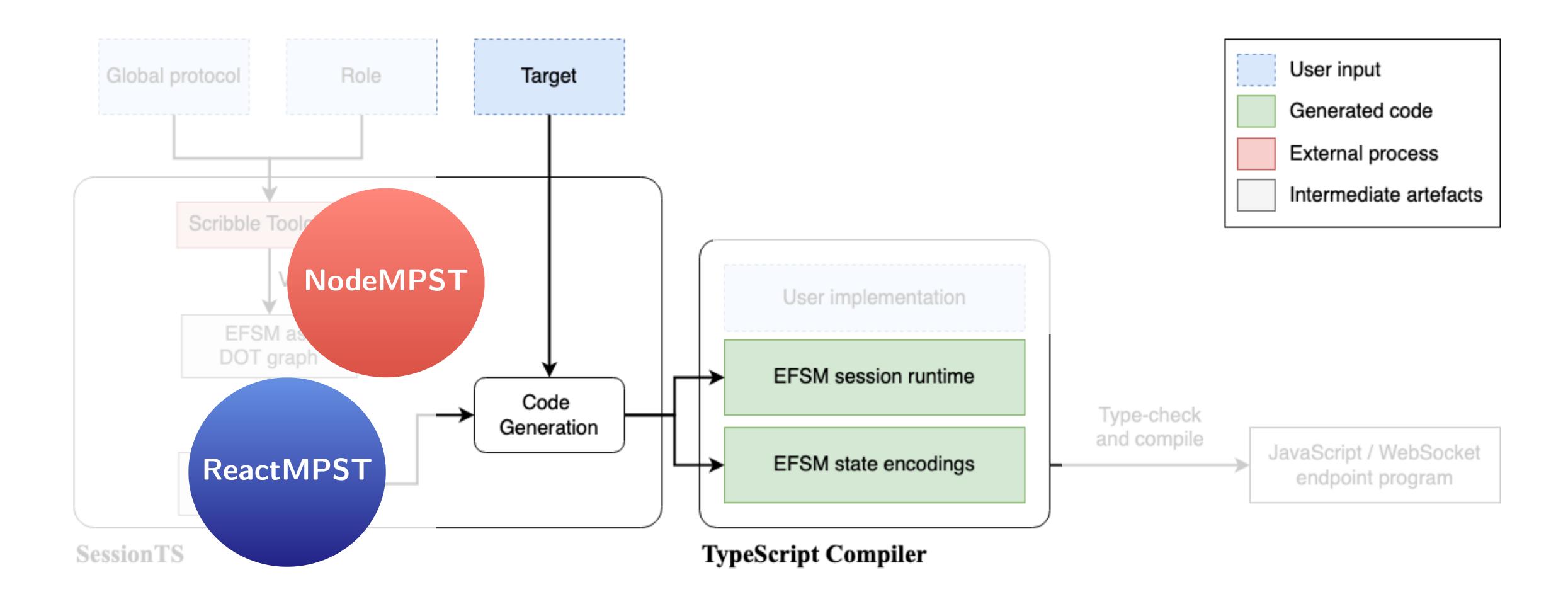
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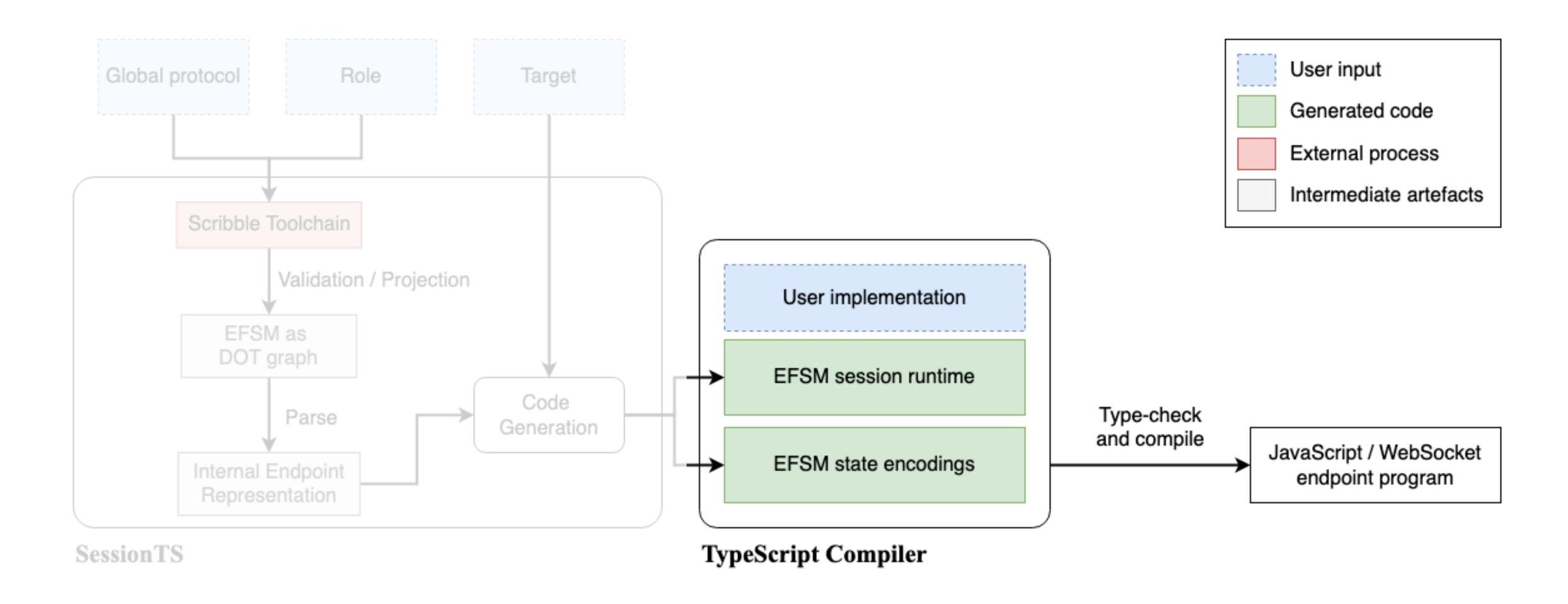
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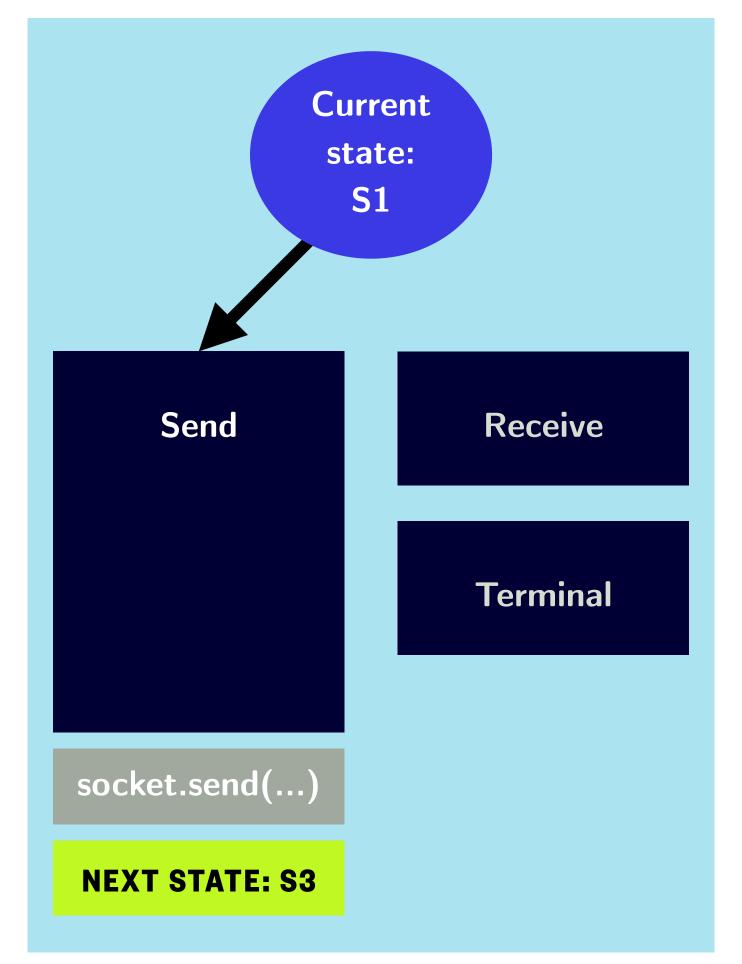
Demo

Type-safe Flight Booking Service

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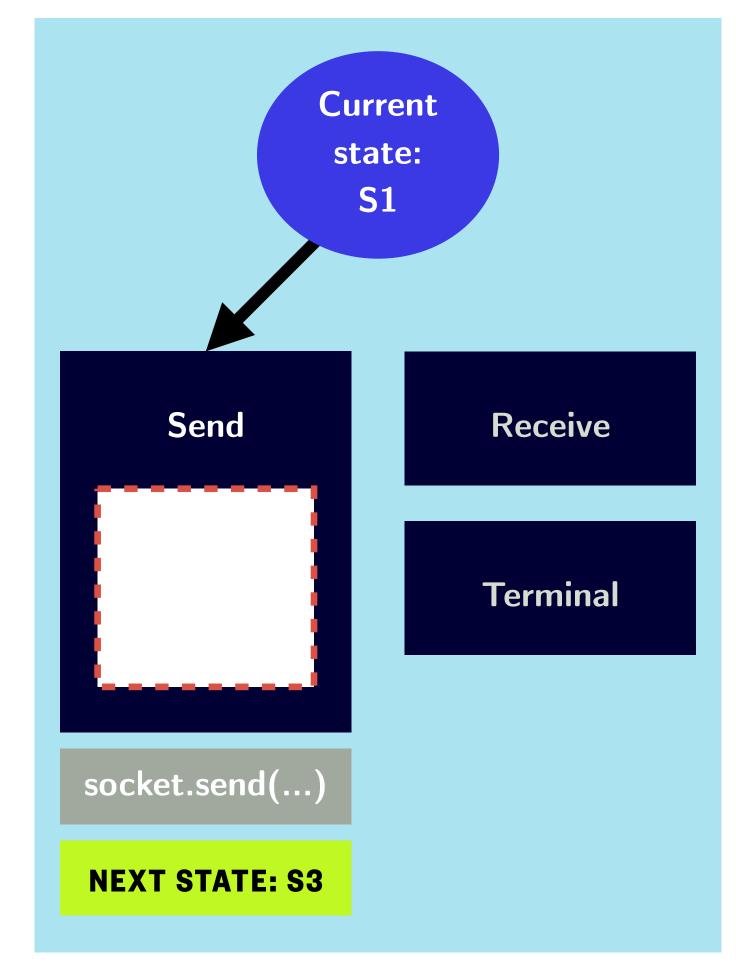
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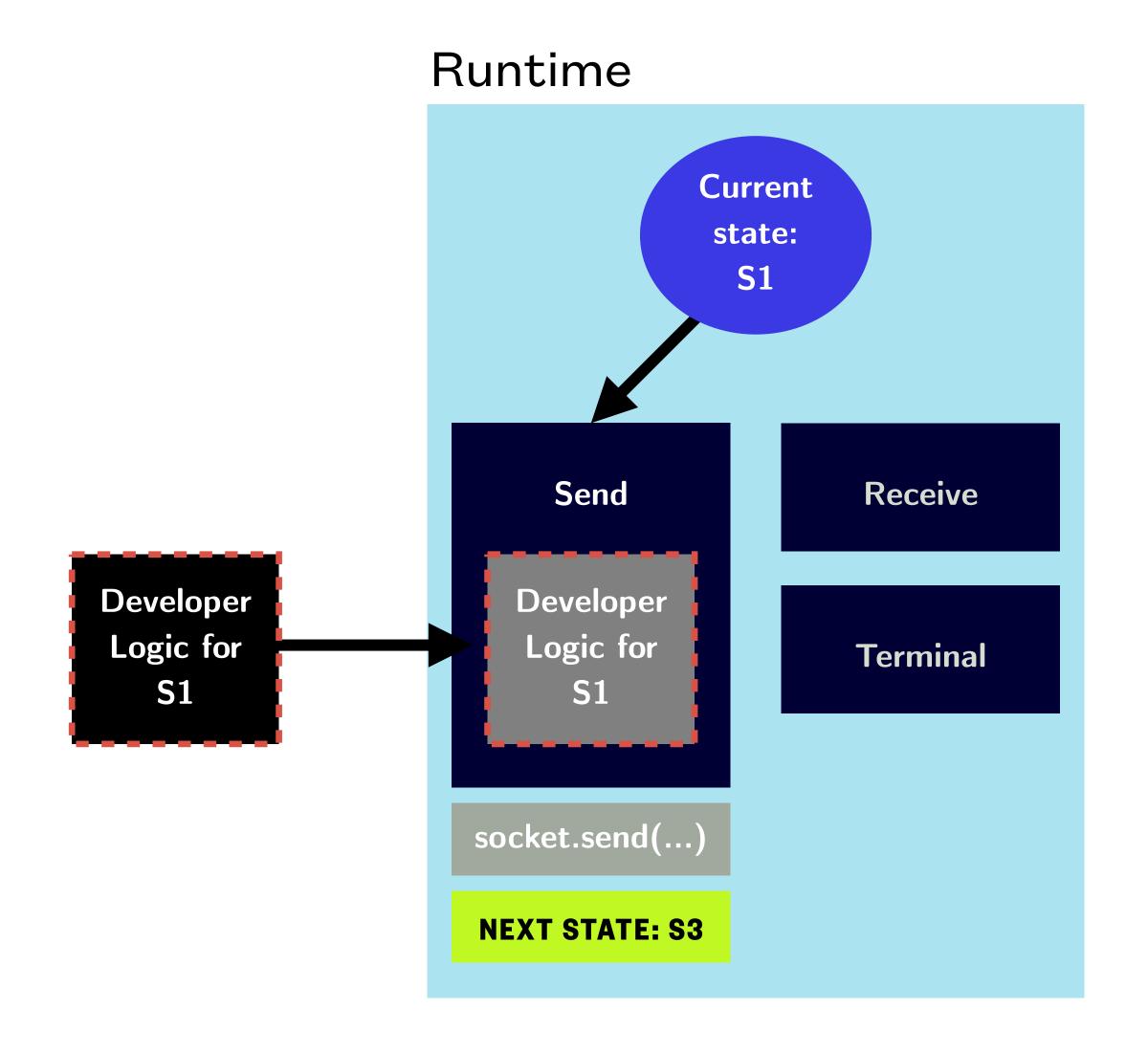
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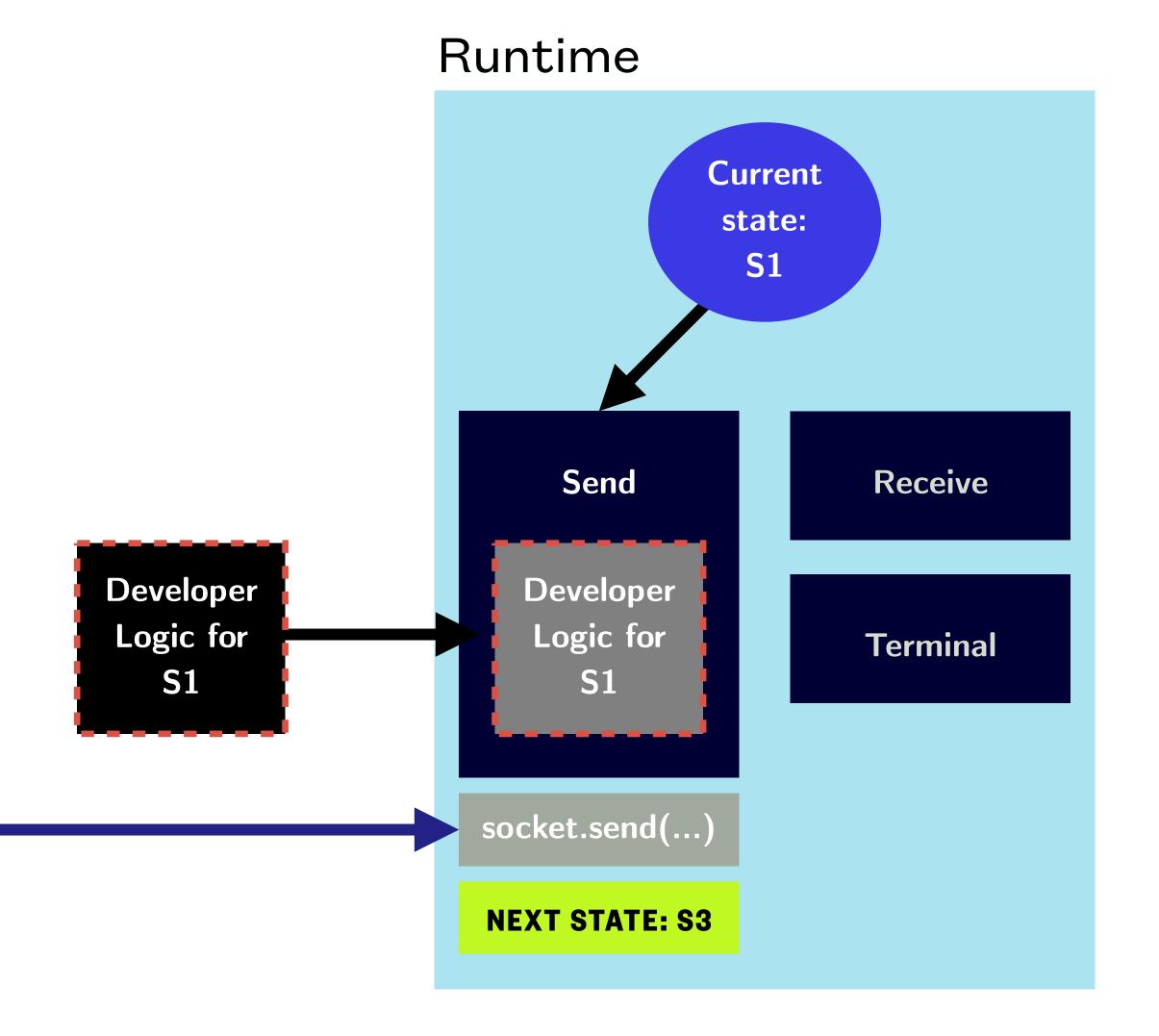


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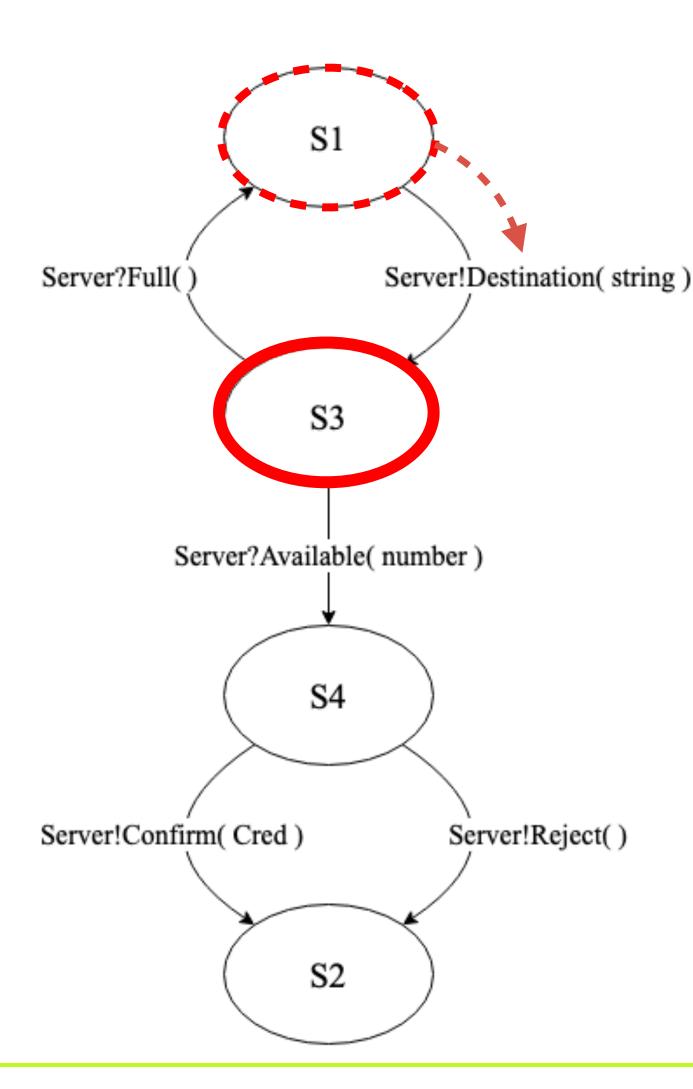


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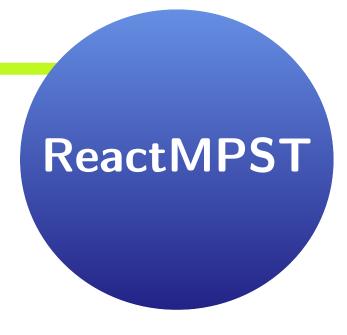
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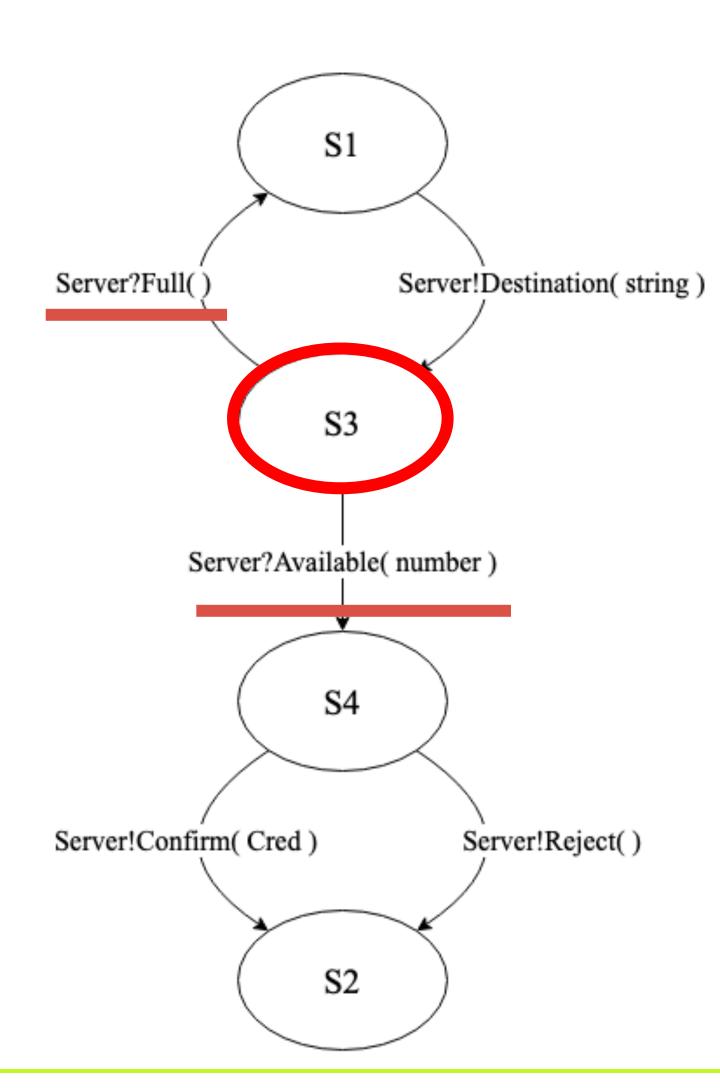


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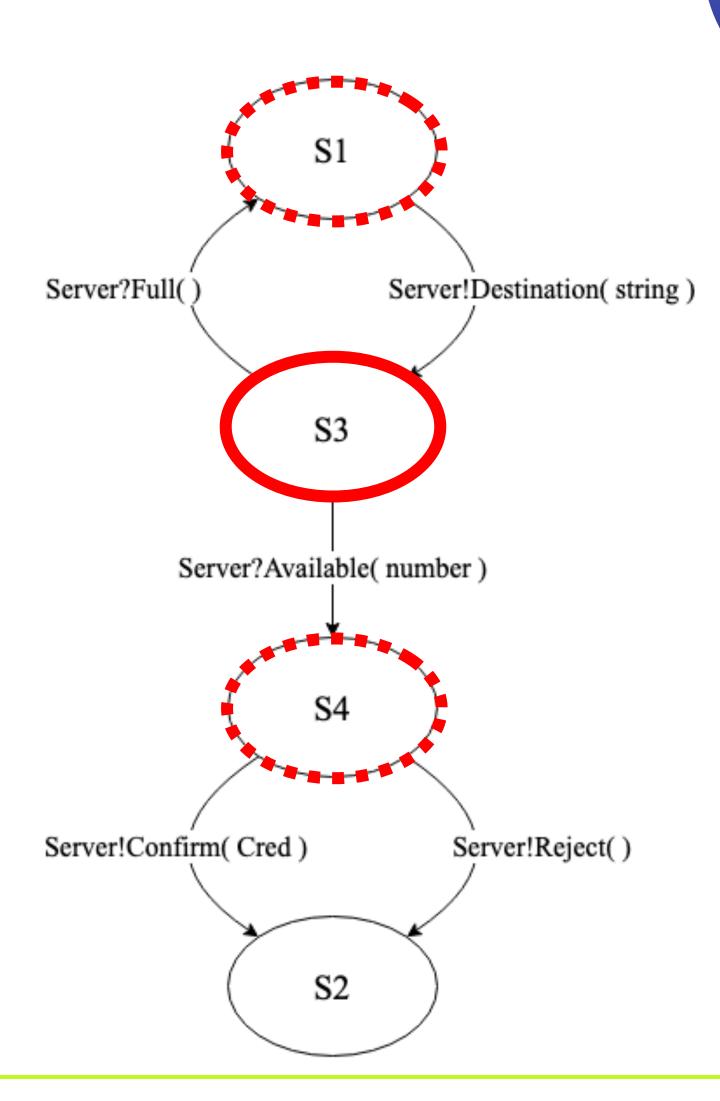
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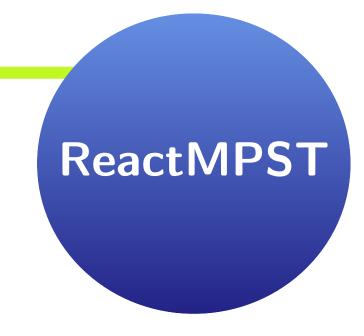
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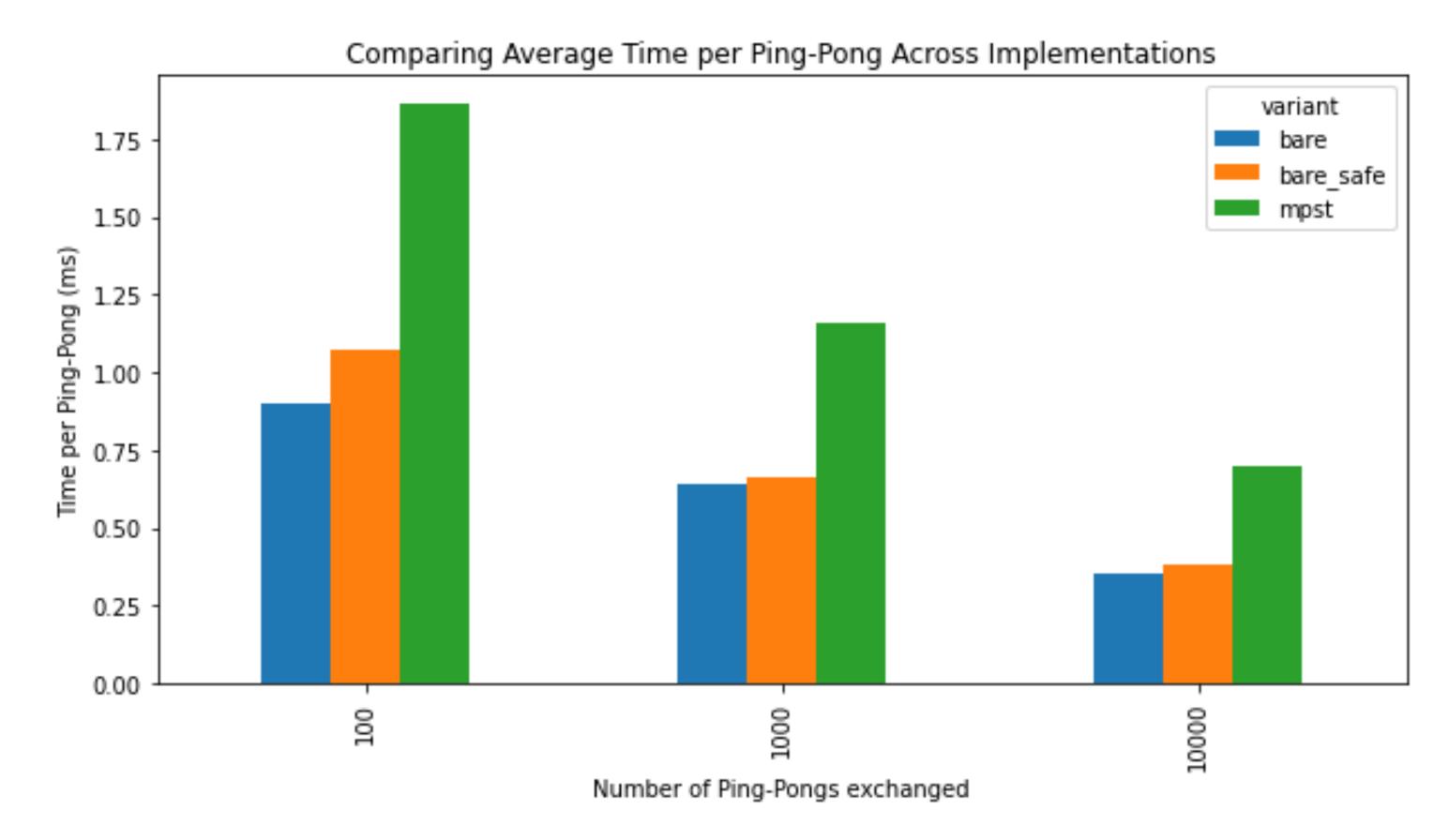
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Expressiveness

- Flight Booking Service
- Noughts and Crosses

Performance

- Micro-benchmarks of Ping Pong protocol with varying number of round trips
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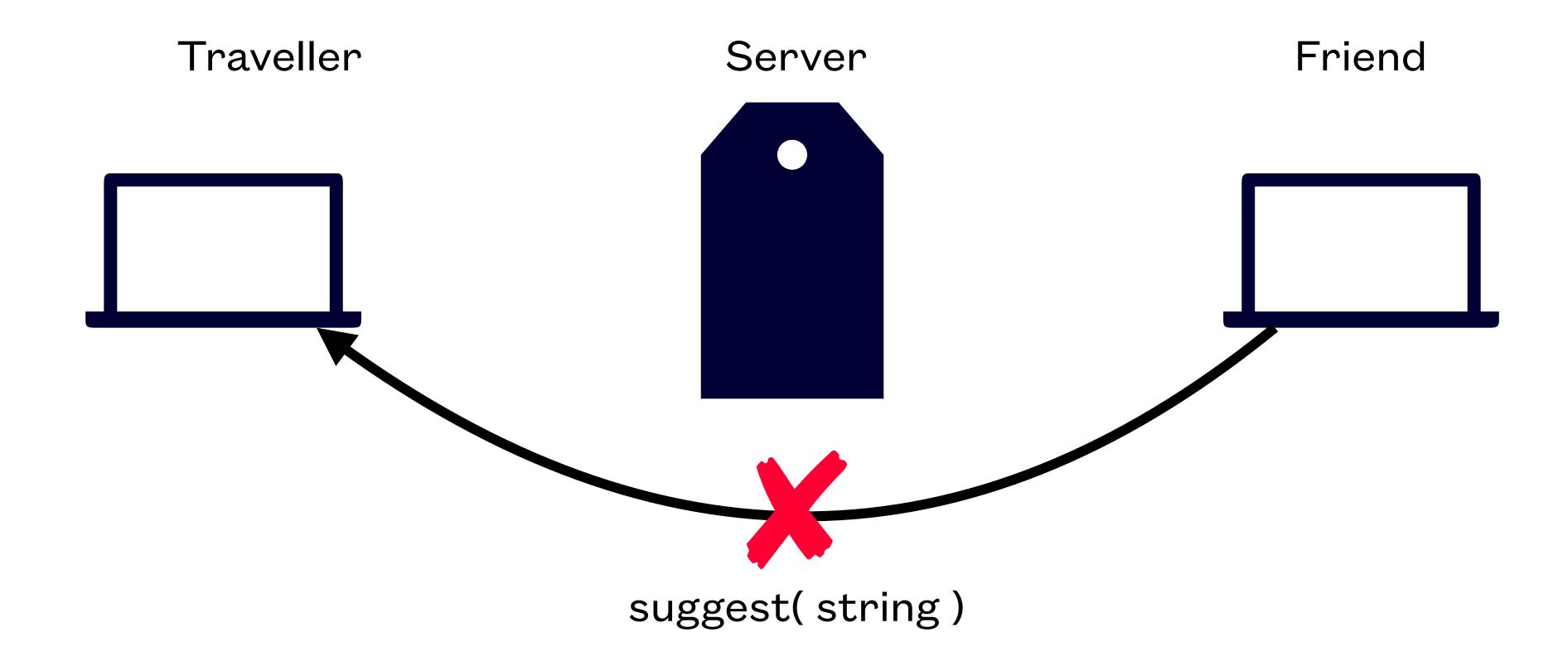
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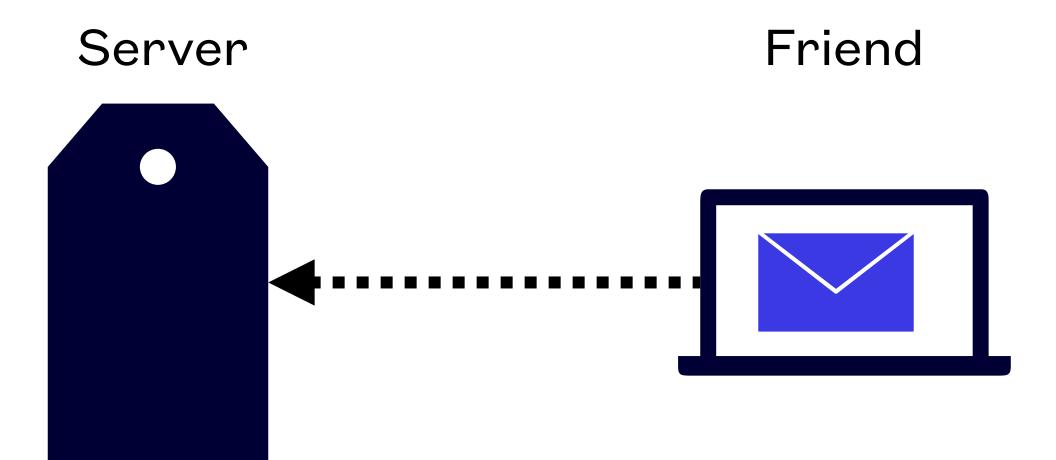
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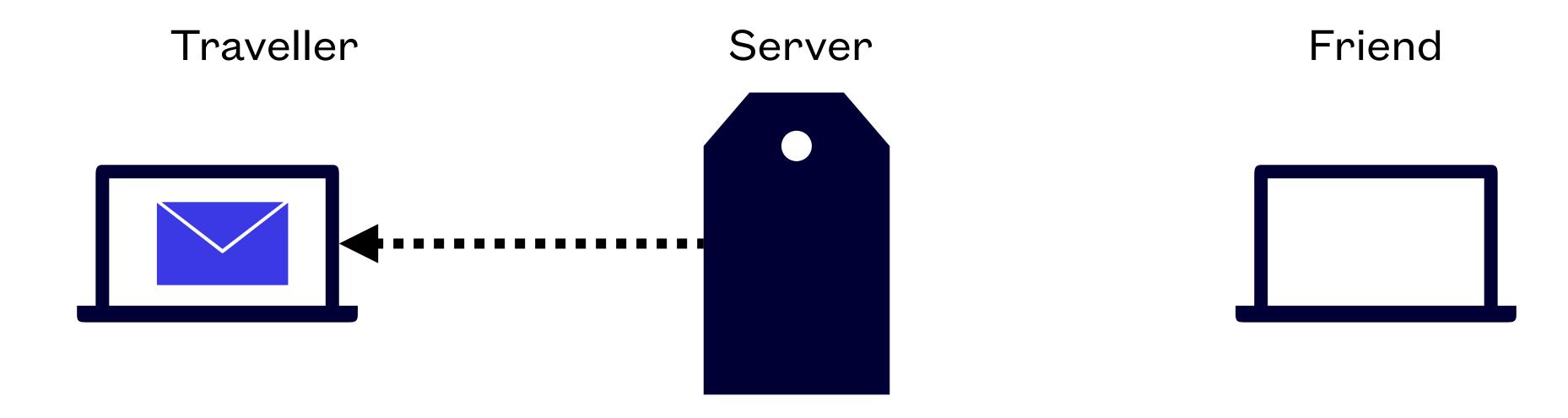






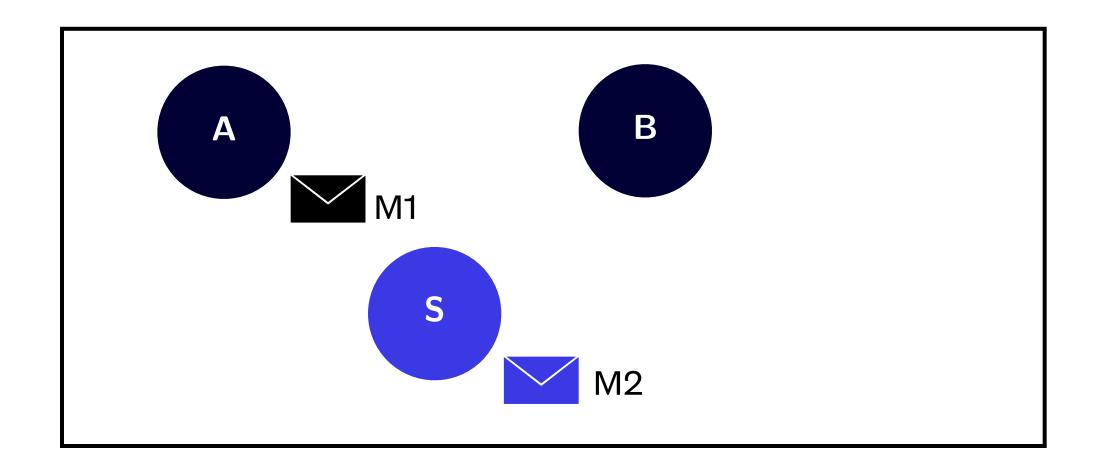
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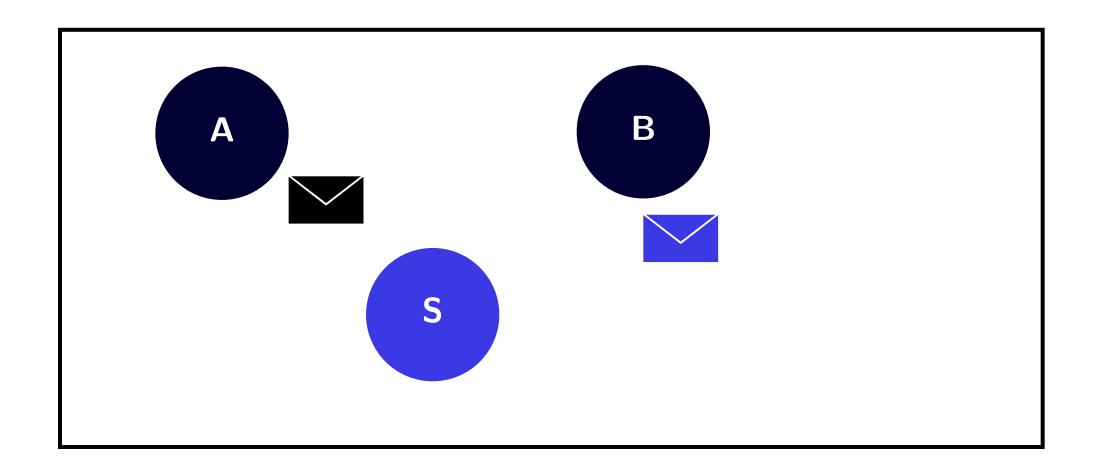


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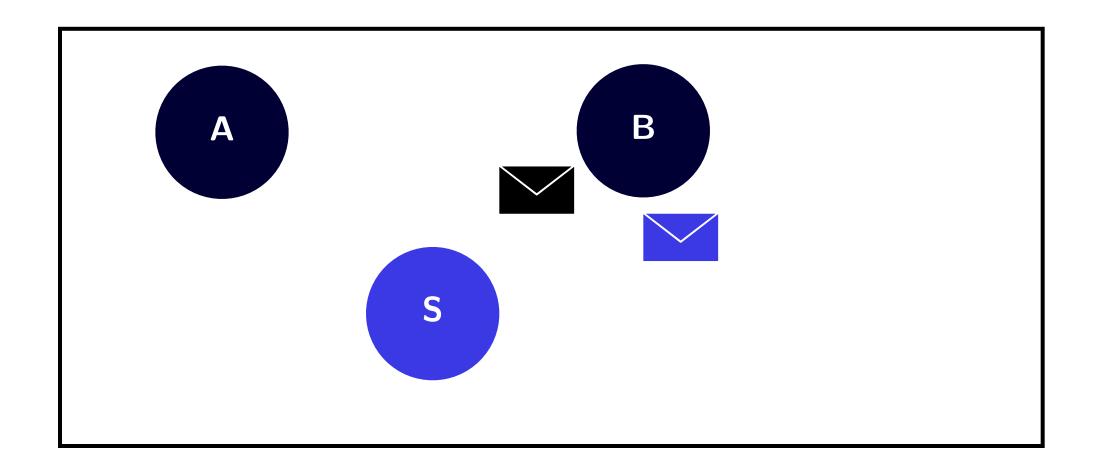
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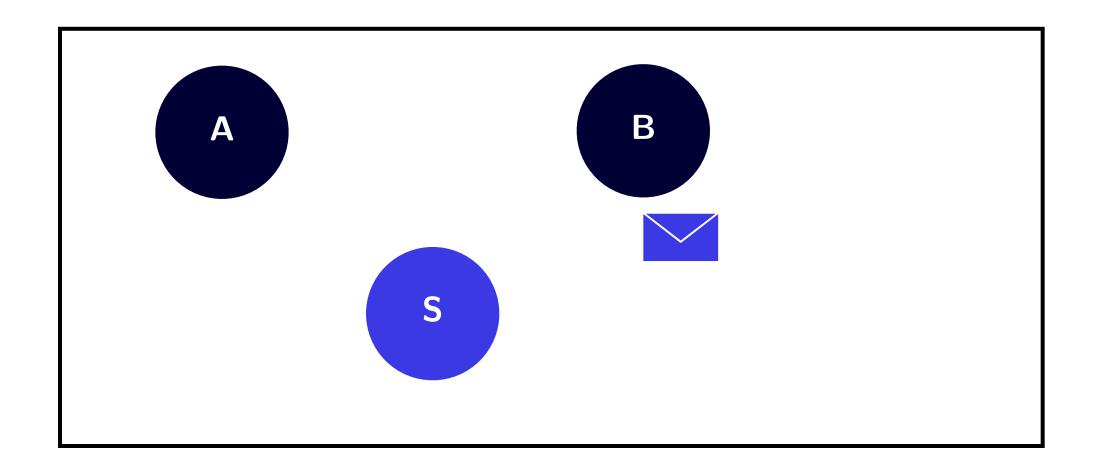
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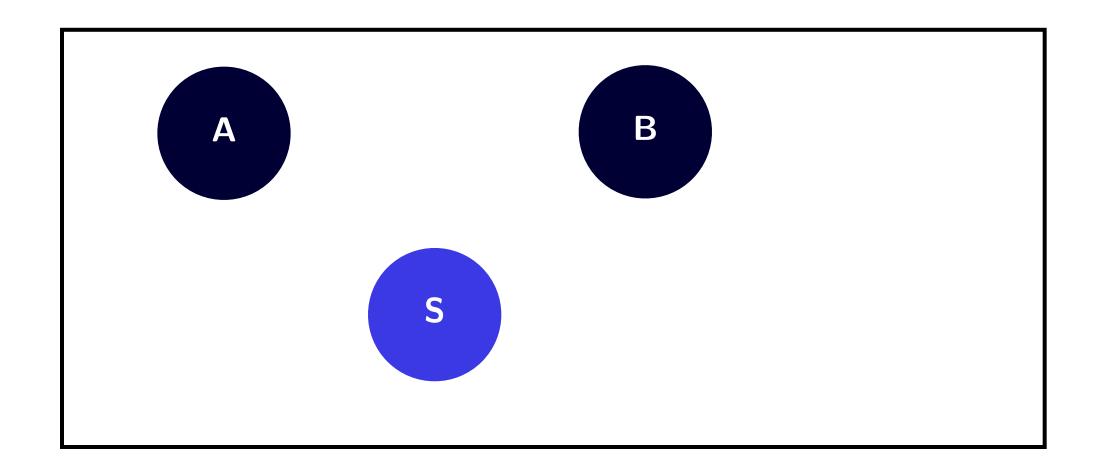
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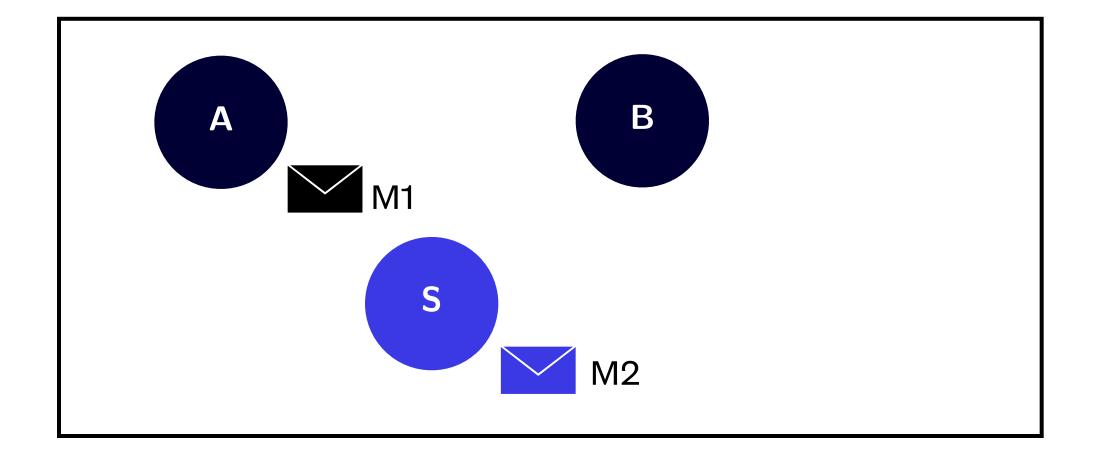


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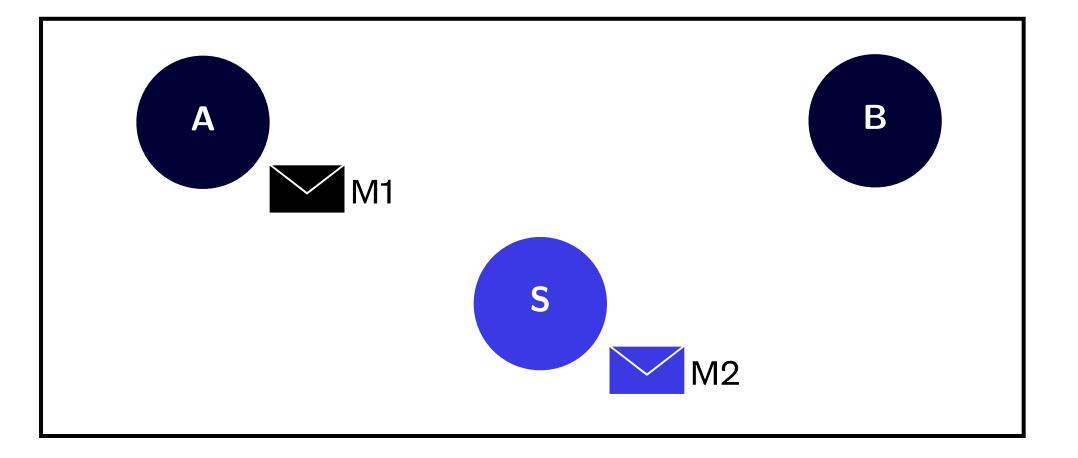
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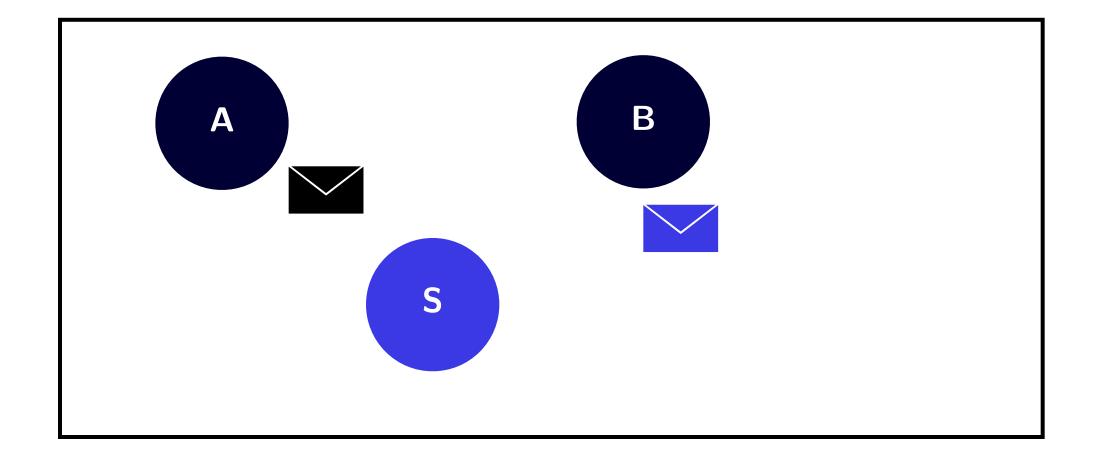
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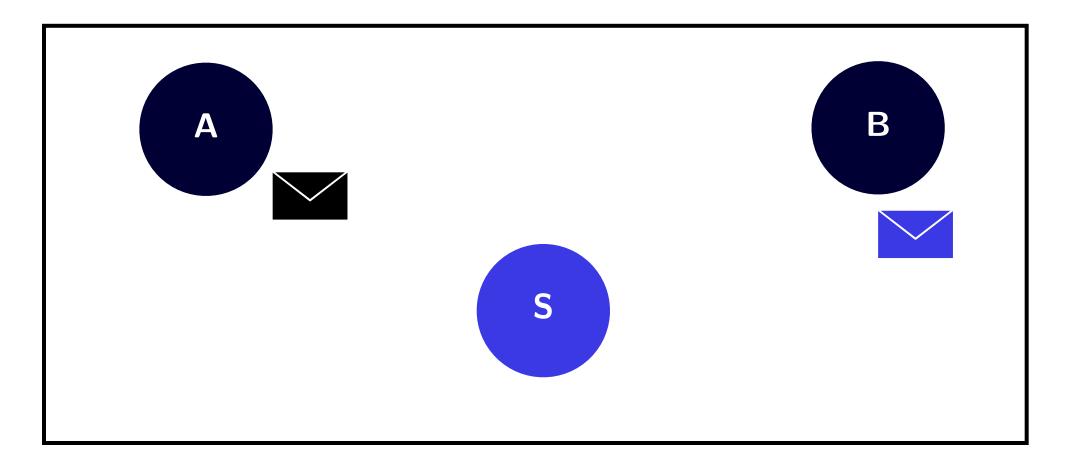
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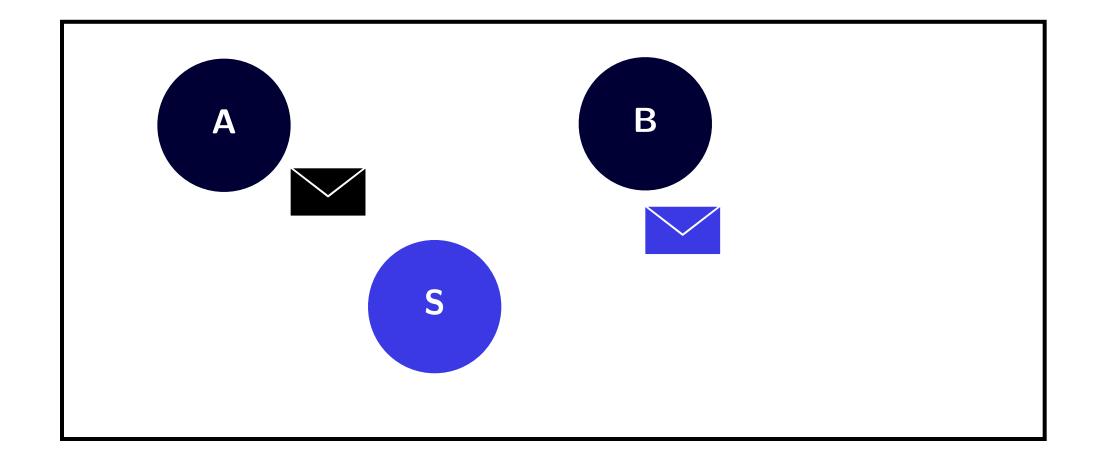
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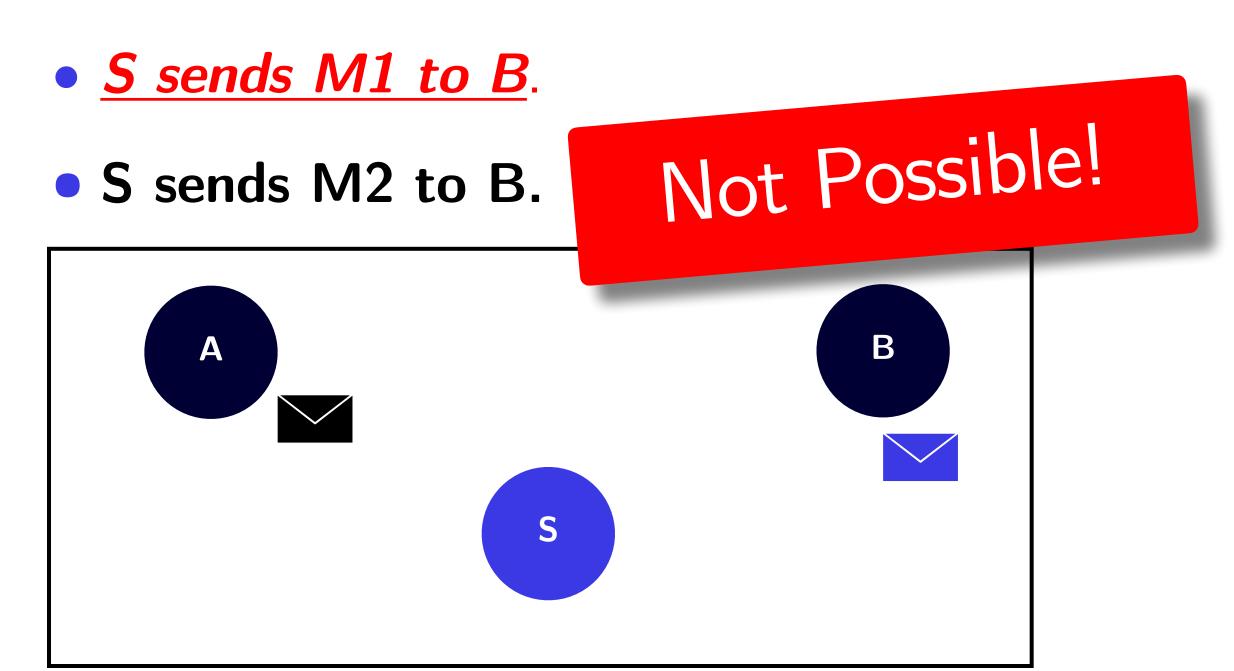
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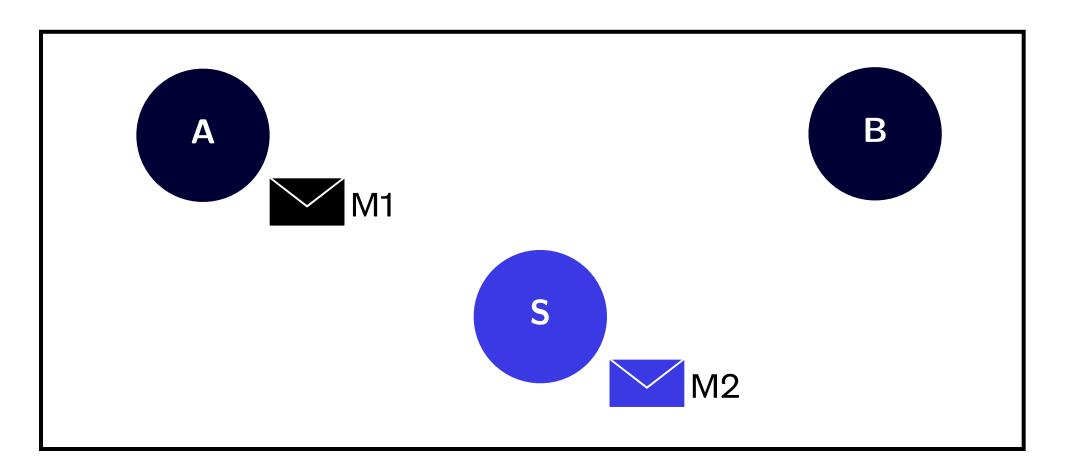


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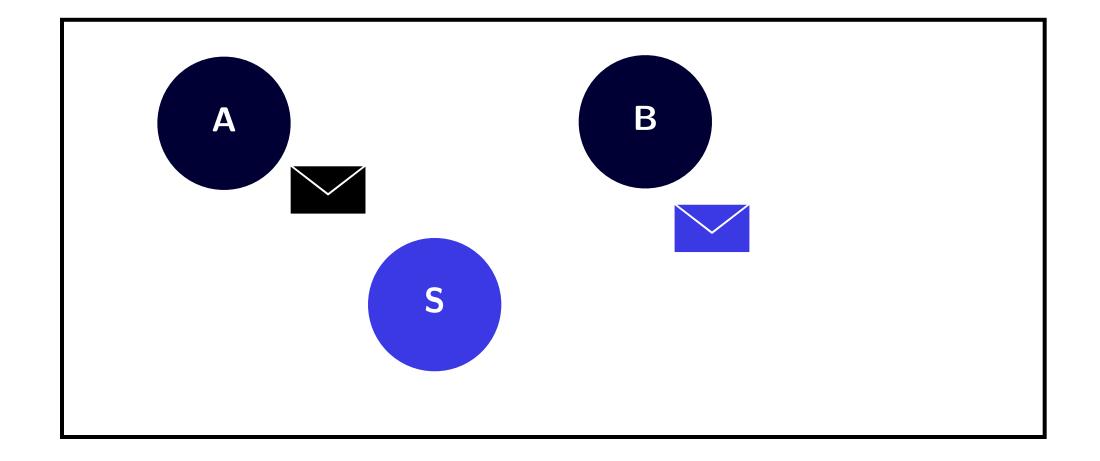
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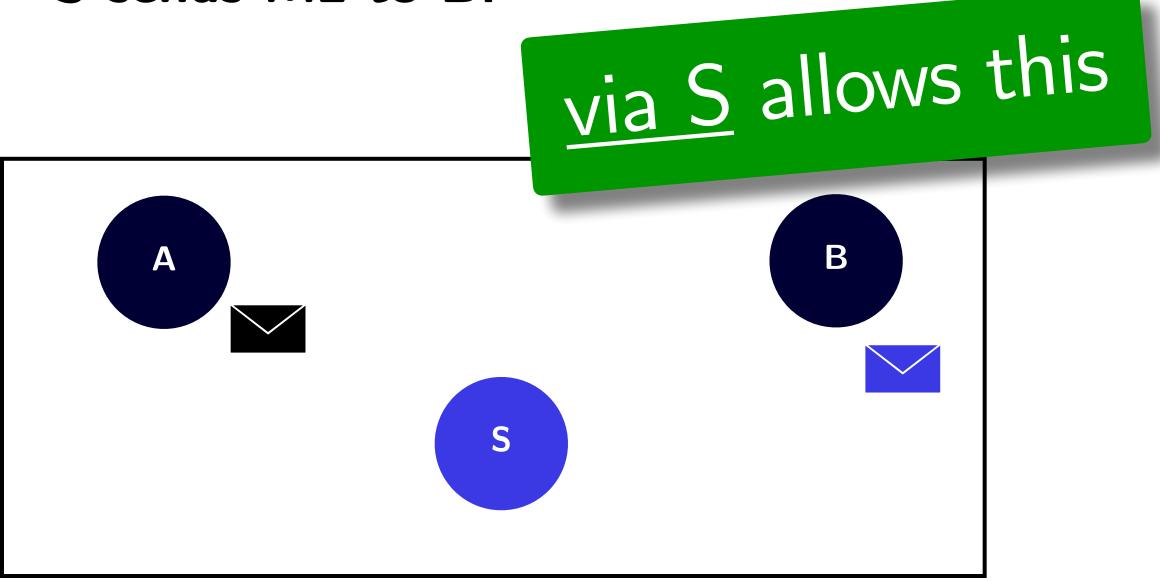


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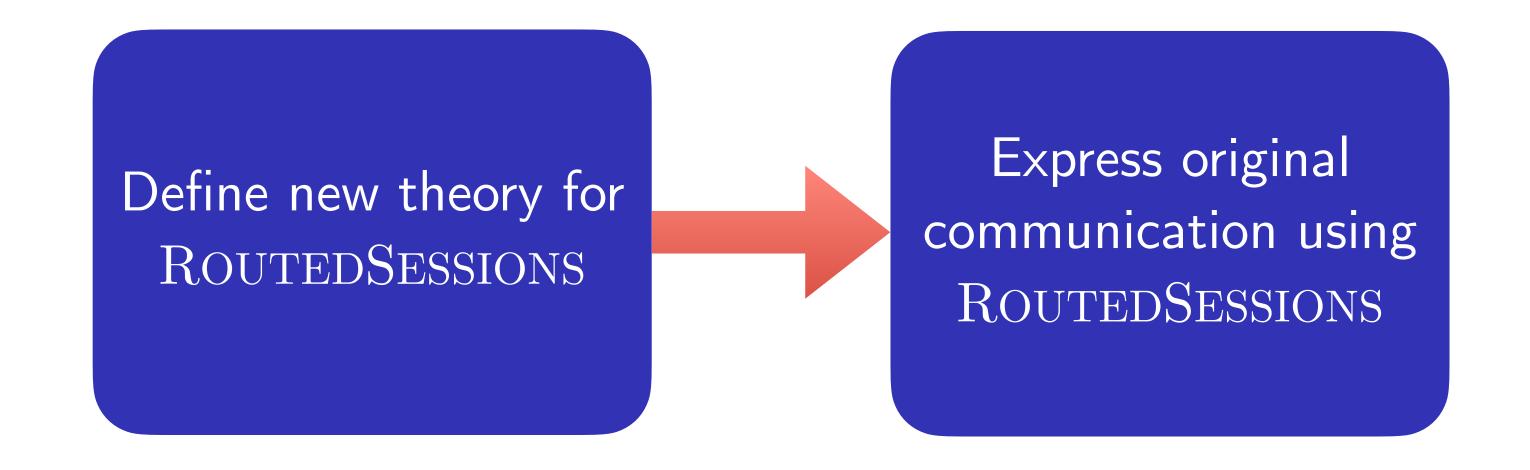
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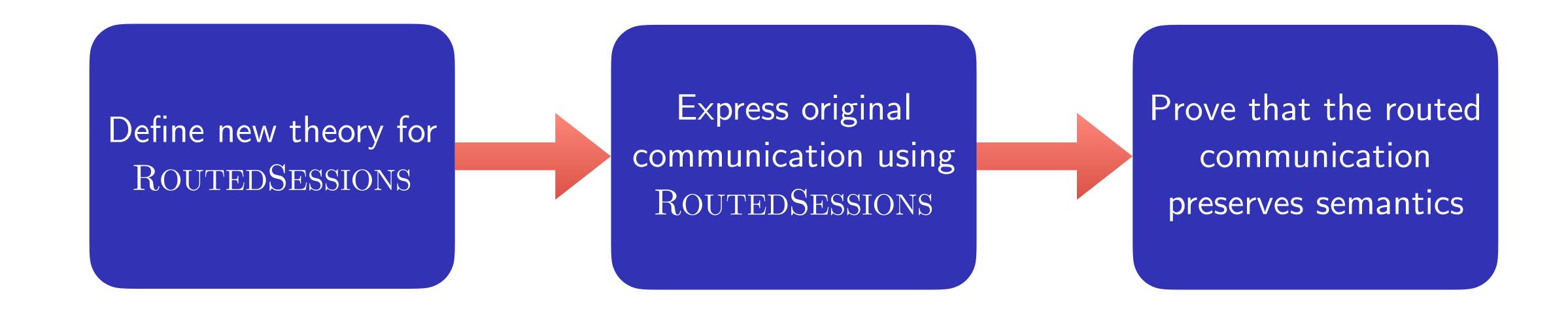


Formalising Routed Communication

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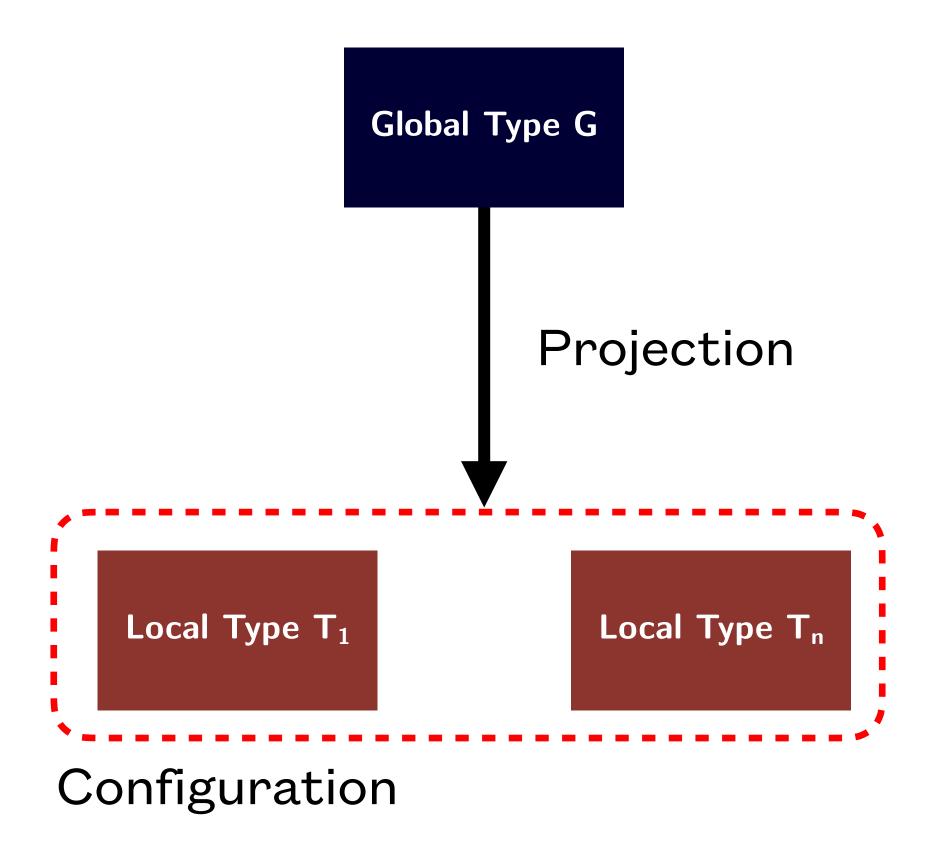


Global Types



Figure 8.1: Global Types in ROUTEDSESSIONS

Projection



Local Types

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T ::=
                                                    Local Types
                                                   Termination
         end
                                                 Type Variable
        t
                                               Recursive Type
      \mut.T
      | p \oplus \{l_i : T_i\}_{i \in I}
                                                       Selection
      | p & \{l_i : T_i\}_{i \in I}
                                                      Branching
      | p \hookrightarrow q : \{l_i : T_i\}_{i \in I} Routing Communication
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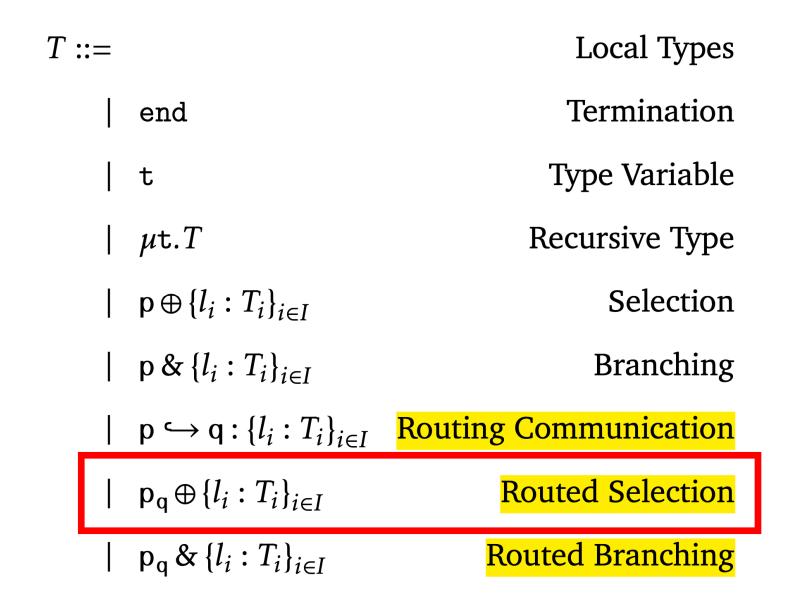
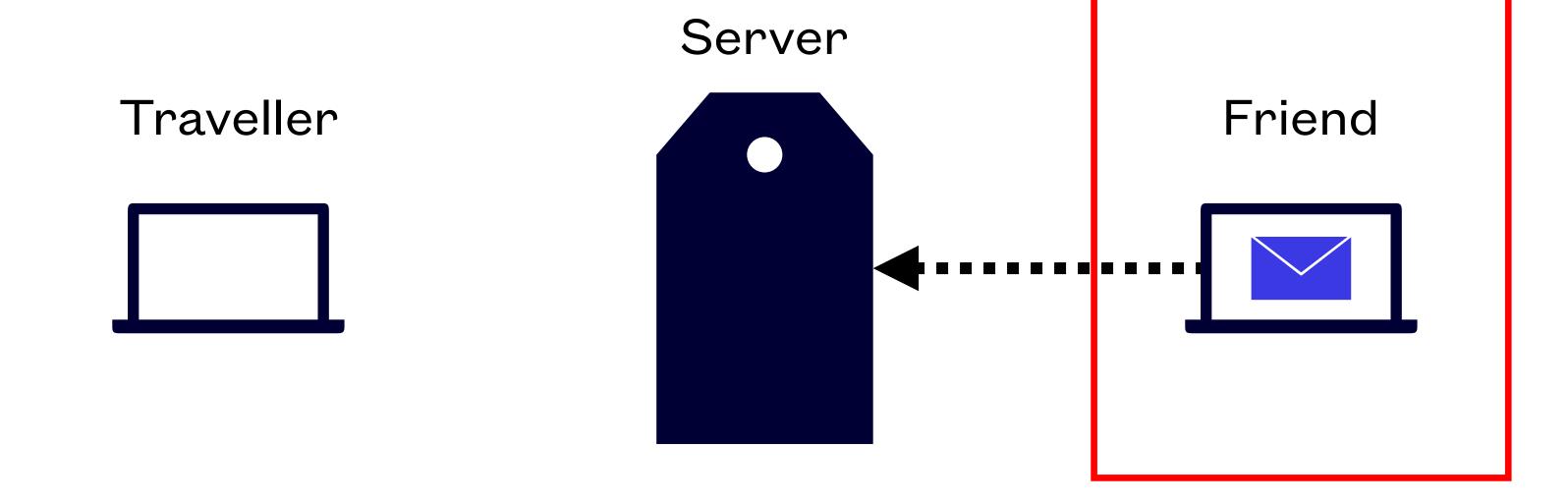


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"I am sending a message to Server, intended for Traveller"

Traveller_{Server}

M1

Local Types

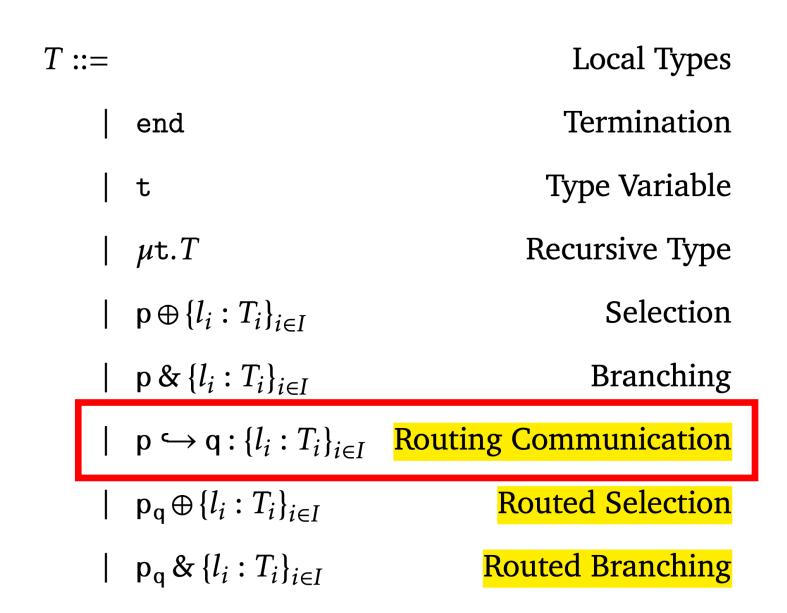
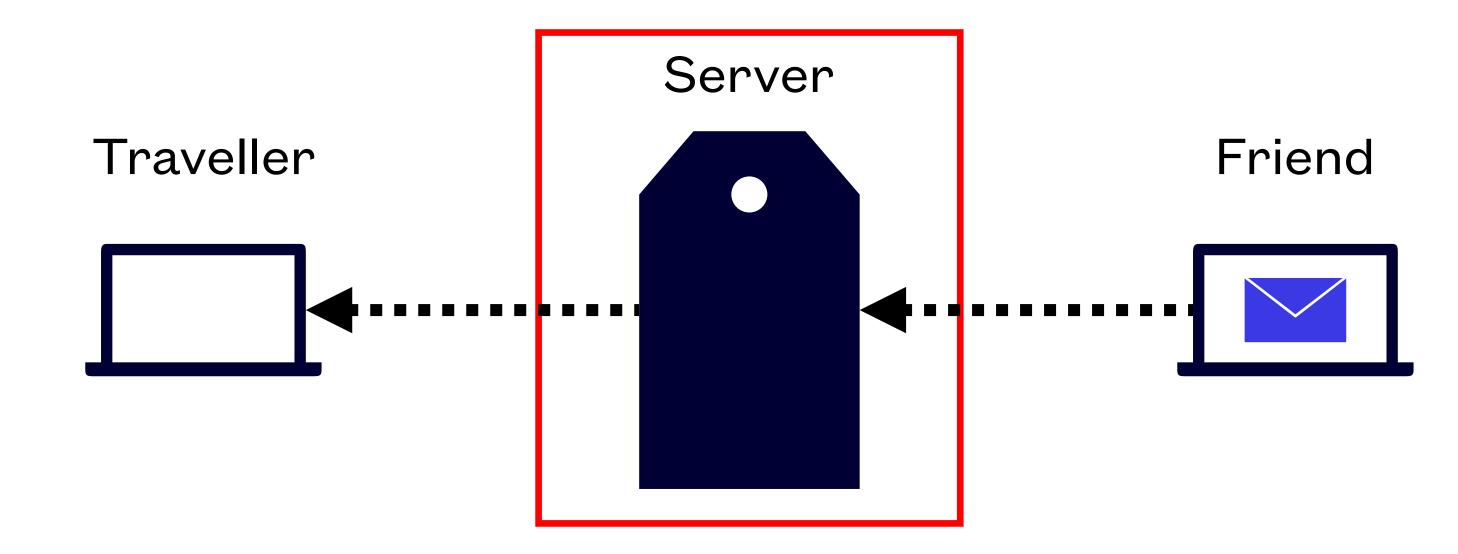


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"I am routing a message from Friend intended for Traveller"

Friend > Traveller : M1

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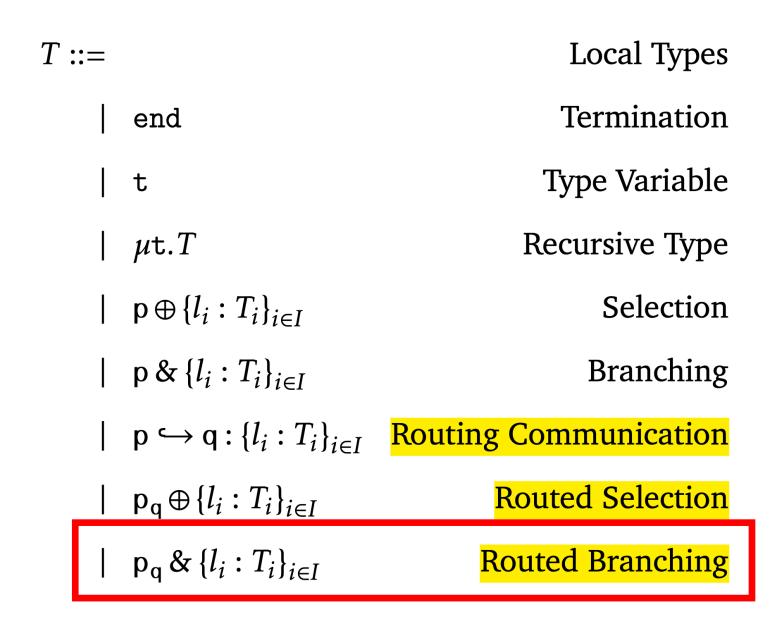
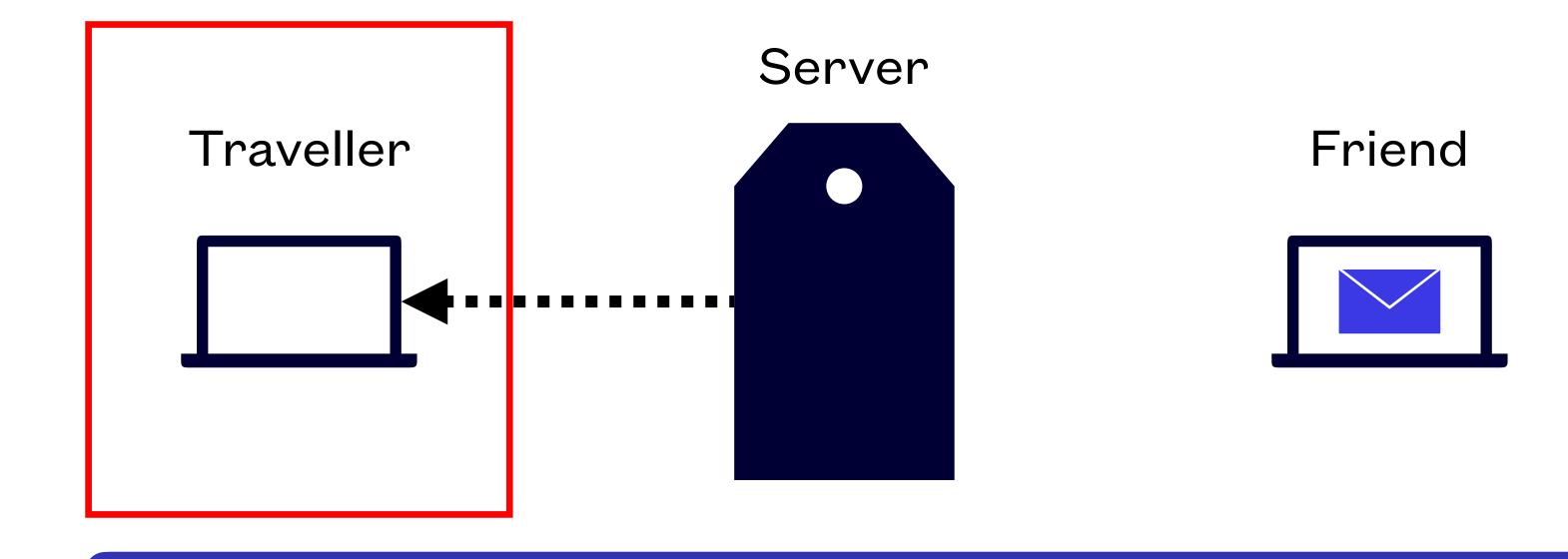
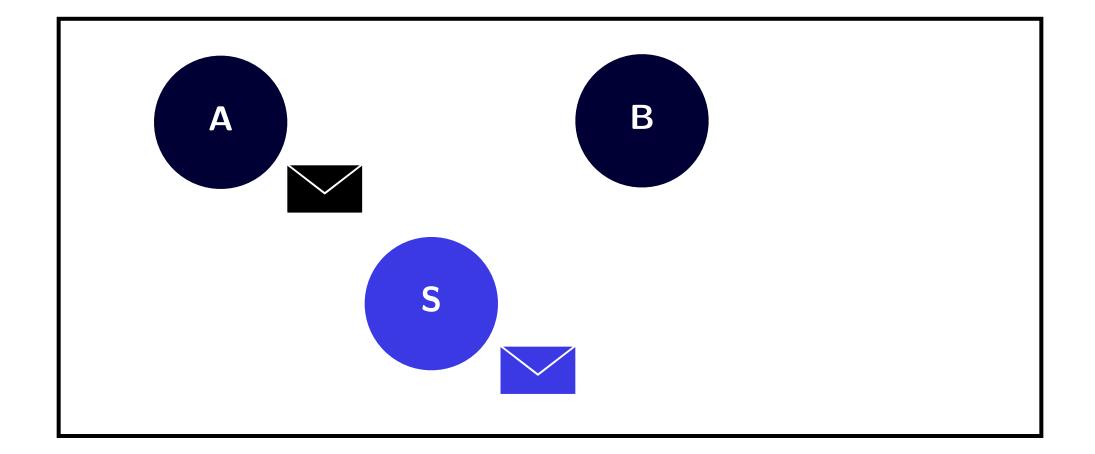


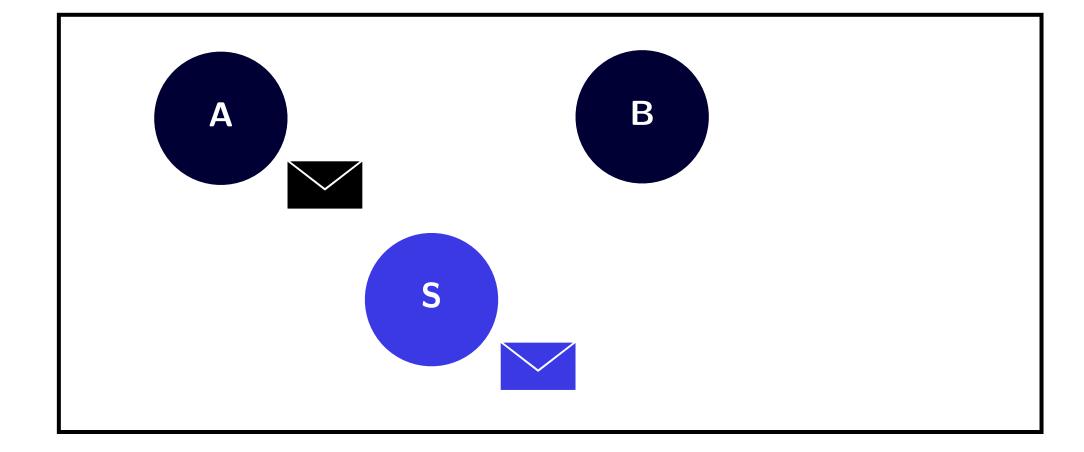
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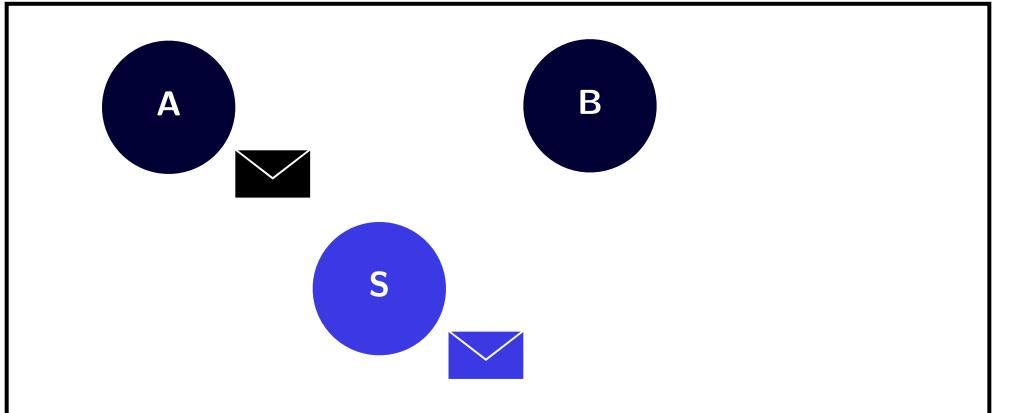


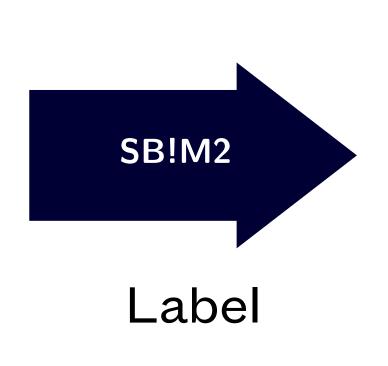
"I am receiving a message from Server, originally from Friend"

Friend_{Server} & M1









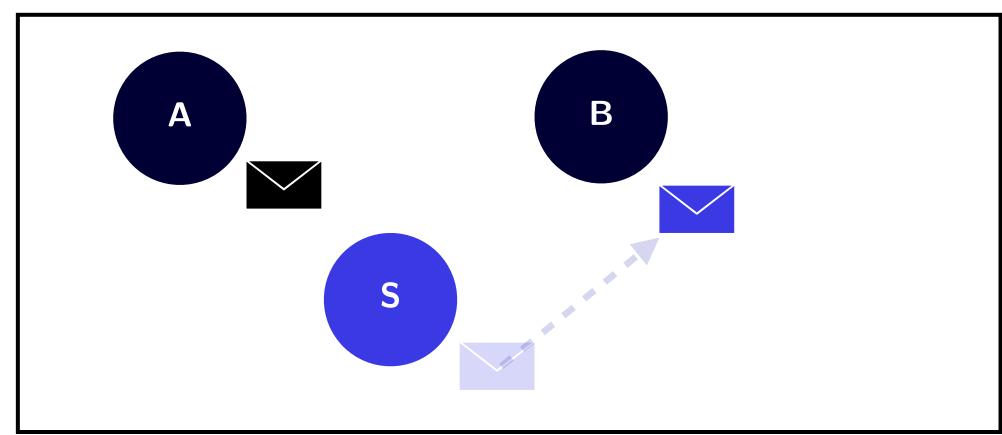




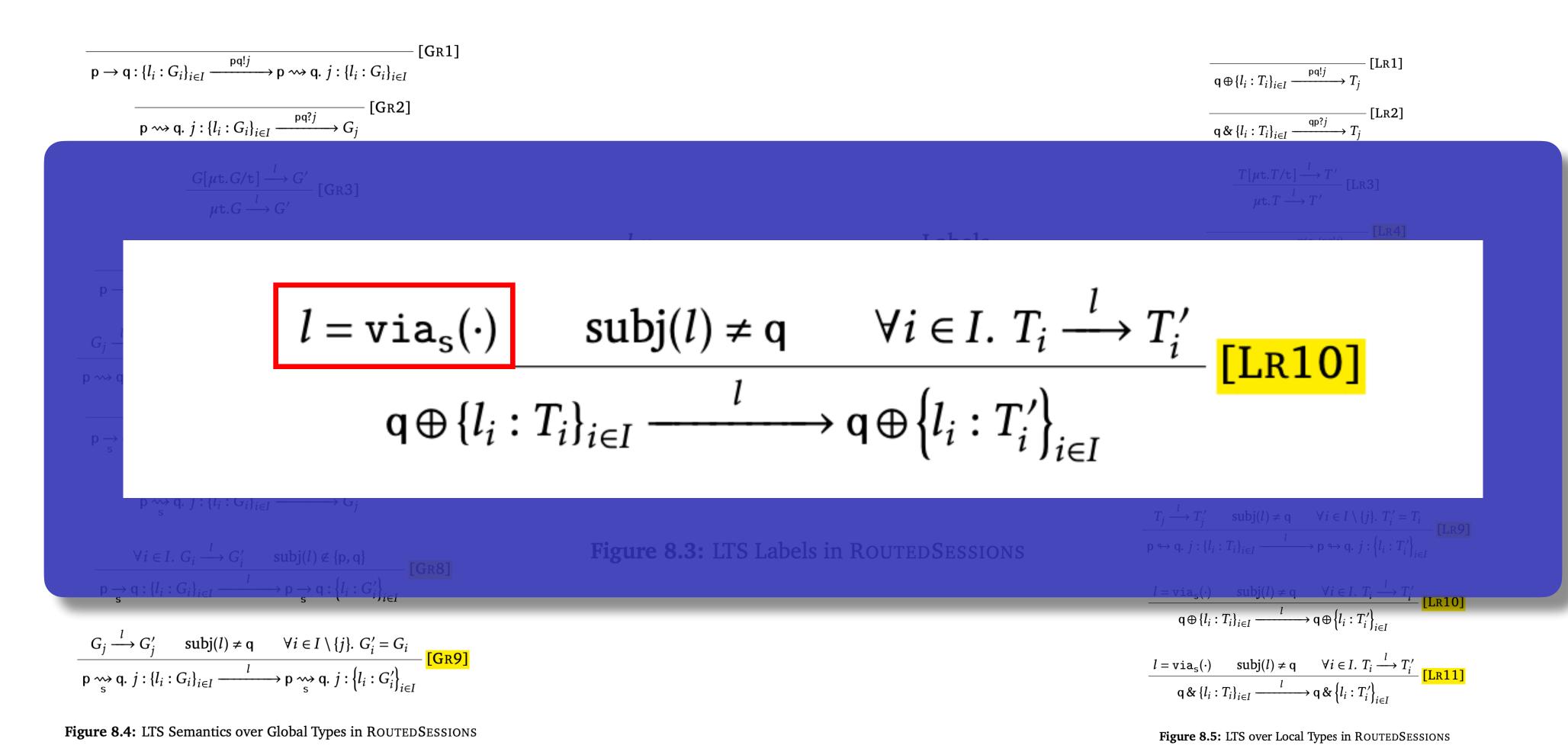
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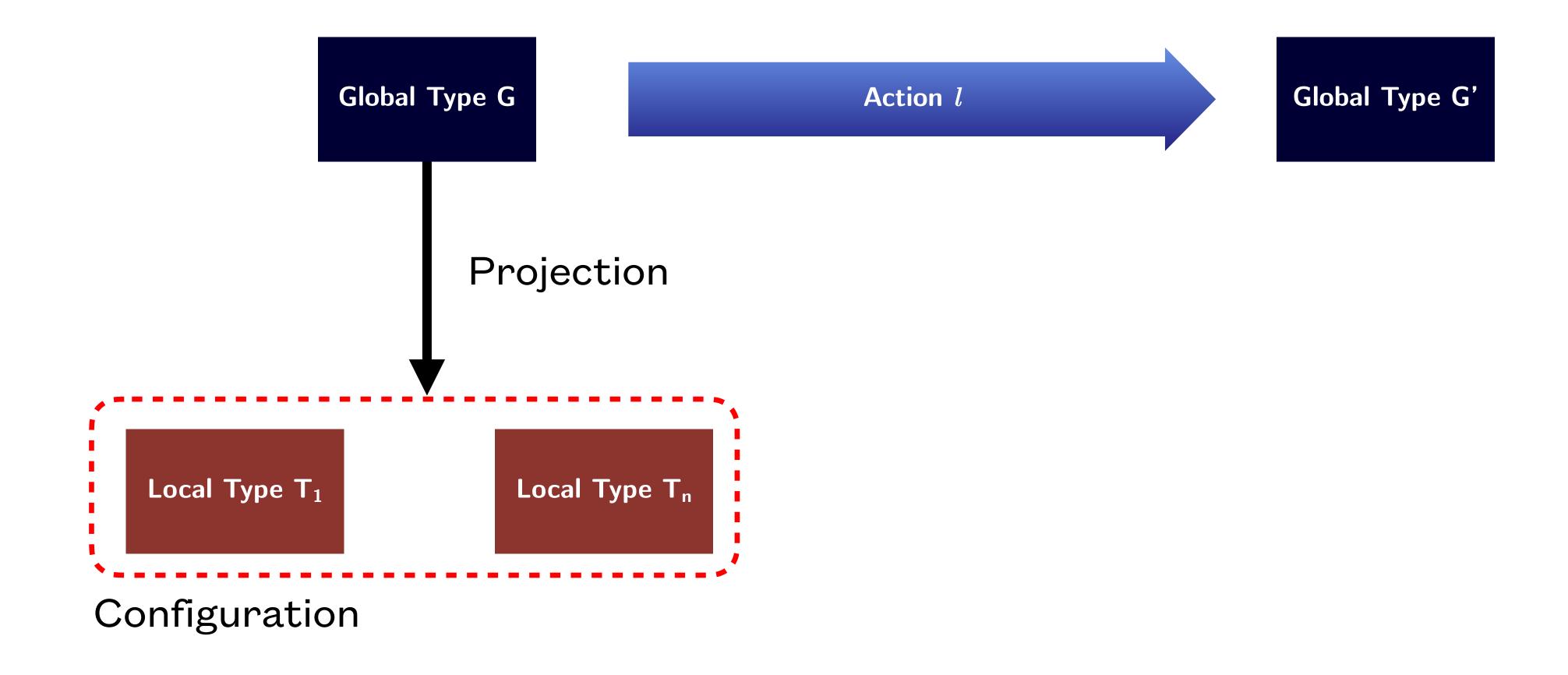
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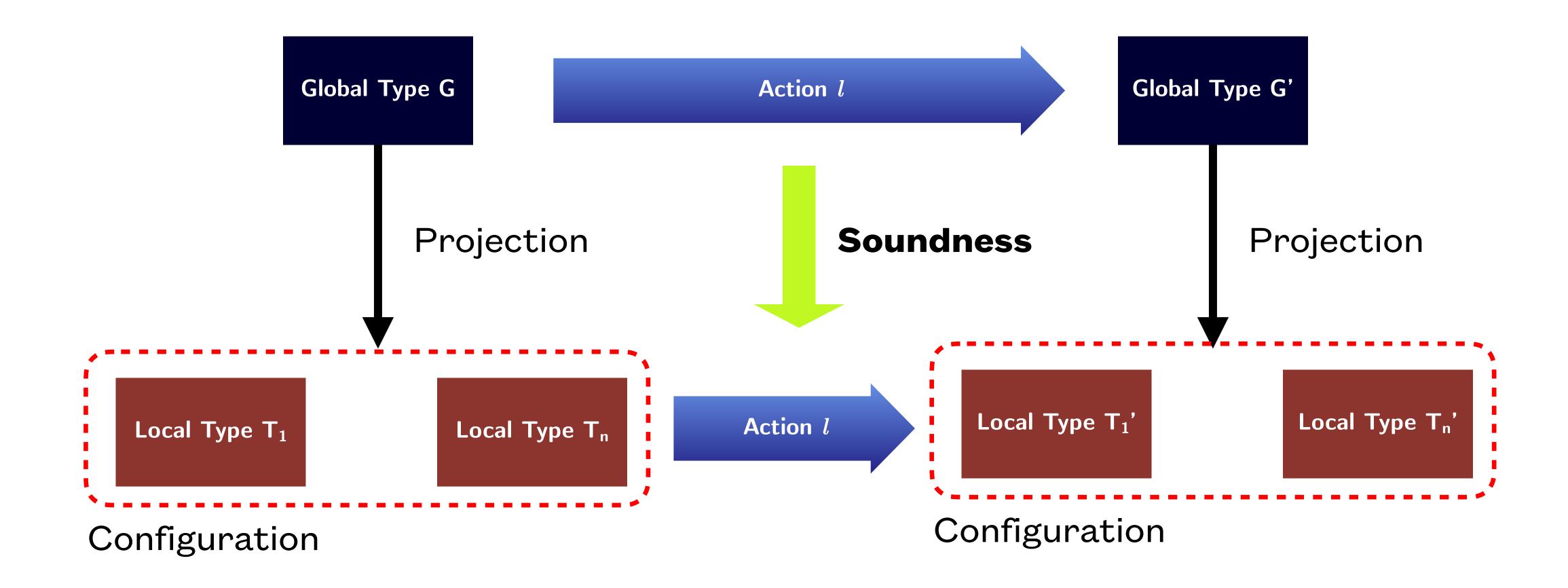
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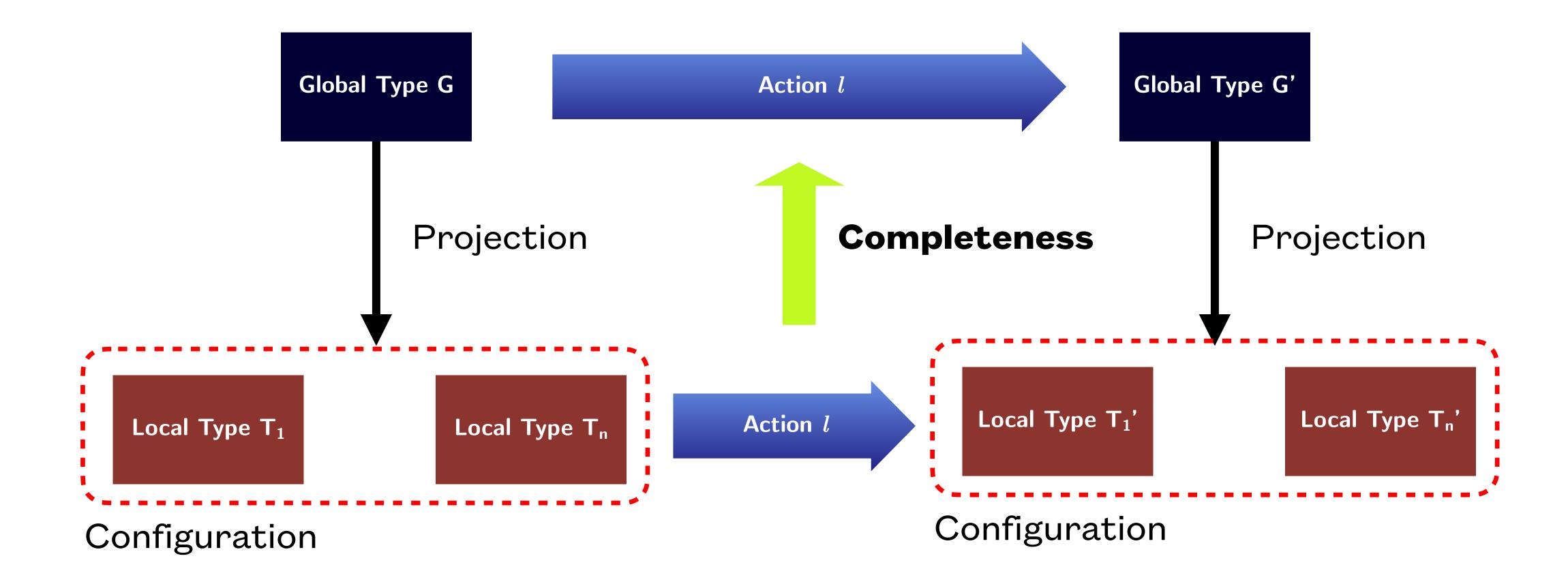




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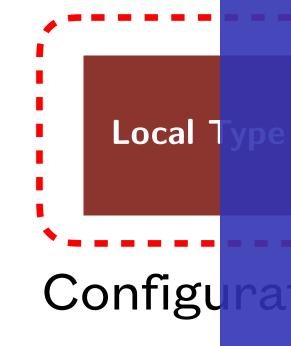
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Lemma 8.1 (Step Equivalence). For all global types G and configurations s, if $\langle G \rangle \prec s$, then $G \xrightarrow{l} G' \iff s \xrightarrow{l} s'$ such that $\langle G' \rangle \prec s'$.

Proof. By induction on the possible transitions in the LTSs over global types (to prove \implies , i.e. *soundness*) and configurations (to prove \iff , i.e. *completeness*).

Theorem 8.1 (Trace Equivalence). Let G be a global type with participants $\mathcal{P} = \operatorname{pt}(G)$, and let $\vec{T} = \{G \mid p\}_{p \in \mathcal{P}}$ be the local types projected from G. Then $G \approx (\vec{T}, \vec{\epsilon})$.

Proof. Direct consequence of Lemma 8.1.



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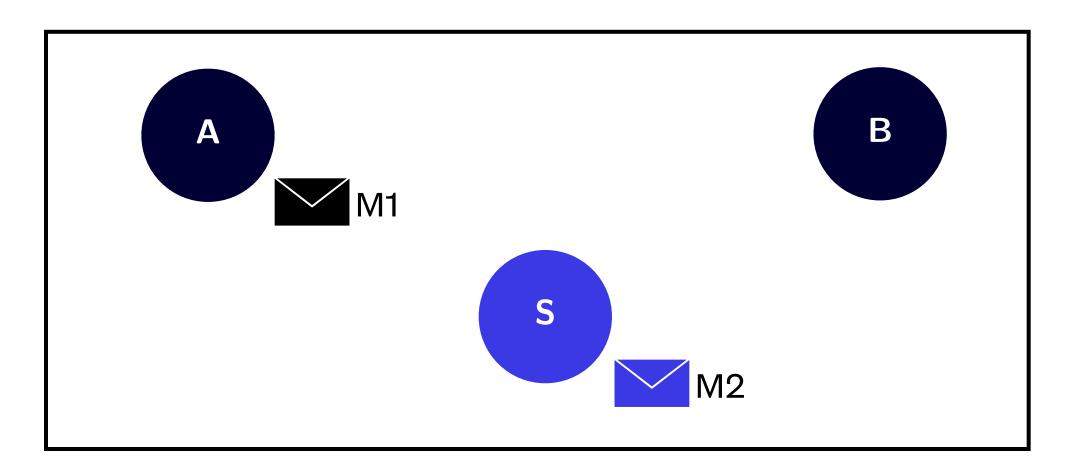
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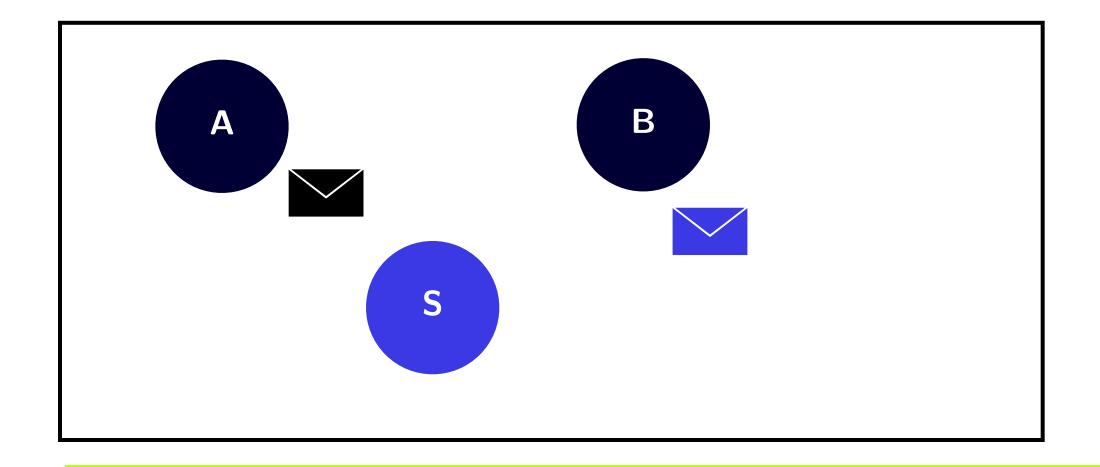
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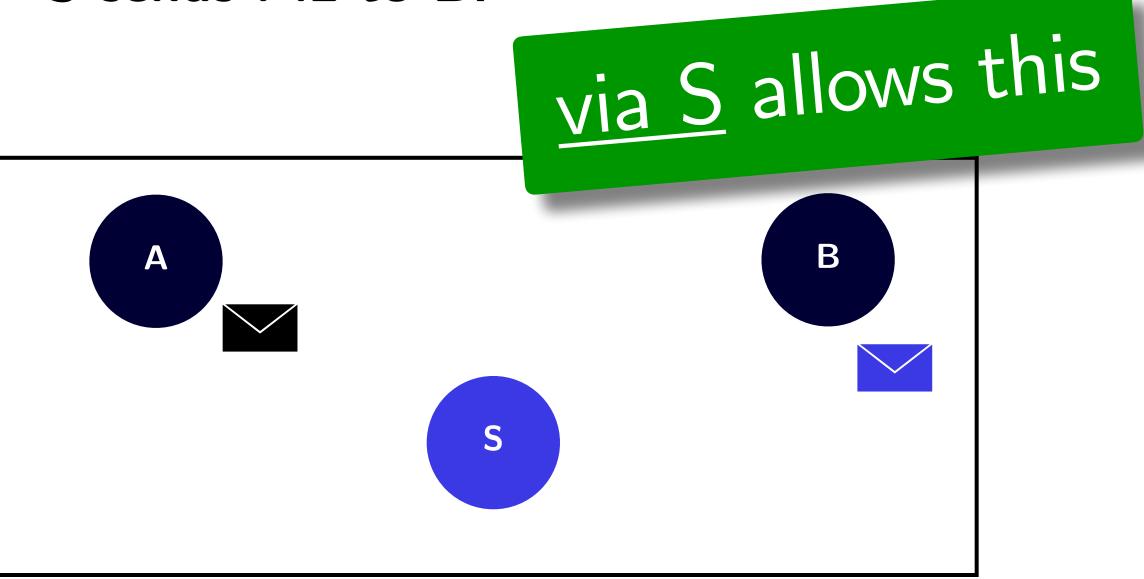
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Theorem 8.4 (Encoding Preserves Semantics). Let G, G' be global types such that $G \xrightarrow{l} G'$ for some label l.

$$\forall l, s. \left(G \xrightarrow{l} G' \Longrightarrow \llbracket G, s \rrbracket \xrightarrow{\llbracket l, s \rrbracket} \llbracket G', s \rrbracket \right)$$

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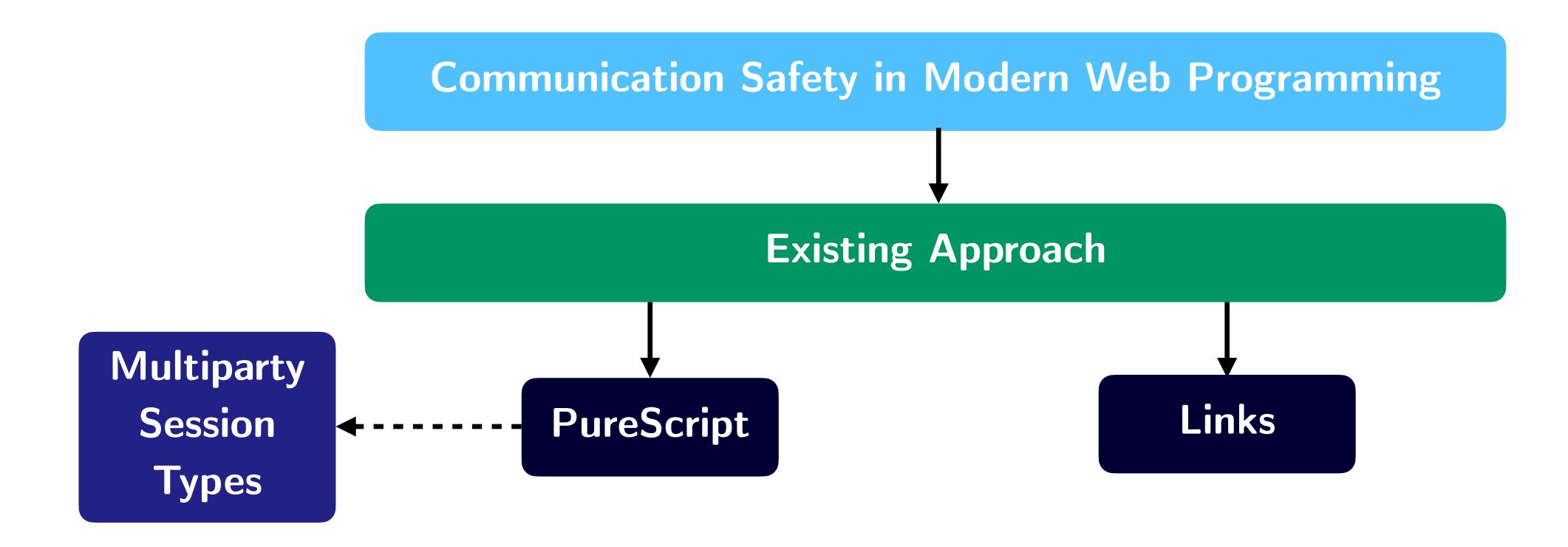
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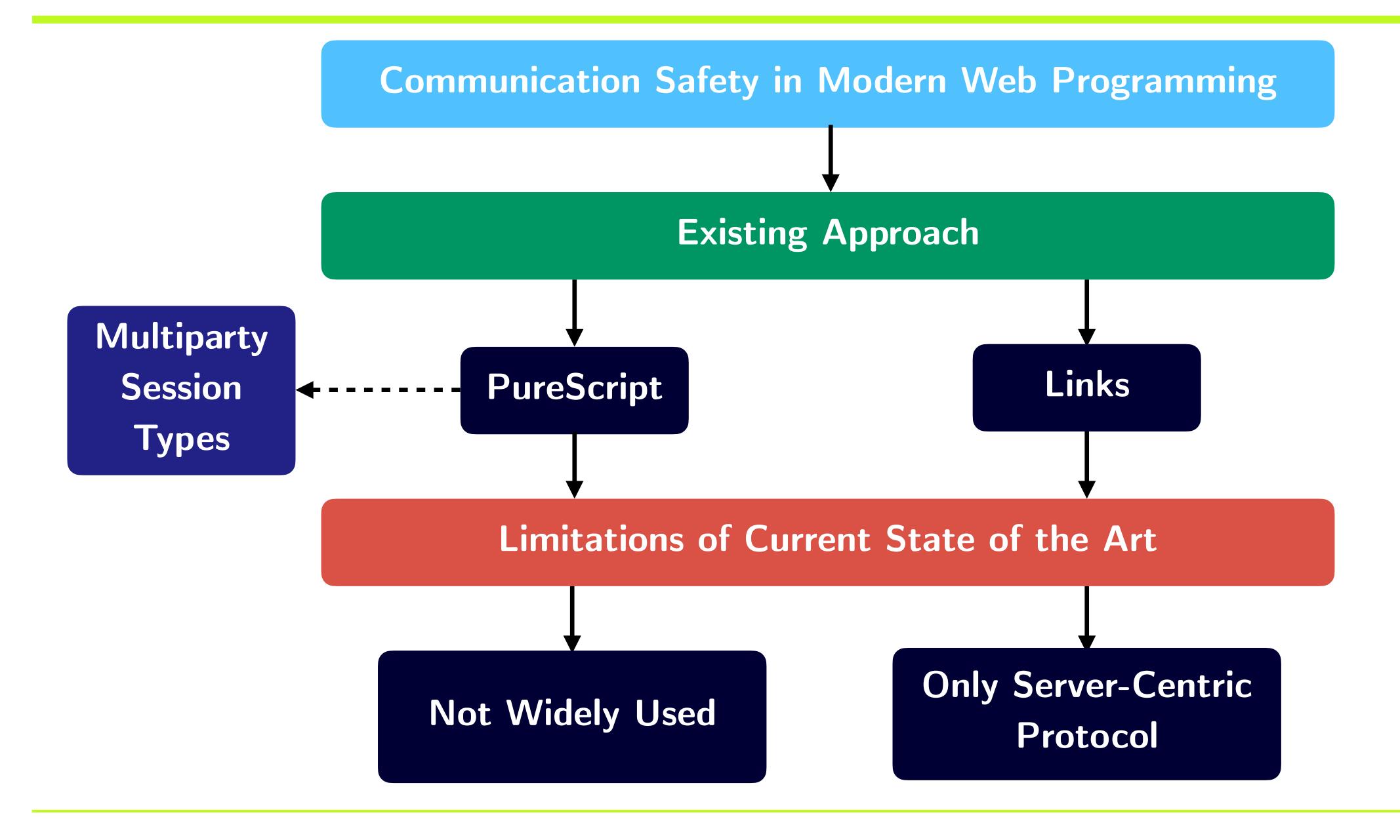
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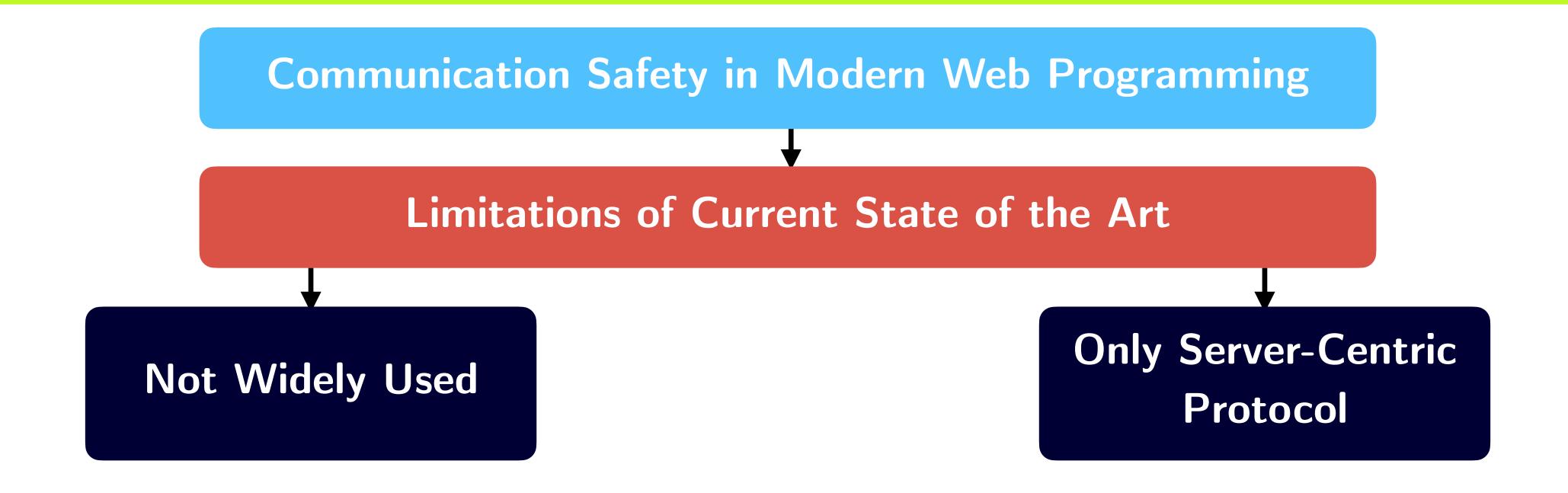
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Concluding Remarks

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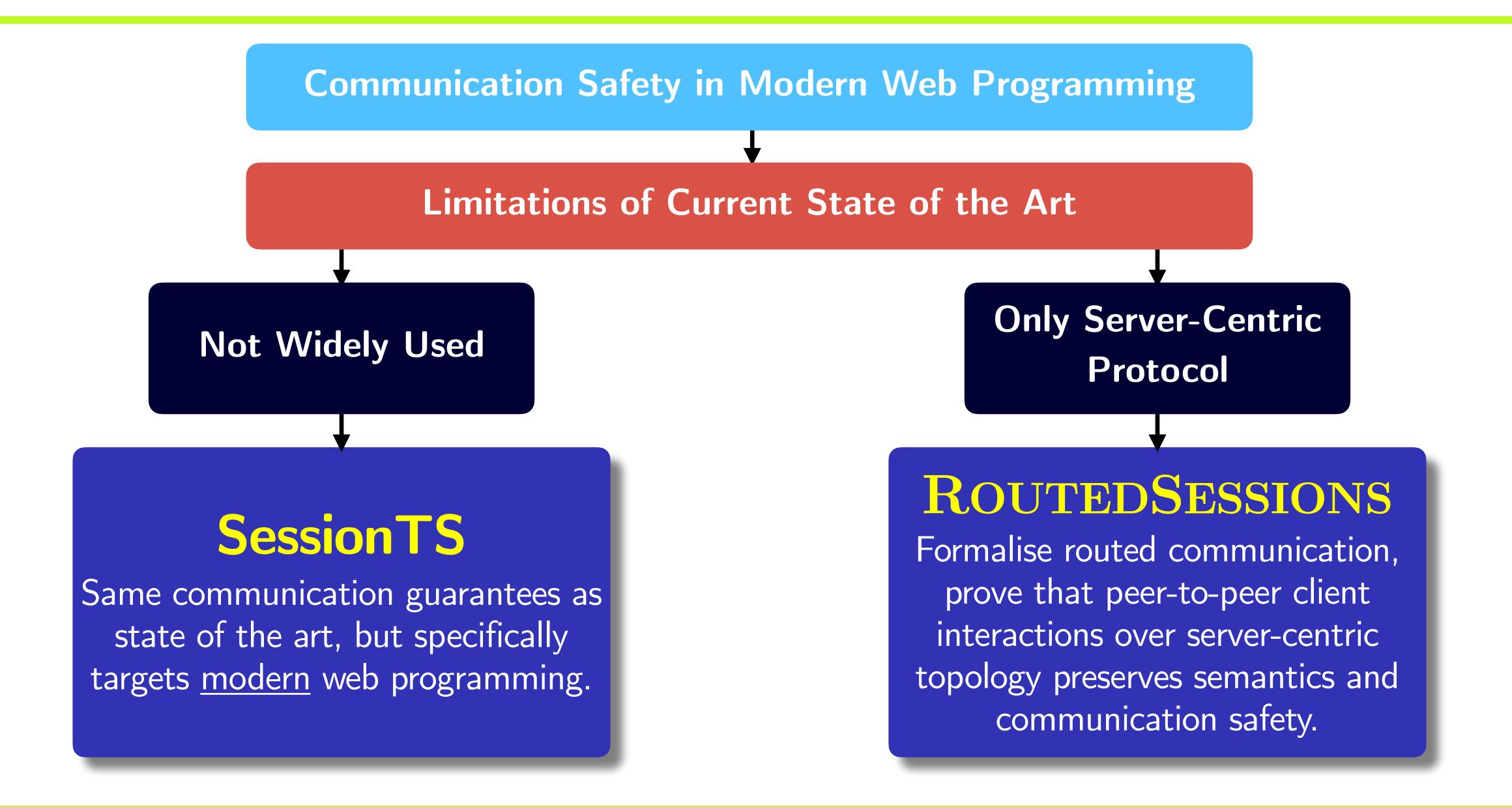




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SessionTS

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ROUTEDSESSIONS

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