

# PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF SESSION TYPES

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$\pi$ -calculus, Session Types research at Imperial College

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Kohei Honda

## NEWS

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.

» more

25 Sep 2017

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

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

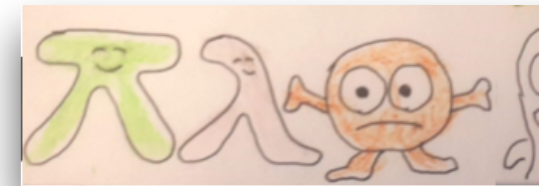
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# Interactions with Industries

## Strange Loop

SEPTEMBER 15-17 2016 / PEABODY OPERA HOUSE / ST. LOUIS, MO



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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.@nicholascwng rocking on @GolangUKconf about static deadlock detection in [#golang](#) [#gouk16](#)



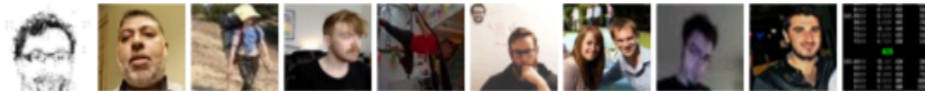
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## #unctional Londoners Meetup Group

CC'18

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### Session Types with Fahd Abdeljallal



43 Members

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](#)

ECOOP'17

## Distributed Systems vs. Compositionality

Dr. Roland Kuhn  
@rolandkuhn — CTO of Actyx

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### 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)".

# the morning paper

ICSE'18

an interesting/influential/important paper from the world of CS every weekday morning, as selected by Adrian Colyer

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## A static verification framework for message passing in Go using behavioural types

JANUARY 25, 2018

tags: [Concurrency](#), [Programming Languages](#)

[A static verification framework for message passing in Go using behavioural types](#) Lange et al., *ICSE 18*

*With thanks to Alexis Richardson who first forwarded this paper to me.*

We're jumping ahead to ICSE 18 now, and a paper that has been accepted for publication there later this year. It fits with the theme we've been exploring this week though, so I thought I'd cover it now. We've seen verification techniques applied in the context of [Rust](#) and [JavaScript](#), looked at the integration of [linear types in Haskell](#), and today it is the turn of Go!

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# Dialogue between Industry and Academia

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  $\pi^4$  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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# *Part One*

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# Type Me If You Can: Introduction to Session Types and Scribble

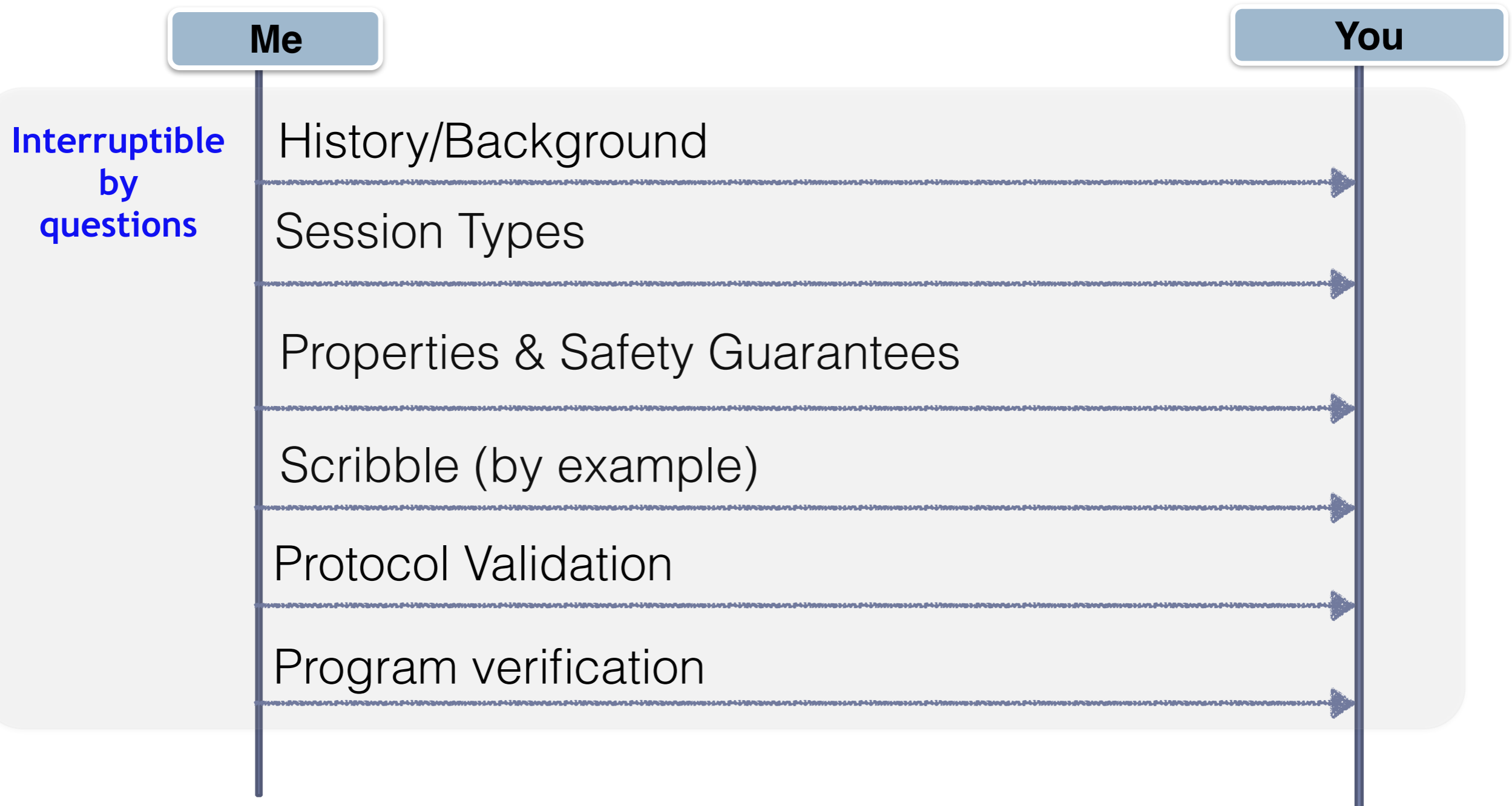
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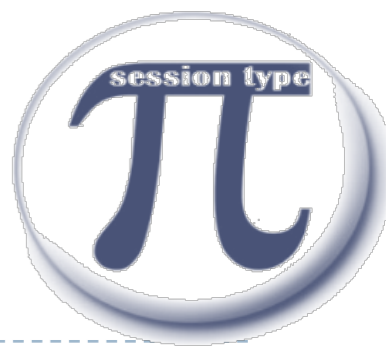
## Specification and Verification of Distributed Protocols



*Session Types*

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*Motivation*

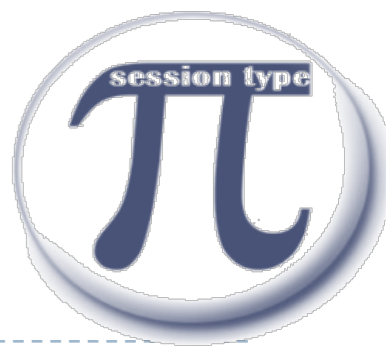


# Observation 1: Types

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- 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





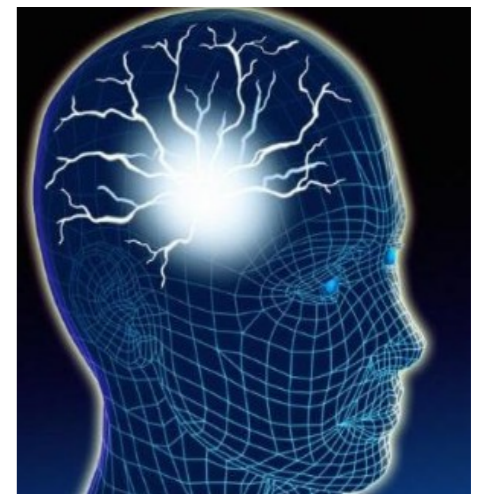
Observation 2: But distributed systems ...

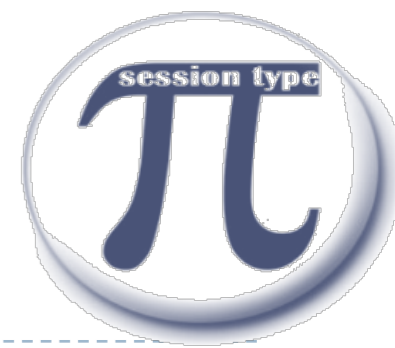
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focus on the  
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not on  
**computation**

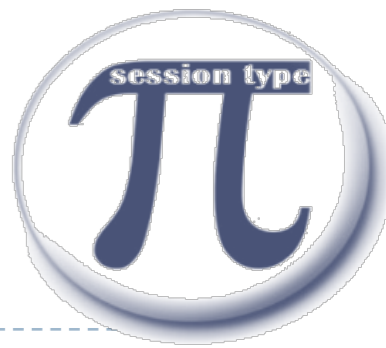




Then...

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# Building blocks

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- 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

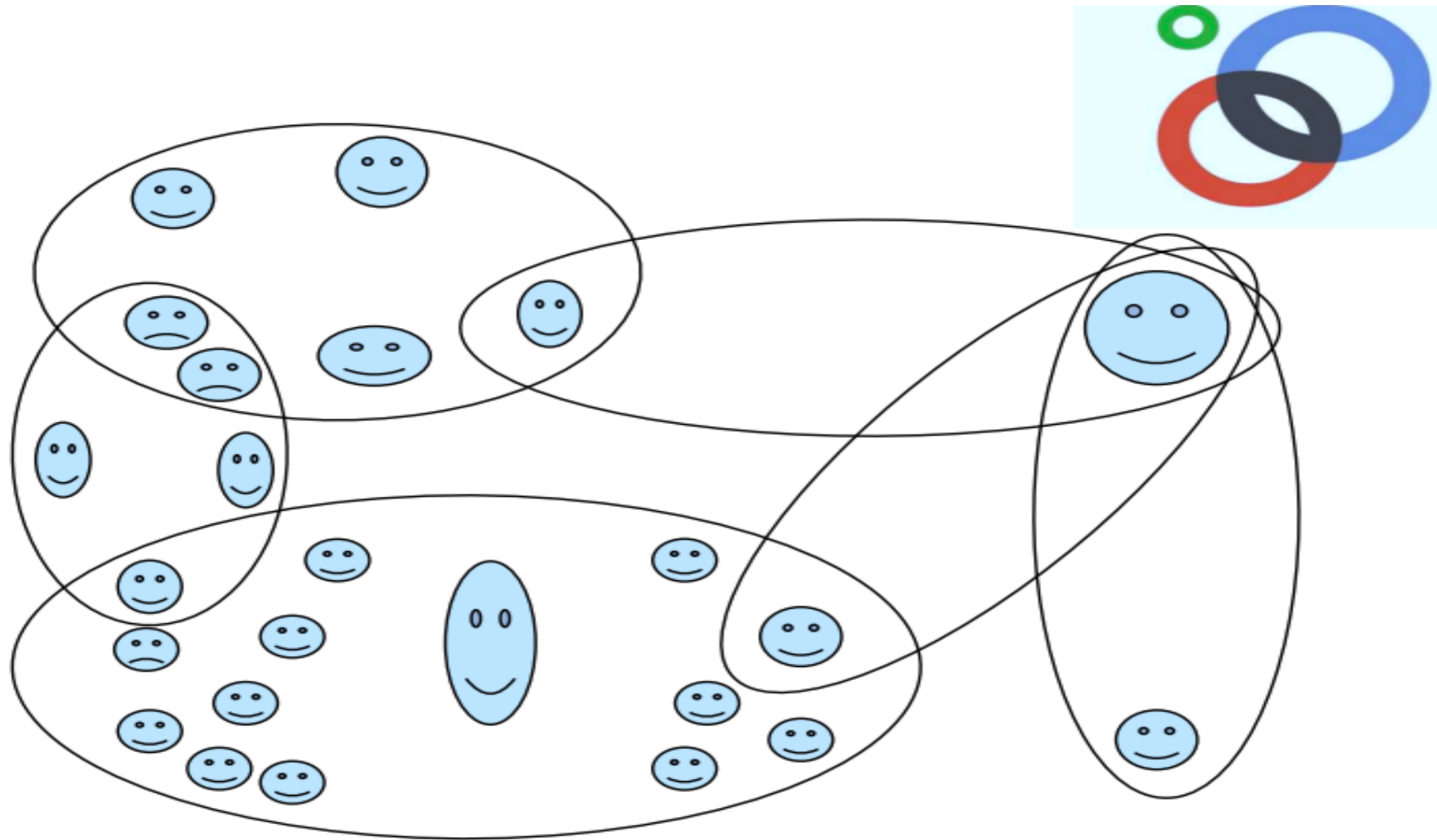
**SESSION = STRUCTURED SEQUENCE OF INTERACTIONS**



# Defining the type

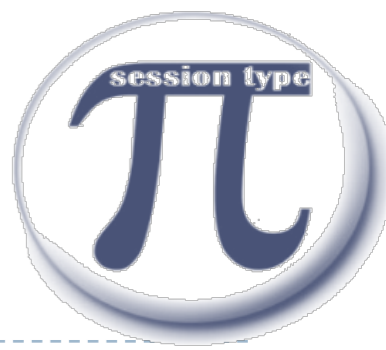
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- Separate the communication into sessions

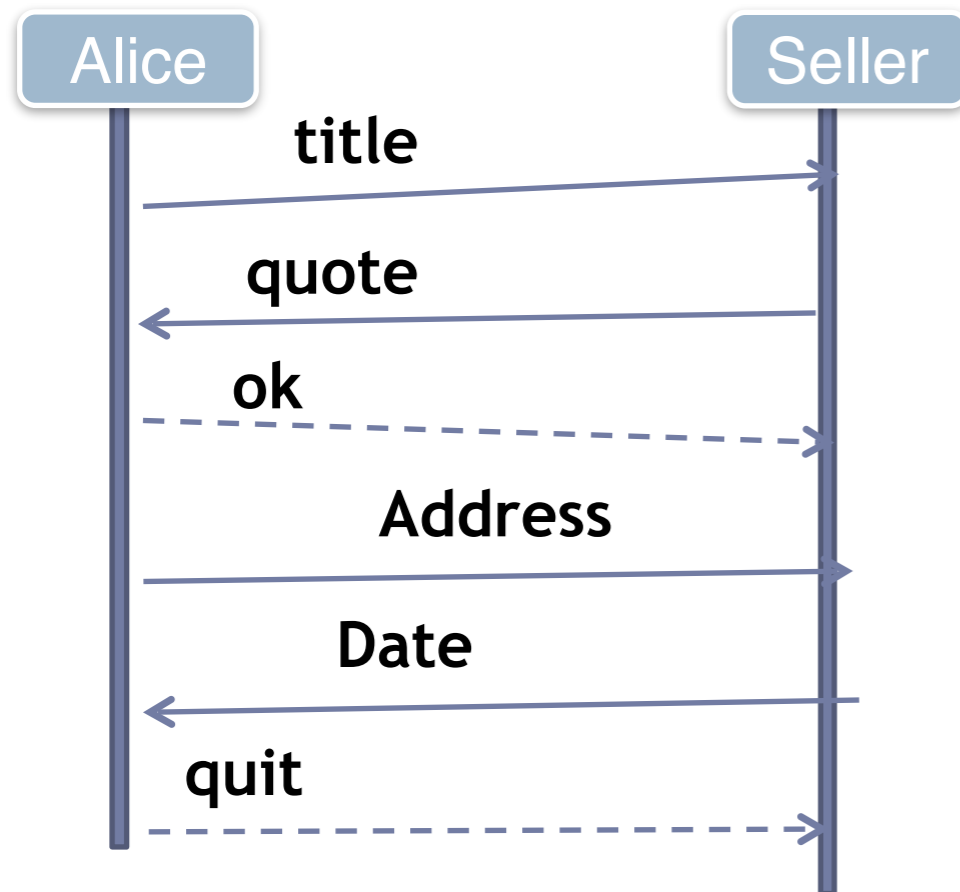


- ▶ Each process has a type in a session, defined by the interactions on the session channel
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# A Protocol



- 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?

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

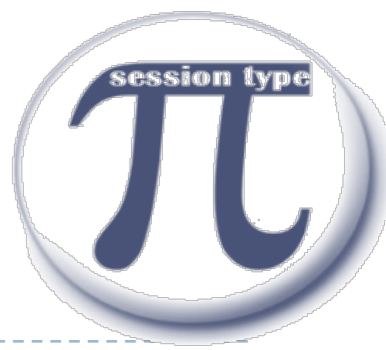


**receive(int).receive(int).send(bool)**

**It is all about duality!**

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Are we compatible?

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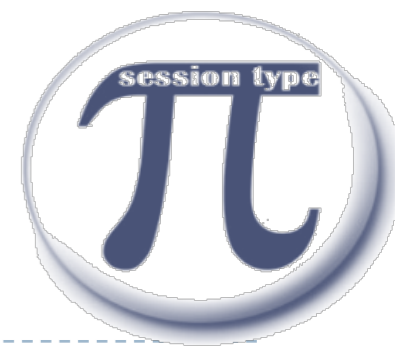
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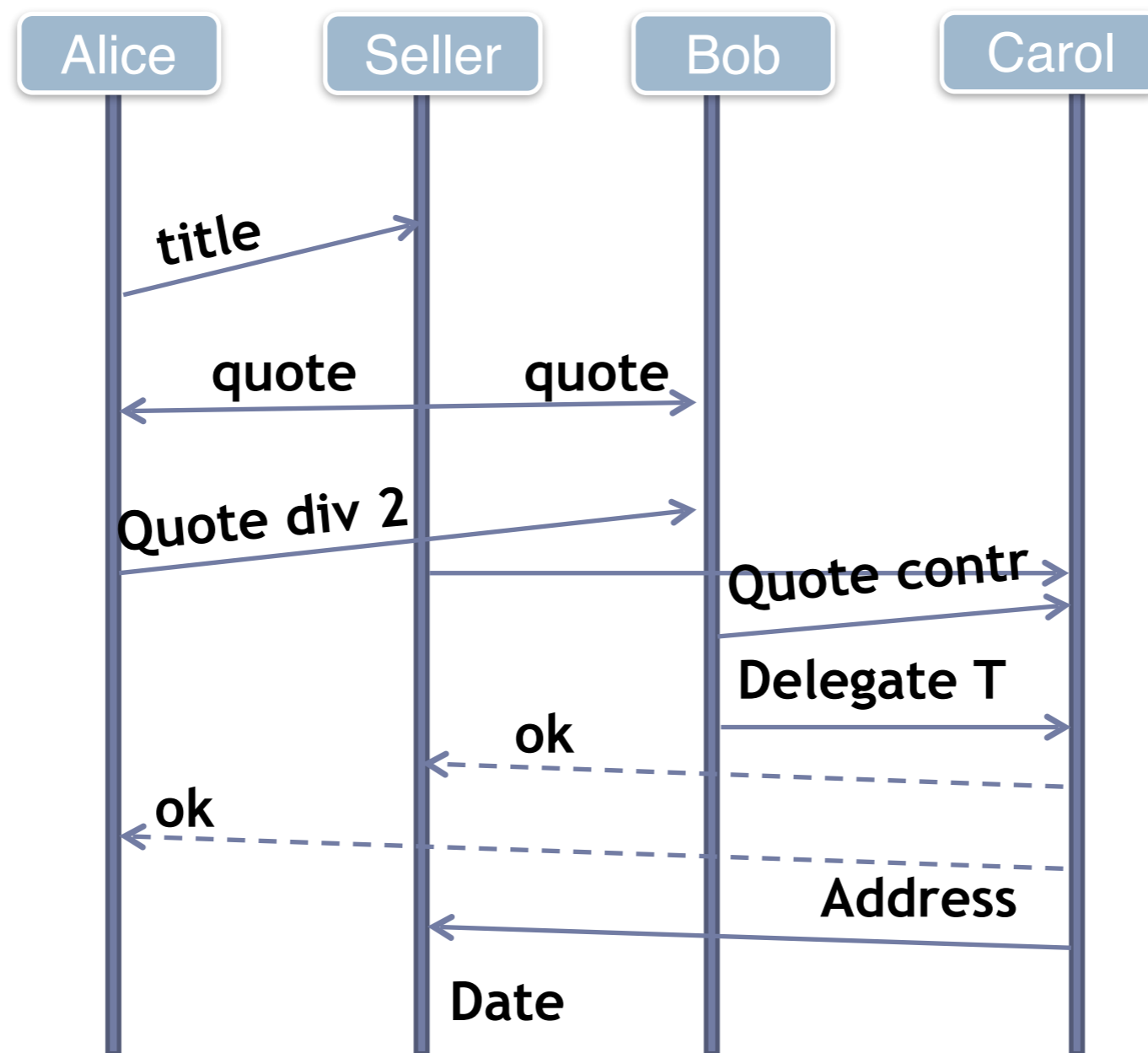
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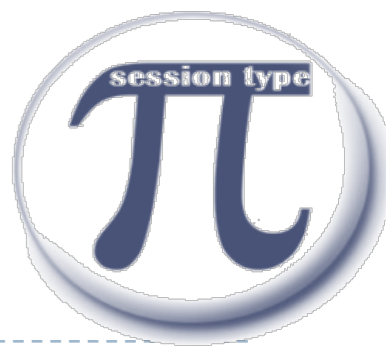
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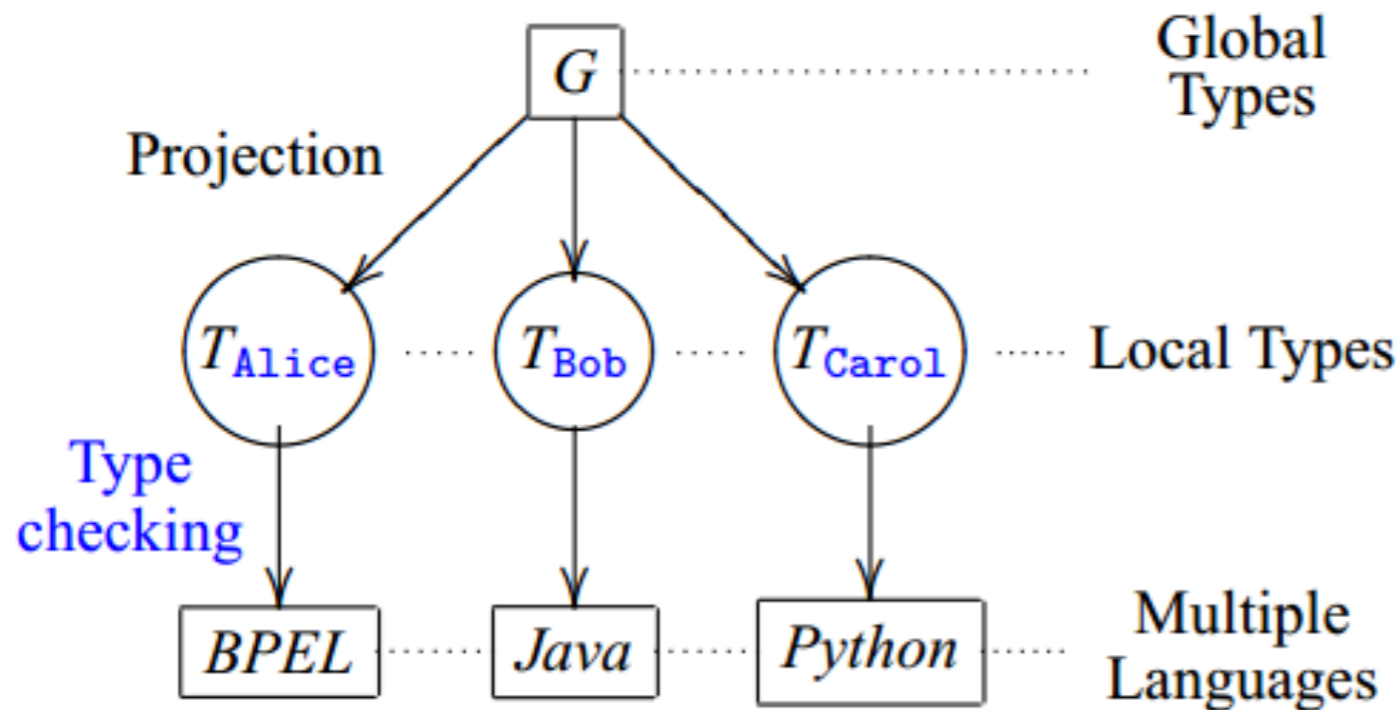


Wait a minute! What if it is more than 2?





# How does it work?

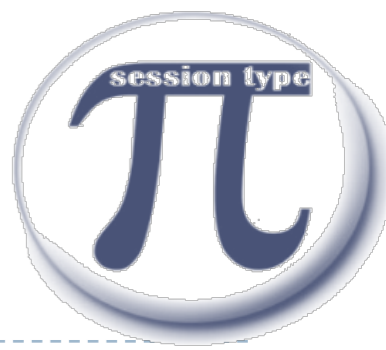


$Alice \rightarrow Bob: \langle Nat \rangle.$   
 $Bob \rightarrow Carol: \langle Nat \rangle.end$

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

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

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



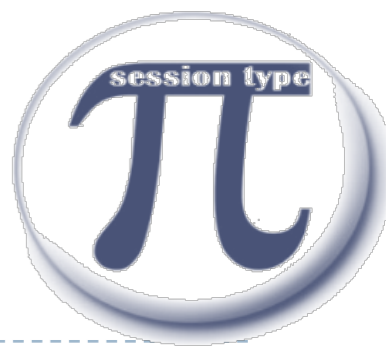
# Session Types in a Nutshell

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SESSION = STRUCTURED SEQUENCE OF COMMUNICATION

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





# What is type safe communication?

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## Communication Safety

- No communication mismatch

## Session Fidelity

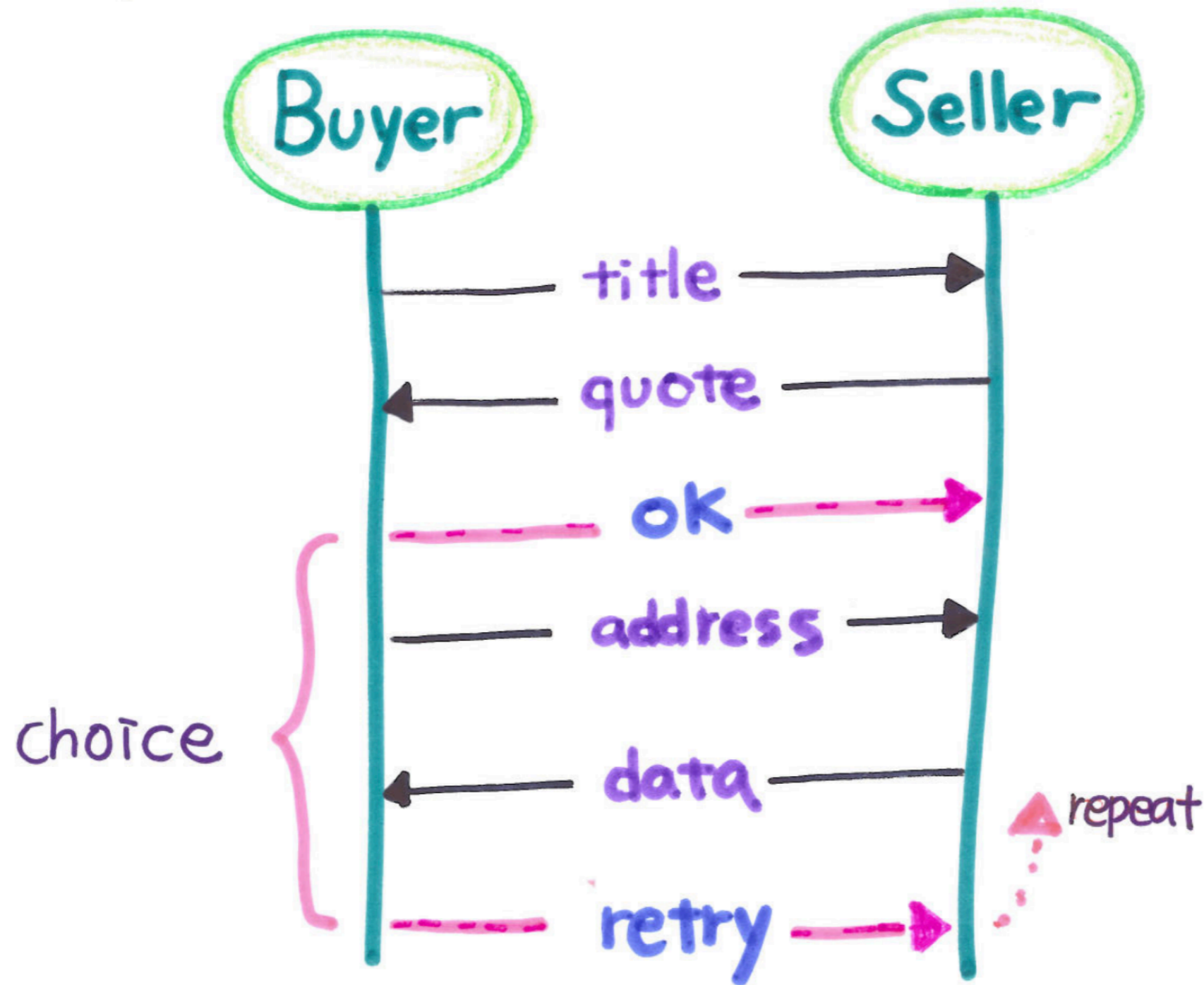
- Communication follow the described protocol

## Progress

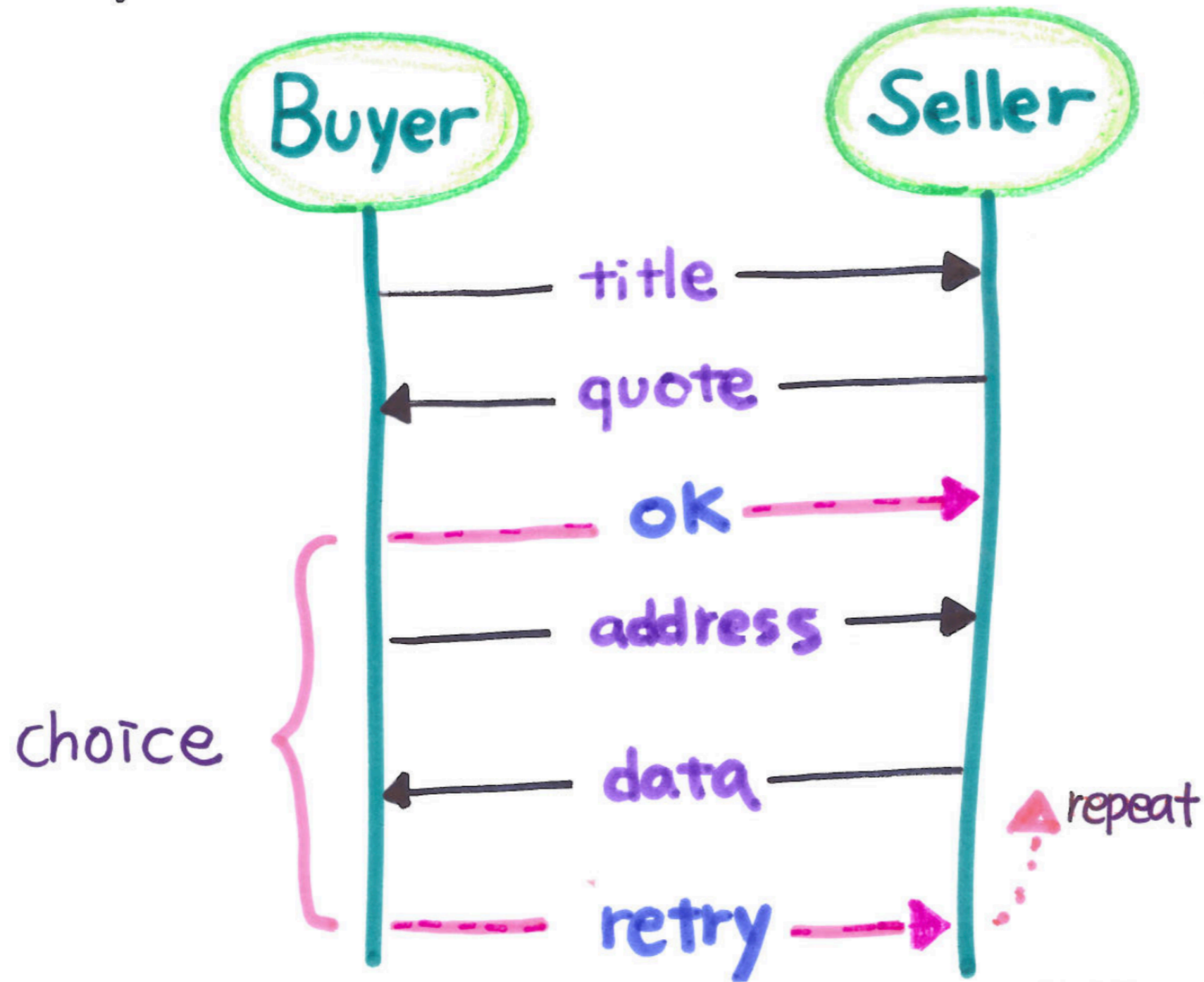
- No deadlock/ stuck in a session



# Binary Session Types: Buyer - Seller Protocol

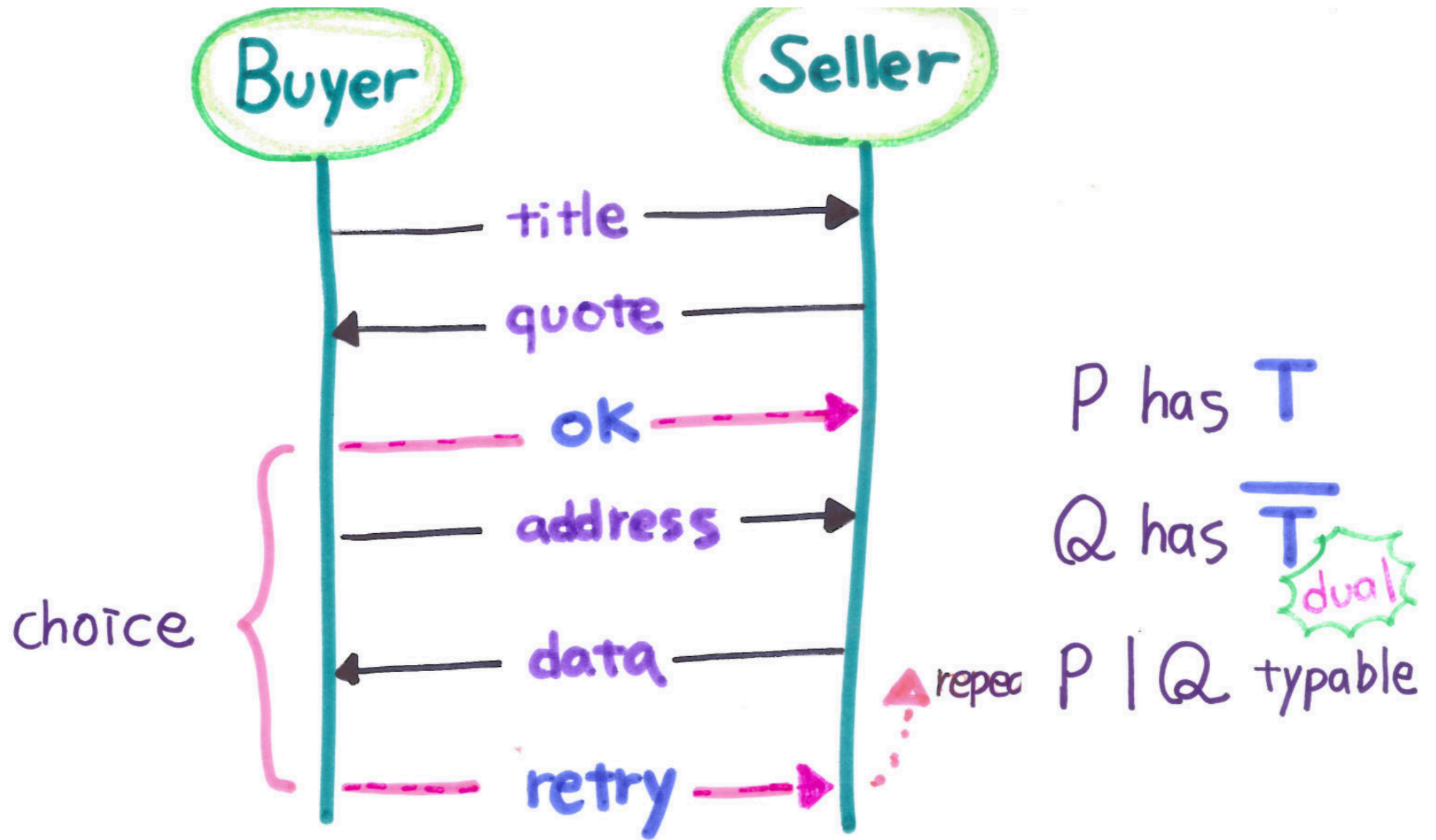


# Binary Session Types: Buyer - Seller Protocol



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

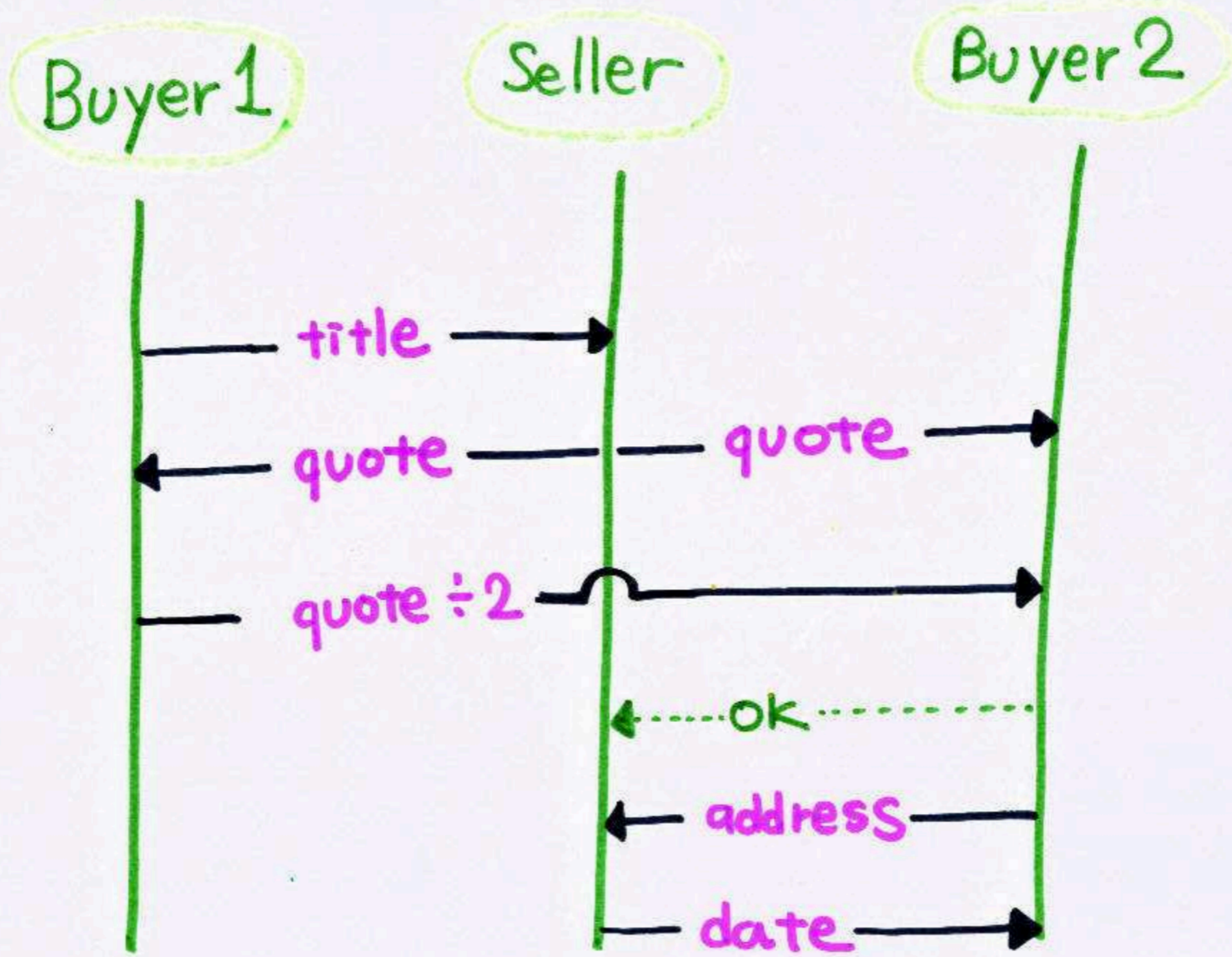


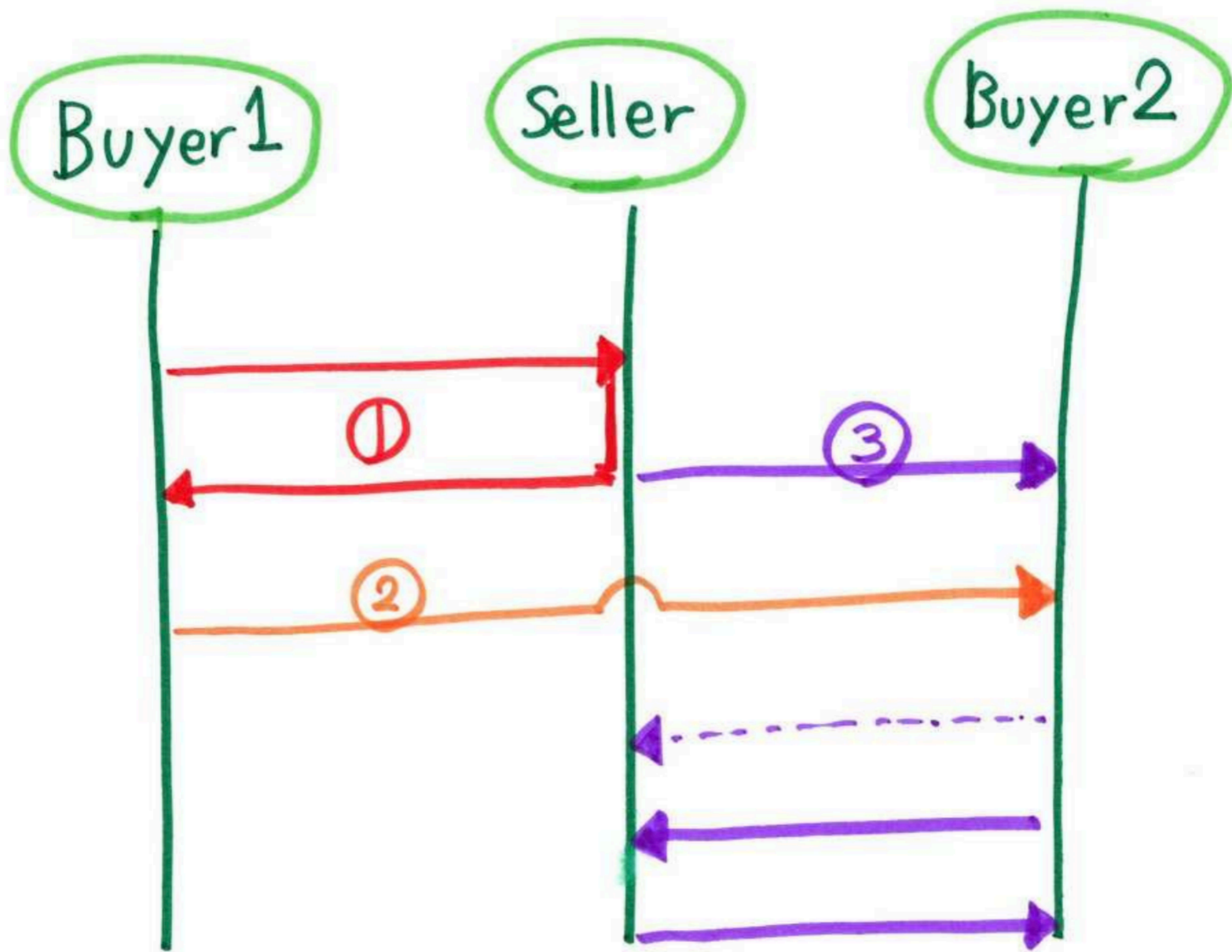


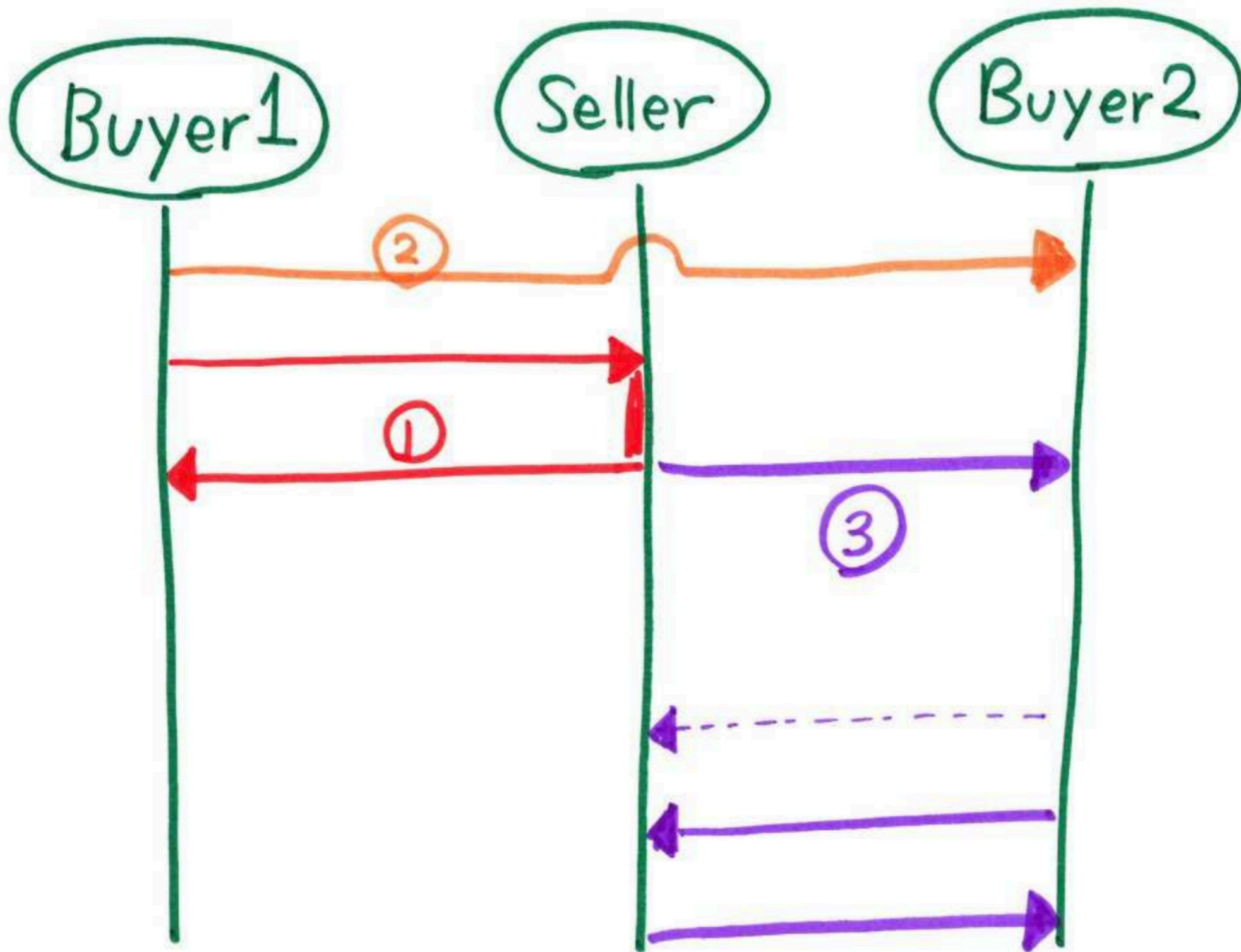
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nt? Title ; ! Quote ; ? { ok: ? Add ; ! Date, retry: t }

# Multiparty Session Types







Alice

Bob

Carol

CA? c ; AB! a

AB? a ; BC! b

BC? b ; CA? c

dual

dual

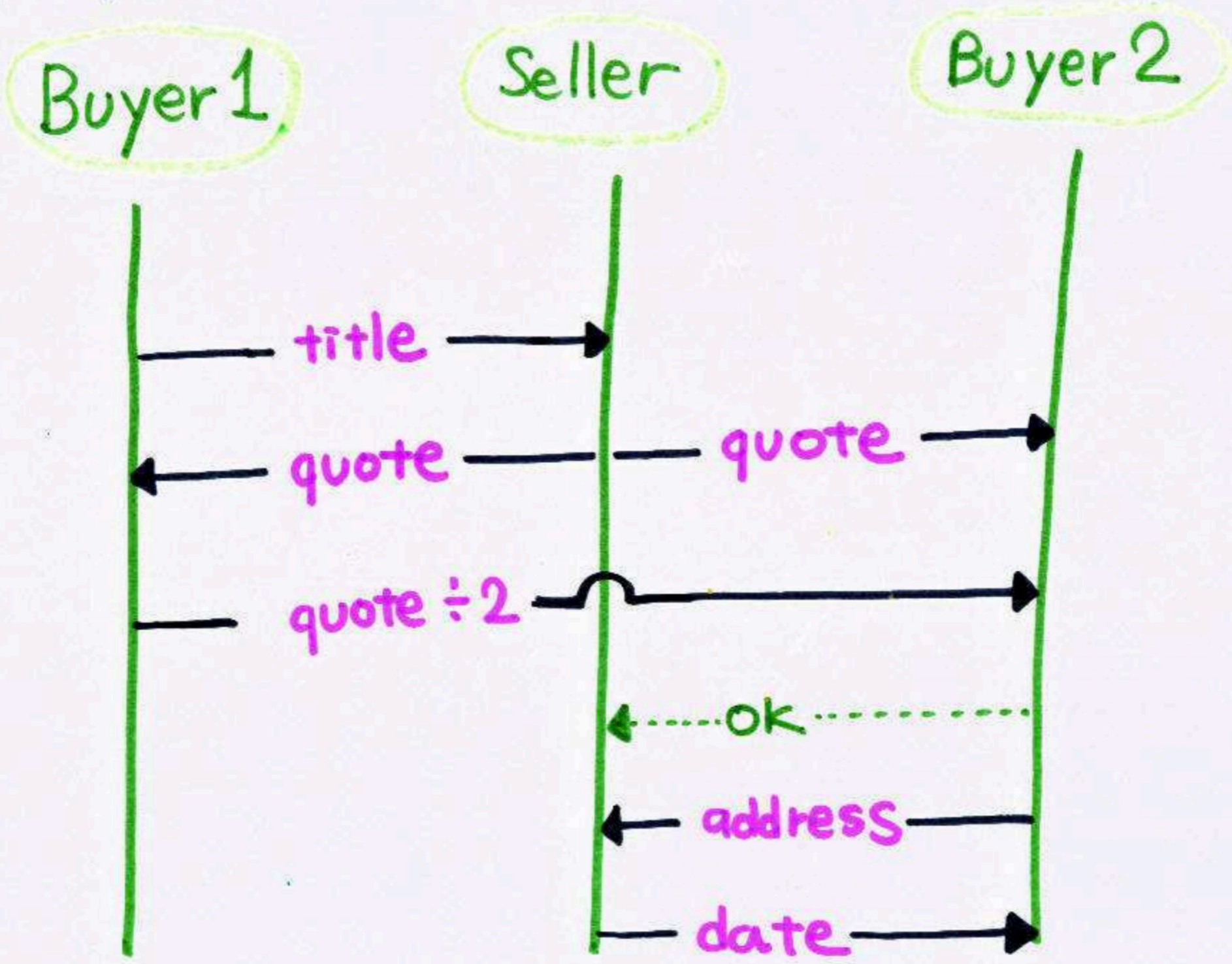
dual

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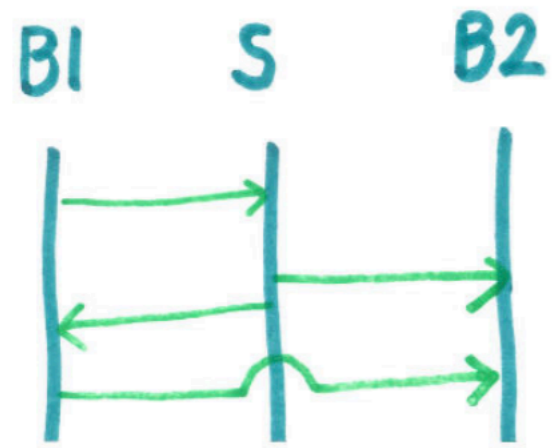
If you use  
binary Session  
Types ....

Deadlock!

# Multiparty Session Types



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



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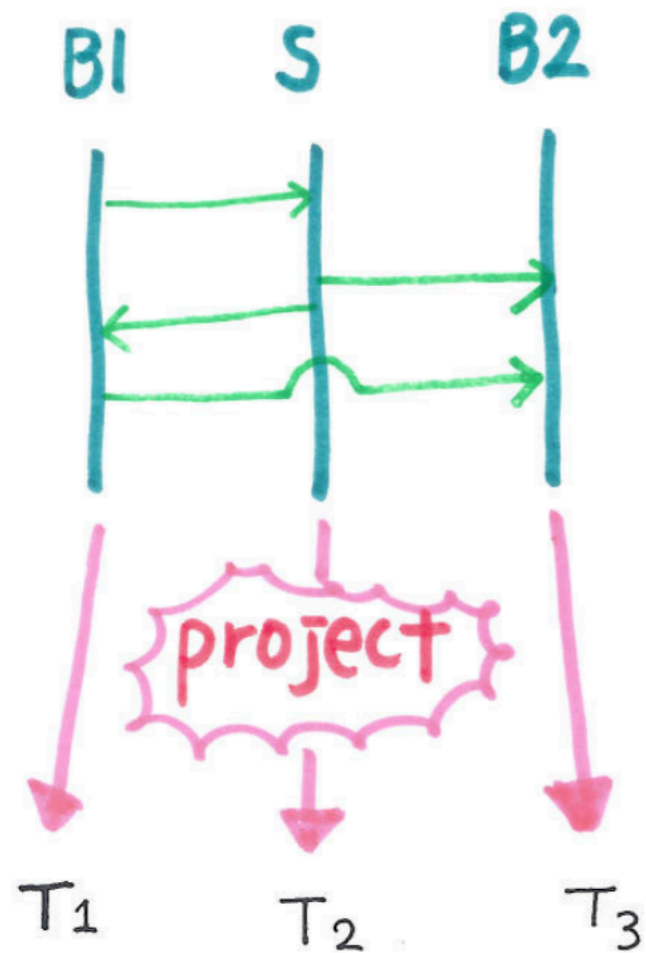
BI  $\rightarrow$  S Int.

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

STEP 1

Write Global Type

(T)

$B_1 ?$  Int.  $B_2 !$  Char

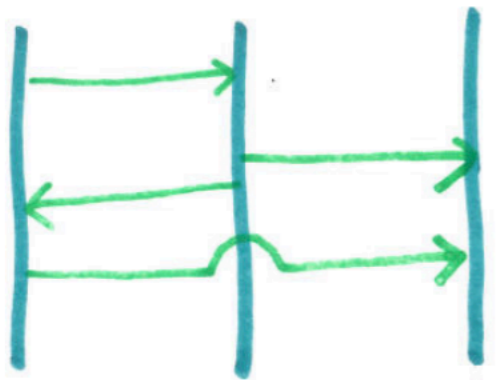
STEP 2

Project to Local Types



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

B1 S B2



(G)

$B1 \rightarrow S$  Int.  
 $S \rightarrow B2$  Char

**STEP 1**  
 Write Global Type

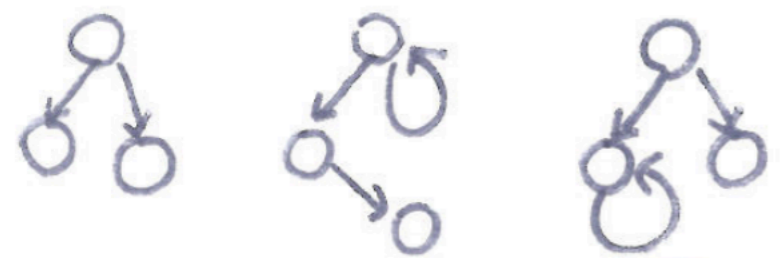
project

(T)

$B1?Int. B2!Char$

**STEP 2**  
 Project to Local Type

T<sub>1</sub> T<sub>2</sub> T<sub>3</sub>



P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>3</sub>

(P)  $B1?(x). B2! \langle \text{"apple"} \rangle$

**STEP 3**

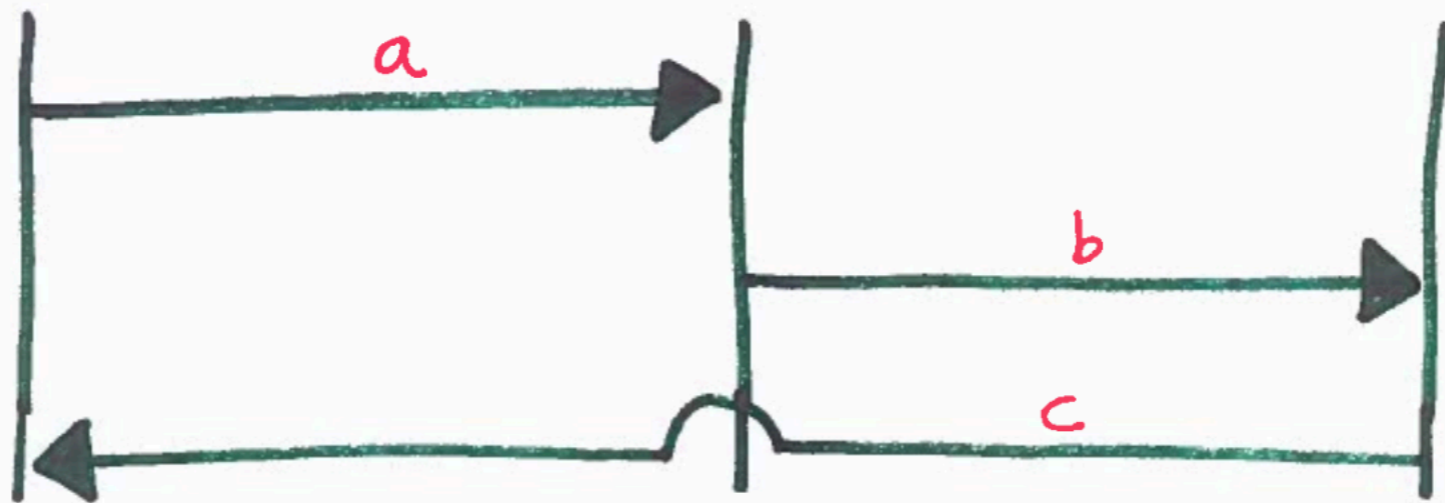
- Static Check
- Generate Code
- Run-time check



Alice

Bob

Carol



Global Type



Alice  $AB!a; CA?c$

Bob  $AB?a; BC!b$

Carol  $BC?b; CA!c;$

NO Deadlock

LOCAL TYPES

## 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”

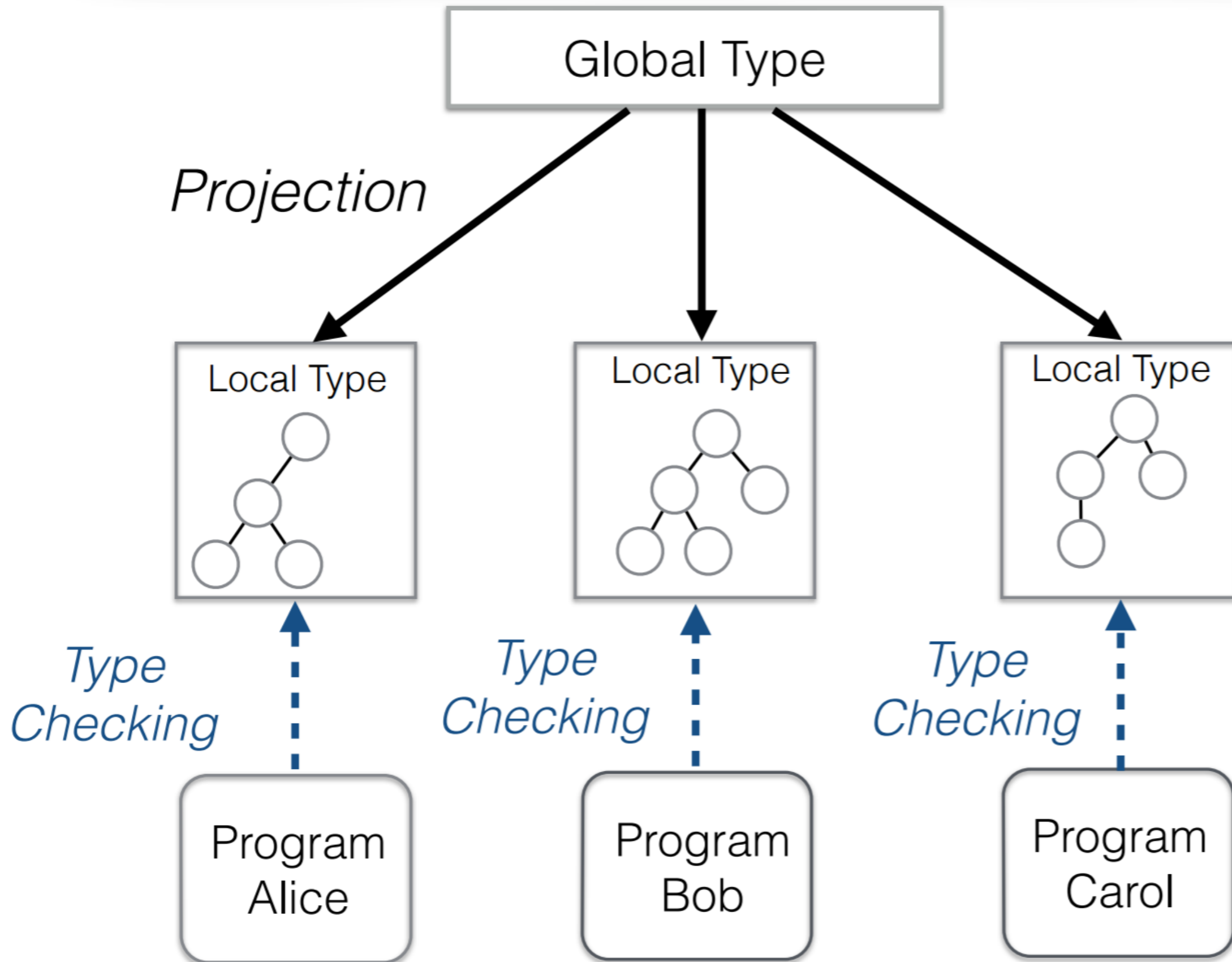
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*Applications*

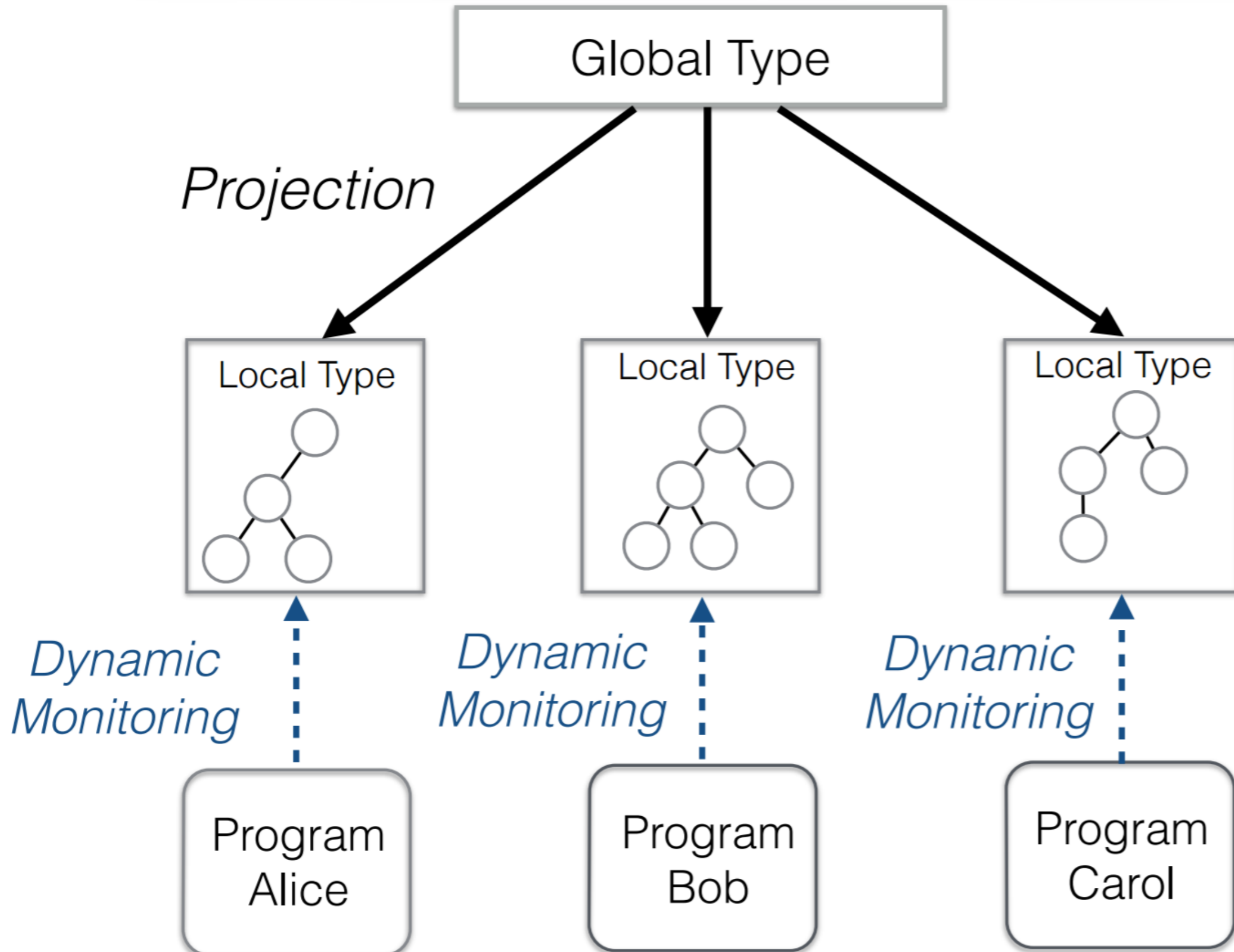
# Type Checking

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

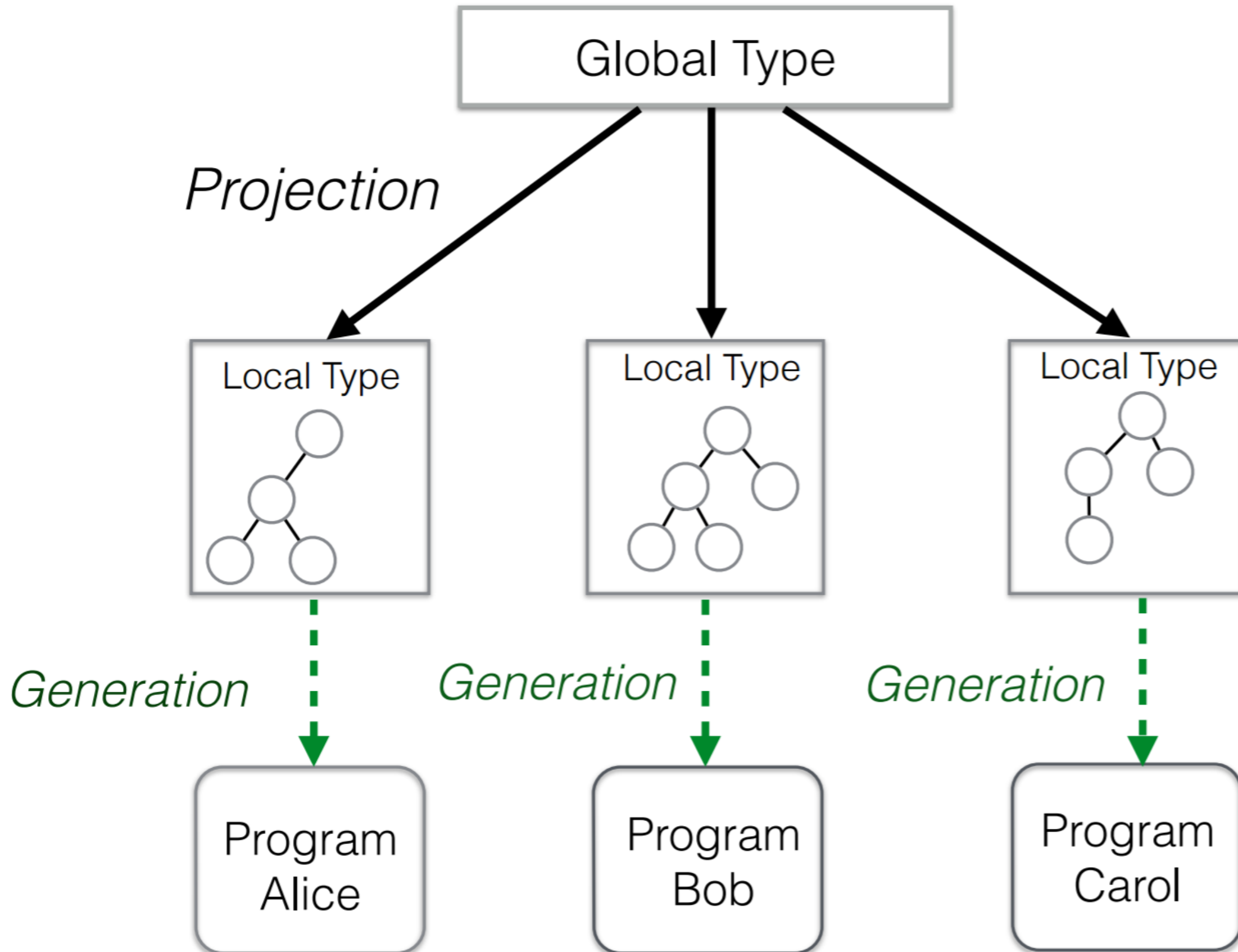


# Dynamic Monitoring

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

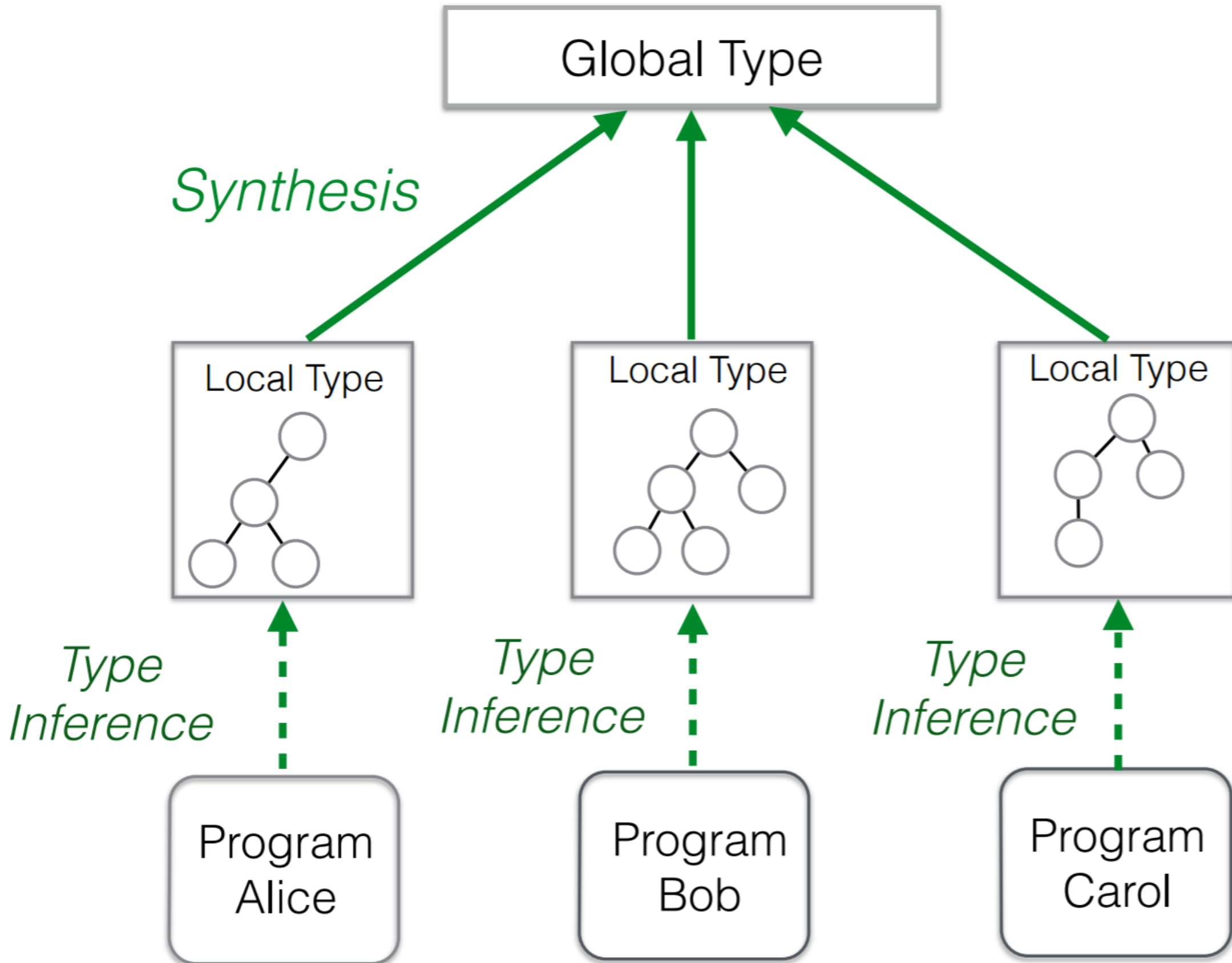


# Code Generation [CC'15, FASE'16]



# 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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F#



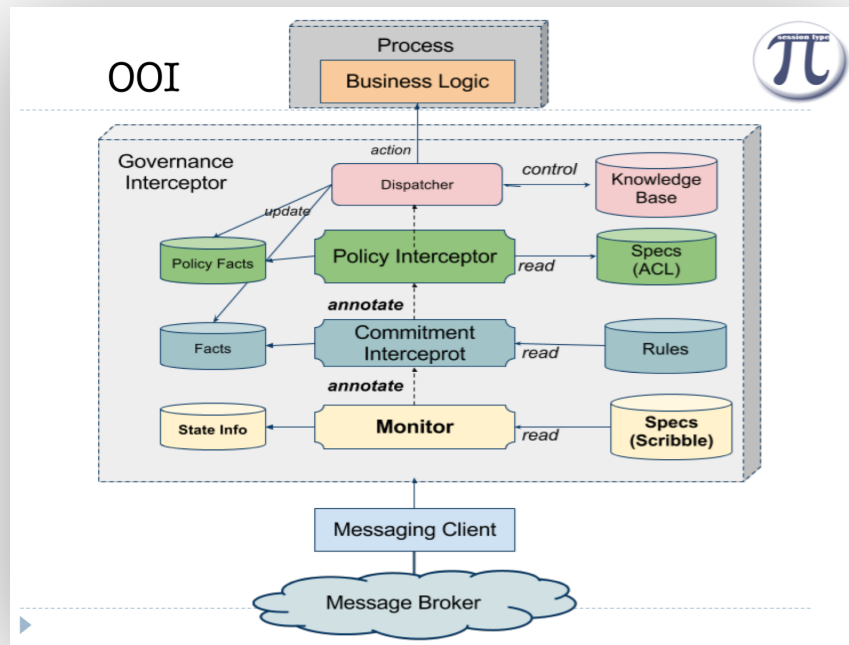
Scala

Session C

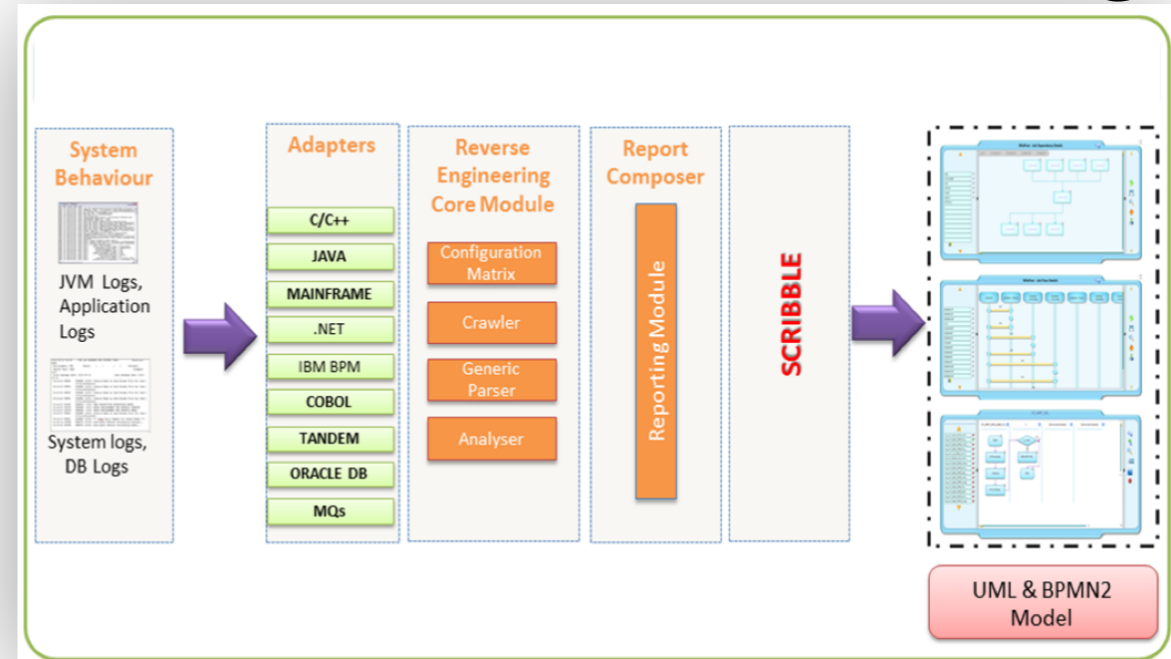


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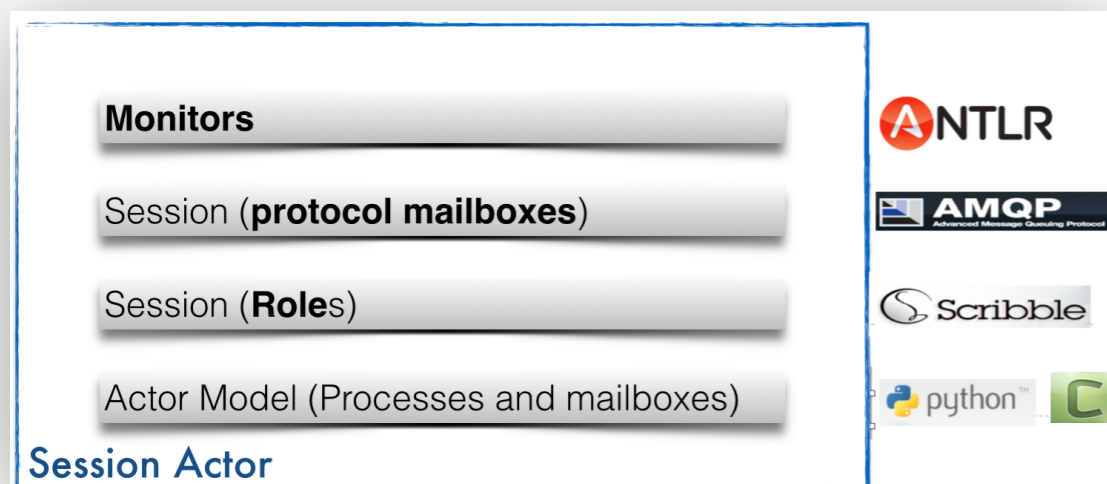
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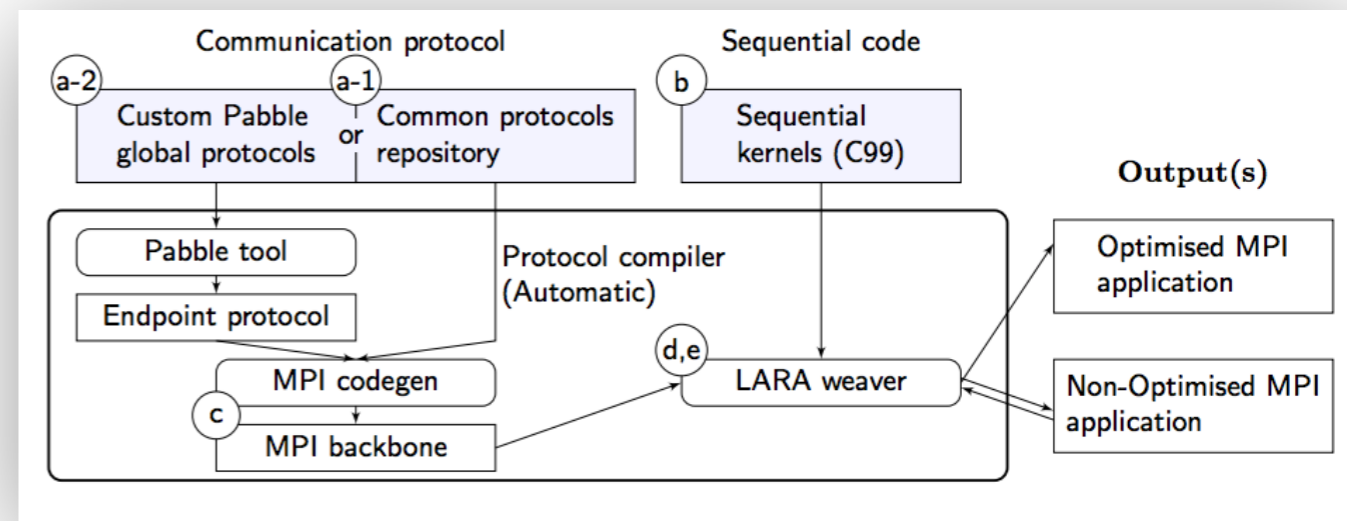
## ZDLC: Process Modeling



## Actor Verification



## MPI code generations



# Session Type based Tools

## Java API Generation [FASE'16]



RFC 821 August 1982 Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

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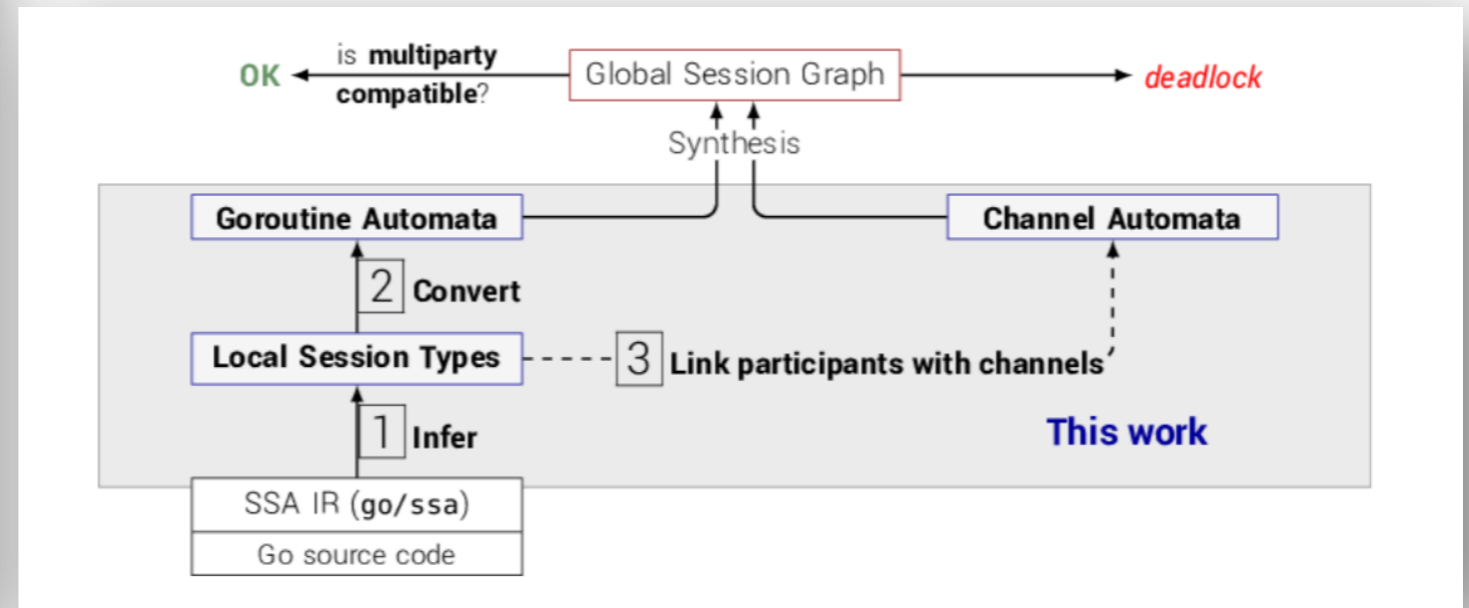
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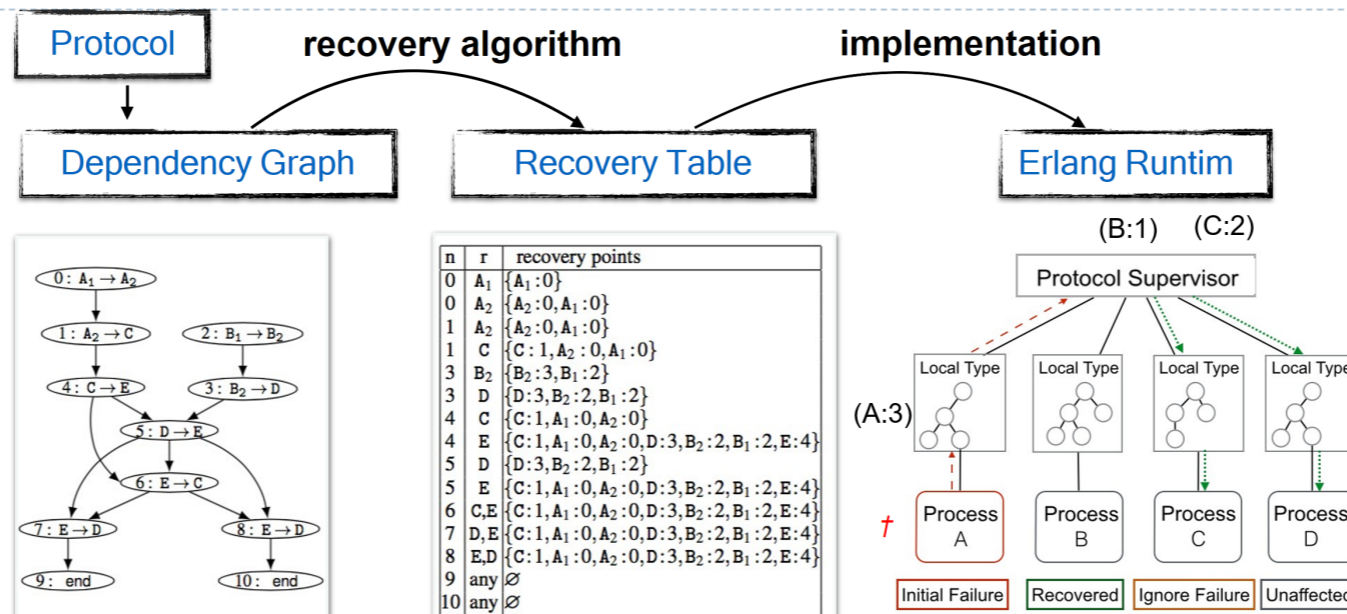
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- send(S role, Mail m) : Smtplib\_C\_11 - Smtplib\_C\_10
- send(S role, Quit m) : EndSocket - Smtplib\_C\_10

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



## Safe Recovery for Erlang [CC'15]



# Applications

## Java API Generation [FASE'16]



RFC 821 August 1982  
Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

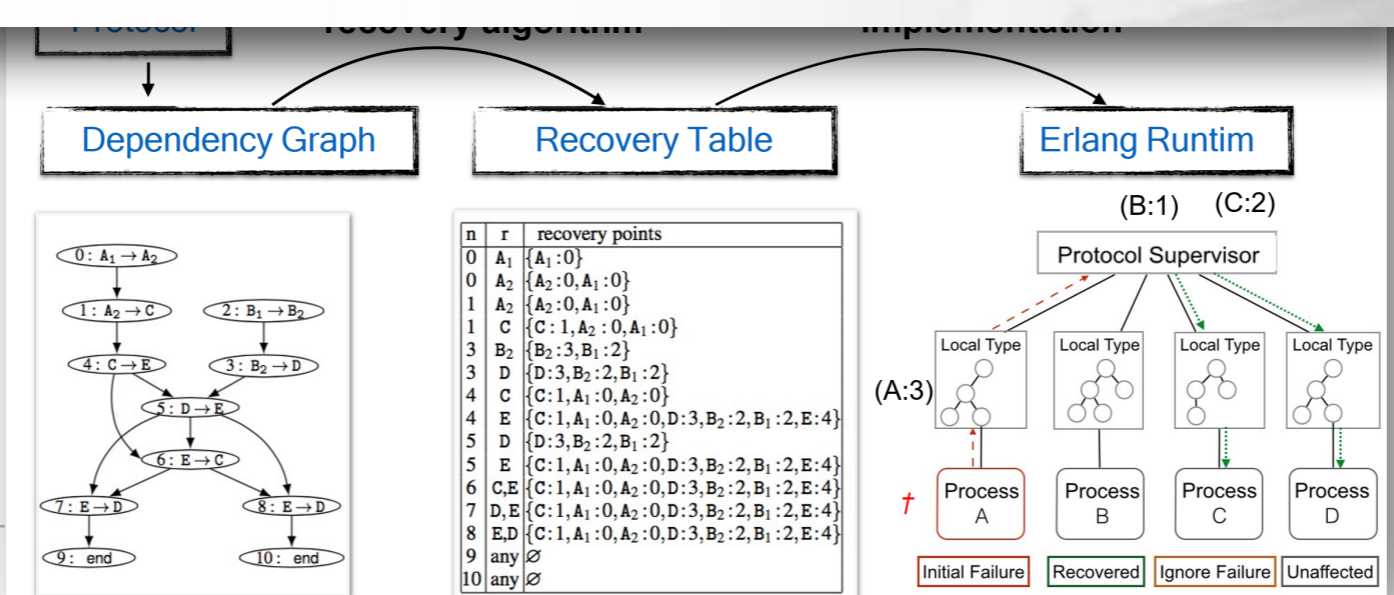
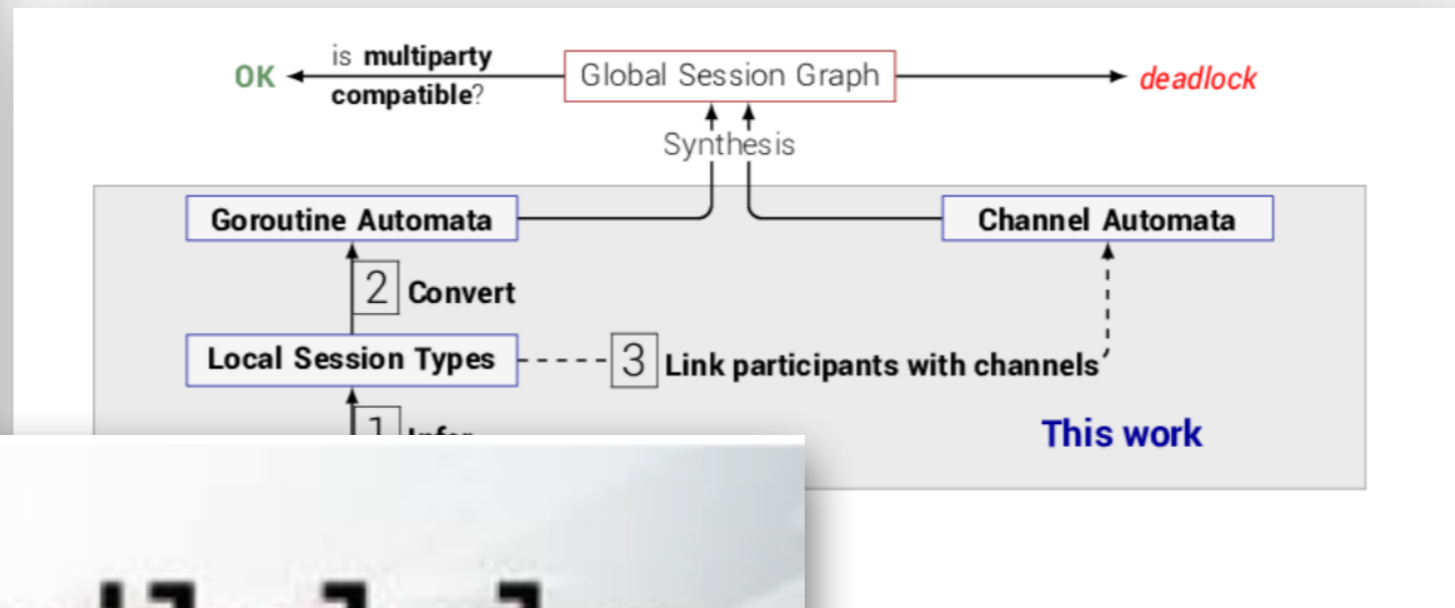
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# *Session Types*

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# Scribble Protocol

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- **Basic example:**

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



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# Scribble

Protocol Language



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However, having a description of a protocol has further benefits. It enables verification to ensure that the protocol can be implemented without resulting in unintended consequences, such as deadlocks.

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## An example

```
module examples;

global protocol HelloWorld(role Me, role World) {
  hello(Greetings) from Me to World;
  choice at World {
    hello(GoodMorning) from World to Me;
  } or {
    hello(GoodAfternoon) from World to Me;
  }
}
```

A very simply example, but this illustrates the basic syntax for a hello world interaction, where a party performing the role Me sends a message of type *Greetings* to another party performing the role "World", who subsequently makes a decision which determines which path of the choice will be followed, resulting in a *GoodMorning* or *GoodAfternoon* message being exchanged.

### Describe

Scribble is a language for describing multiparty protocols

### Verify

Scribble has a theoretical foundation, based on the Pi Calculus and Session Types, to ensure that protocols

### Project

Endpoint projection is the term used for identifying the

### Implement

Various options exist, including (a) using the endpoint projection for a role to generate a skeleton code, (b)

### Monitor

Use the endpoint projection for roles defined within a

# Let's try some protocols: <http://scribble.doc.ic.ac.uk/>

---

```
1 module examples;
2
3 global protocol HelloWorld(role Me, role World) {
4     hello() from Me to World;
5     choice at World {
6         goodMorning1() from World to Me;
7     } or {
8         goodMorning1() from World to Me;
9     }
10 }
11
```

Load a sample 

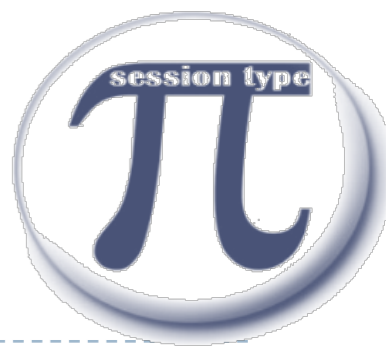
Check

Protocol:

Role:

Project

Generate Graph



# Example

---

protocol def  
**recursion**  
**send-receive**  
**choice**

```
global protocol Q&A(role me, role you){  
  rec loop {  
    ask(string) from you to me;  
    choice at me  
    { response (string) from me to you;  
      continue loop; }  
    or { enough() from me to you; }}  
}
```





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# *Protocol Validation*

Are we compatible?

---

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

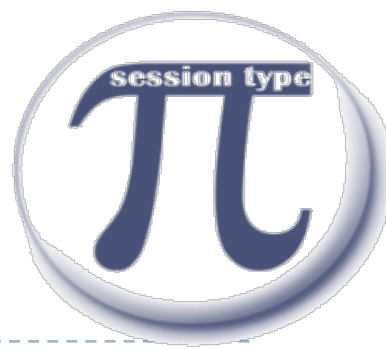


**receive(int).receive(int).send(bool)**

**It is all about duality!**

---





Are we compatible?

---

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



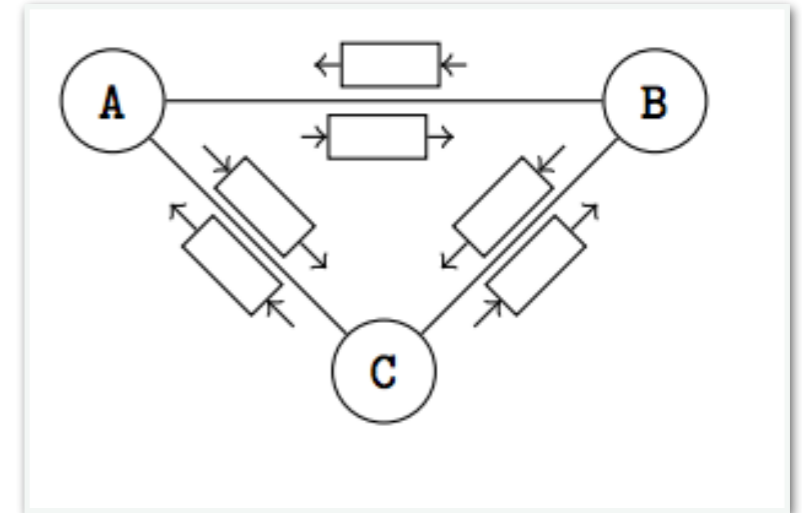
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# Good/Bad MPST by example

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- 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)
```

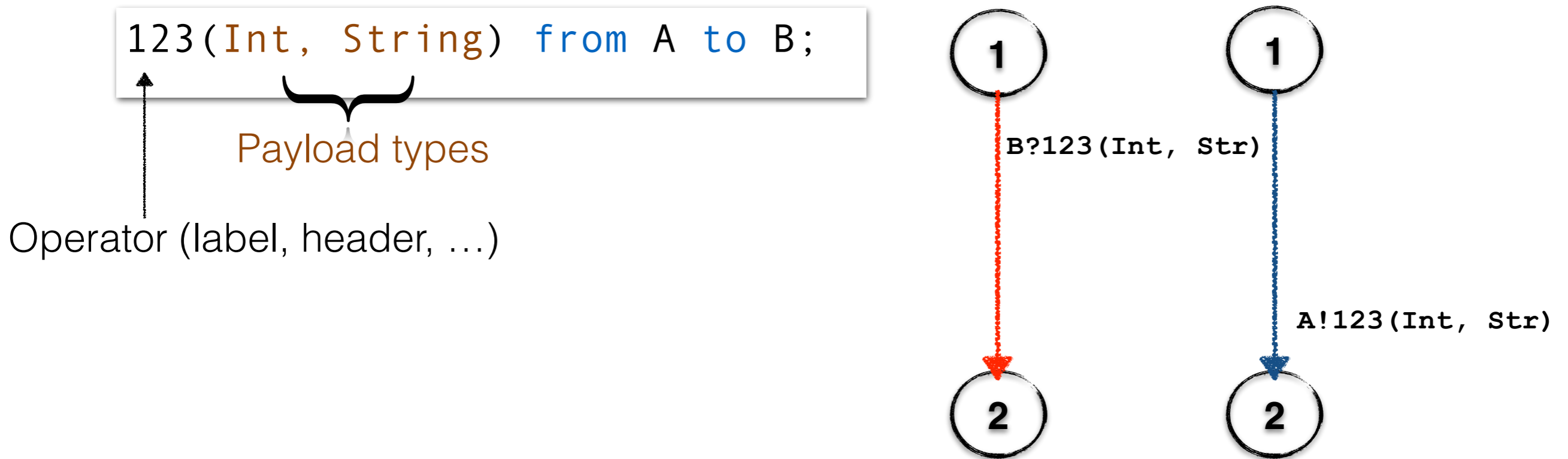




# Scribble constructs:

## Role-to-role Message passing

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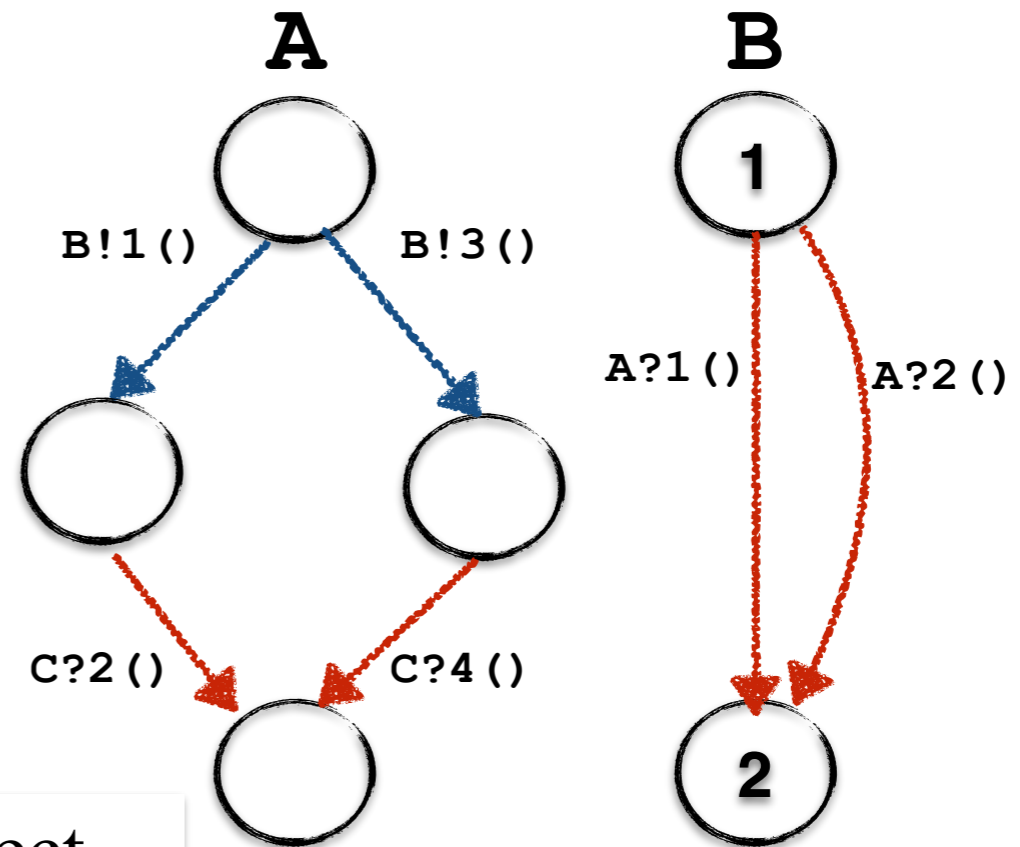
- Empty operator and/or payload is allowed

```
( ) 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 ?

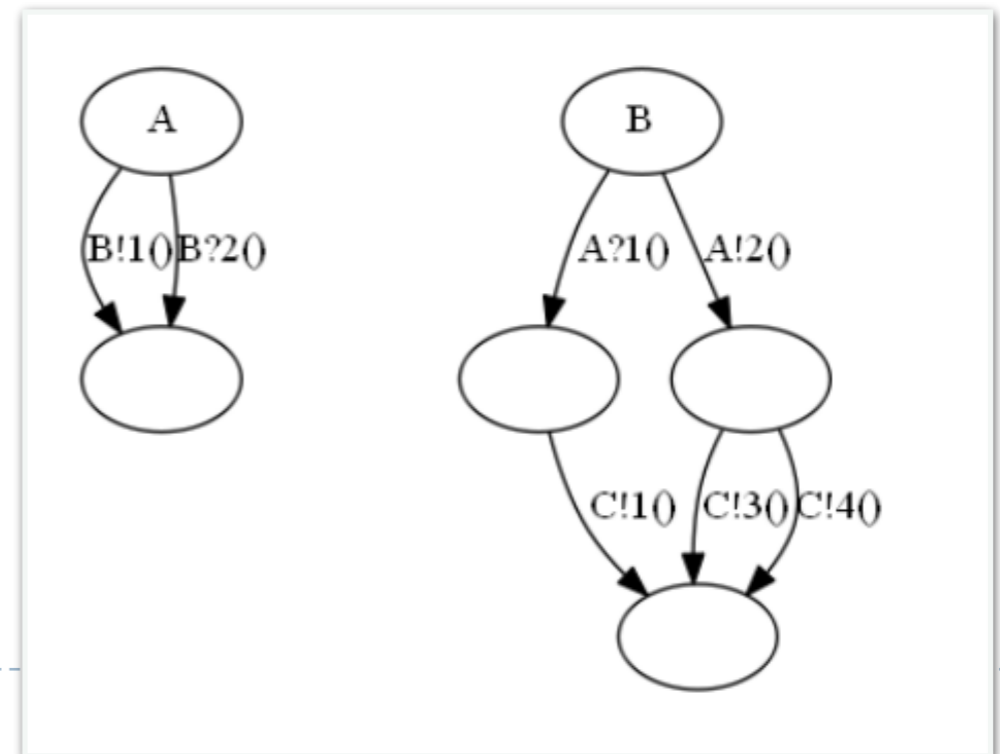
- MPST Safety errors:
  - reception error, orphan message, deadlock

# Exercise: “Located” choice

*What actually goes wrong ?*

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  - reception error, orphan message, deadlock

```
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;  
}
```



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



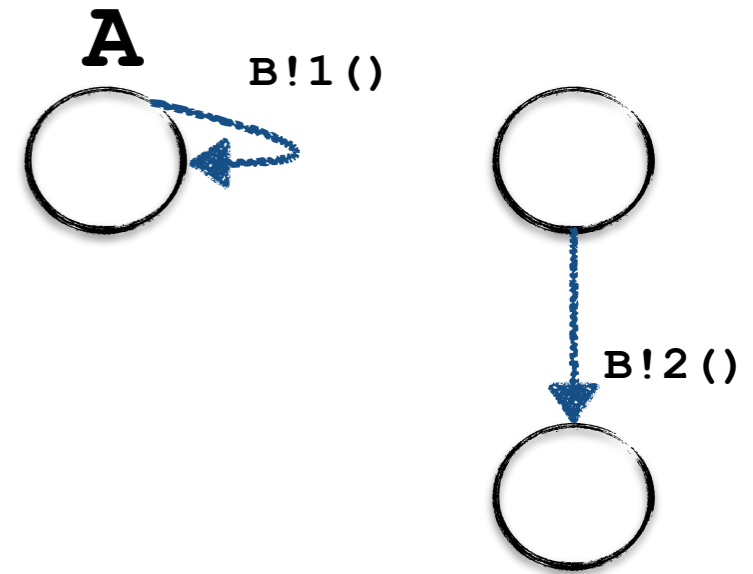
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} or {  
  3() from A to B;  
  4() from B to C;  
}
```



# 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*

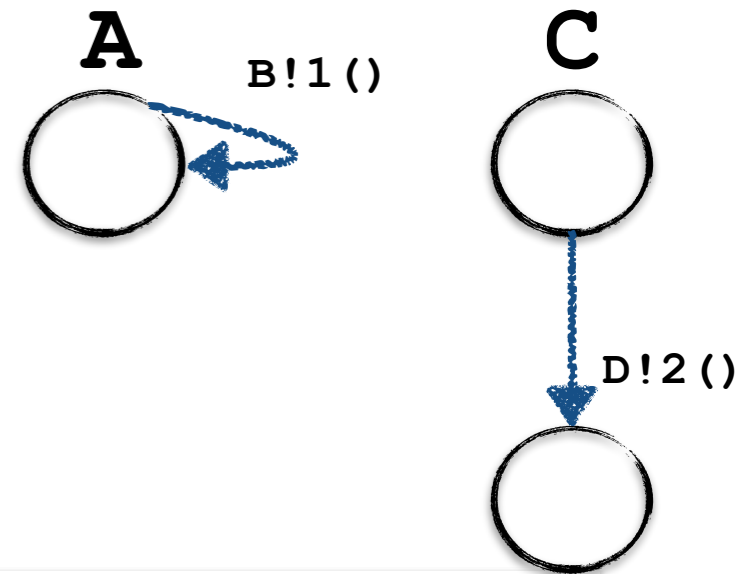
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  - Checked via projection (reachability w.r.t per-role protocol flow)
- Regular interaction structure at endpoints (CFSM)

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}  
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```

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



## *Condition*

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---

```
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  choice at A  
    1() from A to B;  
    continue X;  
    2() from A to B; ❌ Dead code  
  } or {  
    3() from A to B;  
  }  
} 4() from A to B; ❌  
} 5() from A to B;
```

## Condition

- Reachability of protocol states (no “dead code”)
  - Checked via projection (reachability w.r.t per-role protocol flow)
- Regular interaction structure at endpoints (CFSM)

# Is this protocol OK? 2/4

---

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

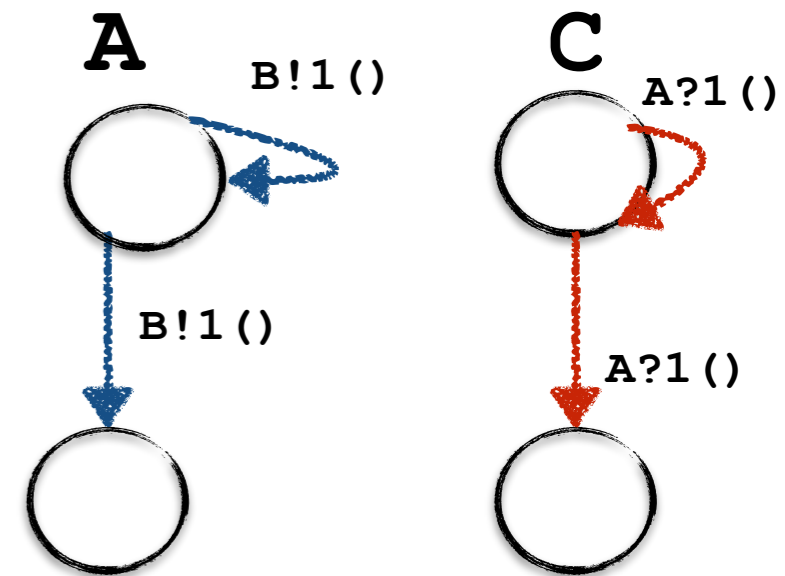
Why does Scribble not allow this protocol?





# 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

---


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

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



# Is this protocol ok? 4/4

---

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



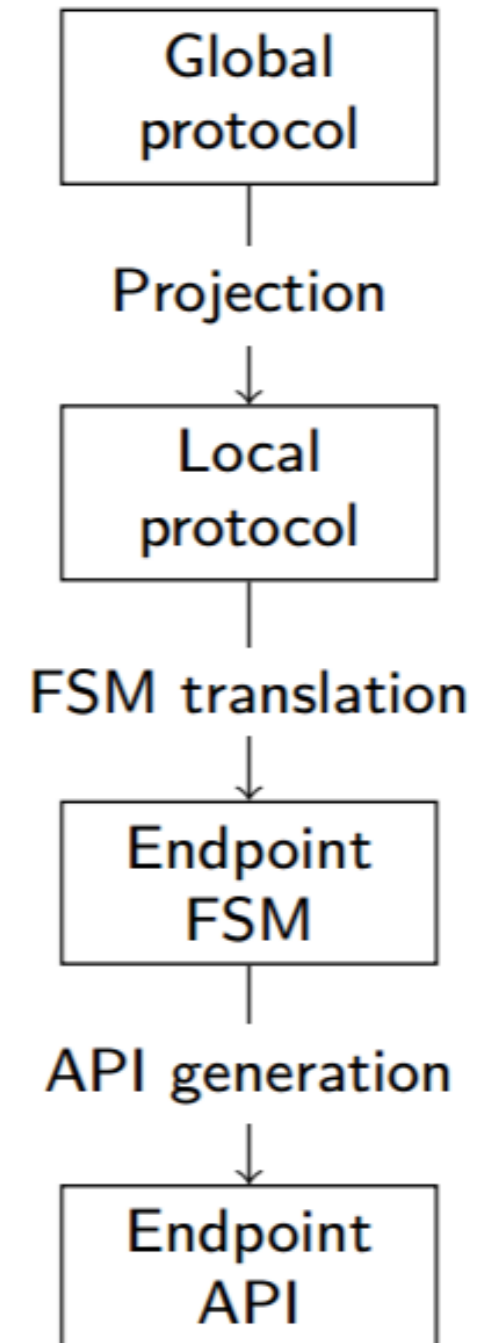


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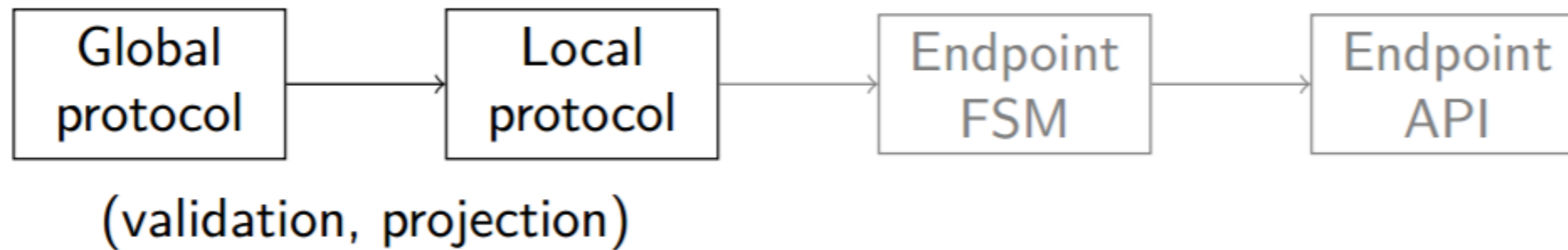
# *Program Verification*

# 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



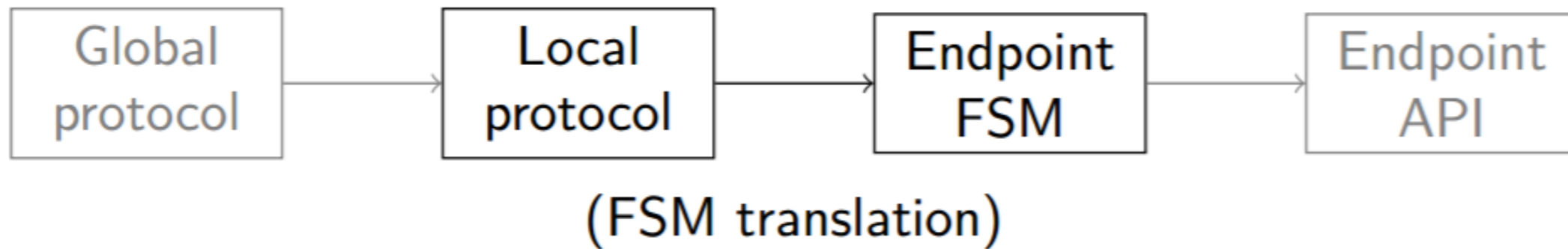
## Example: Adder



```
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;
  }
}
```

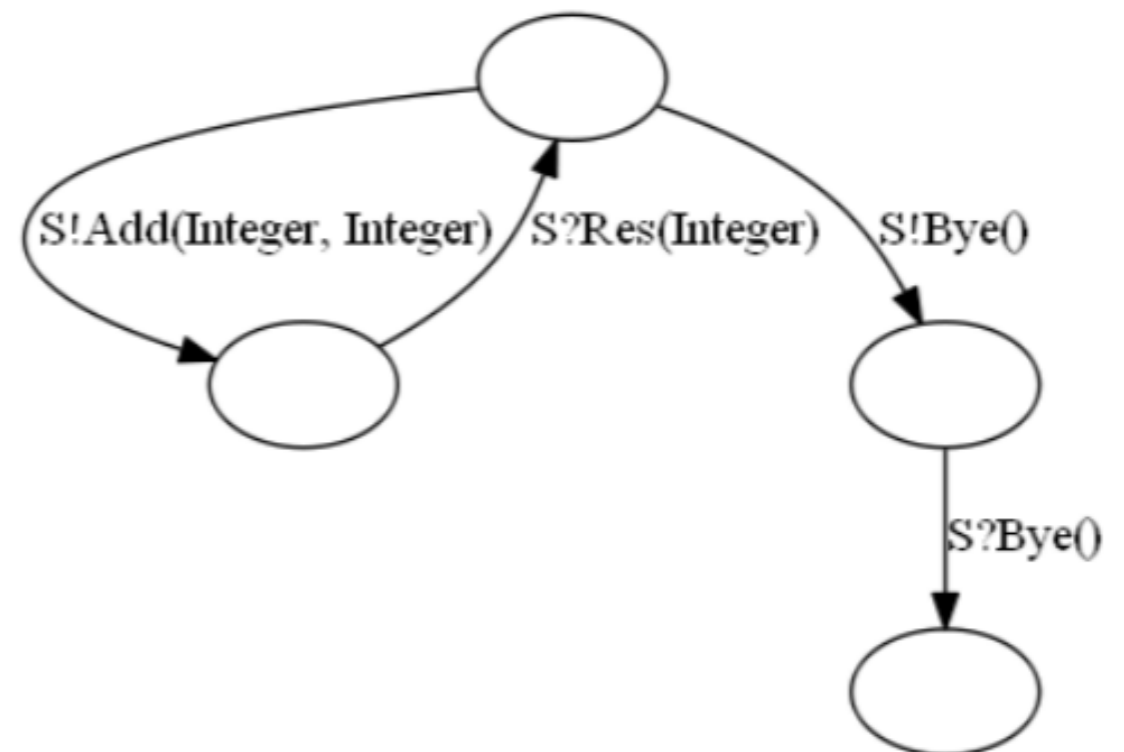


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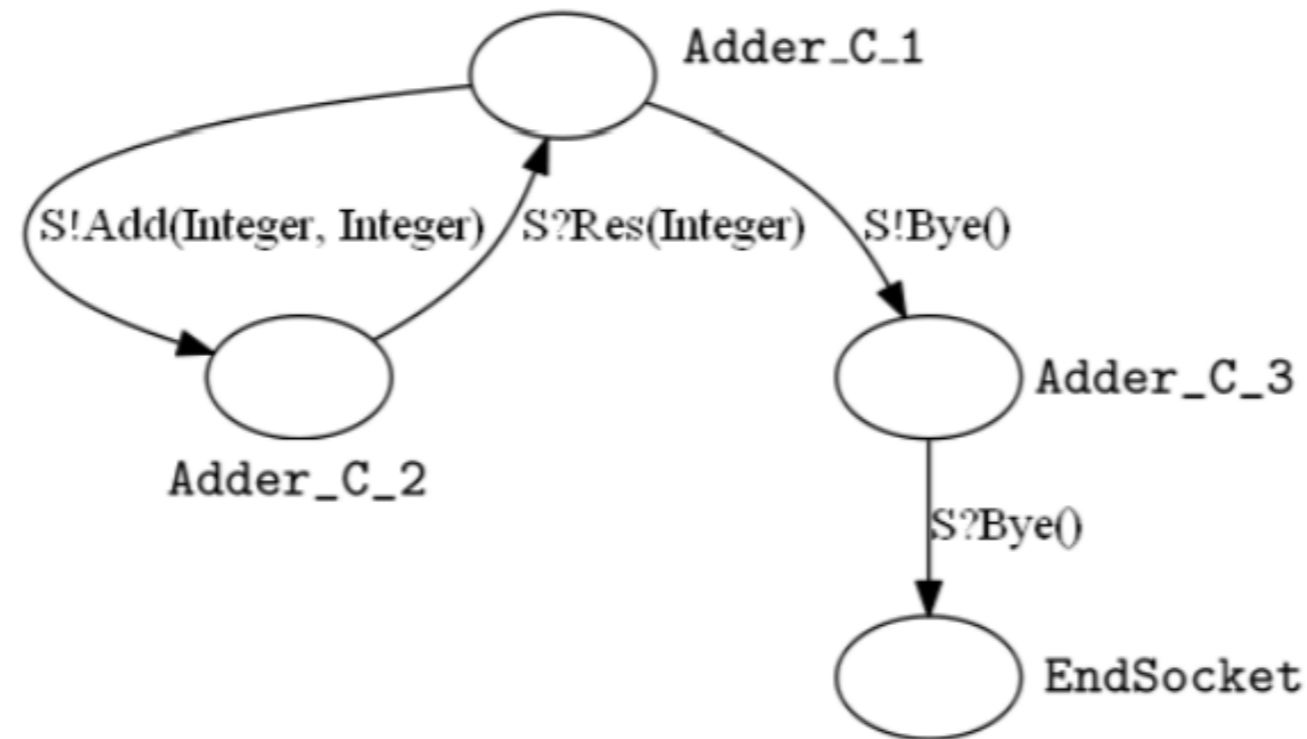


## ► Projected Endpoint FSM (EFSM) for C

```
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;  
  }  
}
```



# 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** ...

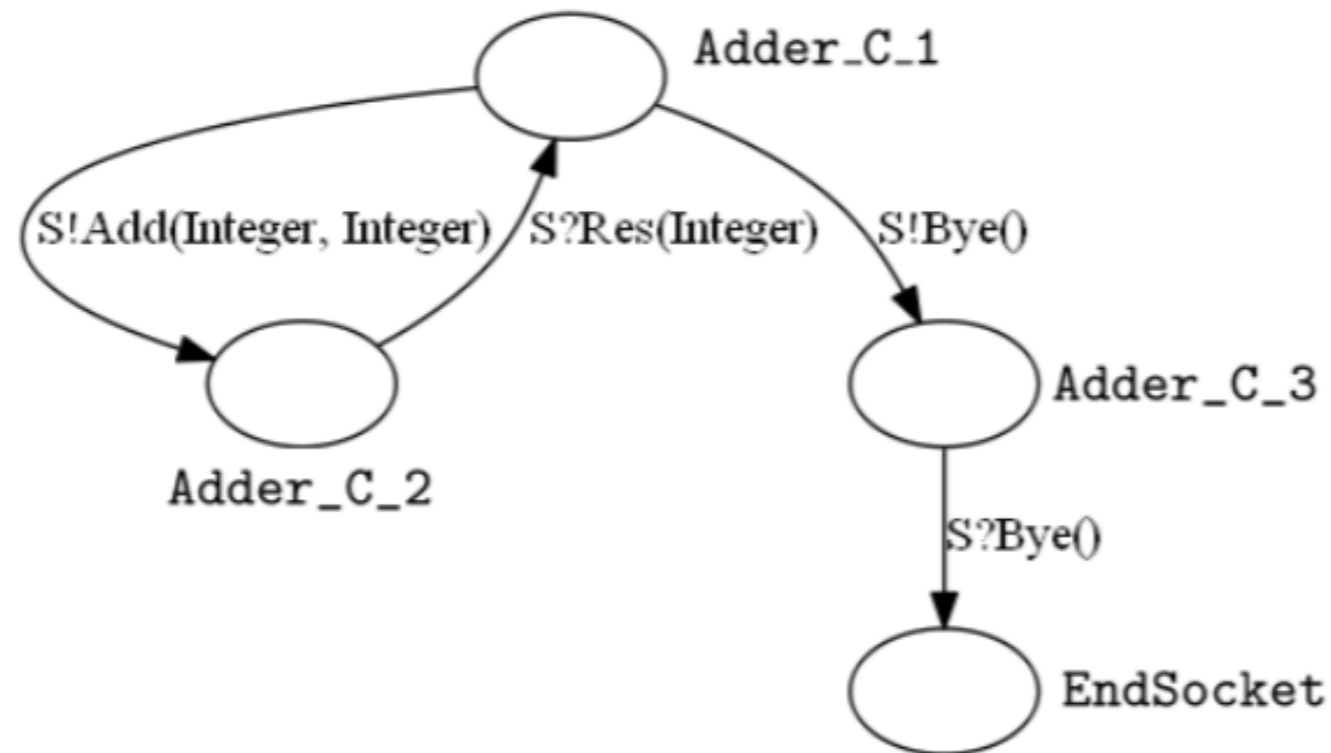
Adder\_C\_3 **send**(*S* role, *Bye* op) **throws** ...

- ▶ 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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