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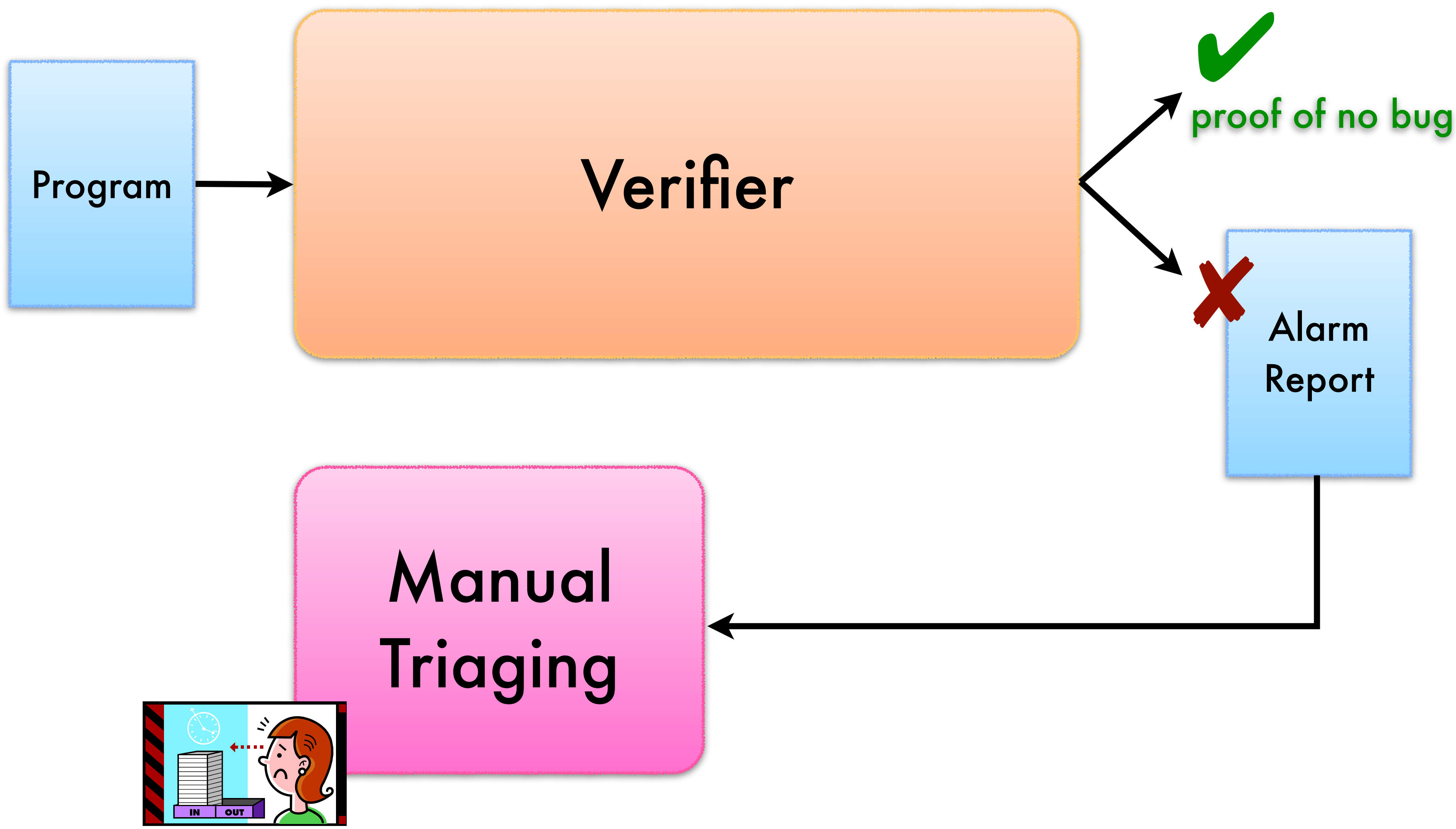

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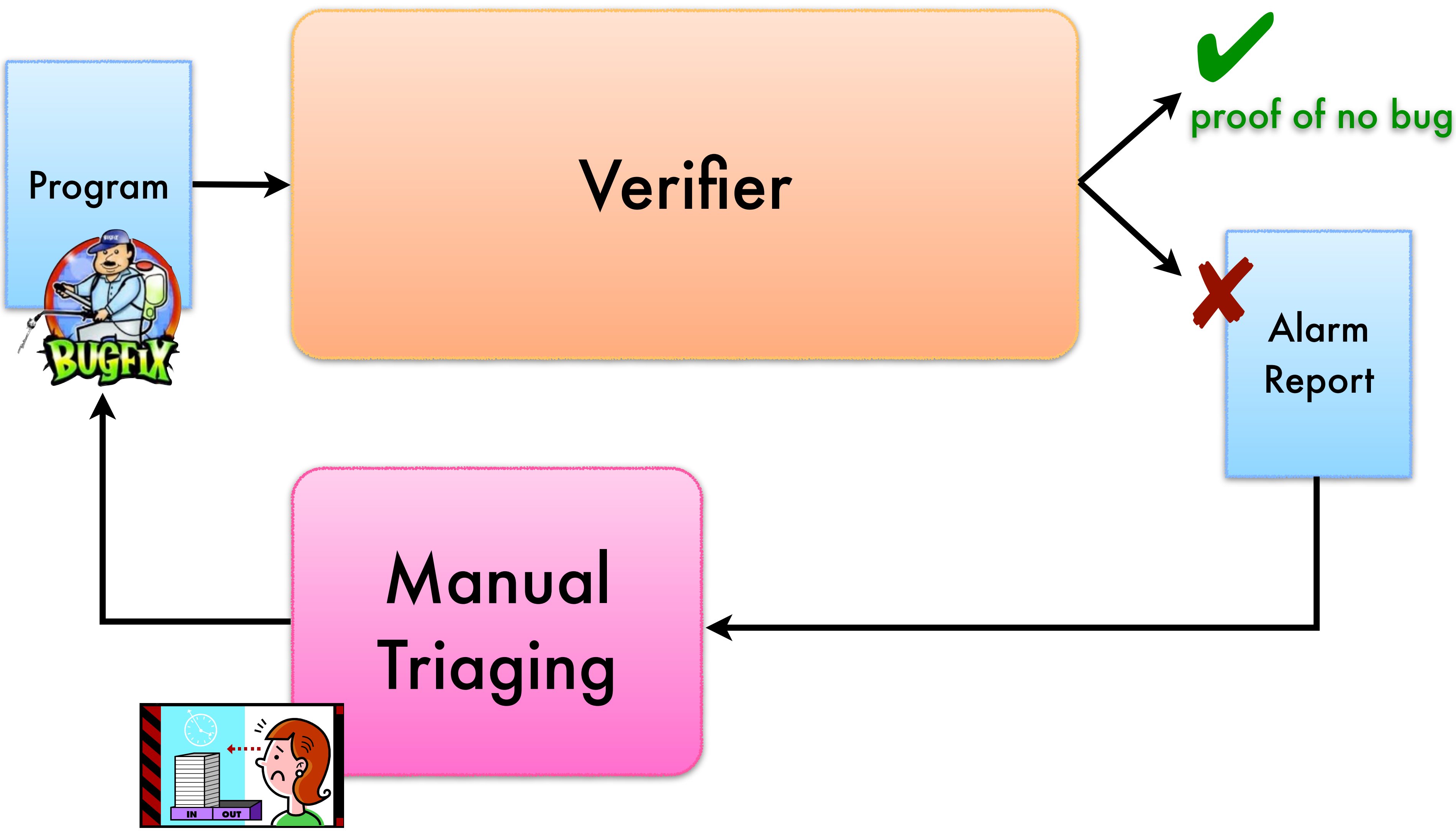

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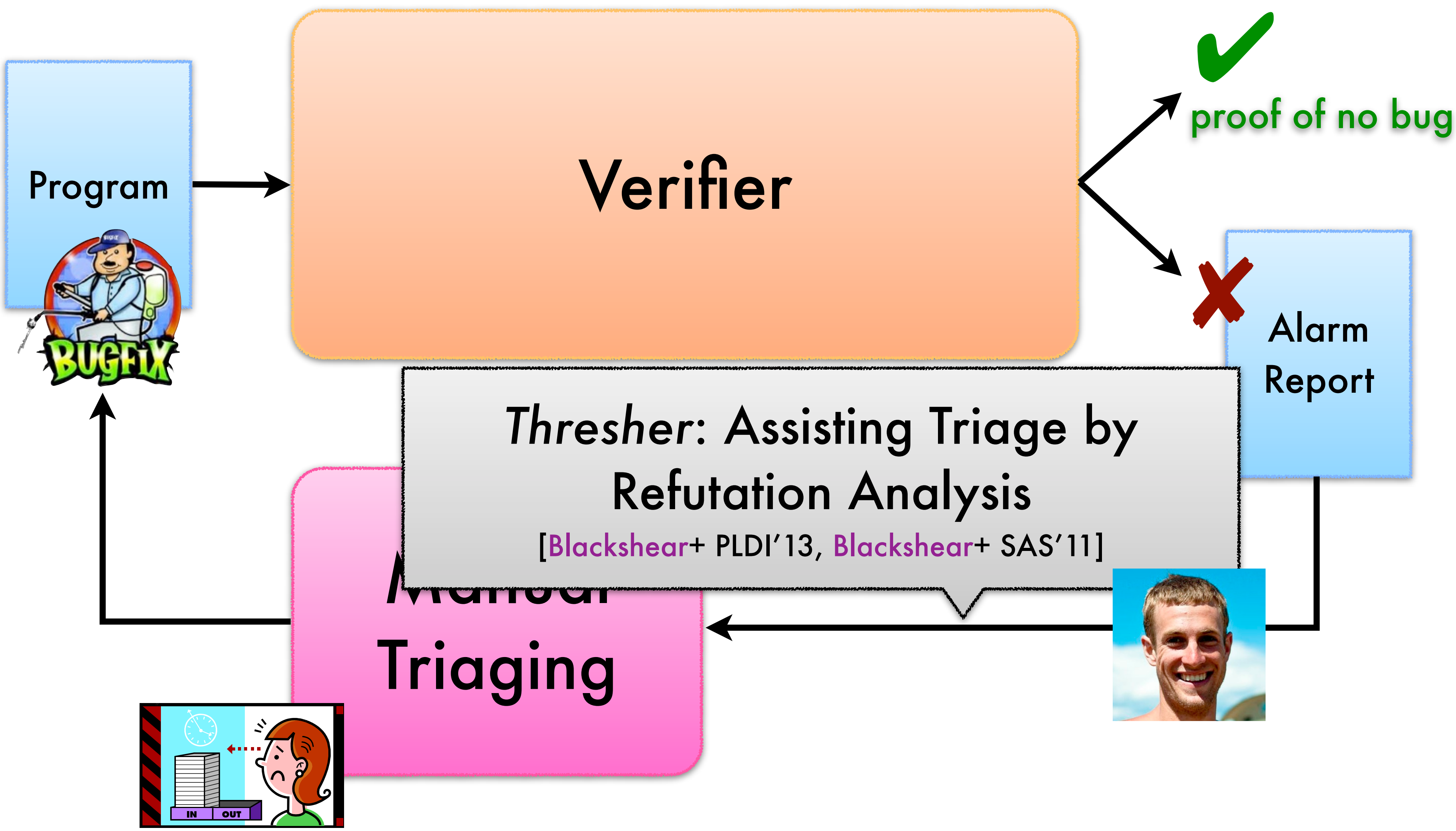

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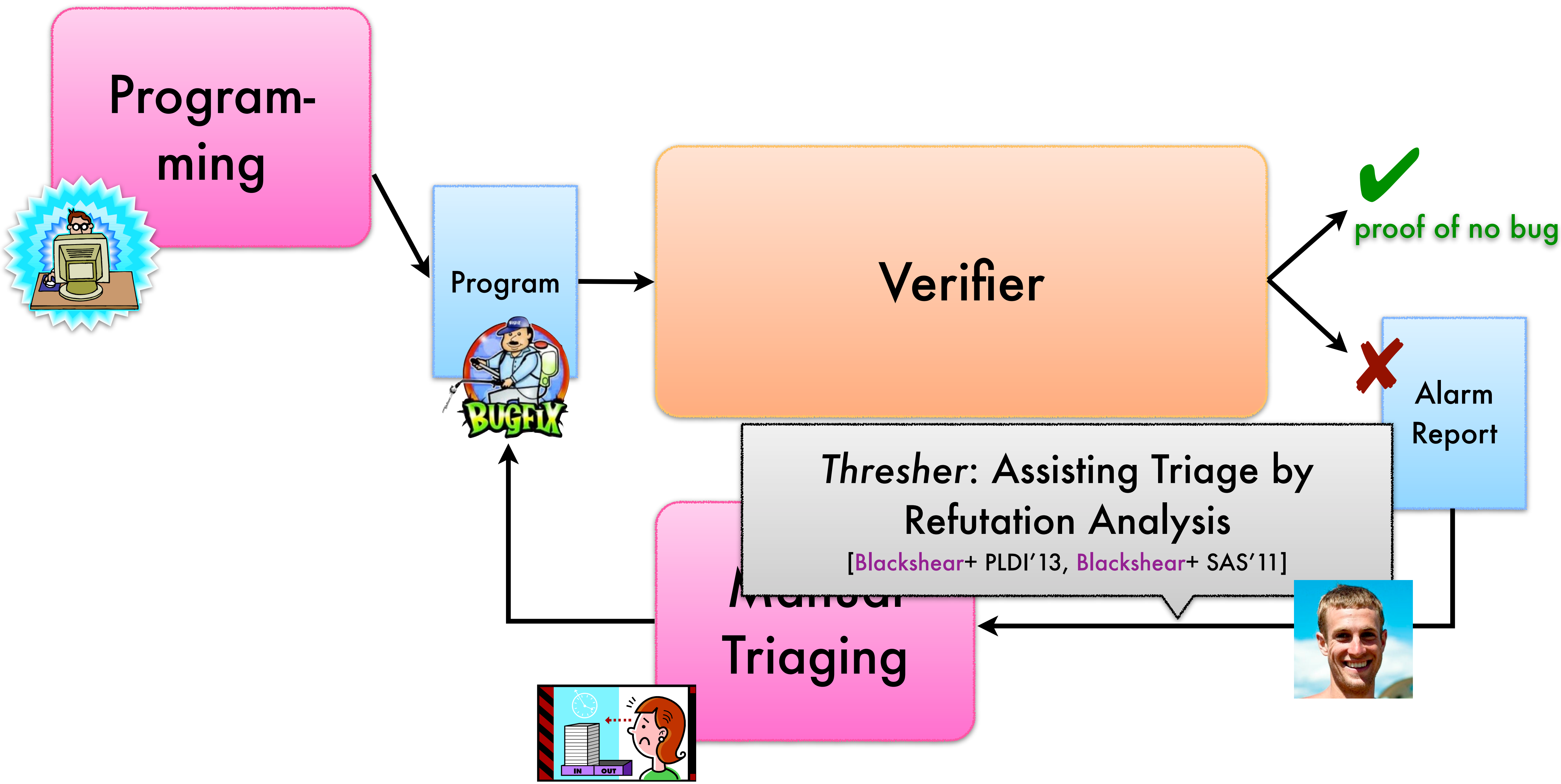

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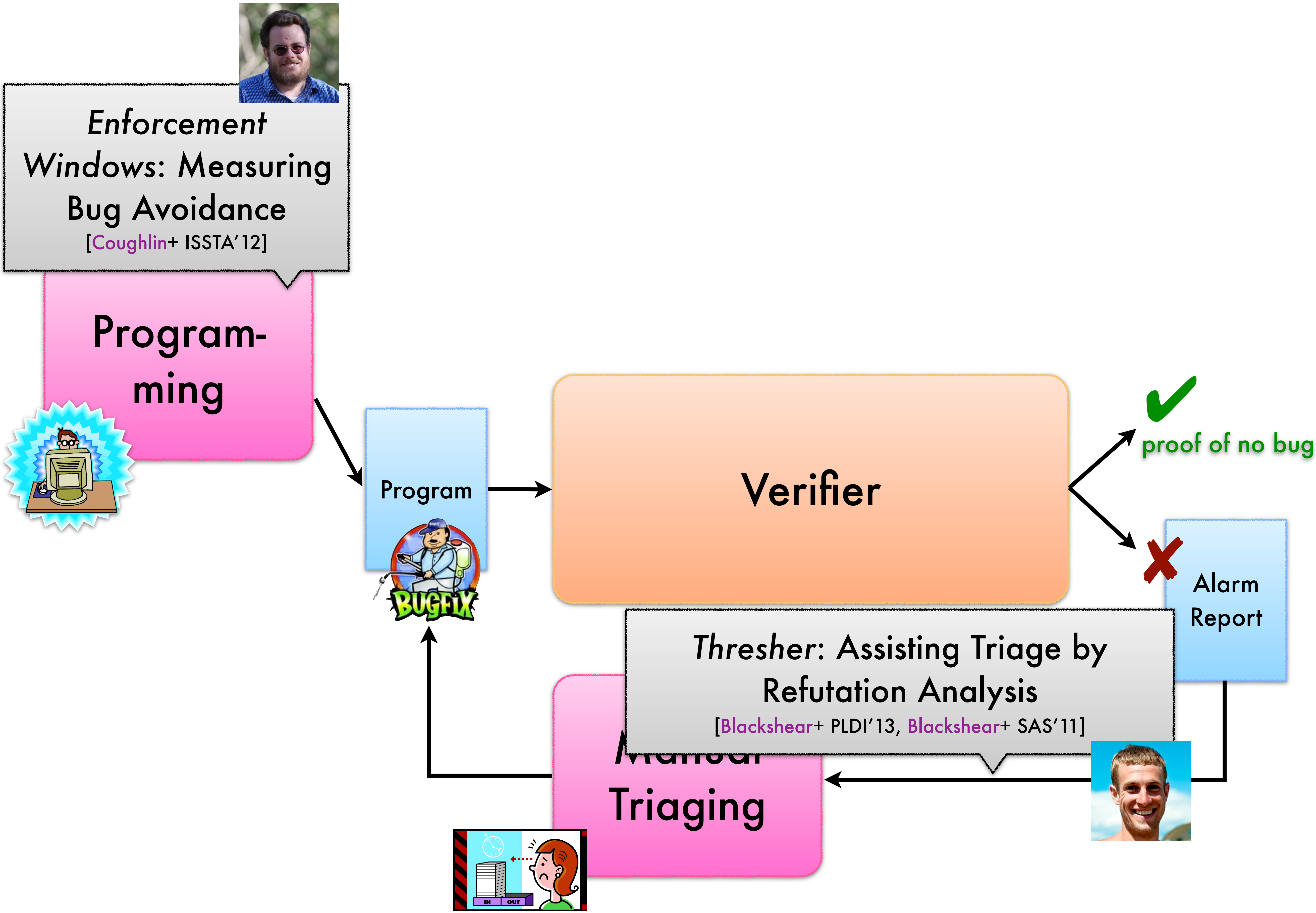

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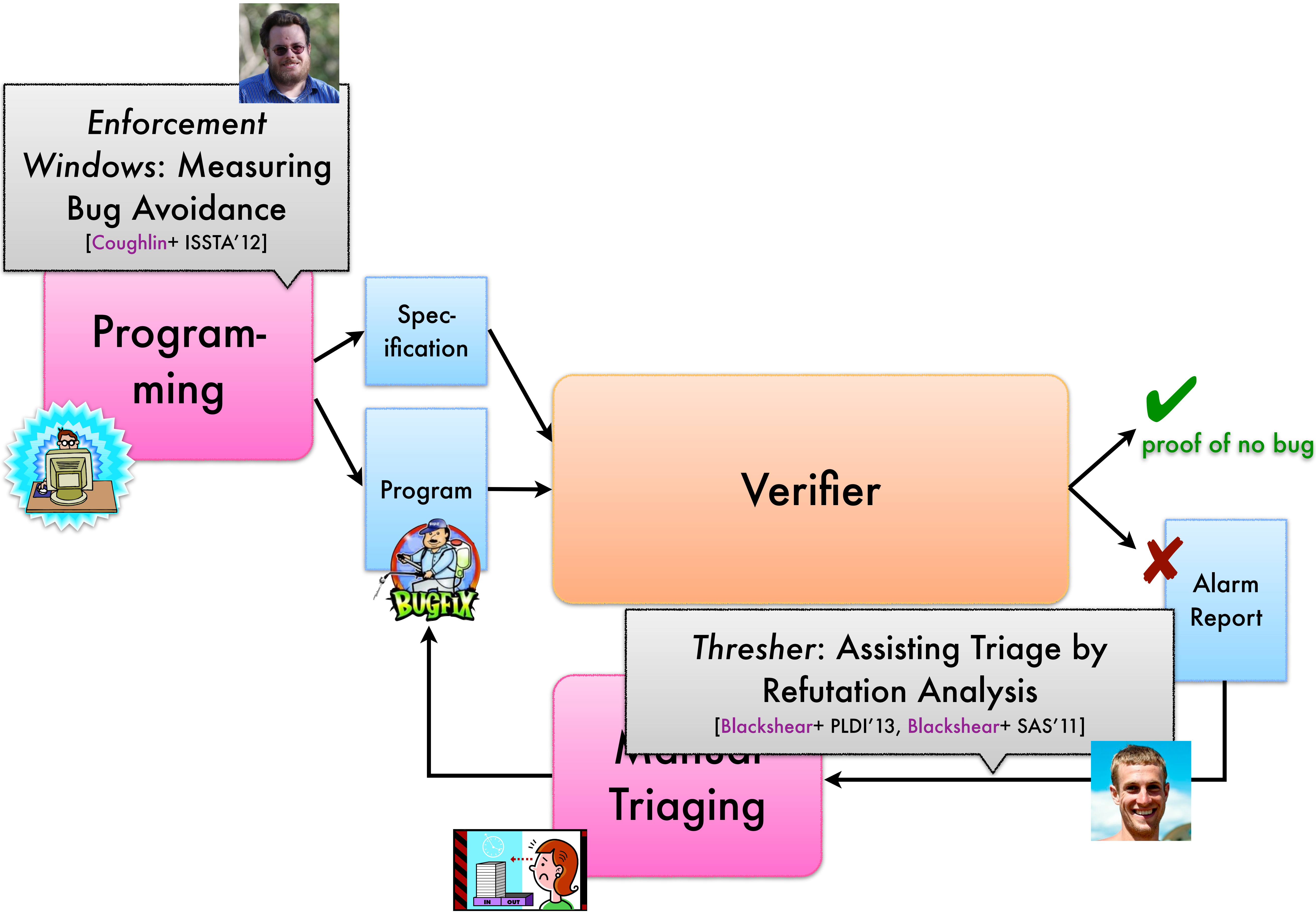

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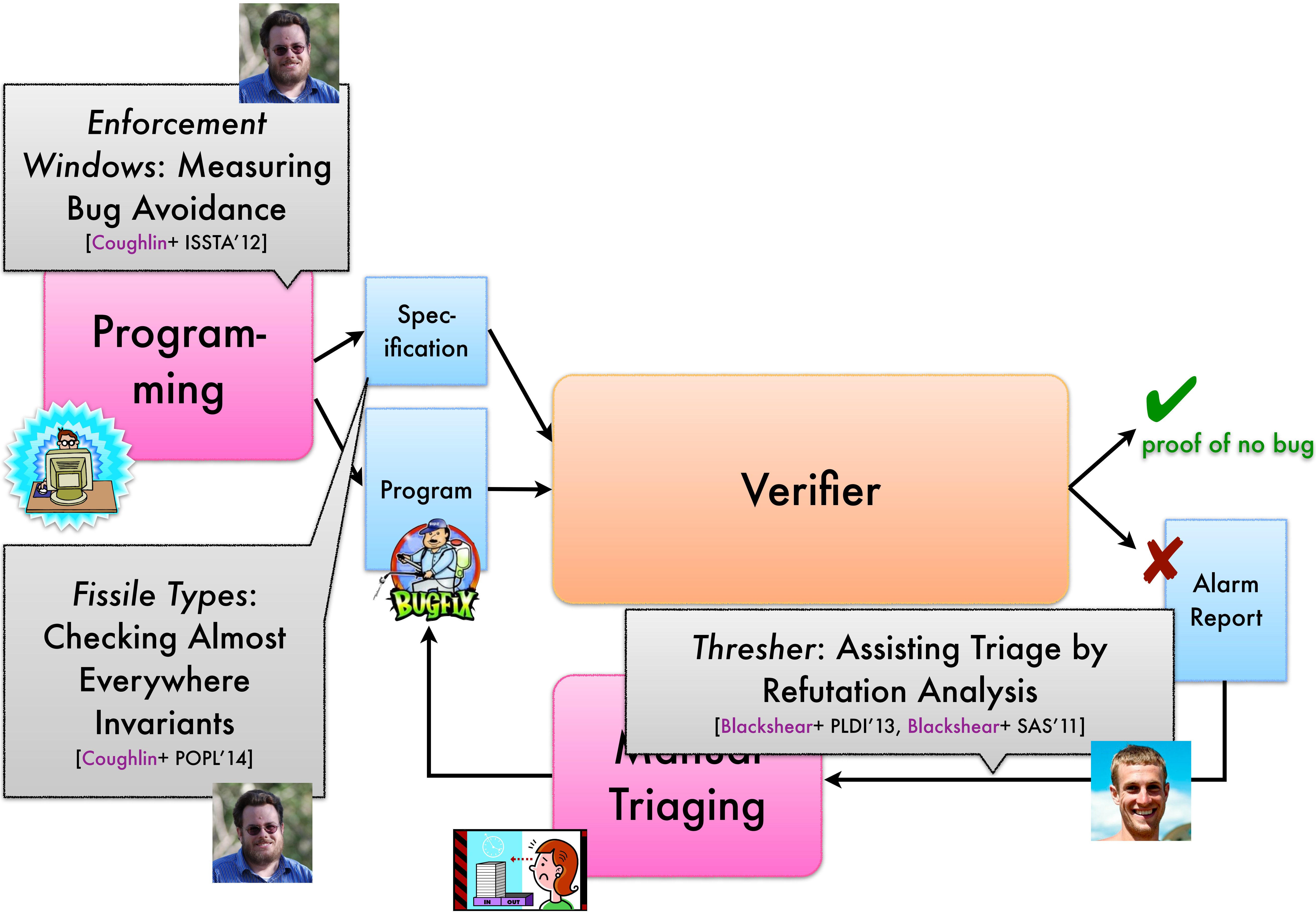

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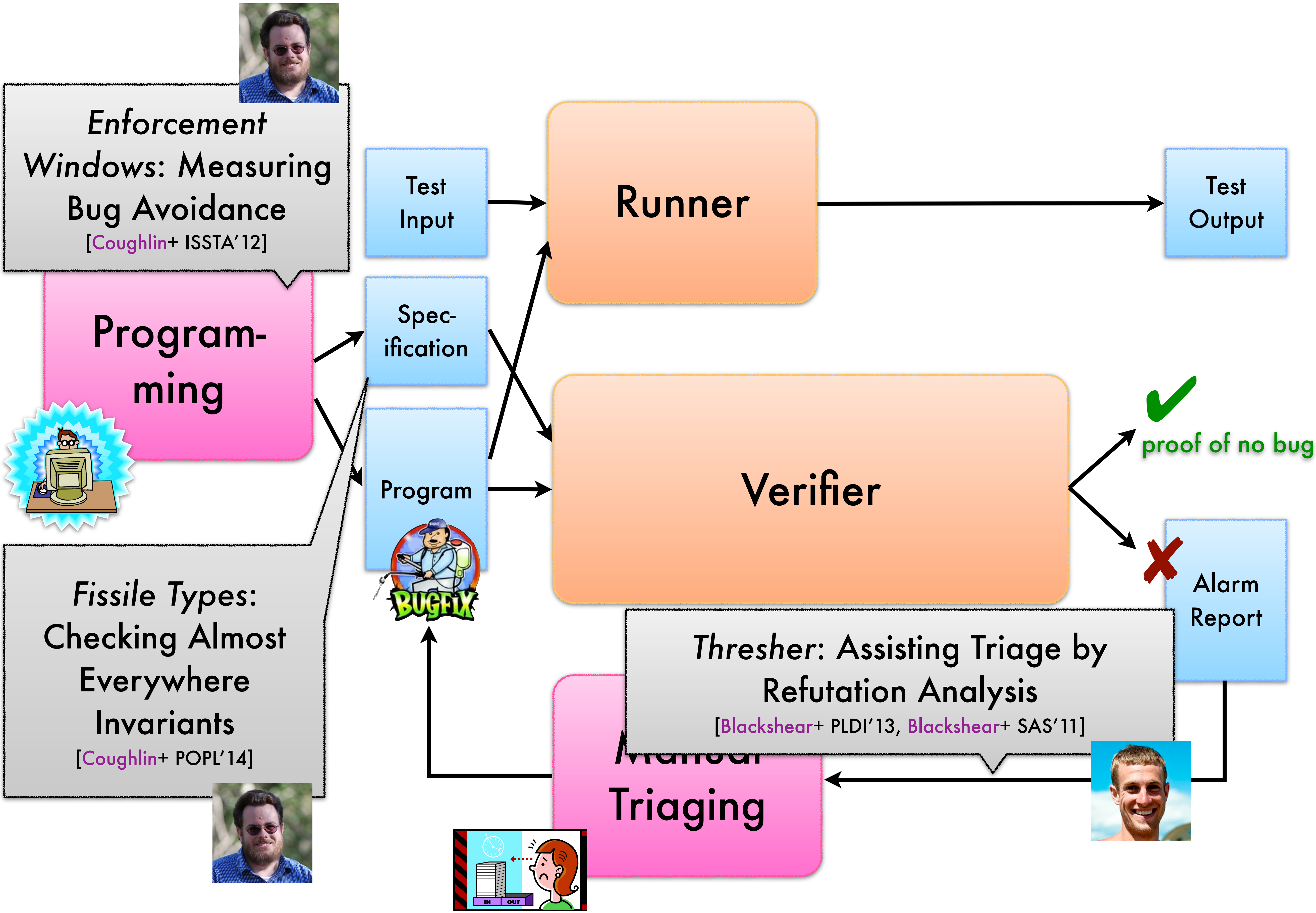

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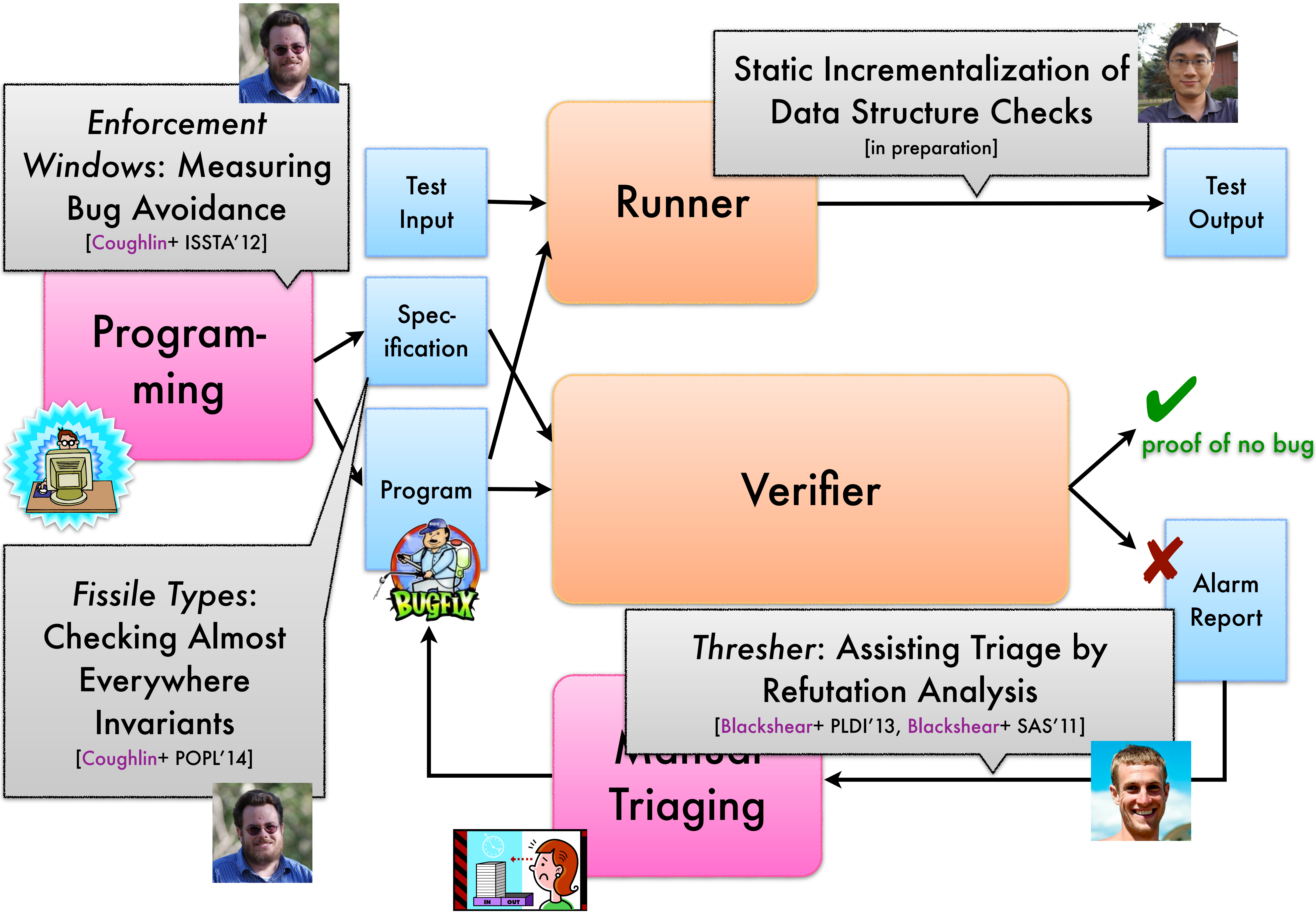

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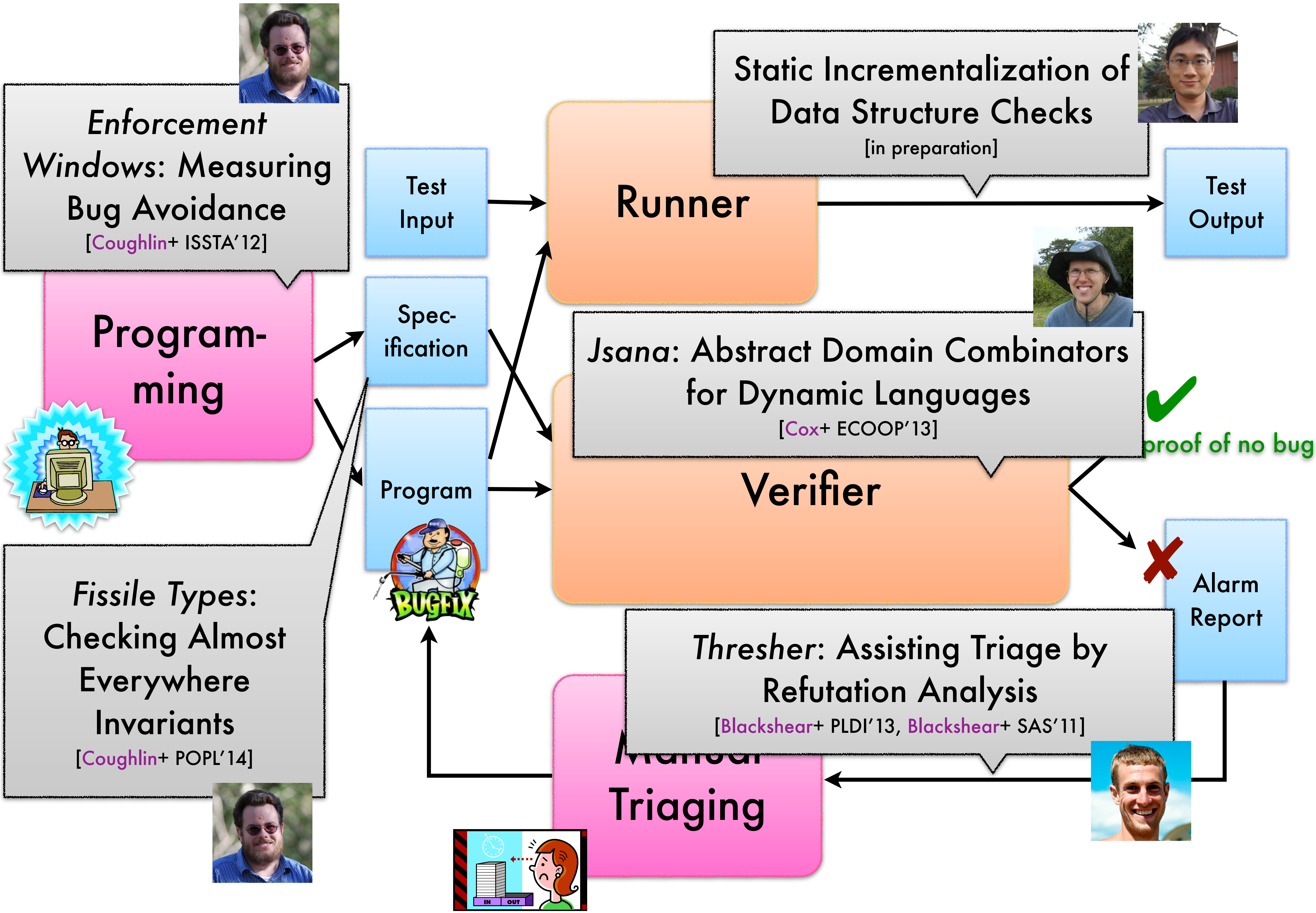

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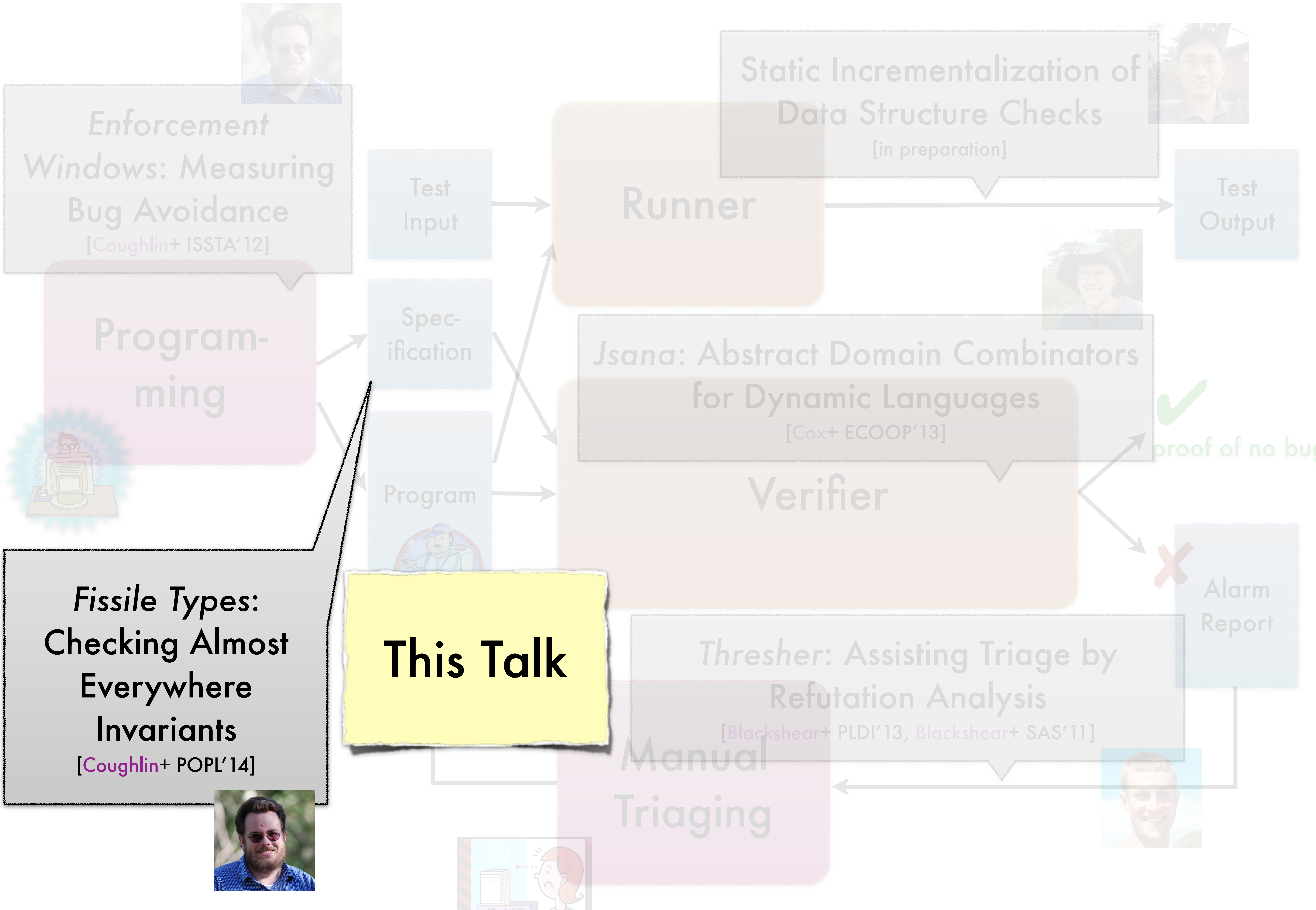

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In this talk

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safety of **reflective method calls**

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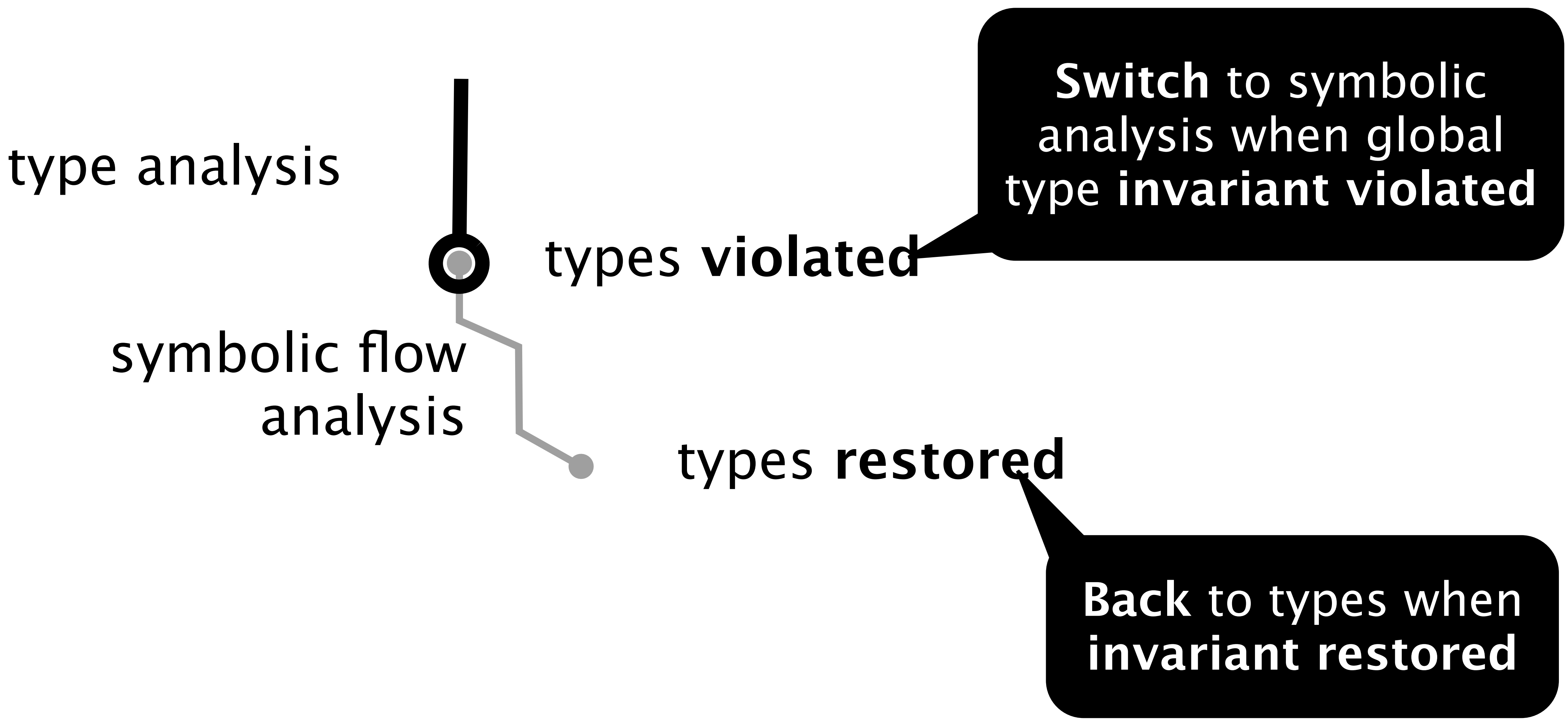

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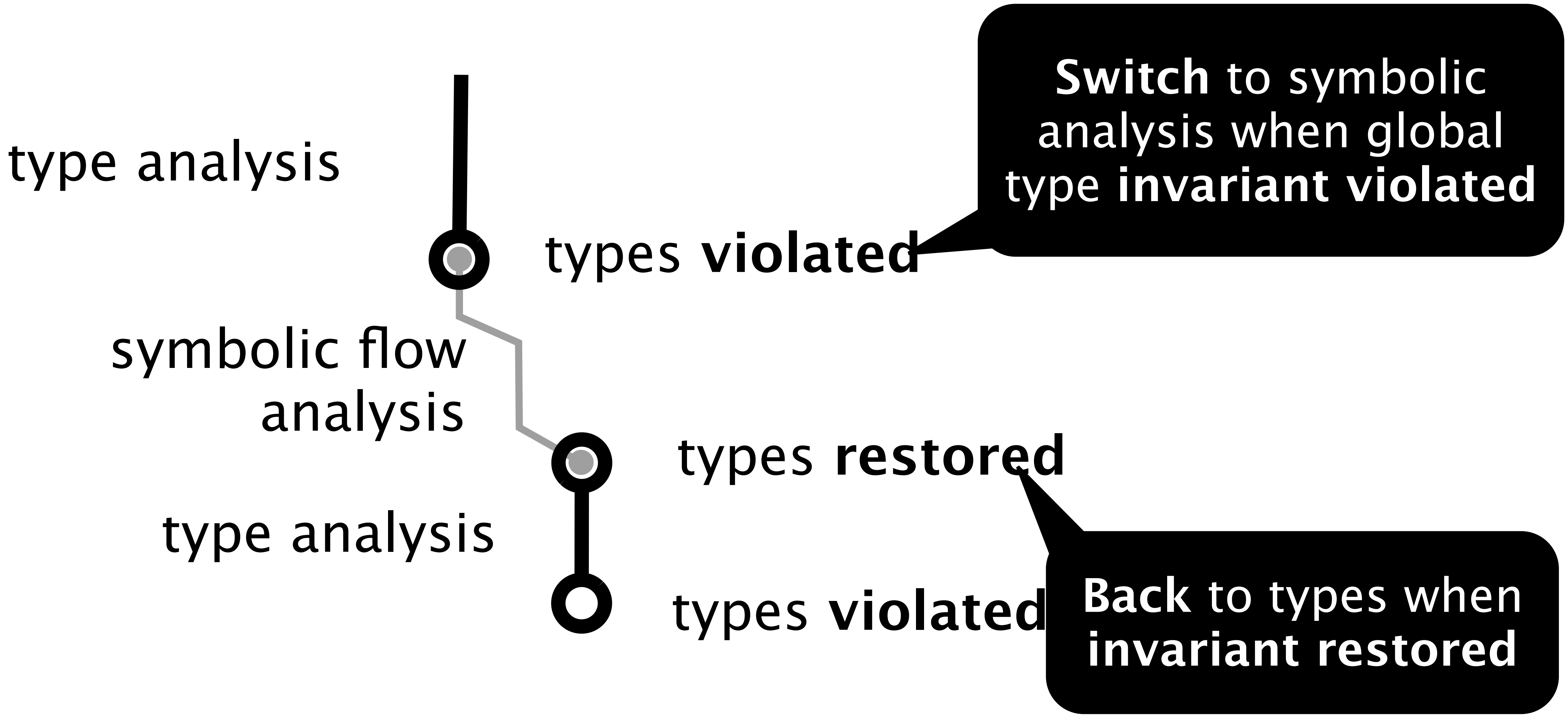

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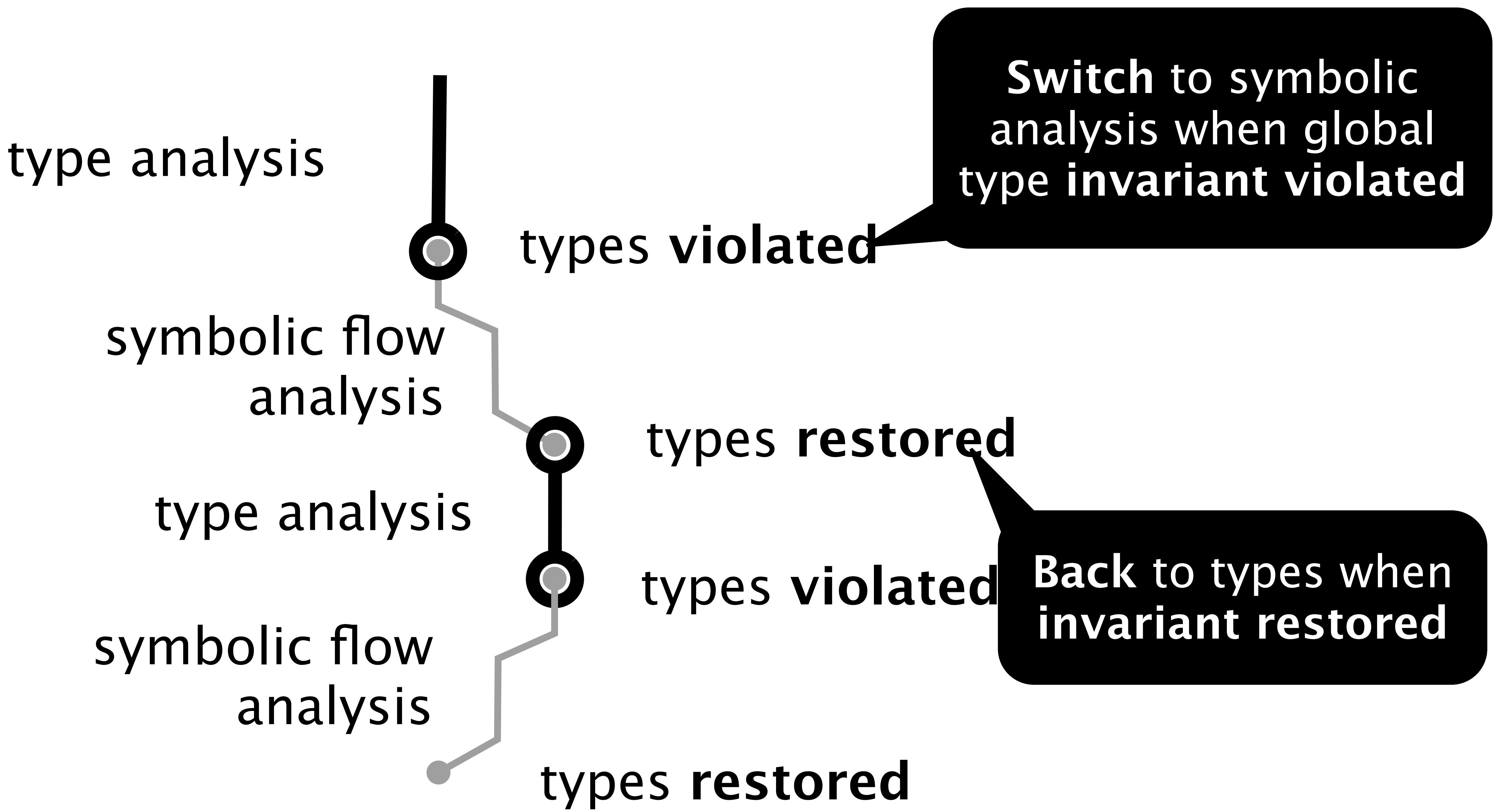

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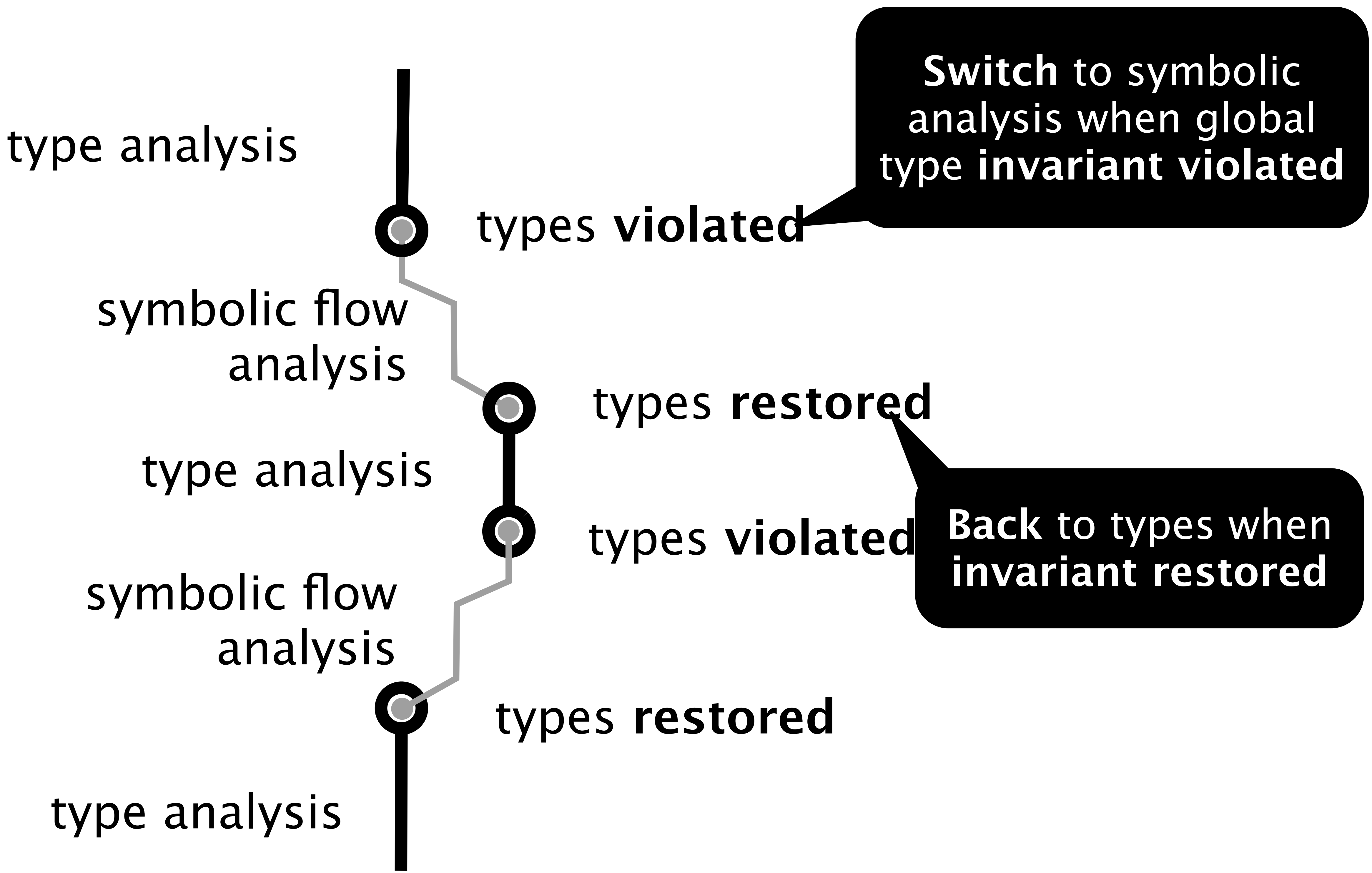

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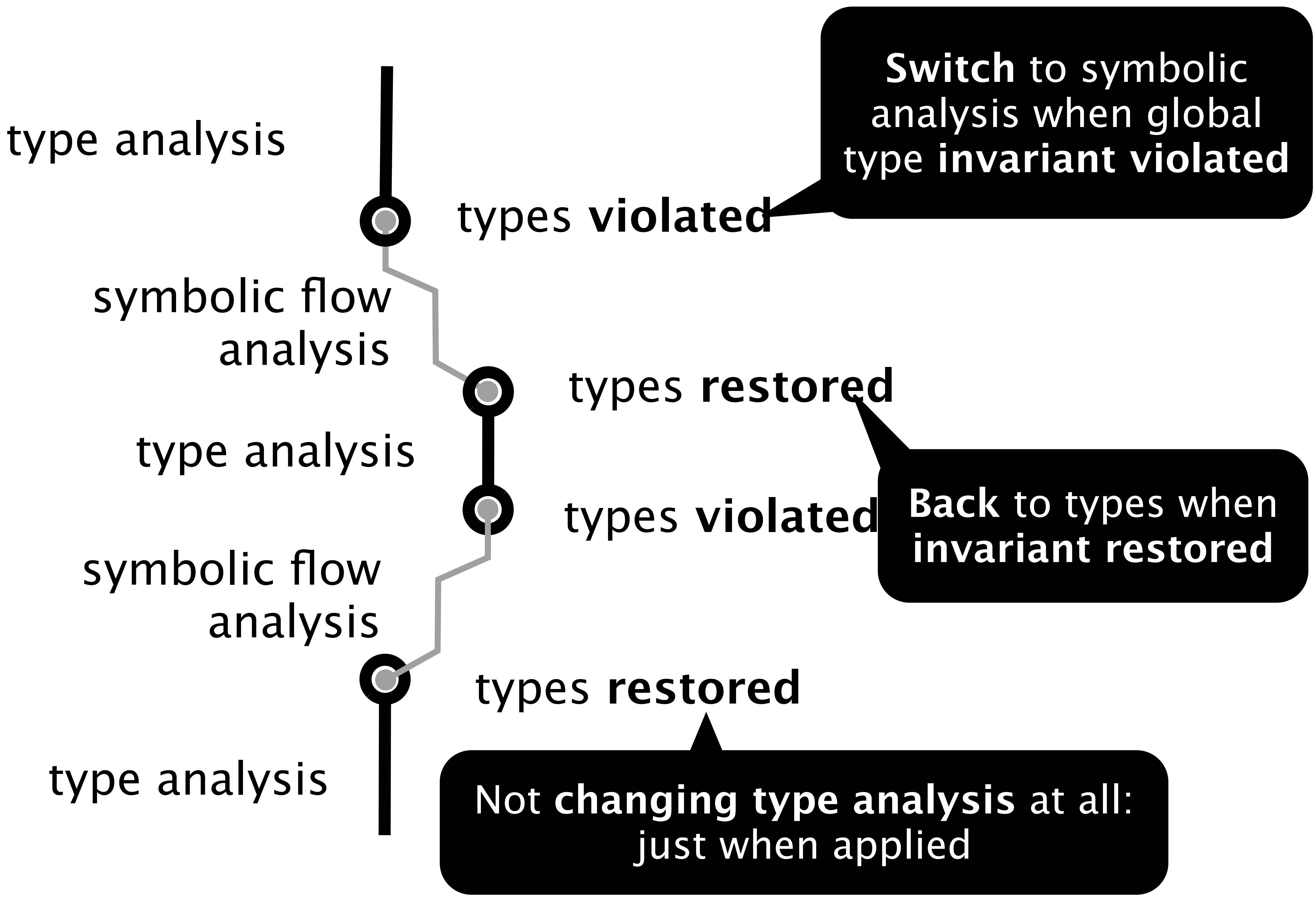

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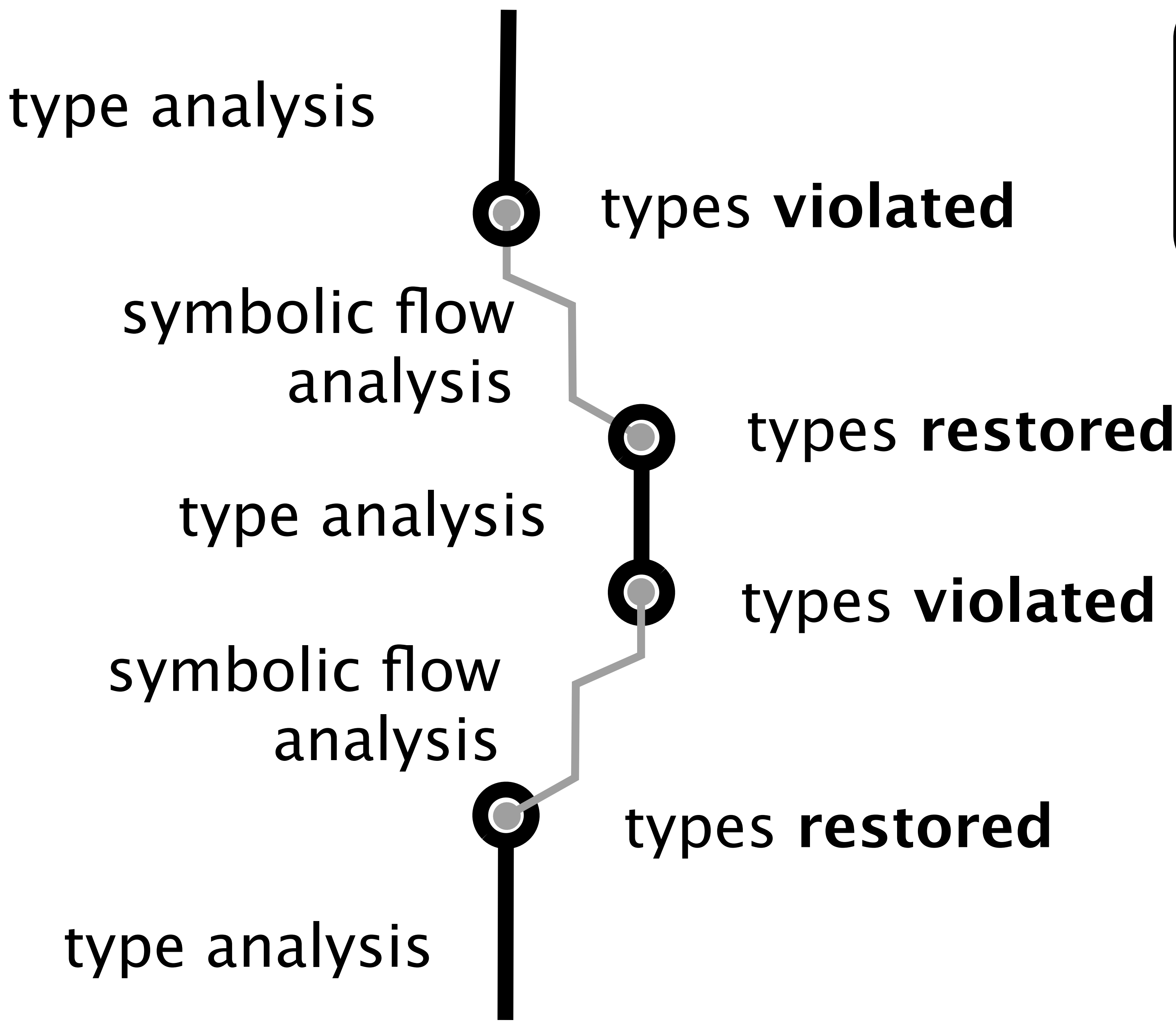

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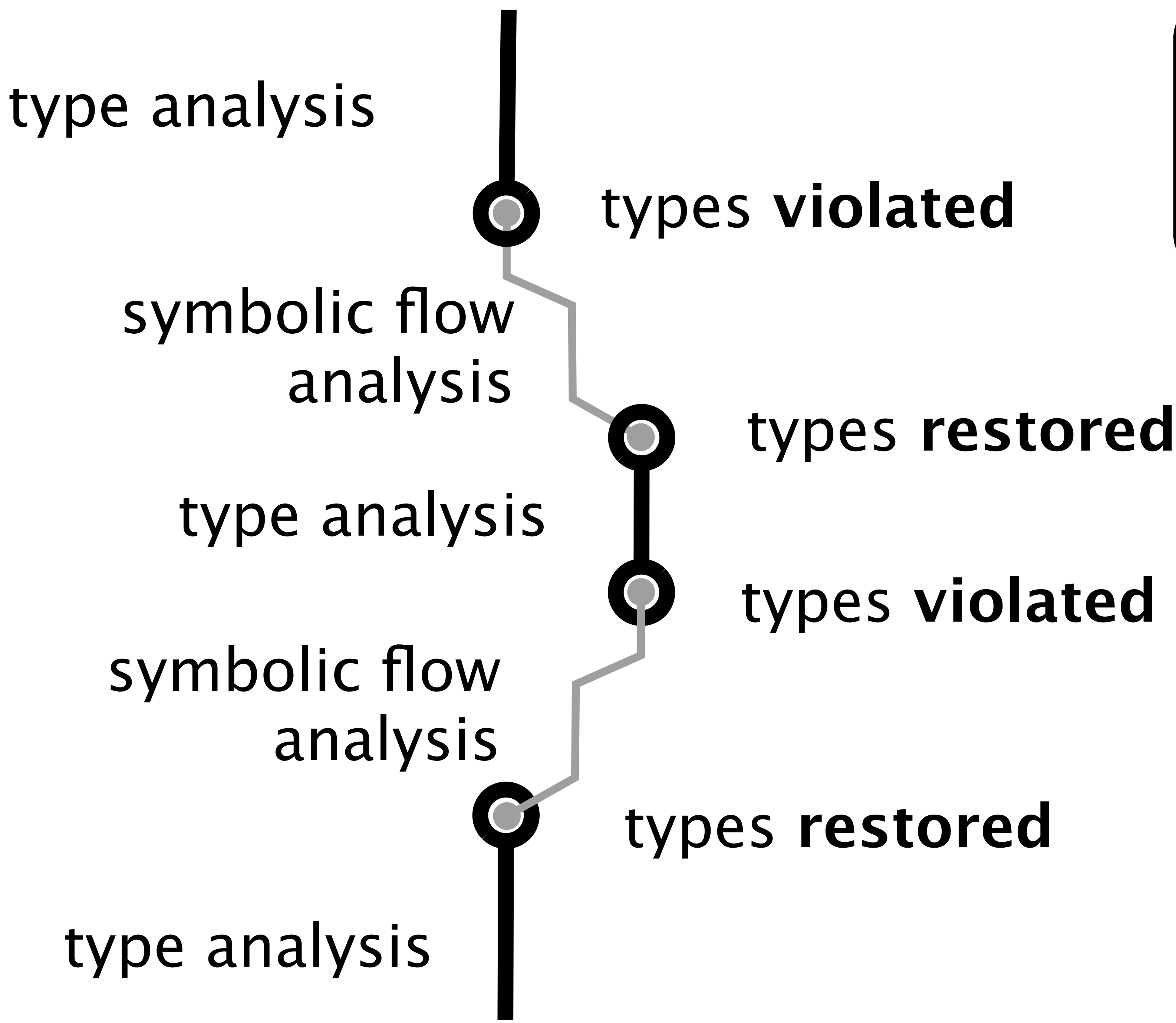

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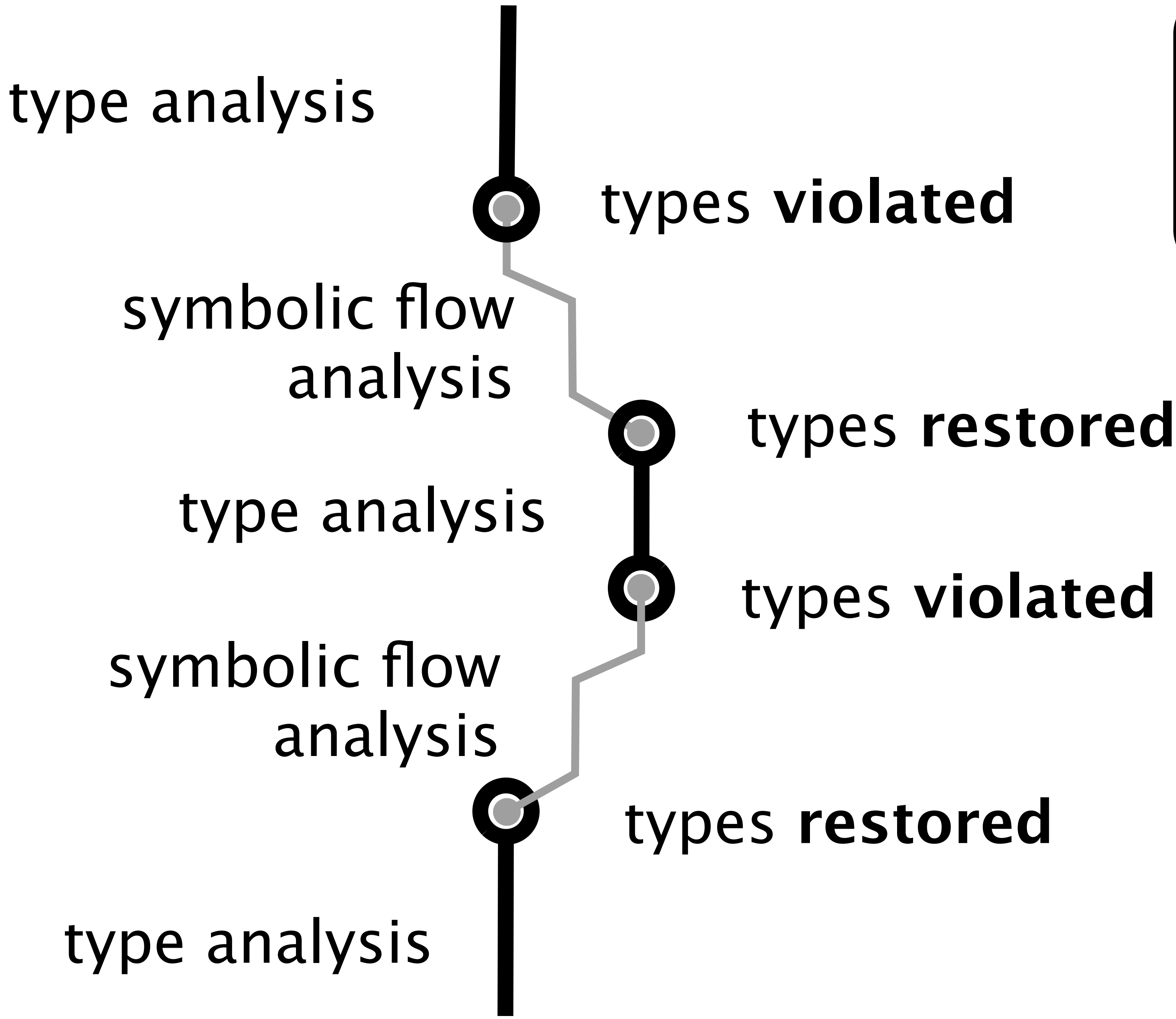

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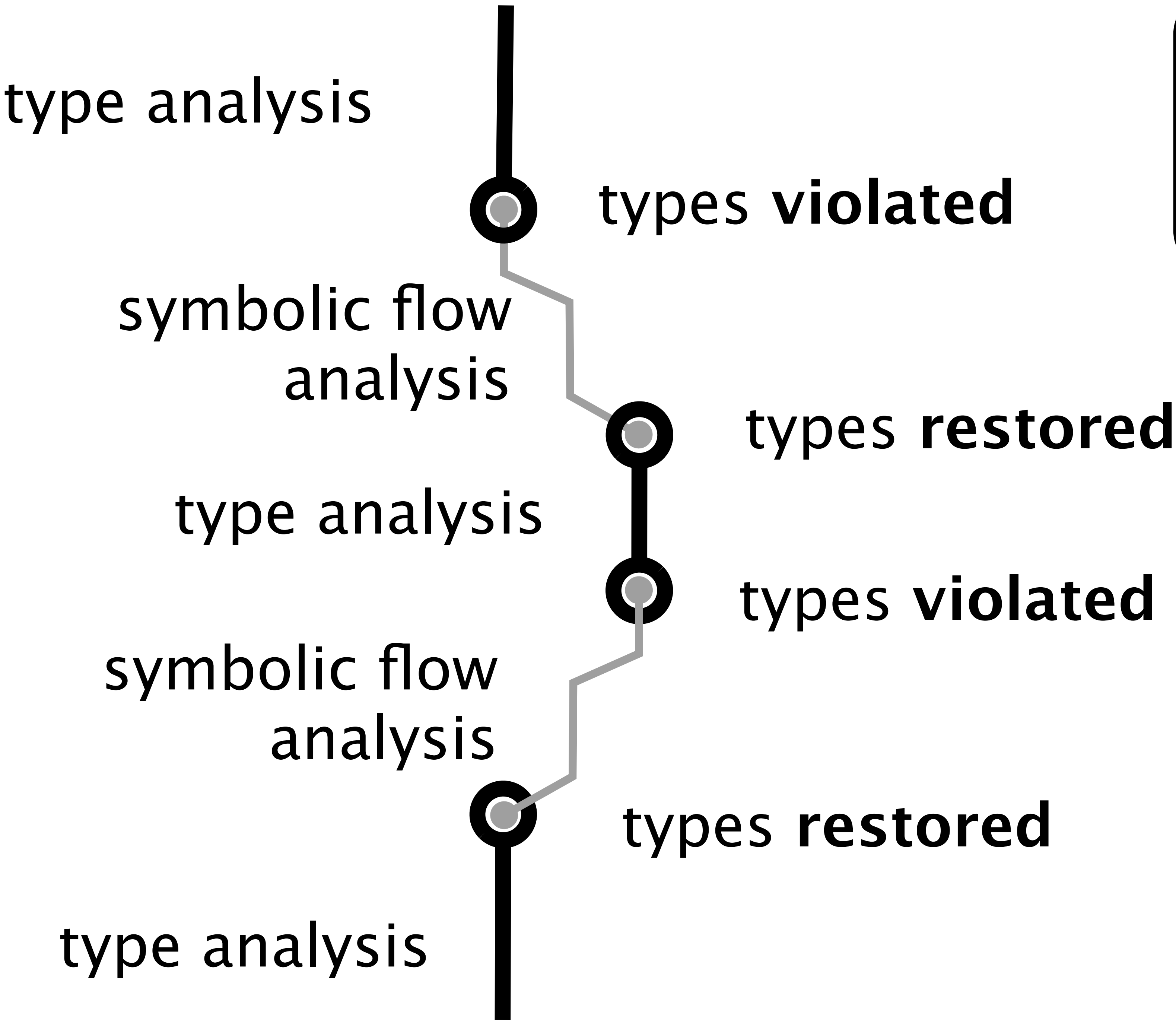

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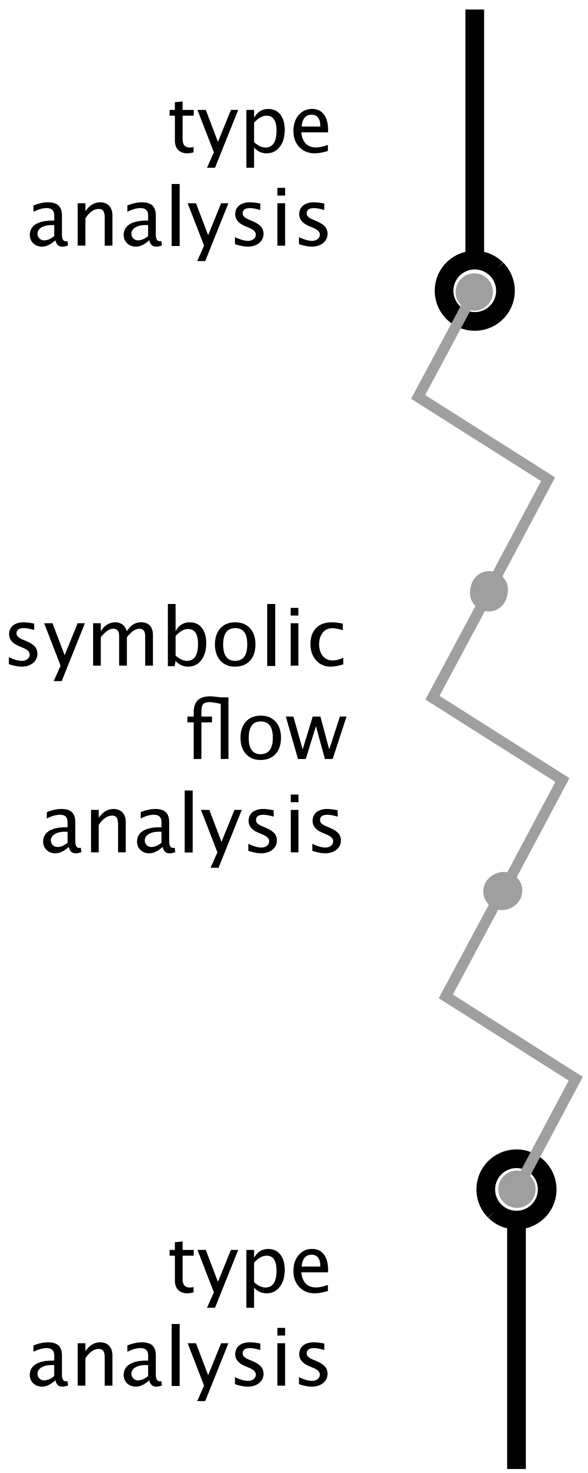

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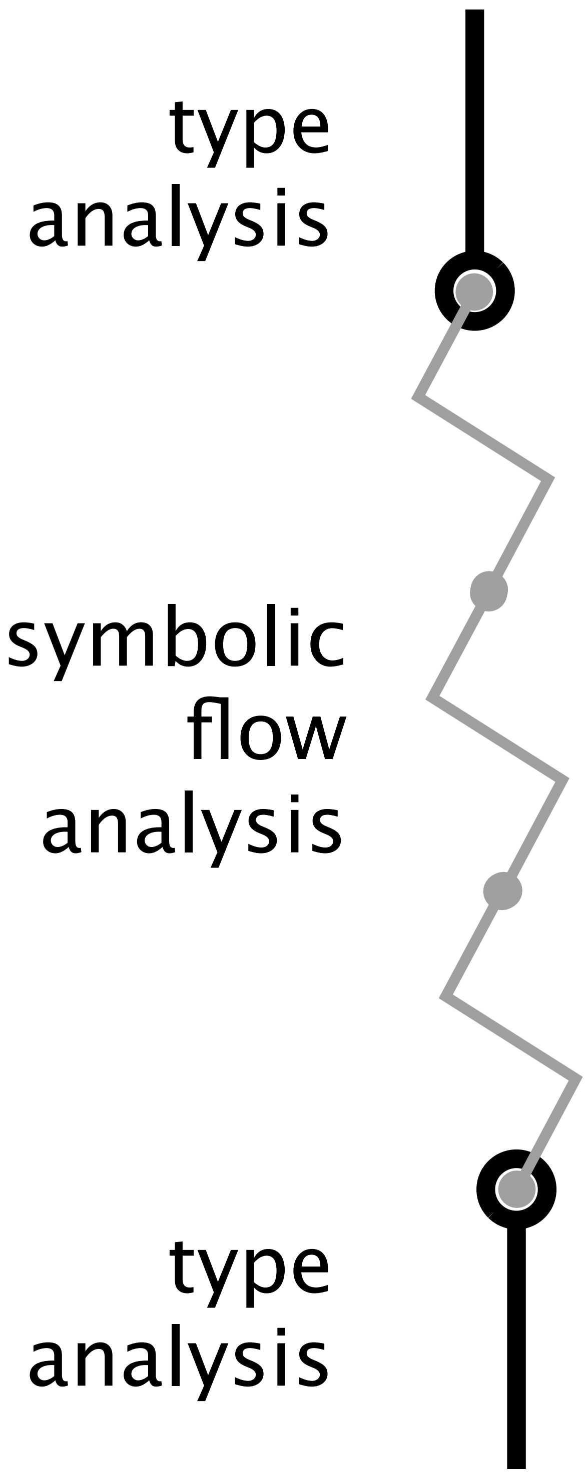

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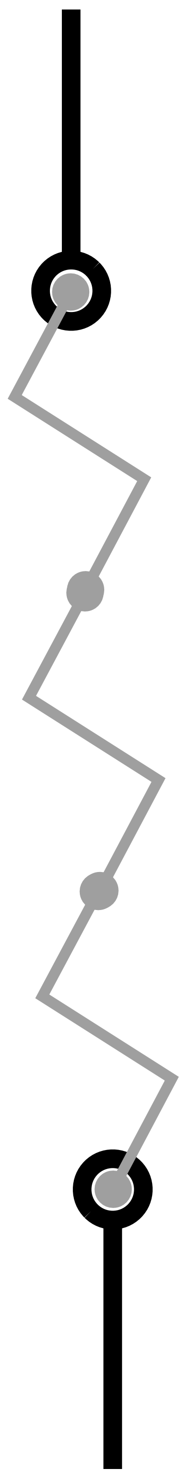

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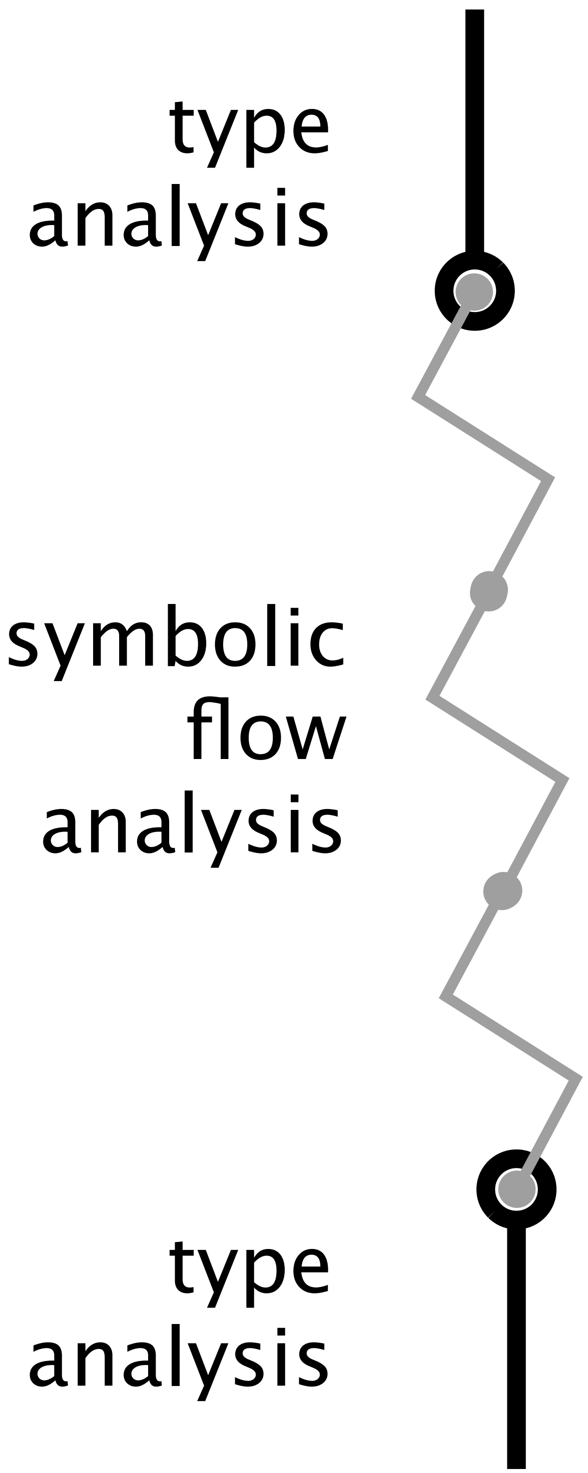

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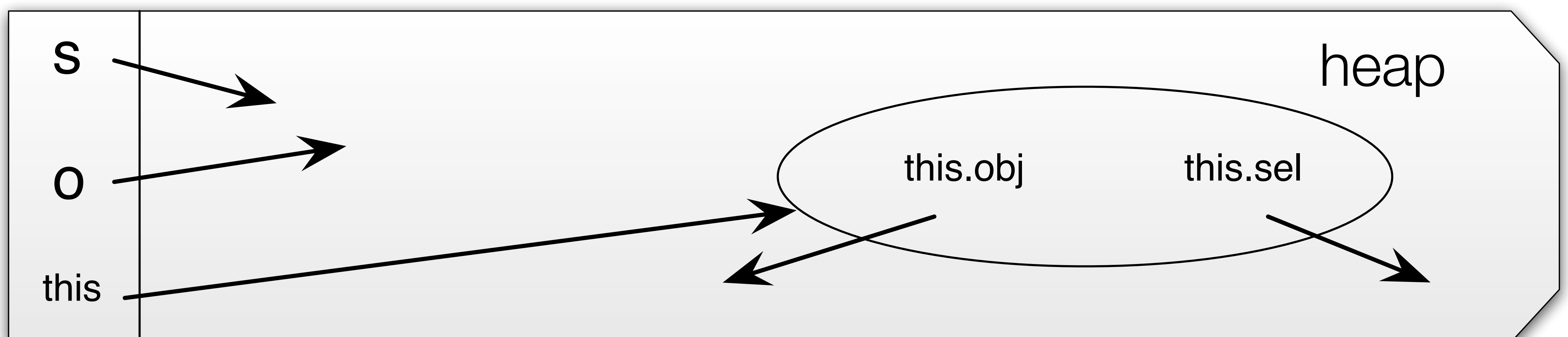

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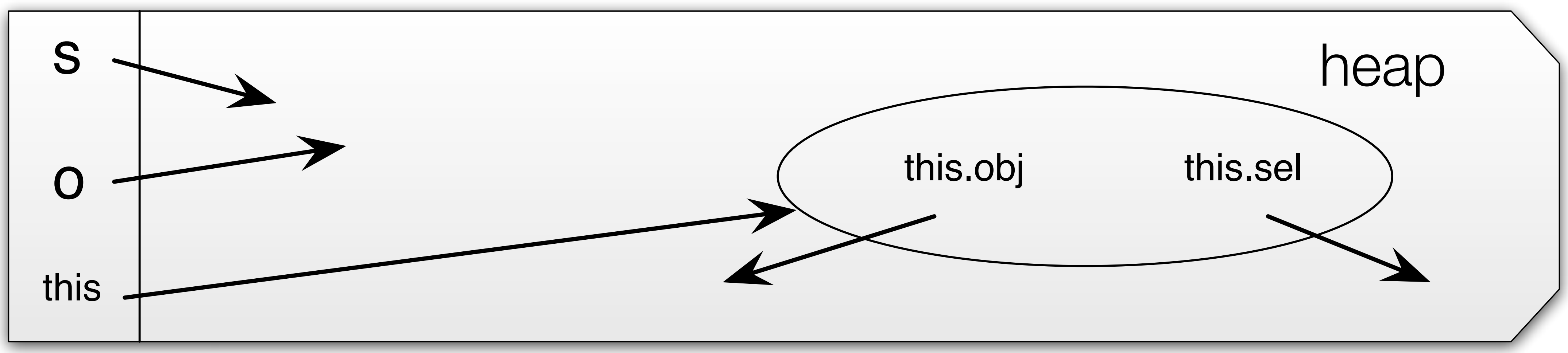

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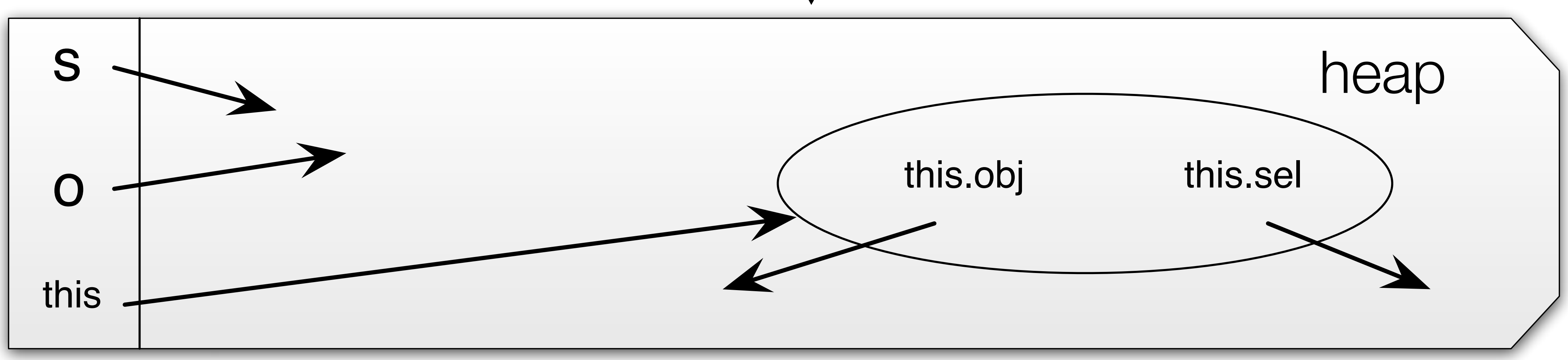

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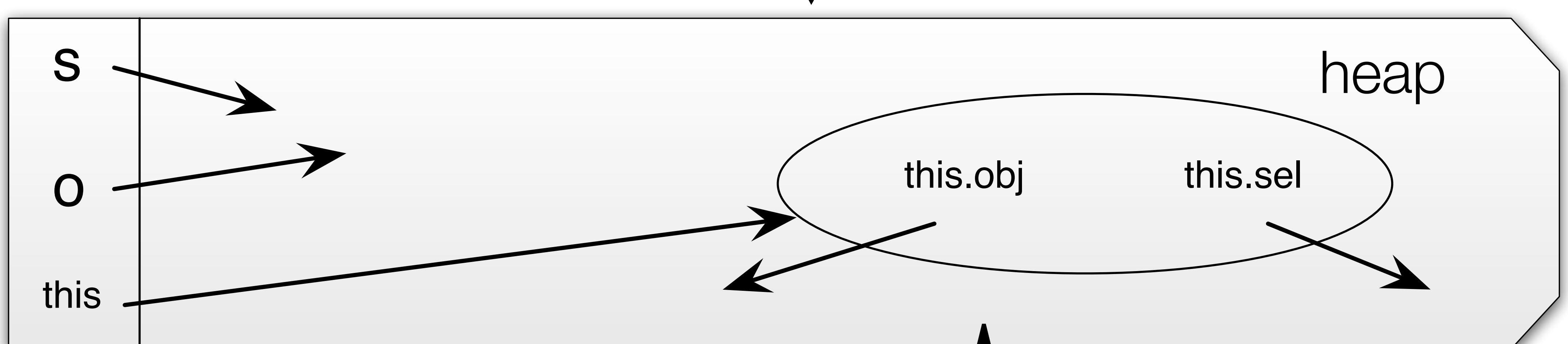

This picture captures the **fully type-consistent concrete** state

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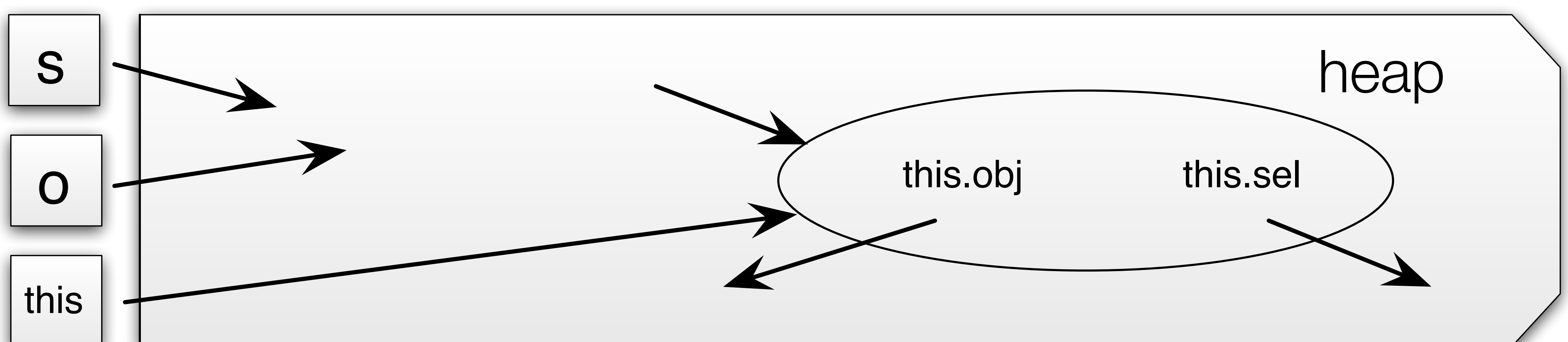

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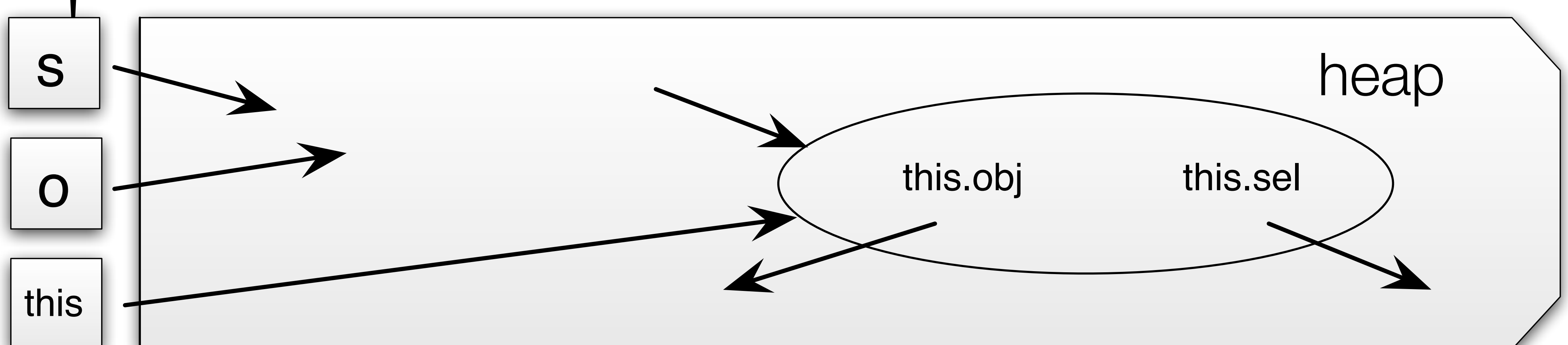

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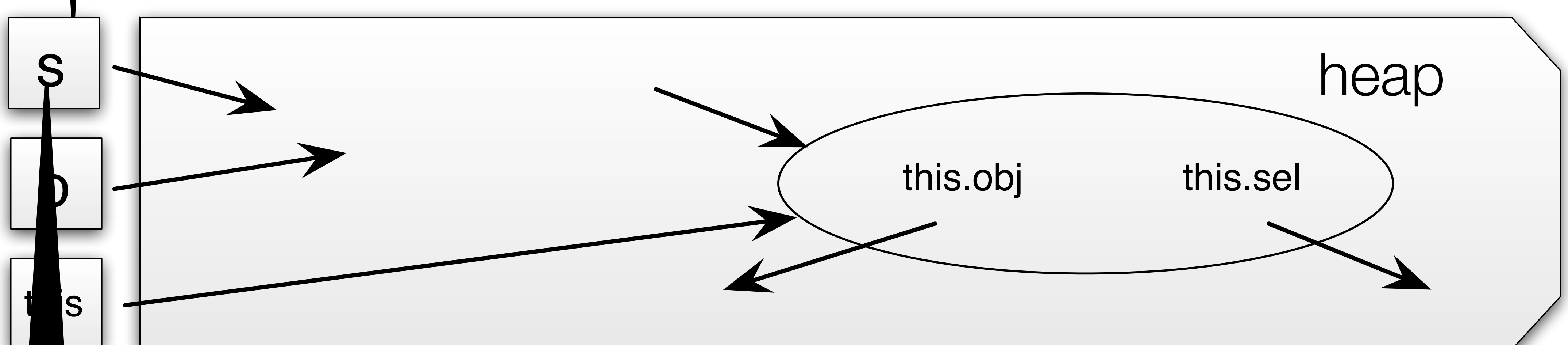

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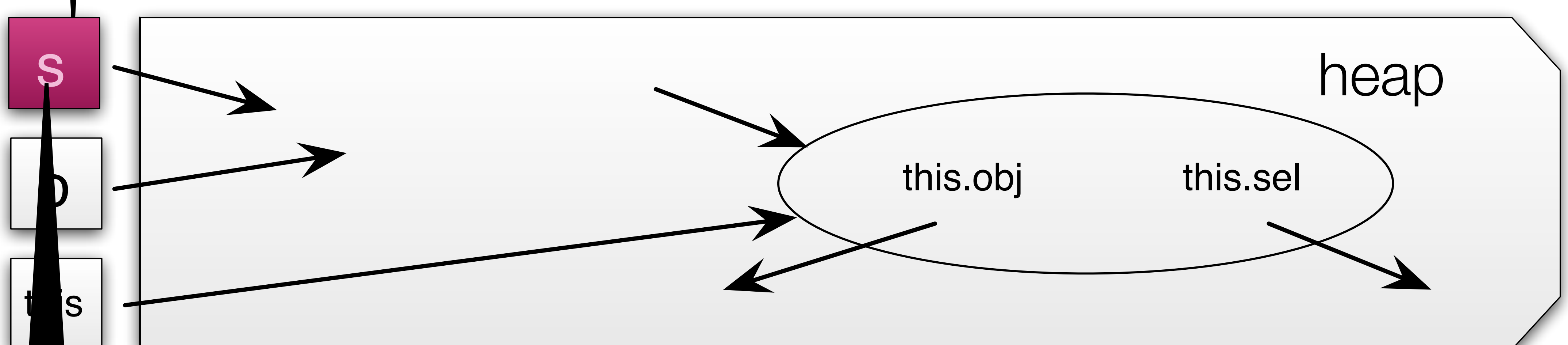

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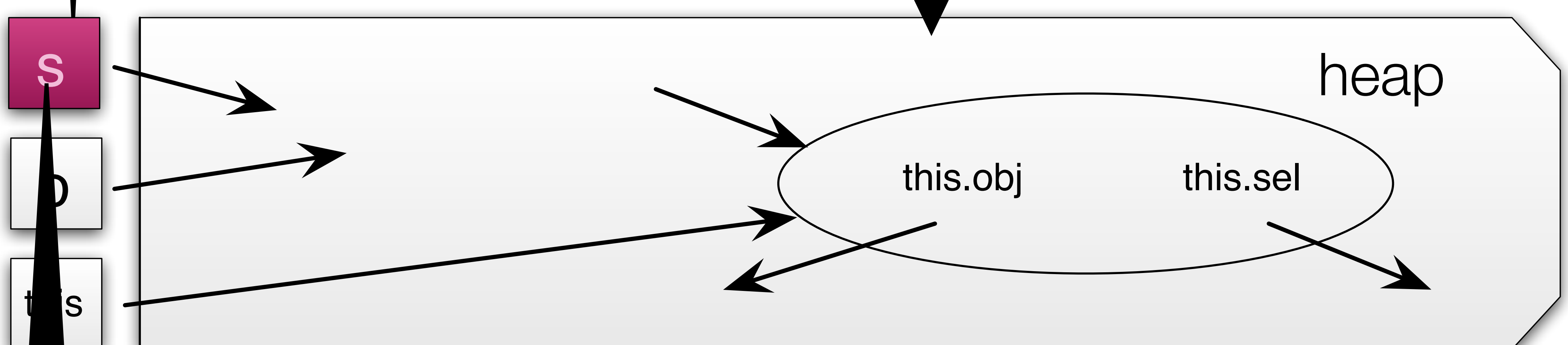

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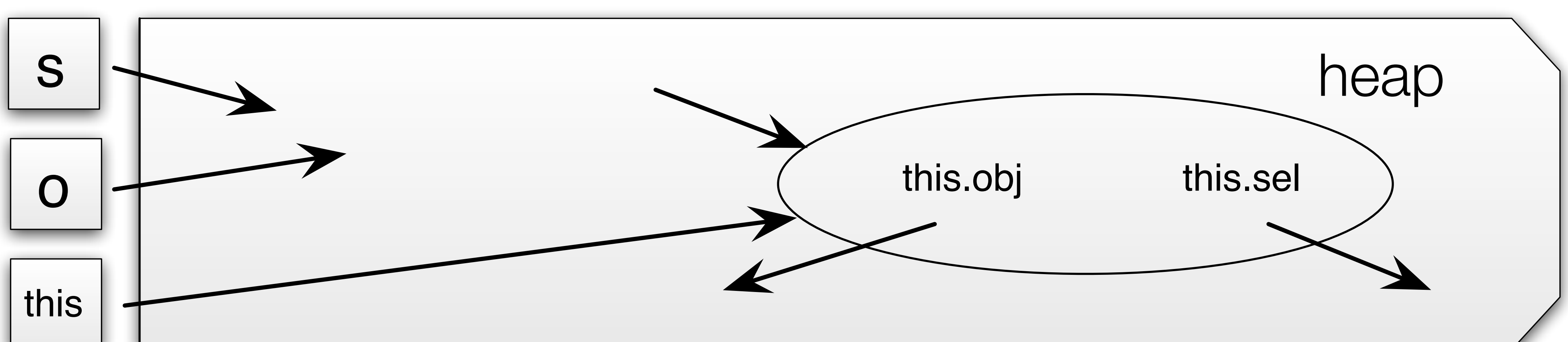

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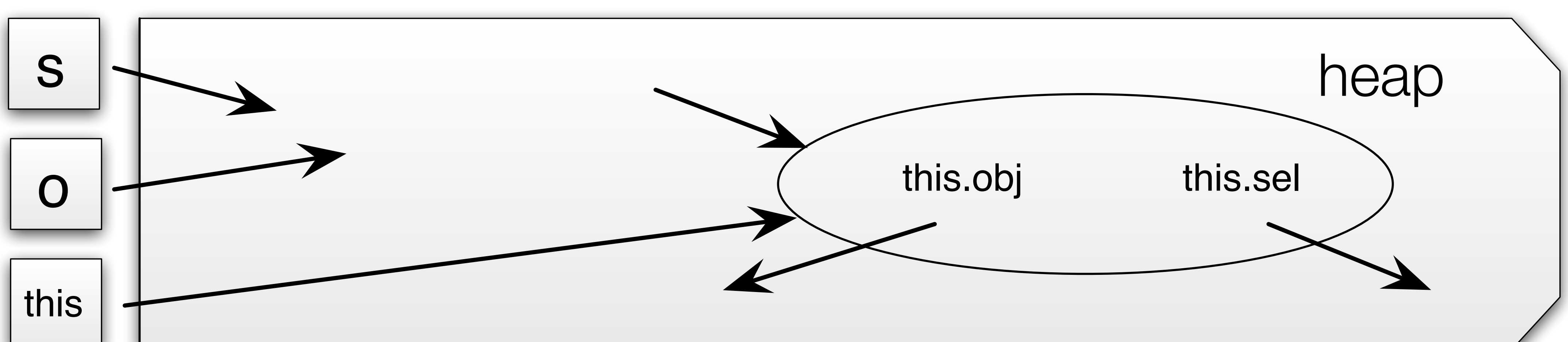

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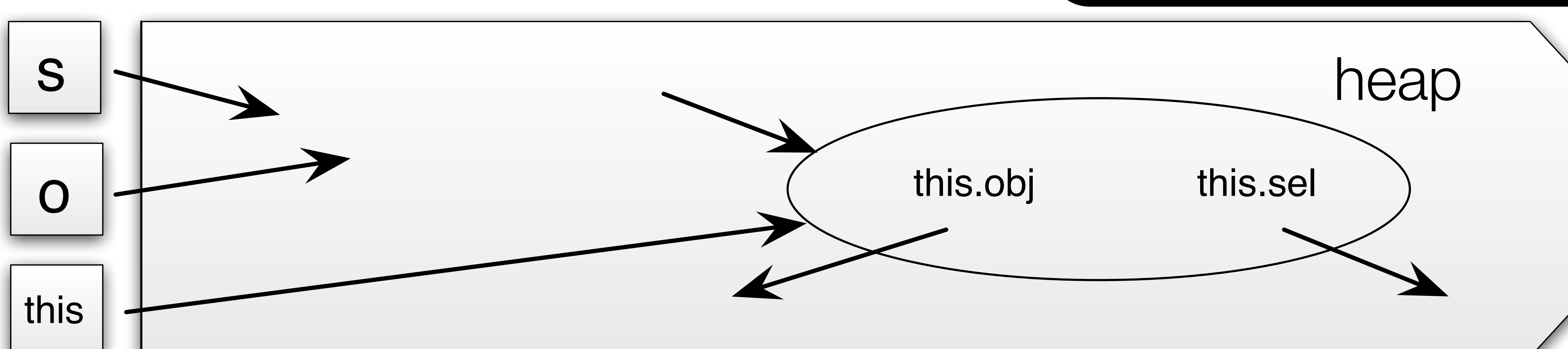

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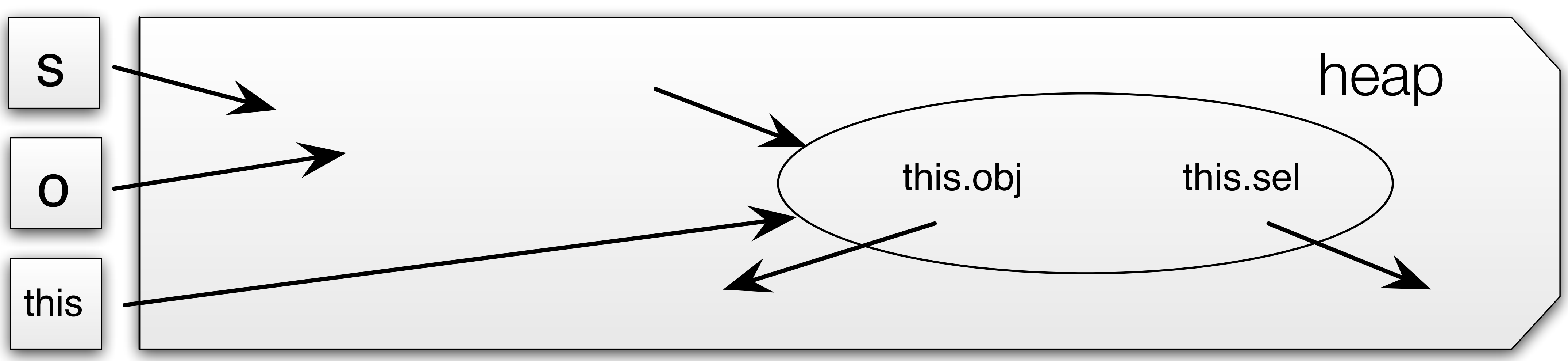

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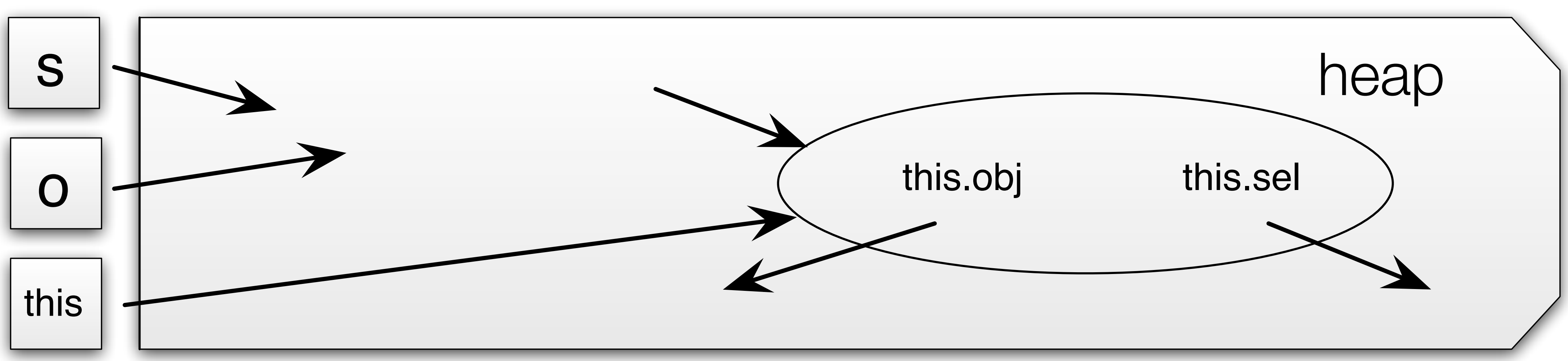

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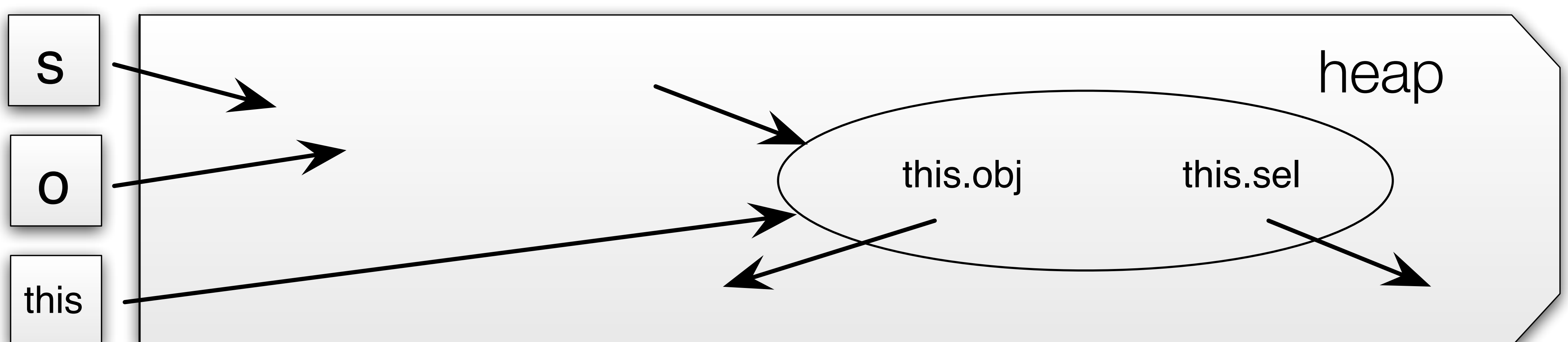

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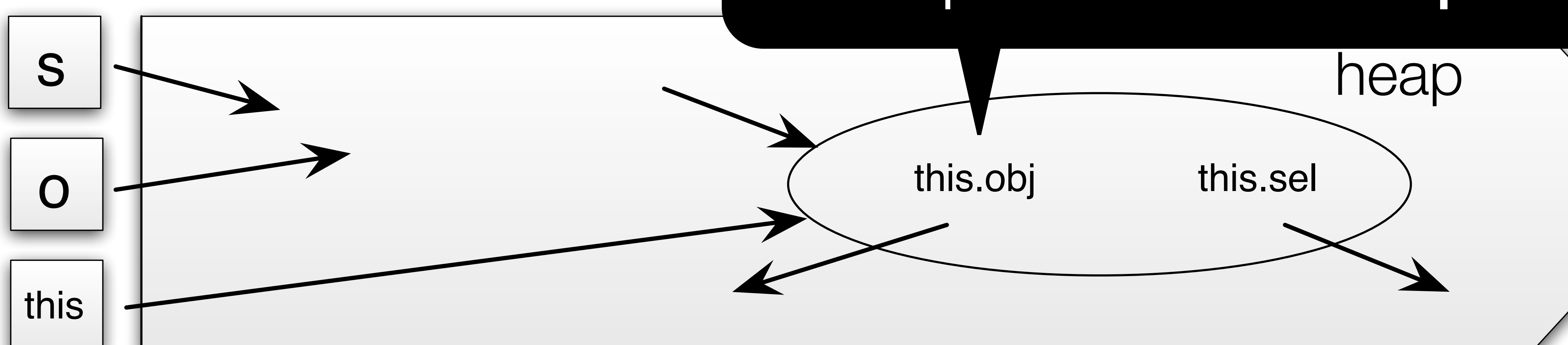

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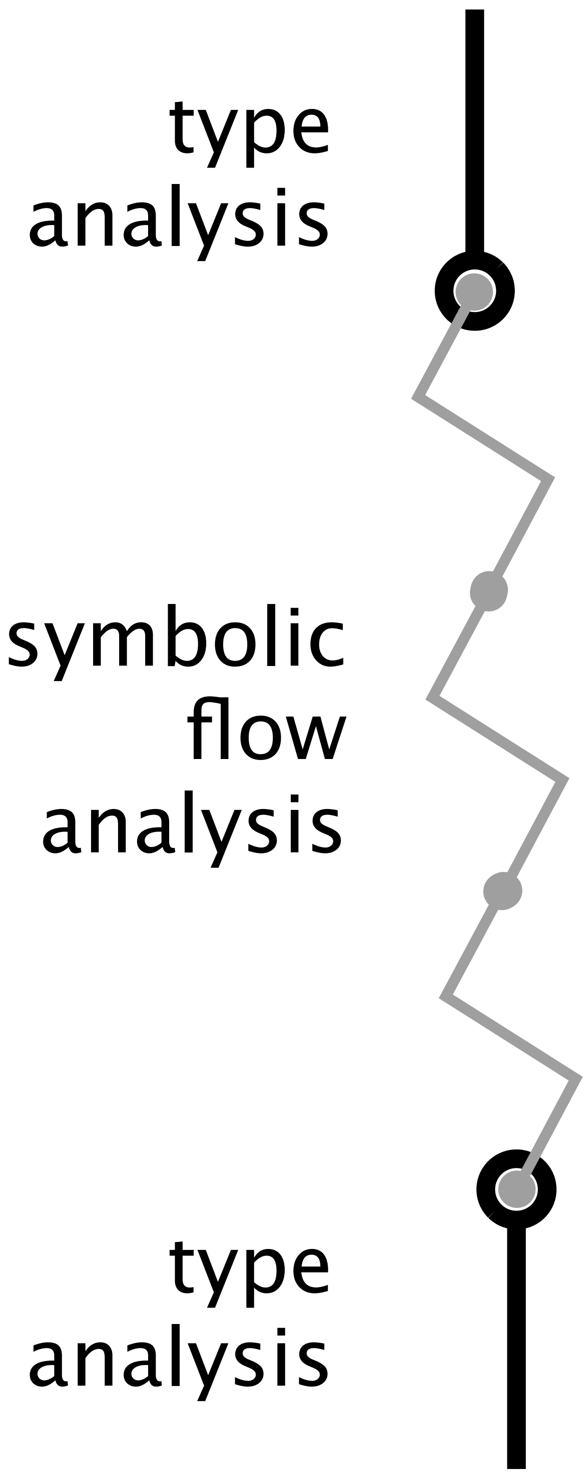

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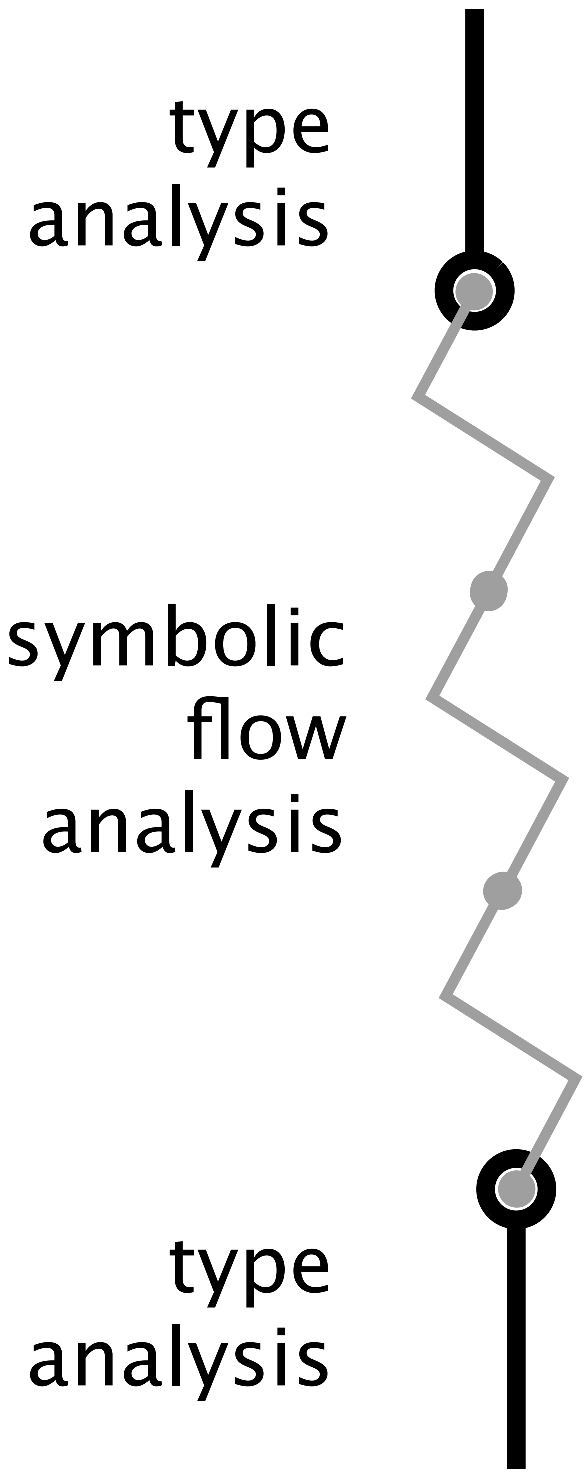

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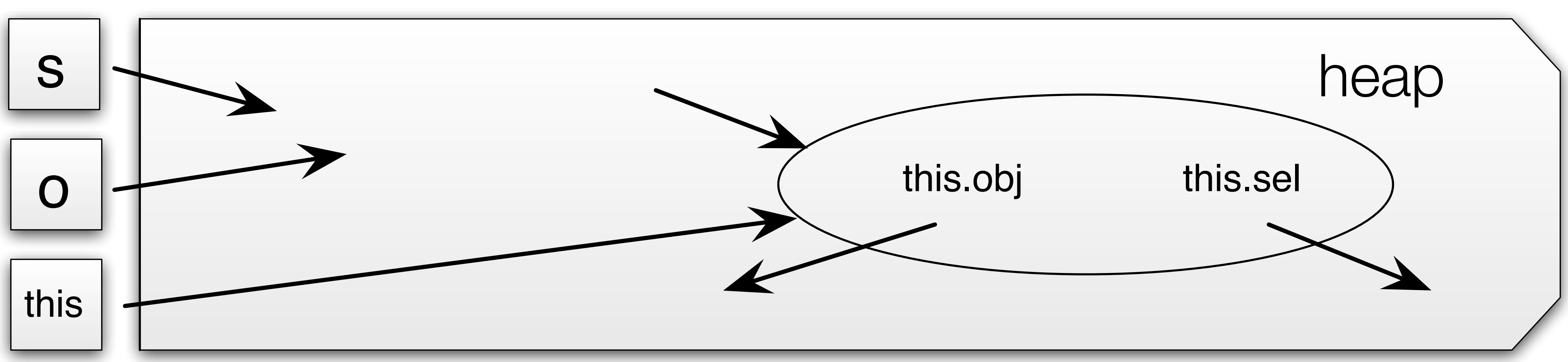

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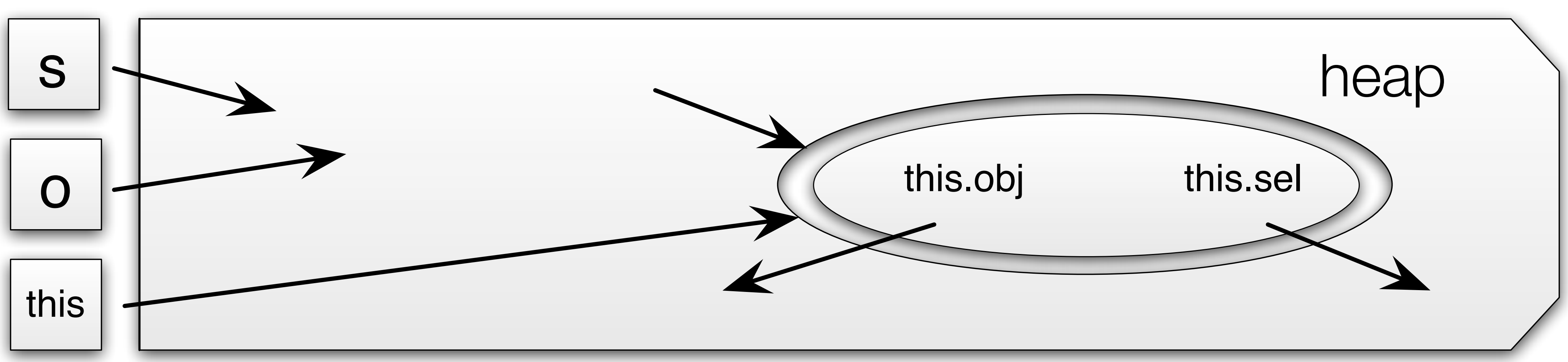

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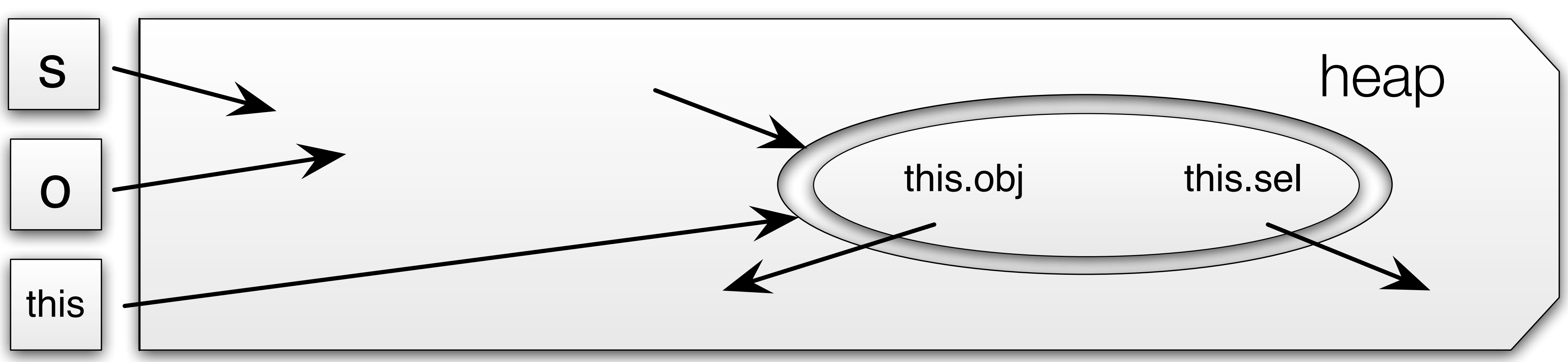

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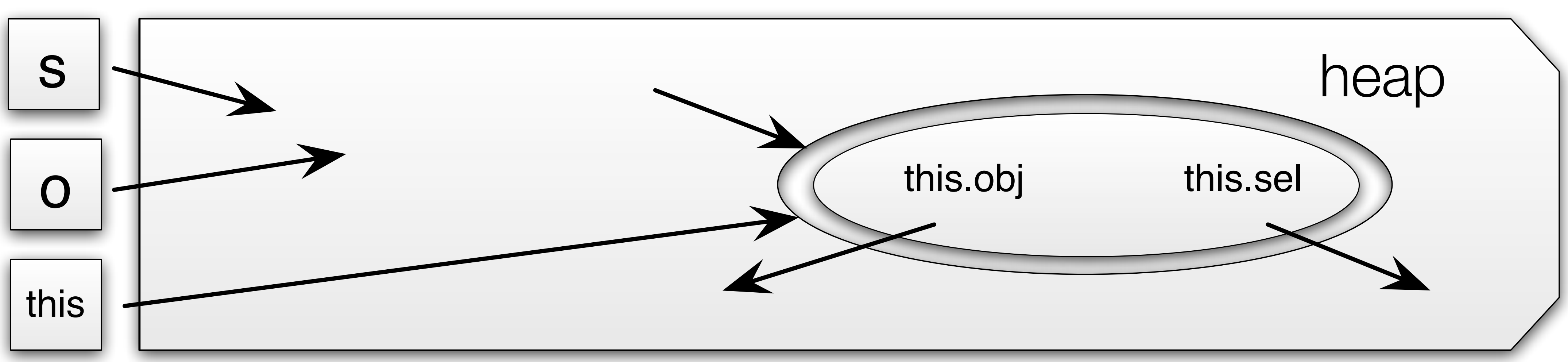

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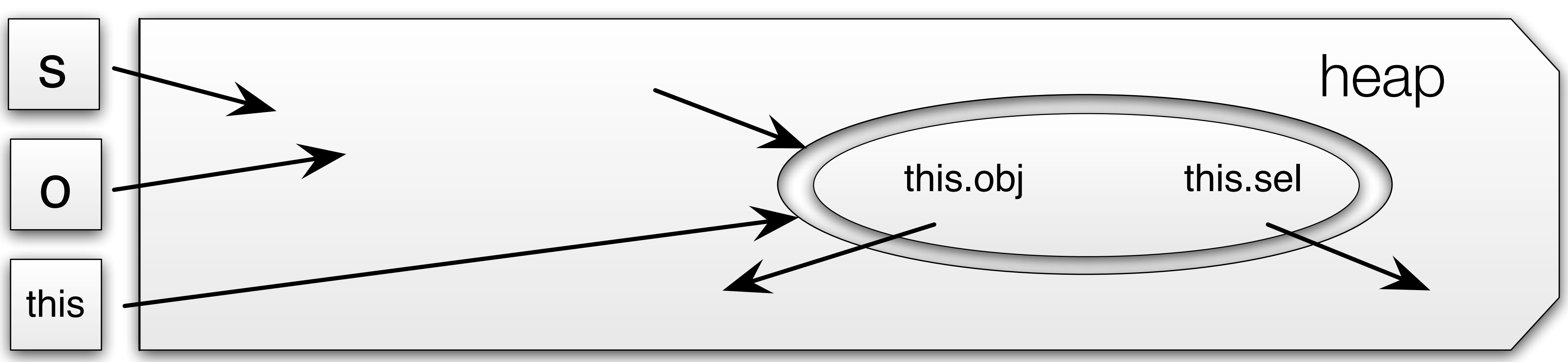

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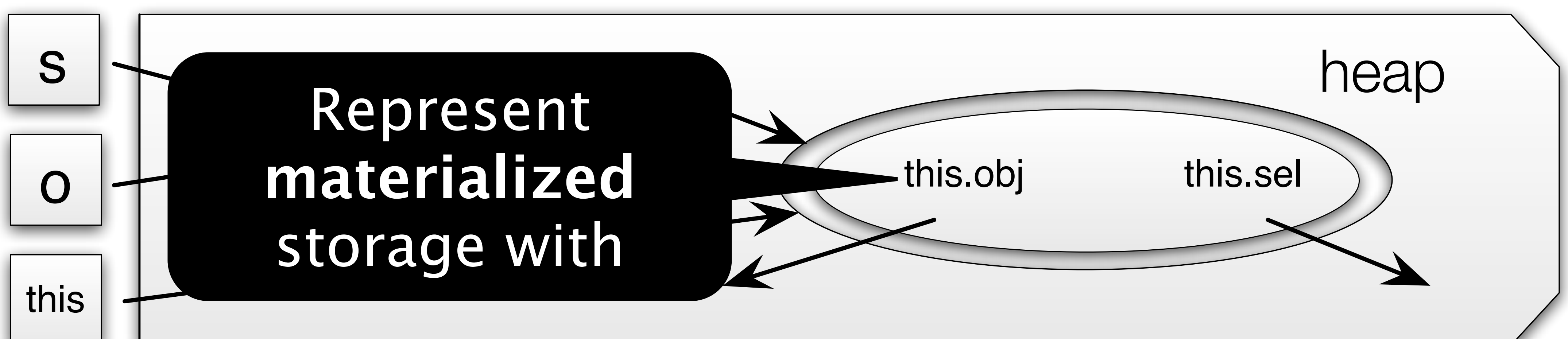

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Analysis can **assume** that **type invariant initially holds on** all **materialized storage**

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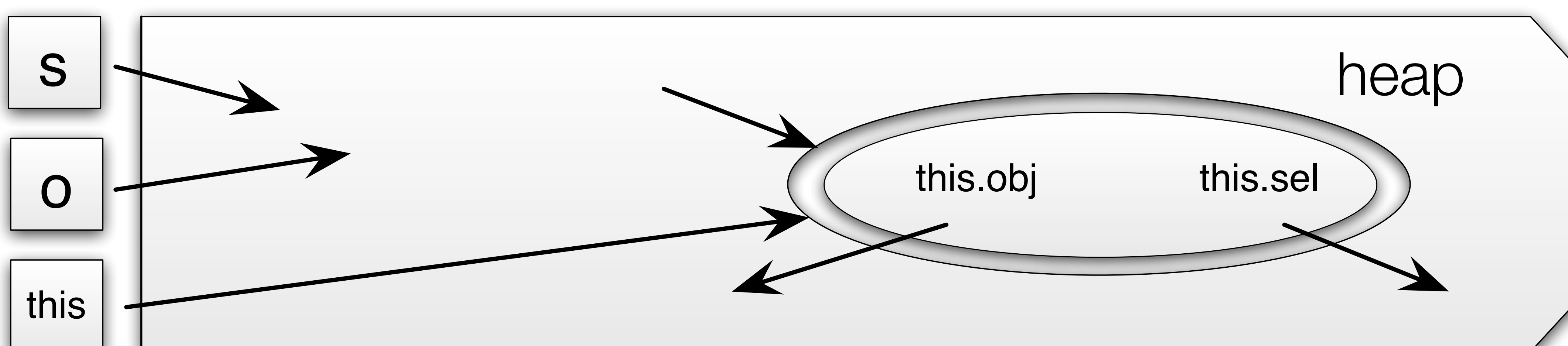

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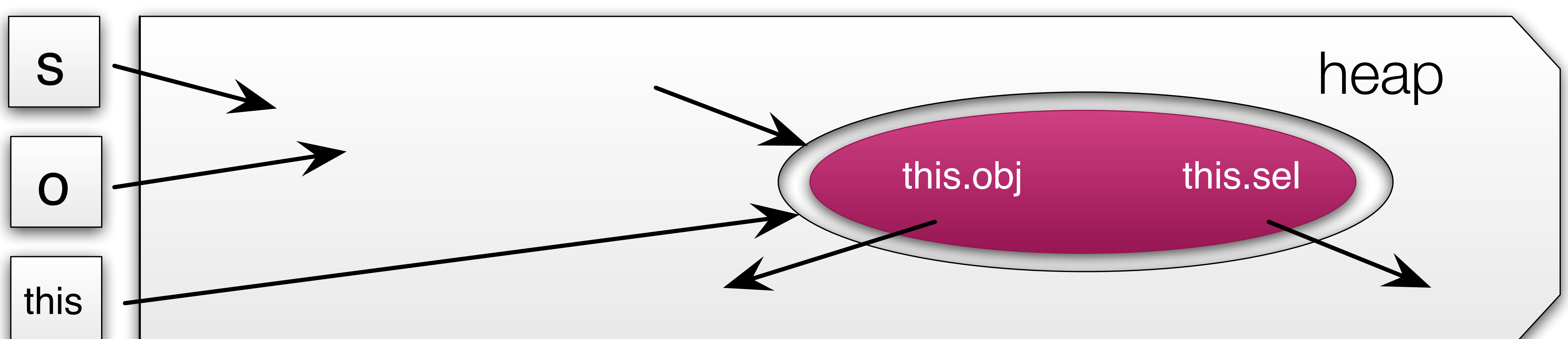

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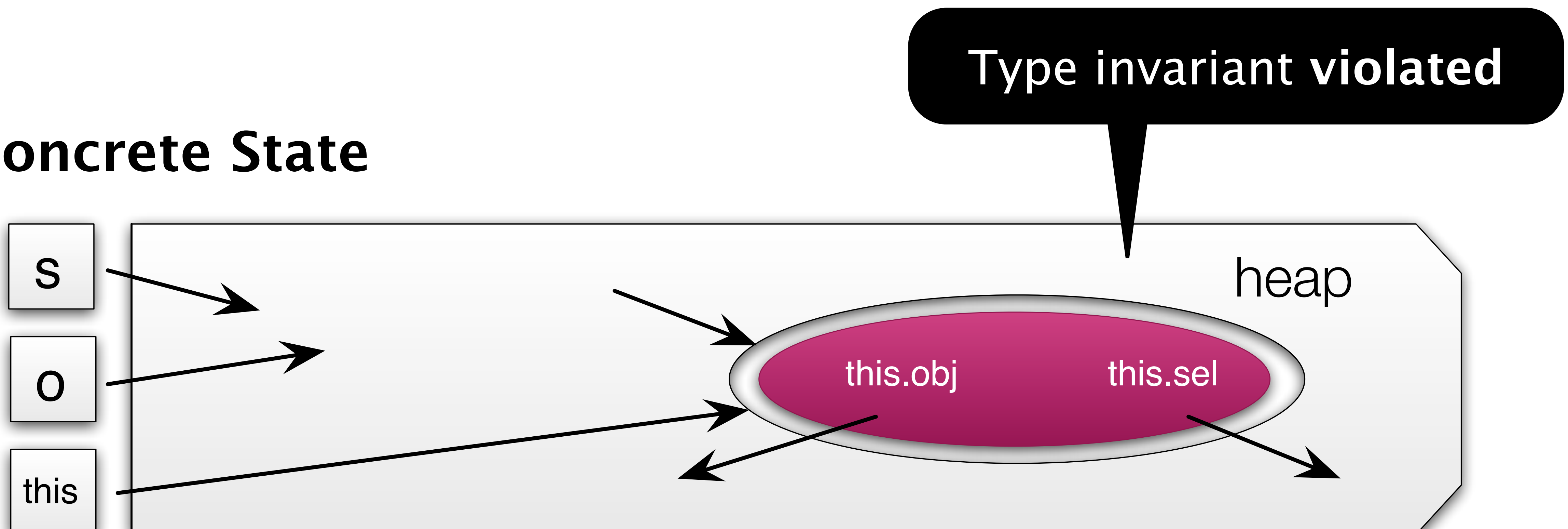

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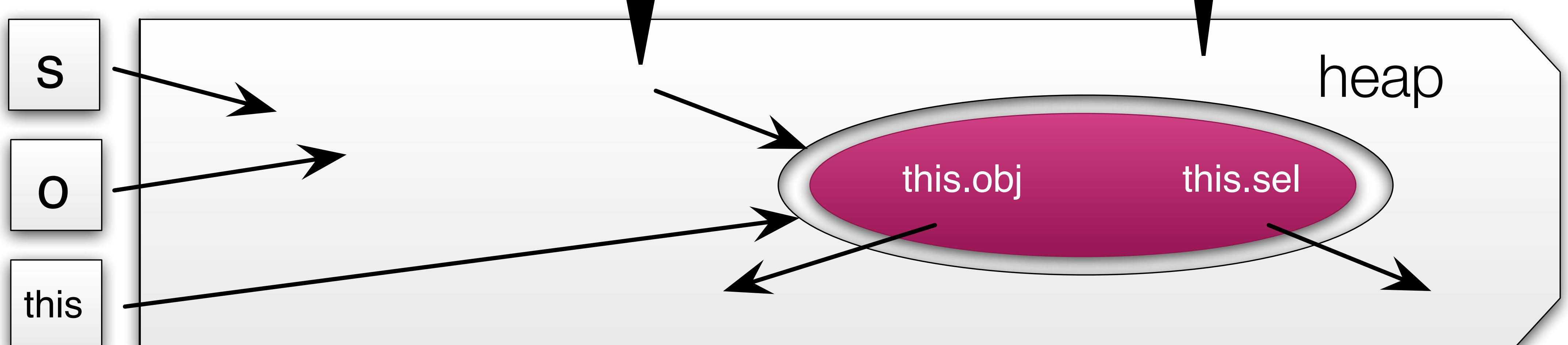

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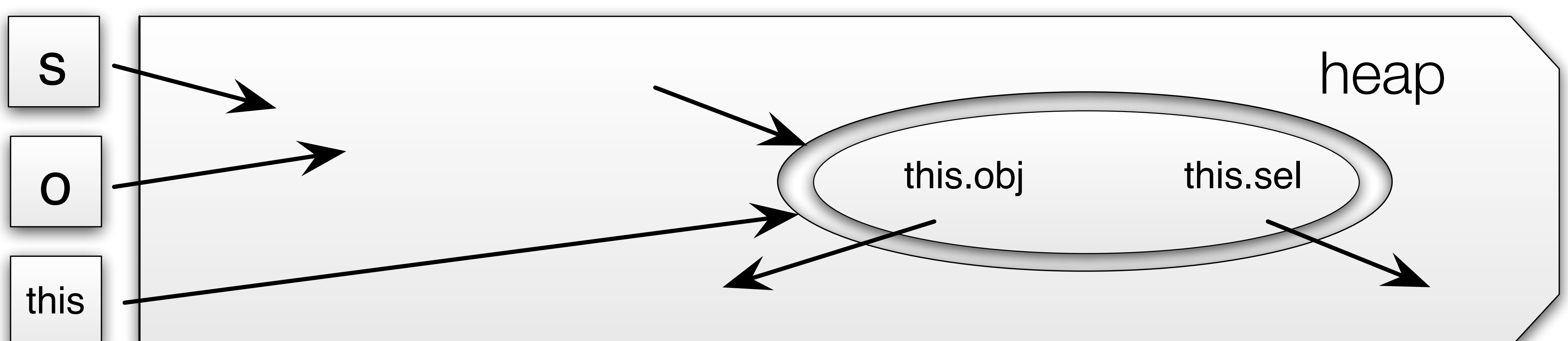

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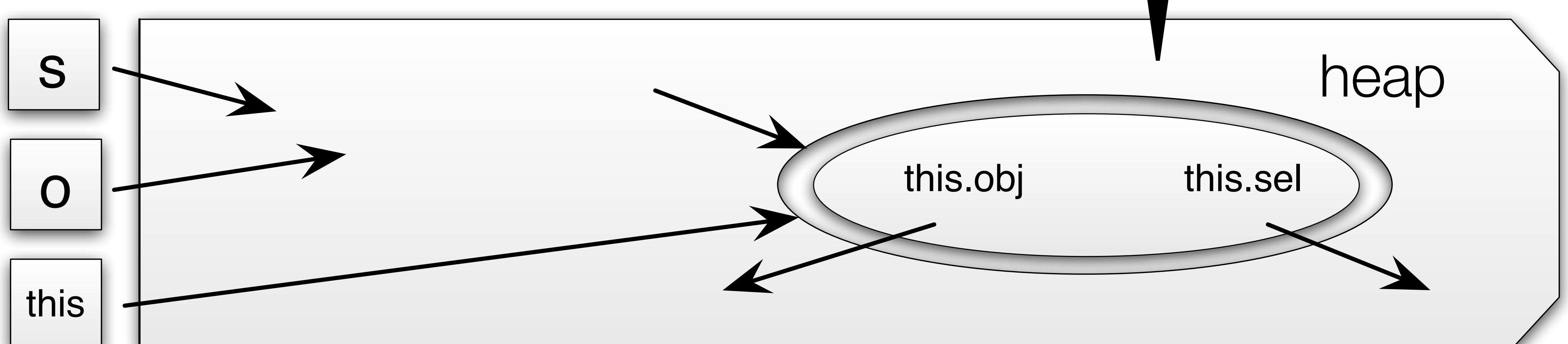

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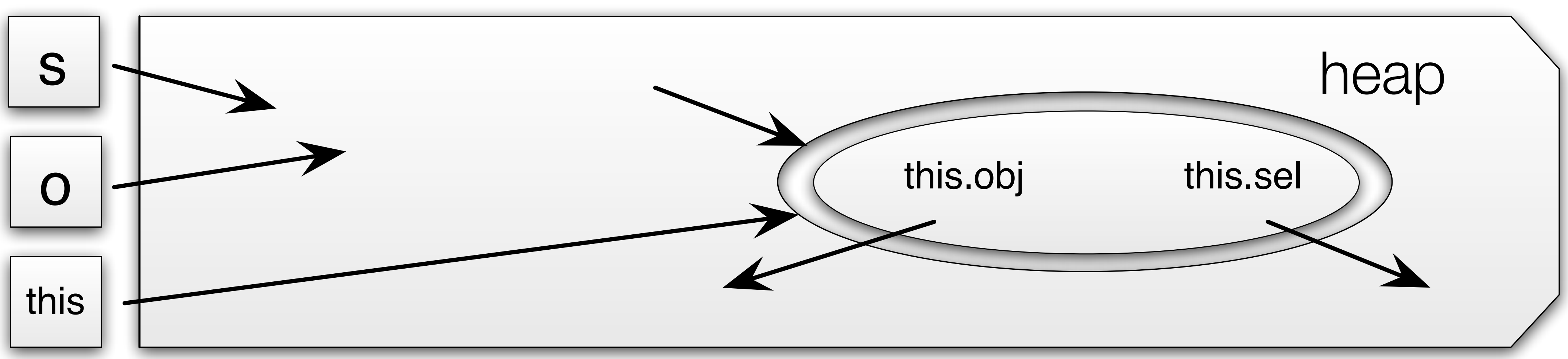

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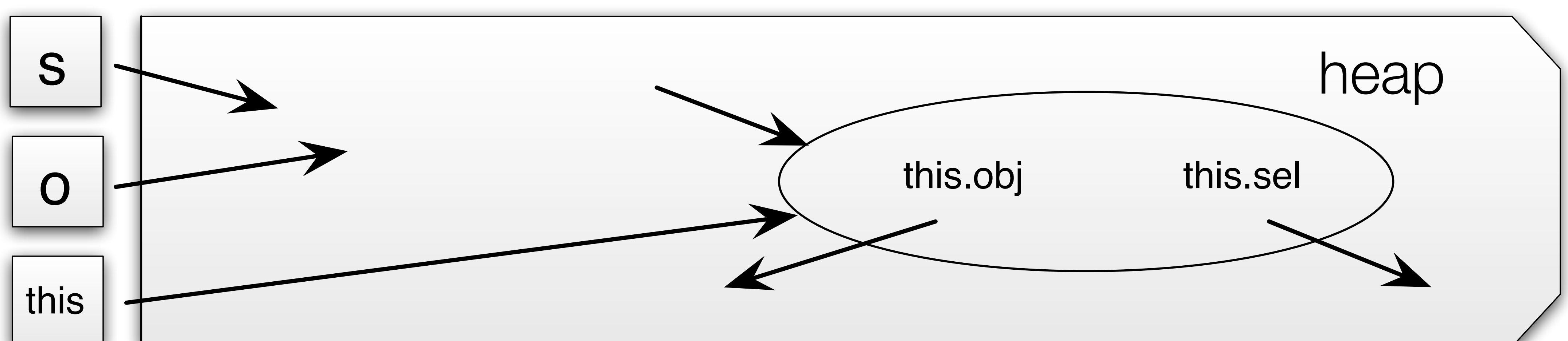

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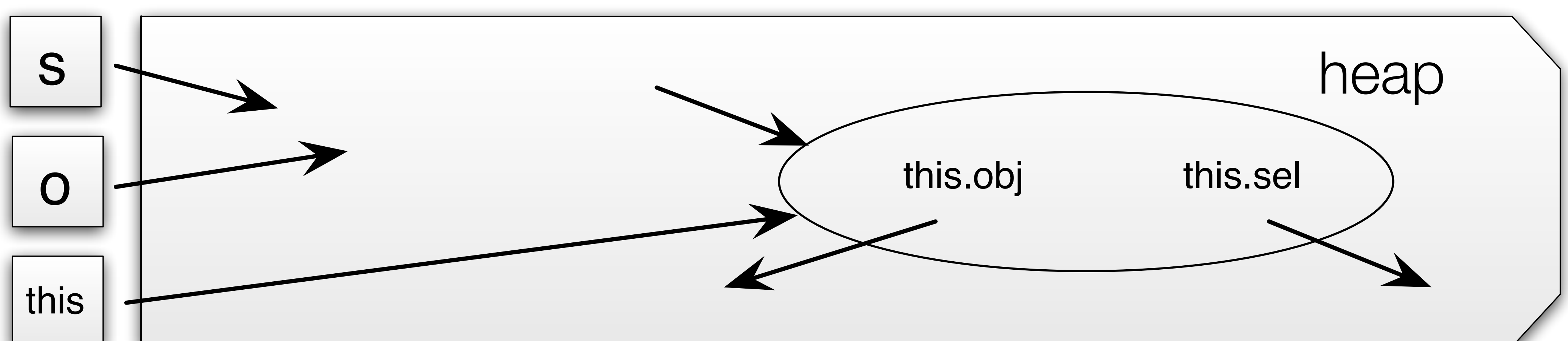

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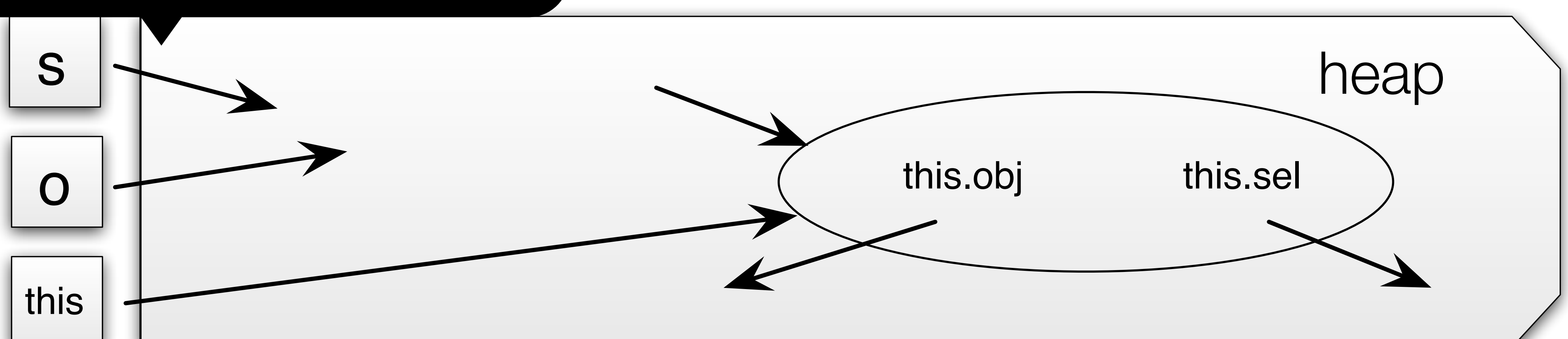

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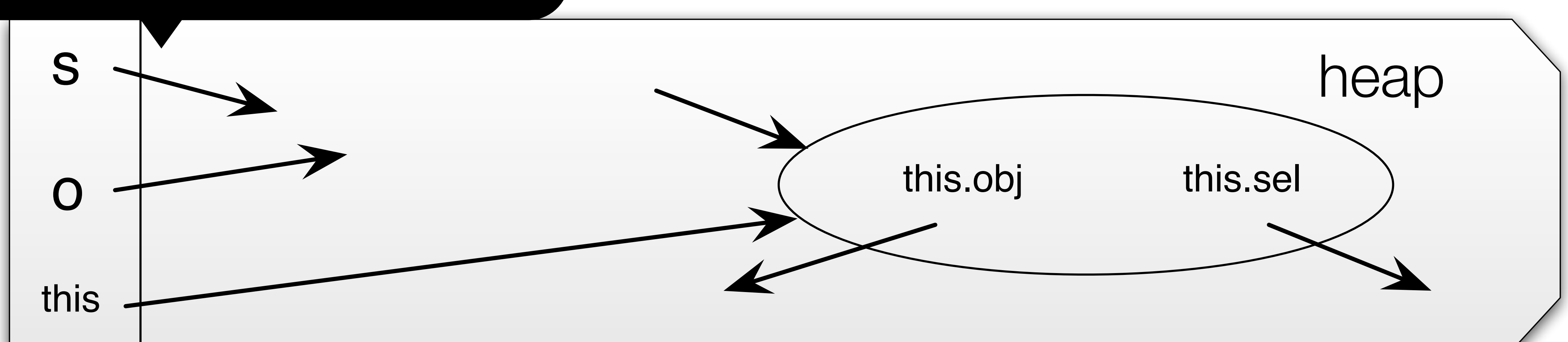

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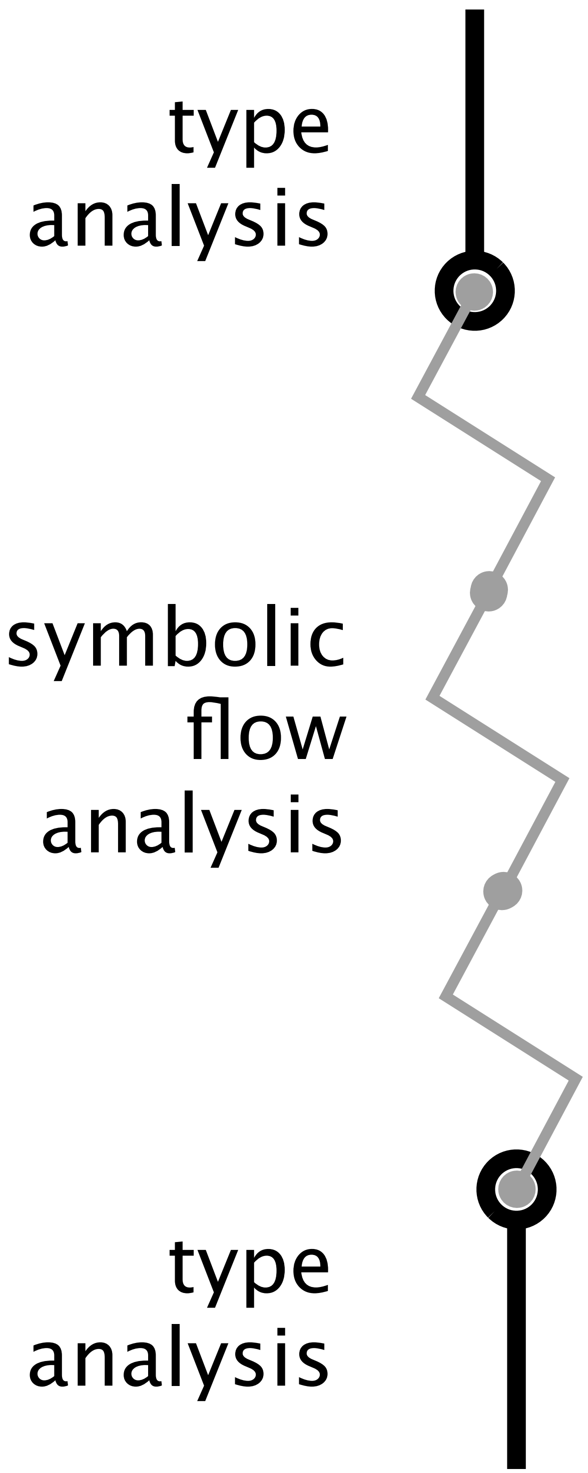

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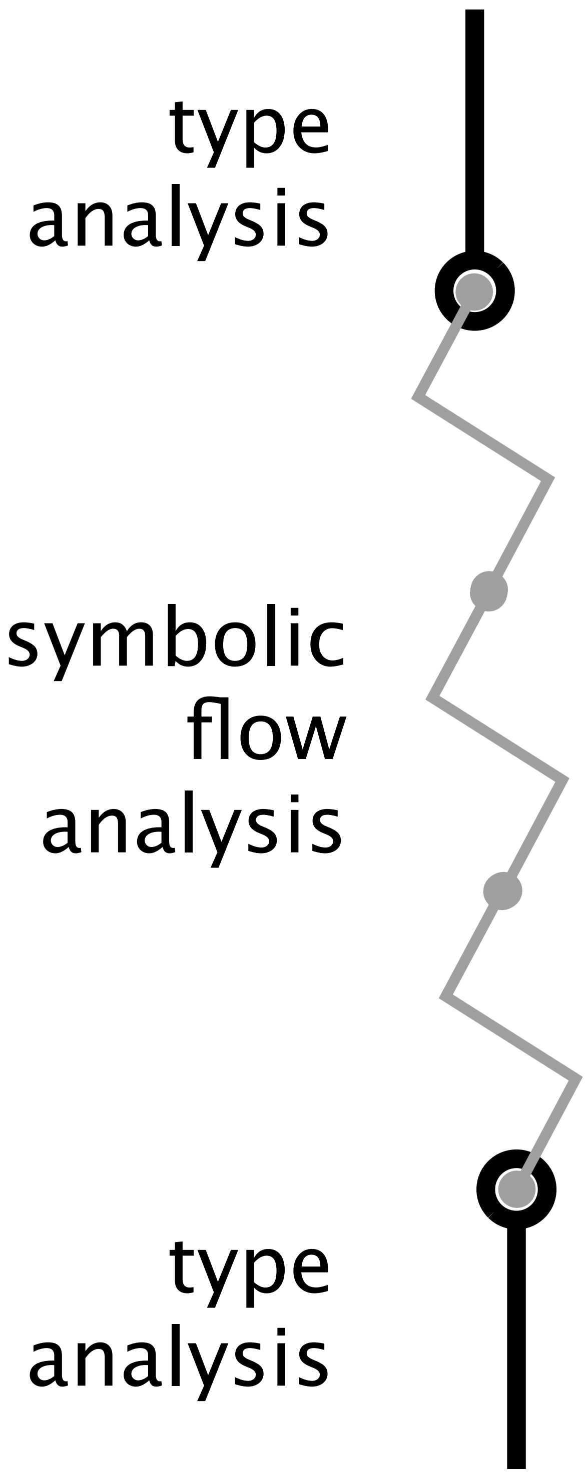

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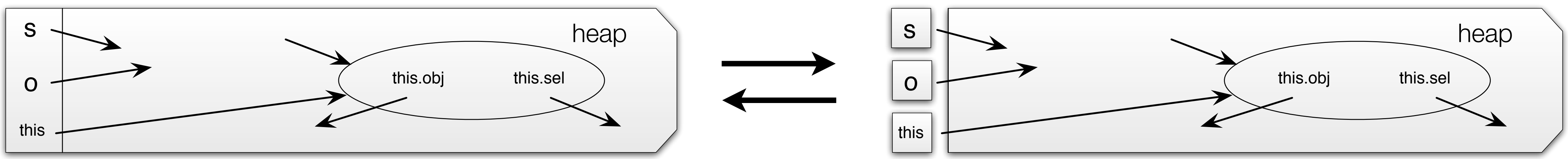

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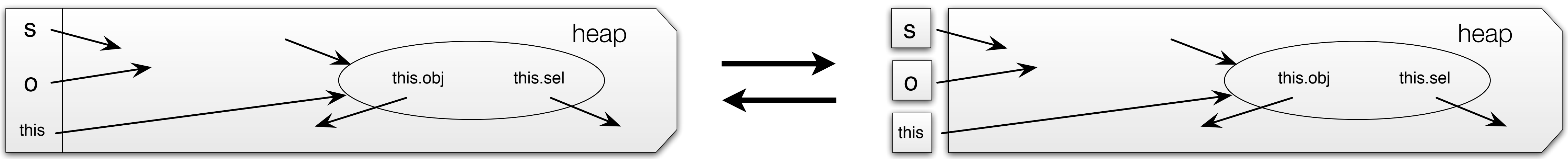

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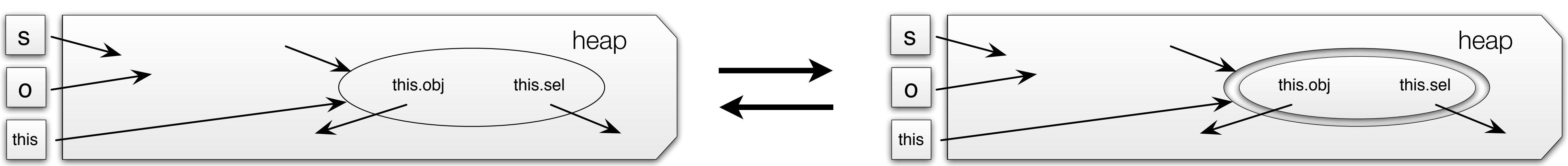

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OmniFrameworks	160769	192	49	82	74 (–10%)	7	1	4.61s	34.9
Vienna	37327	186	24	59	38 (–36%)	28	2	2.57s	14.5
Skim	60211	207	7	43	43 (–0%)	0	0	2.55s	23.6
Adium	176629	587	40	87	70 (–20%)	16	1	7.50s	23.6
combined	461080	1327	[illegible]	334	238 (–29%)	125	2	18.83	24.5

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in-between for **applications** and large frameworks (which do both)

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