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# Eliminating reflection through *reflection*

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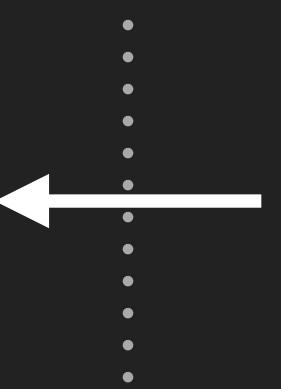
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- + Constructive (formalised in Coq)
- + Computes (produces Coq terms)
- + « Usable » (Coq plugin proof of concept)

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Uniqueness of type

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash t : A \text{ and } \Gamma \vdash t : B \\ \Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash A \equiv B \end{aligned}$$

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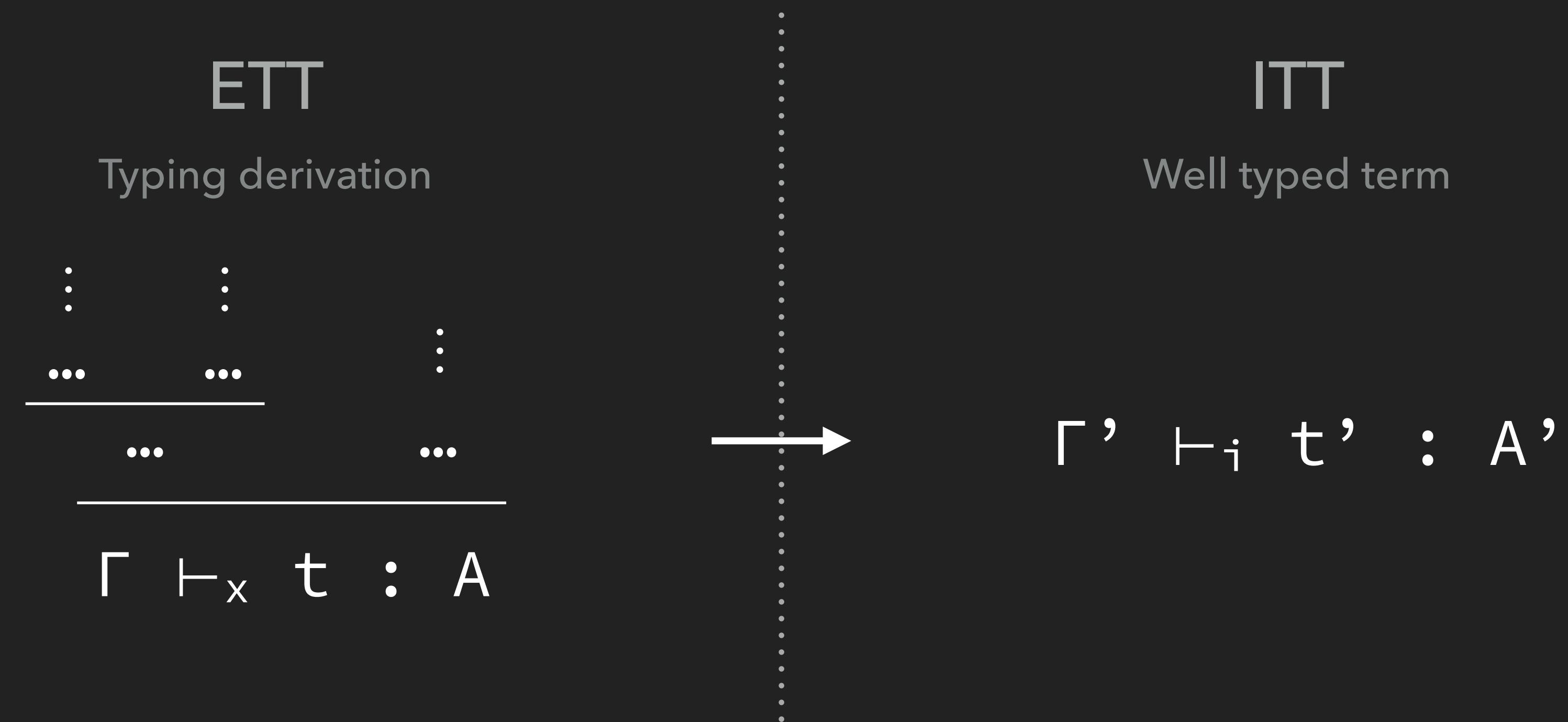
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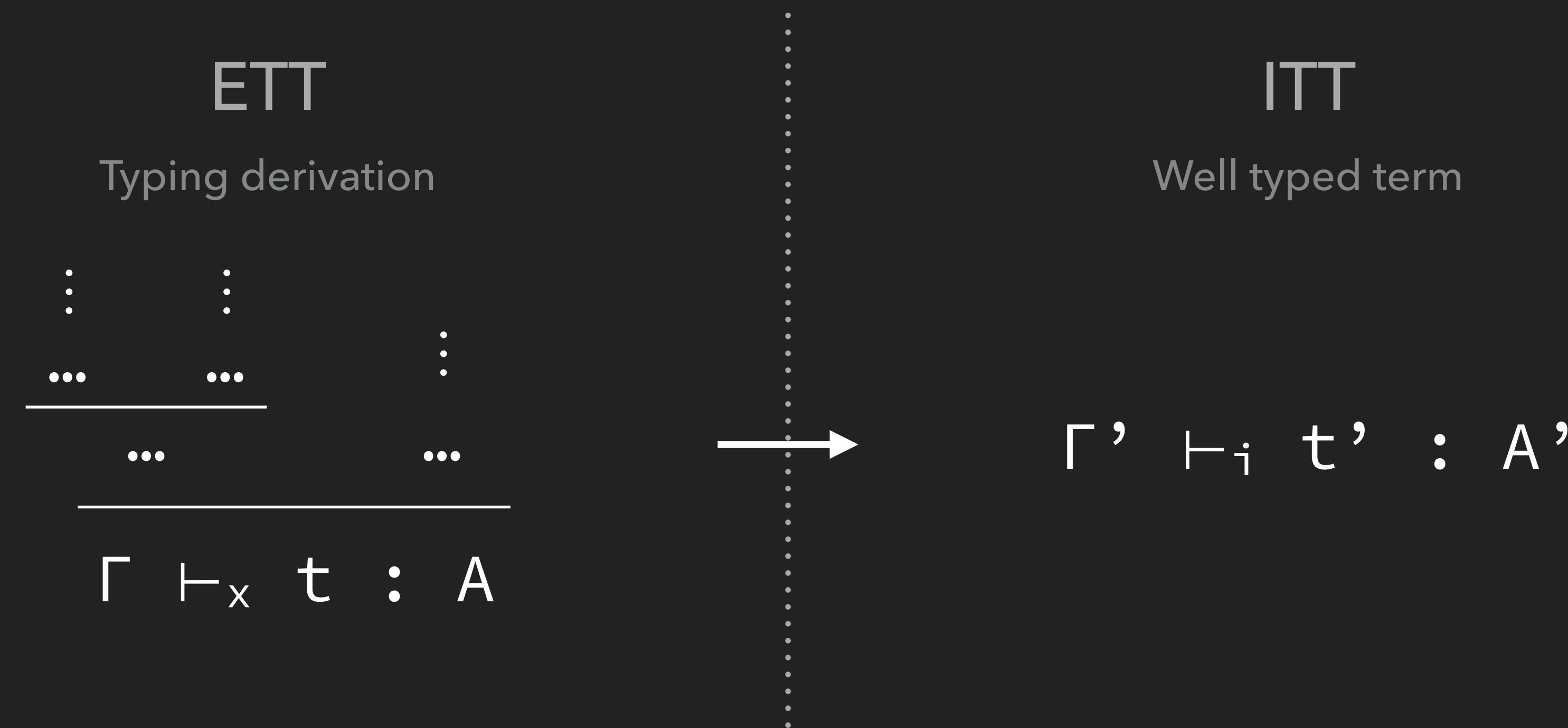
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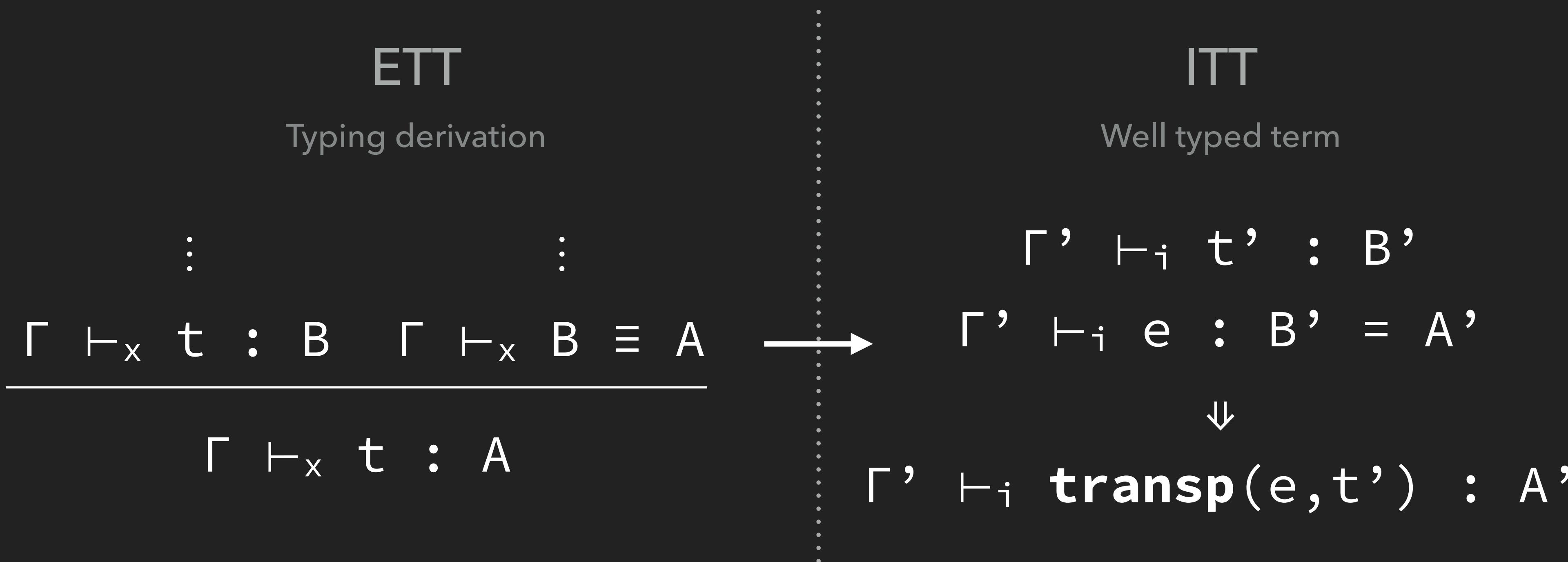


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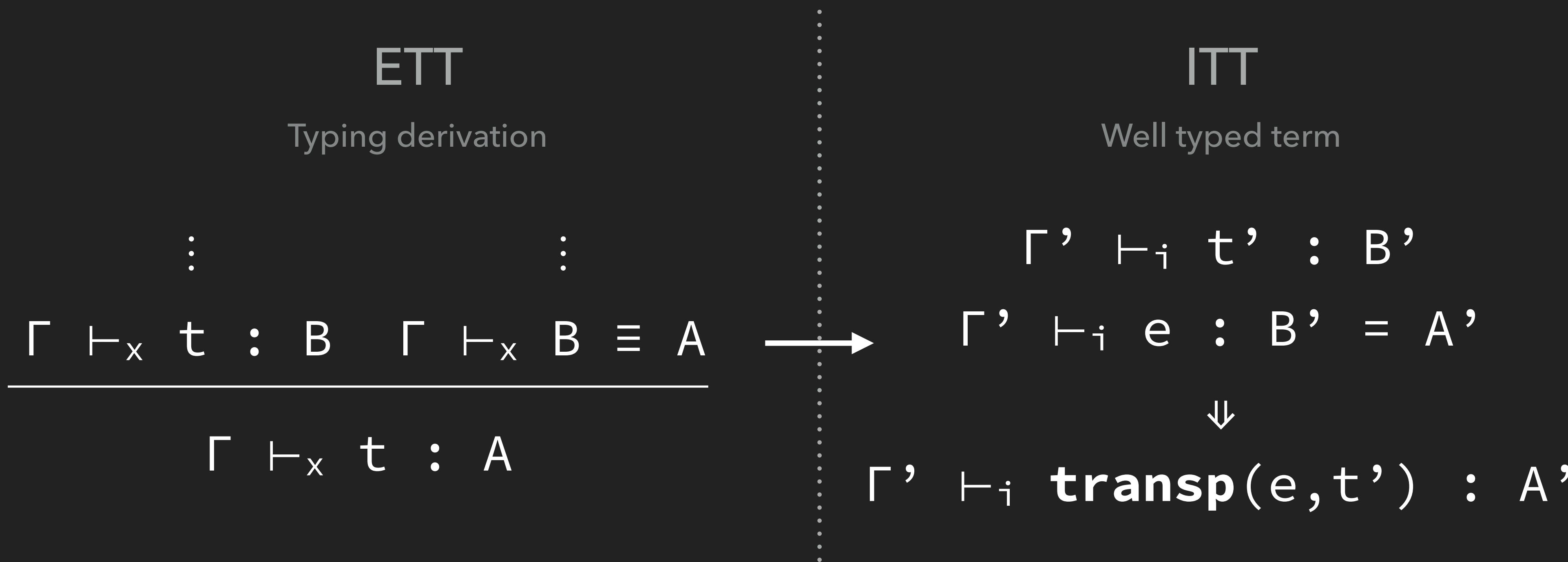
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⇒ Coherence problems

# Heterogenous equality

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$\doteq \sum (p : A = B), \text{transp}(p, a) = b$

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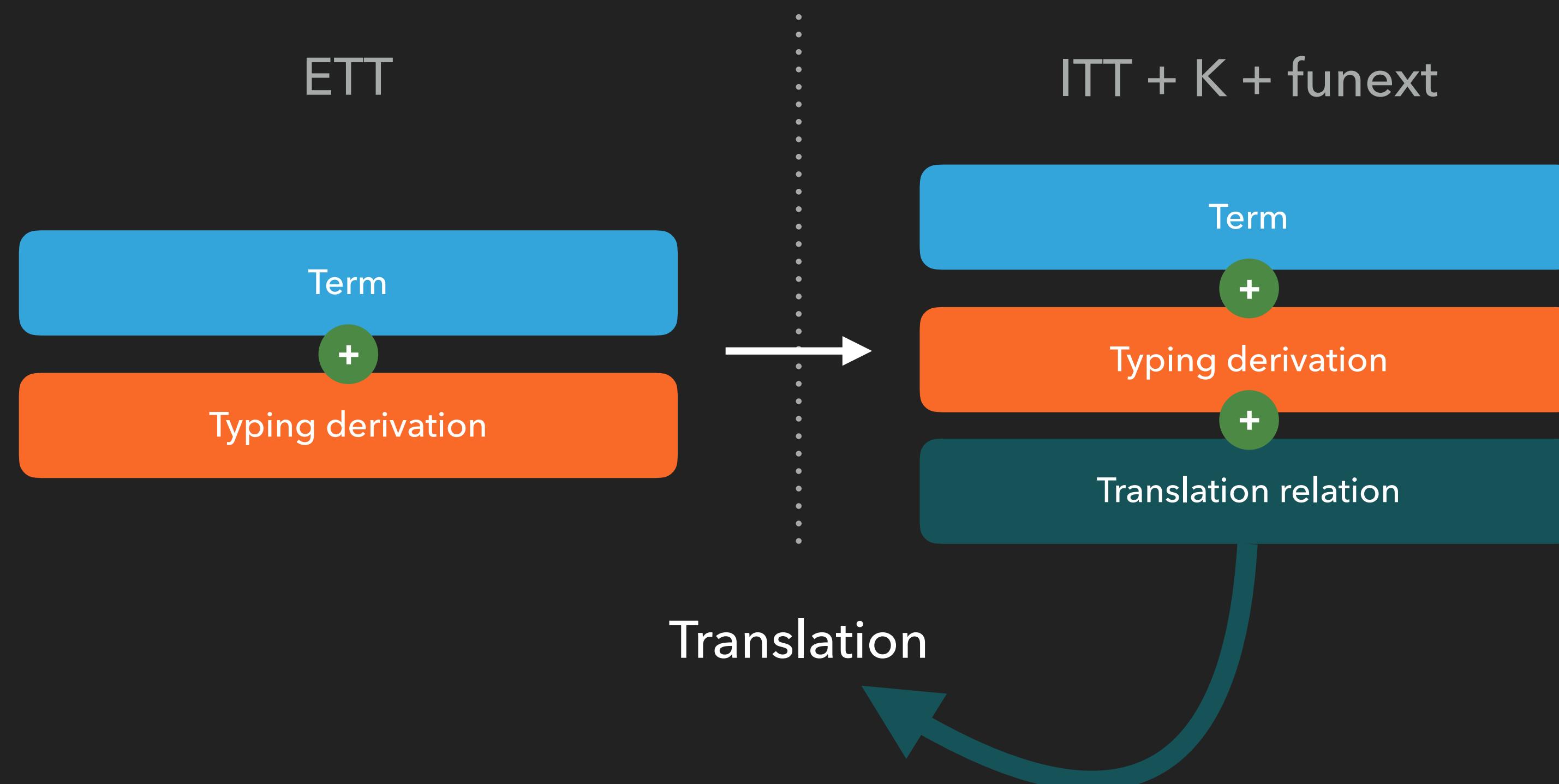
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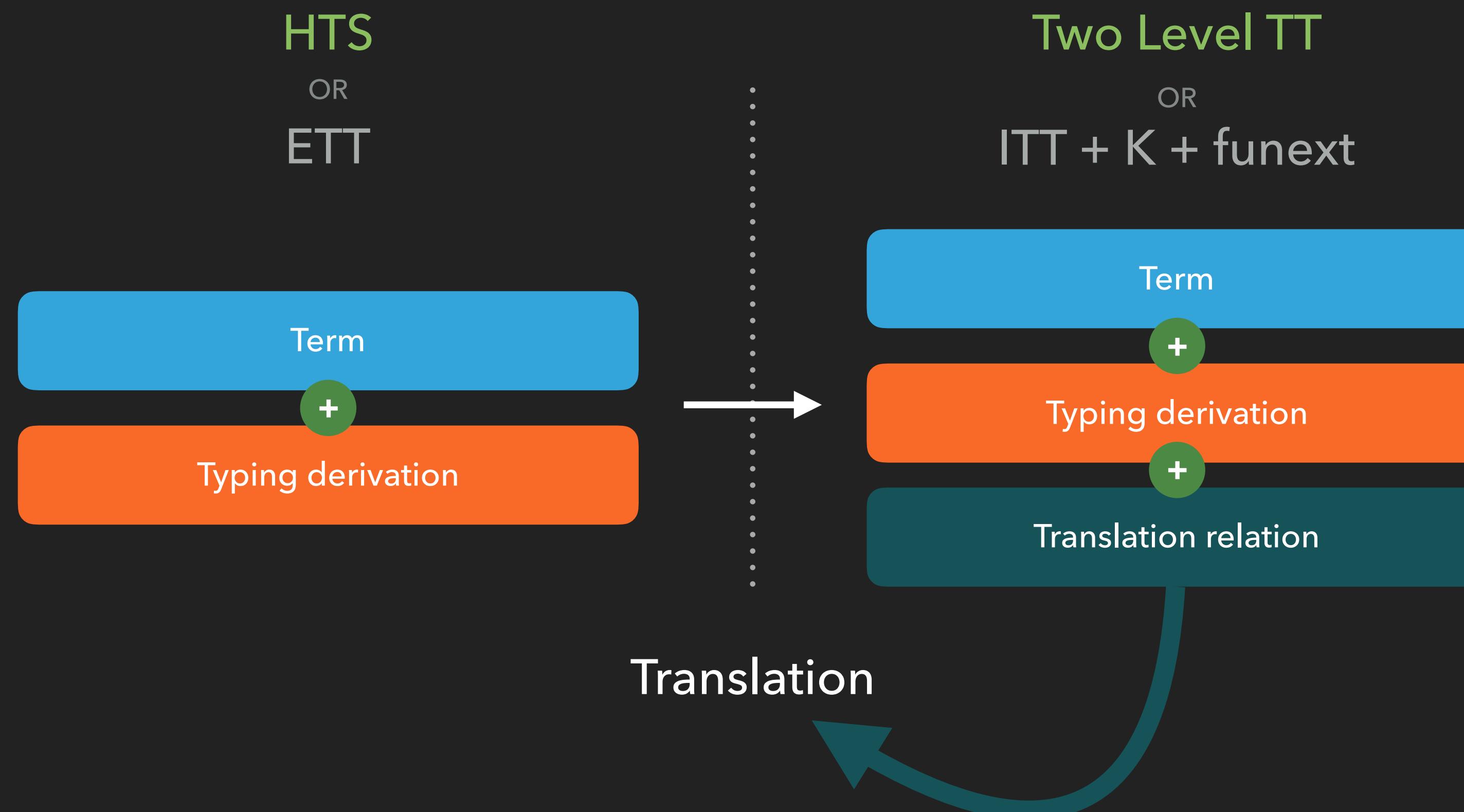
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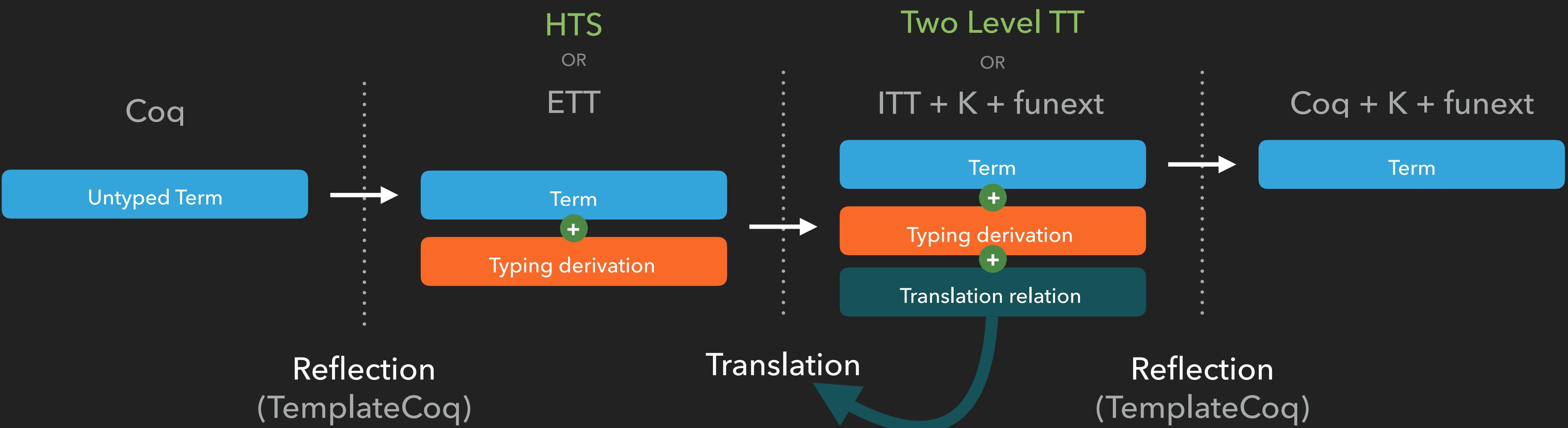
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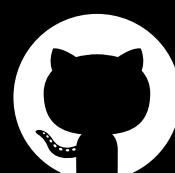
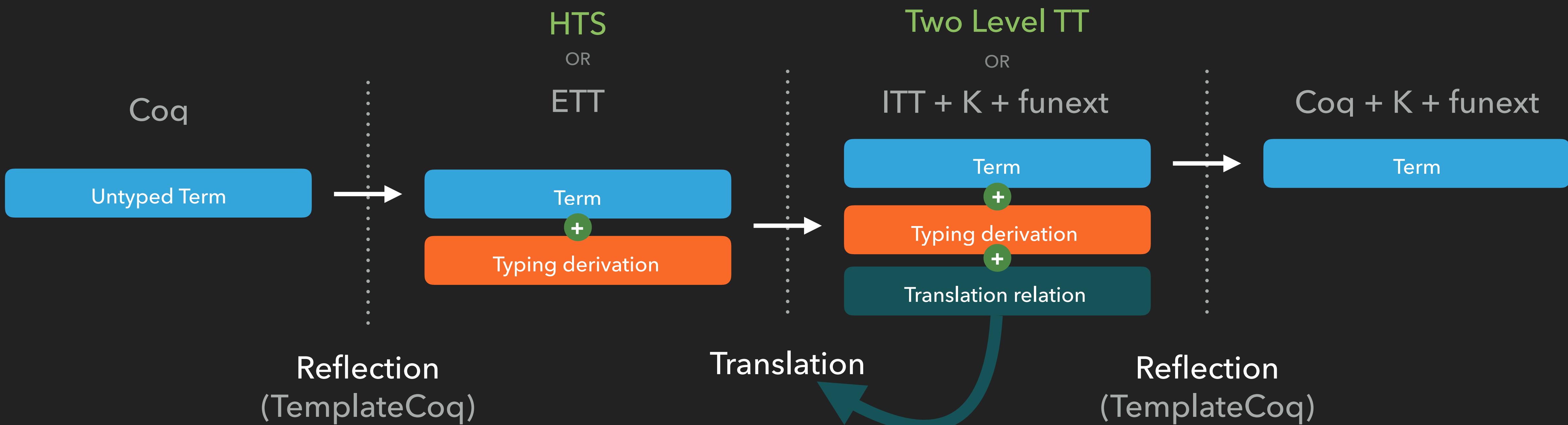
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<https://github.com/TheoWinterhalter/ett-to-itt>

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The command has indeed failed  
with message: (diff)

In environment

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B : Type

e : A = B

x : A

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generating 1 obligation  
Solving obligations automatically...  
pseudoid\_obligation\_0\_obligation\_1 is  
defined  
No more obligations remaining  
pseudoid\_obligation\_0 is defined  
"Successfully generated pseudoid<sup>t</sup>"

<infomsg>

Finished transaction in 0.446 secs  
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 $\text{transport} (\text{pseudoid\_obligation}_0 A B e x) x$   
 $: \forall A B : Type, A = B \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$   
;  
(Argument scopes are [type\_scope type\_scope \_ \_])

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4  $\text{vec}$  (and  $\text{nat}$ ) to the context.

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4 **Inductive** **vec** **A** :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Type}$  :=  
5 | **vnil** :  $\text{vec } A \ 0$   
5 | **vcons** :  $A \rightarrow \forall n, \text{vec } A \ n \rightarrow \text{vec } A \ (S \ n)$ .

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5 **Arguments** **vnil** **{\_}**.

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5 **Definition** **vv** := **vcons** **1** **\_** **vnil**.

5 **Time** Run **TemplateProgram** (

5      $\theta \leftarrow \text{TranslateConstant } \varepsilon \text{ "nat" } ;;$

5      $\theta \leftarrow \text{TranslateConstant } \theta \text{ "vec" } ;;$

6     **Translate**  $\theta$  "vv"

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4 \*)

```
4 Inductive vec A :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Type}$  :=
5 | vnil : vec A 0
5 | vcons : A  $\rightarrow \forall n, \text{vec } A \ n \rightarrow \text{vec } A \ (\text{S } n)$ .
```

5

```
5 Arguments vnil {_}.
```

```
5 Arguments vcons {_} _ _ _.
```

5

```
5 Definition vv := vcons 1 _ vnil.
```

```
5 Time Run TemplateProgram (
5   θ  $\leftarrow$  TranslateConstant ε "nat" ;;
5   θ  $\leftarrow$  TranslateConstant θ "vec" ;;
6   Translate θ "vv"
```

6).

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6 Print vvt.
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U:--- \*goals\* All (1,0) (Coq Goals)

: "Successfully generated vv<sup>t</sup>"

:<infomsg>

: Finished transaction in 2.579 secs  
(2.497u,0.061s) (successful)

:</infomsg>

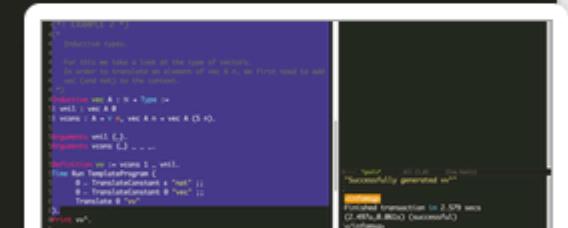
## Inductive types.

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4 *)
4 Inductive vec A : N → Type :=
5 | vnil : vec A 0
5 | vcons : A → ∀ n, vec A n → vec A (S n).
5
5 Arguments vnil {_}.
5 Arguments vcons {_} _ _ _.
5
5 Definition vv := vcons 1 _ vnil.
5 Time Run TemplateProgram (
5   θ ← TranslateConstant ε "nat" ;;
5   θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec" ;;
6   Translate θ "vv"
6).
6 Print vvt.
```

U:--- \*goals\* All (1,0) (Coq Goals)  
| vv<sup>t</sup> = vcons 1 0 vnil  
| : vec N 1



8 Reversal of vectors.

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8 to write our function with eliminators.

8 Same as before we need to add the eliminator (as well as addition  
on natural  
8 numbers) to the context.

8 \*)

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9 Fail Definition vrev {A n m} (v : vec A n) (acc : vec A m) : vec A (n + m) :=  
9    vec\_rect A (λ n \_ ⇒ ∀ m, vec A m → vec A (n + m))  
9        (λ m acc ⇒ acc) (λ a n \_ rv m acc ⇒ rv \_ (vcons a m acc))  
9        n v m acc.

9

9 Definition vrev {A n m} (v : vec A n) (acc : vec A m) : vec A (n + m) ...  
9    :=  
9    vec\_rect A (λ n \_ ⇒ ∀ m, vec A m → vec A (n + m))  
9        (λ m acc ⇒ acc) (λ a n \_ rv m acc ⇒ {! rv \_ (vcons a m acc ...  
9        ) !})  
9        n v m acc.

10

10 Time Run TemplateProgram (  
10    θ ← TranslateConstant ε "nat" ;;  
10    θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec" ;;  
10    θ ← TranslateConstant θ "Nat.add" ;;  
10    θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec\_rect" ;;  
10    Translate θ "vrev"  
10 ).

10 Print vrev<sup>t</sup>.

U:--- \*goals\* All (1,0) (Coq Goals)  
:vv<sup>t</sup> = vcons 1 0 vnil  
: : vec N 1

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10 Time Run TemplateProgram (

10    θ ← TranslateConstant ε "nat" ;;  
10    θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec" ;;  
10    θ ← TranslateConstant θ "Nat.add" ;;  
10    θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec\_rect" ;;  
10    Translate θ "vrev"

10).

10 Print vrev<sup>t</sup>.

U:--- \*goals\* All (1,0) (Coq Goals)  
The command has indeed failed with  
message: (diff)  
In environment  
A : Type  
n :  $\mathbb{N}$   
m :  $\mathbb{N}$   
v : vec A n  
acc : vec A m  
a : A  
 $n_0$  :  $\mathbb{N}$   
1 v<sub>0</sub> : vec A  $n_0$   
1 rv :  
1  $\forall m : \mathbb{N}, \text{vec } A m \rightarrow \text{vec } A (n_0 + m)$   
1  $m_0 : \mathbb{N}$   
1 acc<sub>0</sub> : vec A  $m_0$   
1 The term "rv (S m<sub>0</sub>) (vcons a m<sub>0</sub> acc<sub>0</sub>)"  
1 has type "vec A (n<sub>0</sub> + S m<sub>0</sub>)"  
1 while it is expected to have type  
1 "vec A (S n<sub>0</sub> + m<sub>0</sub>)".

8 Reversal of vectors.

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9 Fail Definition vrev {A n m} (v : vec A n) (acc : vec A m) : vec A (n + m) :=  
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9     (λ m acc ⇒ acc) (λ a n _ rv m acc ⇒ rv _ (vcons a m acc))  
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9     n v m acc.
```

```
10 Time Run TemplateProgram (  
10   θ ← TranslateConstant ε "nat" ;;  
10   θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec" ;;  
10   θ ← TranslateConstant θ "Nat.add" ;;  
10   θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec_rect" ;;  
10   Translate θ "vrev"  
10 ).  
10 Print vrevt.
```

U:--- \*goals\* All (1,0) (Coq Goals)  
vrev is defined

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8   numbers) to the context.
8 *)
9
9Fail Definition vrev {A n m} (v : vec A n) (acc : vec A
m) : vec A (n + m) :=
9  vec_rect A (λ n _ ⇒ ∀ m, vec A m → vec A (n + m))
9    (λ m acc ⇒ acc) (λ a n _ rv m acc ⇒ rv _ (vc
ons a m acc))
9      n v m acc.
9
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vec A (n + m) :=
9  vec_rect A (λ n _ ⇒ ∀ m, vec A m → vec A (n + m))
9    (λ m acc ⇒ acc) (λ a n _ rv m acc ⇒ {! rv -
(vcons a m acc) !})
9      n v m acc.
10
10Time Run TemplateProgram (
10  θ ← TranslateConstant ε "nat" ;;
10  θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec" ;;
10  θ ← TranslateConstant θ "Nat.add" ;;
10  θ ← TranslateConstant θ "vec_rect" ;;
10  Translate θ "vrev"
10).
10Print vrevt.

```

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U:--- *goals*          All (1,0)      (Coq Goals)
vrev_obligation_0_obligation_1 is defined
No more obligations remaining
vrev_obligation_0 is defined
vrev_obligation_1 has type-checked, generating 1 obligation
Solving obligations automatically...
vrev_obligation_1_obligation_1 is defined
No more obligations remaining
1vrev_obligation_1 is defined
1vrev_obligation_2 has type-checked, generating 1 obligation
1Solving obligations automatically...
1vrev_obligation_2_obligation_1 is defined
1No more obligations remaining
1vrev_obligation_2 is defined
1vrev_obligation_3 has type-checked, generating 1 obligation
1Solving obligations automatically...
1vrev_obligation_3_obligation_1 is defined
1No more obligations remaining
2vrev_obligation_3 is defined
2vrev_obligation_4 has type-checked, generating 1 obligation
2Solving obligations automatically...
2vrev_obligation_4_obligation_1 is defined
2No more obligations remaining
2vrev_obligation_4 is defined
2"Successfully generated vrevt"
2
2<infomsg>
2Finished transaction in 117.92 secs (113.791u,1.98s)

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```

v : vec A n) (acc : vec A m) :
  vec A (n + m) :=
  vec_rect A (λ n _ ⇒ ∀ m, vec
A m → vec A (n + m))
    (λ m acc ⇒ acc) (λ
a n _ rv m acc ⇒ rv _ (vcons a
m acc))
      n v m acc.

Definition vrev {A n m} (v : vec A n) (acc : vec A m) : vec
A (n + m) :=
  vec_rect A (λ n _ ⇒ ∀ m, vec
A m → vec A (n + m))
    (λ m acc ⇒ acc) (λ
a n _ rv m acc ⇒ {! rv _ (vcon
s a m acc) !})
      n v m acc.

Time Run TemplateProgram (
  θ ← TranslateConstant ε "
nat" ;;
  θ ← TranslateConstant 0
"vec" ;;
  θ ← TranslateConstant 0
"Nat.add" ;;
  θ ← TranslateConstant 0
"vec_rect" ;;
  Translate θ "vrev"
).
Print vrevt.

```

U:--- \*goals\* All (1,0) (Coq Goals)

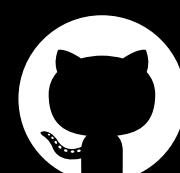
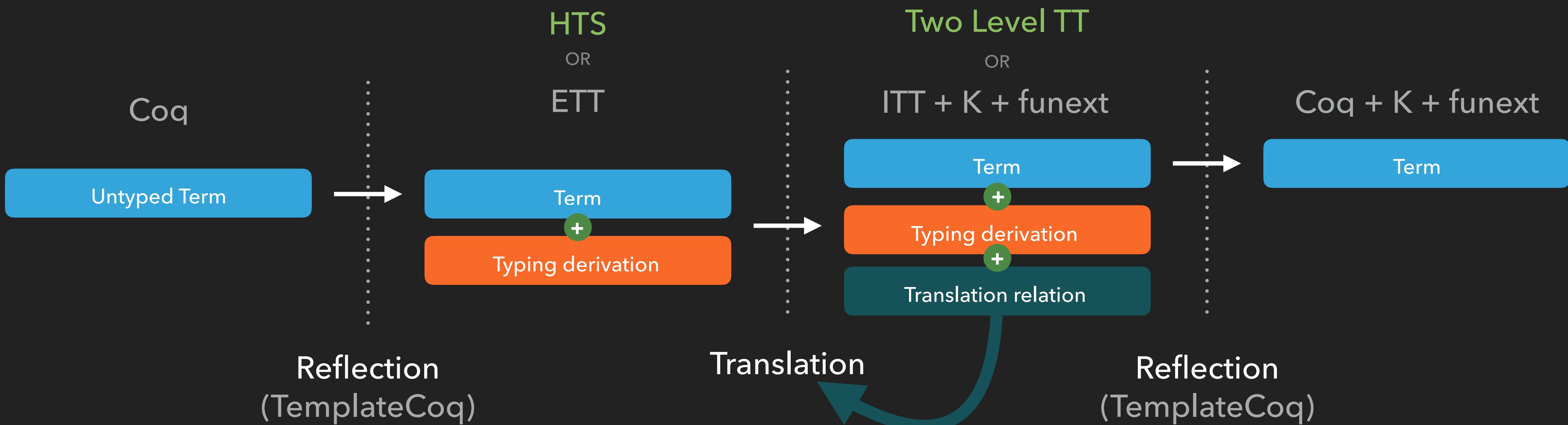
```

vrevt =
  λ (A : Type) (n m : N) (v : vec A n) (acc : vec A m) ⇒
  vec_rect A (λ (n0 : N) (_ : vec A n0) ⇒ ∀ m0 : N, vec A m0 → vec A (n0 + m0))
    (λ (m0 : N) (acc0 : vec A m0) ⇒ acc0)
    (λ (a : A) (n0 : N) (v0 : vec A n0)
      (rv : (λ (n1 : N) (_ : vec A n1) ⇒ ∀ m0 : N, vec A m0 → vec A (n1 + m0))
        n0 v0) (m0 : N) (acc0 : vec A m0) ⇒
      transport (vrev_obligation_3 A n m v acc a n0 v0 rv m0 acc0)
        (rv (S m0) (vcons a m0 acc0))) n v m acc
    : ∀ (A : Type) (n m : N), vec A n → vec A m → vec A (n + m)

```

1Argument scopes are [type\_scope nat\_scope nat\_scope \_ \_]

# Conclusion



<https://github.com/TheoWinterhalter/ett-to-itt>